With Christmas now a fading memory I hope that you enjoyed some time with your family and friends.

Charles and I have visited 52 Rotary and 4 Rotaract clubs since July 2014, so our official DG visits are almost done. However we would love to be involved in your club social and community events where time allows. Please let us know if you have a special day / night coming up so we can put it into our diary and keep the day free.

Thank you to PDG Graham Jones, Simone Wong, Teresa Dawson and Harold Busch for conducting our first very successful Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI). There are still a couple of places left in the second course (Sunday February 15 (Part 1) Sunday March 8 (Part 2) and Sunday March 29 (Part 3)). If you would like to attend please contact Graham on 0406 040 038 graham.a.g.jones@gmail.com.

We enjoyed meeting up with fellow DGs, DGsE and DGsN in Wellington in December to discuss relevant matters in Australian and New Zealand districts. It is a great place to learn what works well in other districts and to appreciate the many things that we do well in District 9640.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) will be held at Tyalgum Retreat this month from 24th – 30th. Hope to see many of you at the Rotary dinner on Tuesday 27th to celebrate this fantastic youth program. If you ever need a boost of enthusiasm then this is the night to find it.

Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) will be at Tweed Heads Civic Centre 21st March and schools are encouraged to register their team now as there are limited places available. Contact Louanne King 0406 853 908 louanne54@hotmail.com.

We have reached the half way mark of this Rotary year so I hope that you are achieving your club goals and that we continue to Light Up Rotary.

Yours in Rotary

Wendy
**District Conference Details**

**REGISTRATION**

Registration for conference is now open and I encourage you and your fellow club Rotarians, partners, RYLarians, Rotaractors and Interactors to register now to assist with our planning for a wonderful conference in Goondiwindi 17 – 19 April.

Enquiries should be directed to Guy Nosworthy on 0427 771 490 or via email at guynosworthy@crediflex.com


**ACCOMMODATION**

There is still accommodation available at many of the motels, hotels and caravan parks. The Jolly Swagman motel has 44 rooms that they are keeping exclusive for Rotarians. With all accommodation bookings please phone direct to the motel and mention Rotary to secure a booking. (Do not try to book online with Wotif etc as the motels will all appear fully booked.)

For enquiries please contact Peter Cory on 0429 495 975 or via email at gpcory@me.com

**BOOTHs**

Booths are available at conference to promote your project. Cost per booth is $270 and includes booth, table, chairs and electricity. Signage extra.

Please contact Wayne McCosker on 0428 713 678 or via email at btegoo@qld.chariot.net.au

**SILENT AUCTION ITEMS**

Please consider what your club can donate to the Silent Auction at District Conference.

We look forward to your support of the auction with goods and/or services to help Human Brain Research project (Maclean, Yamba and Iluka-Woombah Rotary Clubs)

Please contact Chawki Gazal on 0410 002 403 or via email on chawki@akgaz.net for more information,

**GUEST SPEAKERS**

There is an exciting range of guest speakers from all walks of life already lined up including Sam Bailey, Betty Kitchener OAM and Kay Danes OAM. Profiles of all confirmed speakers are available on our District Website.

Sam Bailey, for example, is a farmer, pilot, husband and best-selling author.

He has achieved all of those from a wheelchair and has an incredible ability to take an audience on the journey of his life. It’s a roller-coaster ride that promises to make people laugh, cry, appreciate what they’ve got and realise that nothing is impossible.

Further details on the conference will be added to the District Website over the coming months so check in regularly to keep up to date!
Call for District Award Applications

So your club has worked hard to achieve excellence? You deserve to be recognized! In just 6 weeks, applications close for District Awards. In addition to the traditional gongs going for -

- Best Club Bulletin
- Club Attendance
- Conference Attendance
- The Rotary Foundation
- International Service
- Community Service
- Vocational Excellence (presented to an individual)
- Vocational Service
- Service to Youth
- Rotary-Rotaract Involvement
- Rotary-Interact Involvement
- Australian Rotary Health
- Membership Increase
- Rotary Foundation
- Best Conference Display
- Public Relations – General
- Public Relations – Single Event
- Best Endeavour
- Best Club Website and Social Media
- Significant Achievement

There is also a new award up for grabs: Best Multi Club Project.

Detailed description of all the awards and a nomination form are attached. They can also be downloaded from the District 9640 website (go to Members, Members Only, District Information, District Awards 2015).

110th Birthday Celebrations

A Rotary Showcase Day is being held to celebrate Rotary 110th birthday!

The celebrations will be held on Sunday 22nd February 2015 from 10am to 3pm at the Eagles Rugby Union Ground, Brighton Parade, Southport.

Participation is encouraged from club members across the District. Let’s have a great turnout for this fun day!

A number of Rotary projects will be highlighted through static displays and along with that there will be a free sausage sizzle, jumping castle, face painting, magic show, entertainment and so much more!

If your club would like to participate by showing other Rotary clubs and the general public one of your projects please contact Harold Busch PR Chair on 0408 605 164.

Kirra-Currumbin and Coolangatta-Tweed Heads

From 1 January 2015, Kirra-Currumbin has amalgamated with Coolangatta-Tweed Heads meaning there are now 53 clubs in our District. The current office bearers for Coolangatta-Tweed Heads will remain until 30 June 2015.

Prior to the amalgamation, Kirra-Currumbin held a special Paul Harris Fellow meeting to recognise Rotary Foundation Month.

Three University students, Holli Sargeant, Brooke McCormick and Peter Best each received a PHF Award for their strong support of the Rotary Club of Kirra-Currumbin’s activities. Denis Pommer and Bill Lovering were recognised for their long service as volunteers with St Vincent De Paul and for jointly establishing “Lunch With Friends”. Elizabeth Fritz AM was recognised for her work over 28 years with the homeless and in particular through Blair Athol Accommodation & Support Programs. John Crighton received his PHF award for many years of service as a volunteer, particularly with Volunteer Marine Rescue and the Kokoda Foundation.

The four Kirra-Currumbin Rotarians awarded were Dr Marian Crighton, Glenda and John Best and then President Diane Anderson. The evening was significant for the Best Family with Rotarians Glenda and John, and son, Peter all receiving PHF Awards.
Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

With the helpful guidance of PDGs Allan and Debbie James (D 9630), 14 members of our district completed the facilitators’ course prior to our District Conference in Stanthorpe. Thanks to then District Governor Tony Heading for initiating this.

We advertised the RLI course early in the new Rotary year and were delighted with the response from clubs and members. We are especially pleased to have Rotaractors involved from the outset. Fifteen people (14 Rotarians and 1 Rotaractor) registered for the first course which started with Part 1 on Sunday November 30. Parts 2 and 3 will be completed on the first Sunday in each of February and March.

The response from both facilitators and participants was very positive: “Great day—learned a lot and enjoyed interacting with everyone” was a typical response.

Thanks to our very effective facilitating team: Harold Busch, Teresa Dawson, Simone Wong, and Graham Jones. Also to our wonderful helpers at the Broadbeach Hub, Helen Busch and Marion Jones.

There are already 12 members registered for the second course which will start on Sunday February 15. Special thanks to District Governor Wendy Scarlett for her help in getting the first two courses underway.

Rotary Skiing Opportunity

31 January – 7 February 2015 at Big Sky, Montana USA

Opportunity open to participate in a Rotary Skiing Fellowship event with share accommodation in room with 2 queen size beds.

For further information please contact ASAP - Charles Warrell 0407 130 449

New Board for Australian Rotary Health

Australian Rotary Health (ARH) inducted a new Board of Directors at their Annual General Meeting in October. They also recognized the service of hard working individuals who served before them.

New Directors to join the ARH Board are PDG’s Graeme Davies (D9685), Colin Thorniley (D9455), Barbara Wheatcroft (D9500), Phil Armstrong (D9710) and Kevin Shadbolt (D9830).

Congratulations also went to PDG Jeff Crofts (D9550), elected ARH Chairman and PDG Russ O’Malley (D9600), Vice Chairman with remaining board members PDG’s Laurie Barber (D9650), Greg Ross (D9800) and Peter Williams (D9675).

Past Directors who served diligently before them were also celebrated; PDG Terry Grant (D9790), PDG’s Phil Cordery (D465), John Egan (D9700), Barney Koo (D9675) and DGE Dick Wilson (D9520).

Terry Grant was also awarded the most prestigious ARH award, Life Membership. In recognition of his 3 years as Chairman and previous 4 years as a Director. PDG Terry, a member of the Rotary Club of Sunbury, Victoria, brought energy, passion and a new vision for ARH and we congratulate and thank Terry and all past Directors.

A list of our ARH Board as well as bios can be viewed on the ARH website (australianrotaryhealth.org.au)
At the beginning of this Rotary year, I asked Rotarians everywhere to Light Up Rotary by holding a Rotary Day. How you do this is something I’m leaving up to you: It can be a full day or just a few hours. It can be organized by your club, by your district, or even across your entire country. It can be a service project, a festival, or any kind of event you want. As long as it’s open to the community, embraces the whole family of Rotary, and is fun, it’s a Rotary Day.

It is time for us to Light Up Rotary and let people know what we are doing. In the first half of this Rotary year, I’ve been thrilled to see how many Rotarians have taken up my Rotary Day challenge. I’ve attended Rotary Days in so many places, including the Philippines, Korea, China, the United States, Turkey, India, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh. Every one has been different, and every one has met the challenge to Light Up Rotary in its own way.

If you’ve organized a Rotary Day in your community, tell us about it: Email details and photos of your event to rotarian@rotary.org, with “Rotary Day” as your subject line. We’ll do our best to feature as many Rotary Days as possible in the coming months.

And if you haven’t planned a Rotary Day yet, why not? It’s a great way to share your love for Rotary with your community. When we tell others about Rotary and let them know how membership can enrich their lives, we share a gift that was given to us when we were invited to join our clubs.

**By passing that gift on, we help ensure that Rotary, and its service, will endure for generations to come.**

Gary C K Huang
President 2014/15
Key Dates and Events

Where’s Wendy?

DG Wendy and Charles will be visiting the following clubs on their District tour in the coming months:

- Jan 19: Tweed Heads South
- Jan 20: Murwillumbah Central

1st March - Charity Movie Screening

Private screening of the Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel in aid of End Polio Now and Rotary Health Charities at 3pm (NSW time) at Hoyts Tweed City.

To book contact either Michelle Mitchell on 0402 456 972 or Diana Traversi 07 5534 2819.

Other District Dates and Events

Mark your diary for the following key dates, including key training dates. Don’t forget you can get more details on these events as well as what else is going on, via the District Website.

- Jan 24: RYLA *
- Feb 1: RLI Course – Part 2
- Feb 22: AG / District Chair Training
- Mar 1: RLI Course – Part 3
- Mar 4: Bavarian Music Festival & Beer Fest *
- Mar 14: President Elect Training (PETS) *
- Mar 21: Model United Nations Assembly
- Apr 14: Ride for Rotary Health *
- Apr 17: District Conference *
- May 2: Opera in the Vineyard
- May 15: Antiques & Collectible Fair, Alstonville
- May 22: RYPEN *
- May 24: District Assembly
- Jun 28: District Changeover

* These are multi-day events. Check the District website for more information.

Rotary Awareness Month

Food, wine and Opera! A heady mix for some and with the changes being implemented this year, the tickets for Opera are already selling fast.

The biggest news is that the award winning Barrelroom restaurant has taken on the task of catering for the event, ensuring an amazing menu. A new feature this year is the option to book reserved seating in the first 5 rows for a very intimate experience at Opera – up close and personal!

Book now at –

DISTRICT 9640 AWARDS 2014-15

General rules:
a) In reviewing projects, special weighting will be given to those projects carried out by clubs of innovative and outstanding nature.
b) Consideration will also be given to the size of the club in judging points.
c) Less prominence will be given to projects which would be considered to be part of the normal program of a Rotary club.

Closing Dates:
The closing dates for all award applications, other than (2) Club Attendance, (3) Conference Attendance, (4) The Rotary Foundation (13) Membership Increase, (14) Best Conference Display shall be 12 noon, 28th February 2015. Please forward all entries (electronic or hard copy) to:

District Awards Committee Chairman,
Franz Huber
P O Box 5381
Gold Coast Mail Centre QLD 9726
Phone (Bus) 07 5597 0666 (M) 0414 970 666 Email franzhuber@onthenet.com.au

1. BEST CLUB BULLETIN:

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An extra 10 points can be earned if the bulletin is published on the club’s website and is available to the public.
(Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Surfers Paradise)

2. CLUB ATTENDANCE:
Based on monthly attendance figures recorded on the district website for July to February inclusive. The figures are entirely based on membership figures reported to District, either via Clubrunner or in conventional format. No entry required.
(Sponsored by the late PDG John Follent)

3. CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE:
Computed on a formula based on the percentage of the club membership attending the Conference and relating distance travelled. The organizing club(s) does not qualify. No entry required.
(Sponsored by Clarence River Clubs)

4. THE ROTARY FOUNDATION AWARD:
Awarded to the club that has the most outstanding contribution to the program of The Rotary Foundation of RI for the period 1st January to 31st December 2014 based on the following factors:

a. Contributions to the Foundation on a per capita basis and the number of benefactors as compared to the club membership will be major factors in judging this award.
b. In addition, consideration will be given to the issues listed below subject to submission by
clubs of their involvement in these programs:
   i. Involvement in Grants programs;
   ii. Involvement in GSE programs;
   iii. Usage of Alumni and current awardees.

5. INTERNATIONAL SERVICE:
Judged on the International Service programs (other than The Rotary Foundation). This will include programs in the RAWCS area - Project Volunteers, Project Funding, SWSL, DIK and RAM as well as other international programs of significance.
(Sponsored by the late PDG John Follent)

6. COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
This award is to include environmental and other issues that would impact on the community. Projects are to be submitted by the club for judging.
(Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Coolangatta-Tweed Heads).

7. VOCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD:
This award recognises Vocational Excellence of the highest degree of an individual person.

Guidelines:
   a) Nominations from Rotarians or non-Rotarians.
   b) Awardees must live in the District and/or carry out, or have served out their vocation within the boundaries of this Rotary District.
   c) Must be a resident of Australia.
   d) Nominations must be accompanied by statements of qualifications and achievements of the person nominated.
   e) Persons nominated must have proven record of dedication and achievement in the pursuit of excellence of their vocation to the benefit of their fellow man and the community.
   f) Clubs are to nominate an awardee. Persons nominated must NOT be informed of their nomination until all applications have been considered by the Awards committee and the successful candidate/s advised.
   g) No person can receive the award more than once for the same project.

8. VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD:
Projects related to activities the club has undertaken to
   a) Recognize and further vocational excellence in individuals
   b) Assist youth and/or unemployed people strategically to help them to become employed (planning of study, vocational guidance, goal setting, motivation etc)
   c) Organization of events such as Career Expos
   d) Display and demonstration of member’s vocation to fellow members of the club

Emphasis will be given to the spread across the board rather than just an individual event.
(Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lismore West)

9. SERVICE TO YOUTH:
Judged on a club’s projects and programs for and in support of youth right across the board including Student Exchange, Interact, RYLA, RYPEN and RYTS as well as other youth projects.
(Sponsored by the distillers of the famous Grouse Whiskey)

10. ROTARY-ROTORACT INVOLVEMENT:
Presented to the club that has the best involvement with its Rotaract club. Applications should state involvement with Rotaract club, attendance by Rotarians and general fellowship and co-operation between both clubs including involvement in joint projects.
(Sponsored by PDG Merv Richens)

11. ROTARY-INTERACT INVOLVEMENT:
This award is presented to the club which has the best involvement with its Interact Club. The application must state the involvement with the Interact club, attendance by Rotarians and fellowship, co-operation and co-ordination between the two clubs including involvement in joint projects and the extent of the encouragement and opportunity given to the Interactors by the Rotary club to give
service in the future.  
(Sponsored by PDG Arthur Devin)

12. AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH:  
Awarded to a club that has rendered the most significant assistance to the fund. Whilst prime weighting will be given to the per capita donations in the period 1st January to 31st December, the following will also be taken into consideration:  
a) Innovative fund-raising projects. 
b) Effective public relations to raise community awareness of ARH. 
c) Specific activities that translate research into local projects.

13. MEMBERSHIP INCREASE:  
Awarded to the club that has the greatest percentage increase in membership from 1st January to 31st December. The figures are entirely based on membership reported, either via Clubrunner or in conventional format. Corresponding membership dues must have been paid up to District. No entry required.

14. BEST CONFERENCE DISPLAY AWARD:  
This award is based on club exhibits displayed at the District Conference mounted in the conference’s display area. Displays will be judged on the following basis:

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<td>Effective communication of the club’s special project it wants to show and promote</td>
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15. PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD - GENERAL:  
This award recognises the club which has generated the most increased awareness and understanding of Rotary through outstanding media coverage or public relations in a general manner. In particular, continued exposure in the local press or electronic media or multiple events and campaigns that demonstrably improve Rotary’s visibility and image within the community will be recognized.  
(Sponsored by The Weekly and The Tweed Weekly, Murwillumbah)

16. PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD - SINGLE EVENT:  
This award recognises the club which has received the most outstanding public relations from a single event.  
(Sponsored by PP Nan Baldwin and the late PDG Bob Baldwin)

17. BEST ENDEAVOUR AWARD  
This award recognises projects or activities that do not satisfy the criteria for other District awards but perform a valuable function. For example, the raising of funds for general charitable works, projects of an entrepreneurial nature, activities that require extensive club participation or can be emulated by other clubs, or have significant PR value. It may also be awarded to an individual Rotarian who has given outstanding contribution to a Rotary program or programs.  
(Sponsored by PDG Ken Smith)

18. CLUB WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA AWARD  
Based on the best Club Website in District 9640. Websites will be judged on the following major points:

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Is it interesting for members and visitors? 15
Is it kept current, latest events, announcements, bulletins etc 25
Is it lean and clean, fast? 10
Is it comfortable and intuitive to surf? 25
Total 100

19. SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT:
The Premier District award for a single club. It recognises significant achievement/s of a club on the following criteria:

a) Project should address a significant problem or need as manifested in, but not restricted to, the local community.
b) Project should include most or all of the club membership in personal rather than merely monetary service.
c) Project should be capable of emulation by clubs elsewhere.
d) Project need not have been initiated in the current year but evidence must be attached showing that it is currently active or that it was terminated in the current Rotary year for which the award is to be given.
e) No club may receive an award more than once for the same project.

(Sponsored by Pauline Brightwell)

20. BEST MULTI CLUB PROJECT:
The Premier District award for a group project of two or more clubs. Clubs don’t necessarily have to be neighbouring (but need to be in District 9640); for example, it may be a joint project involving a country area cooperating with a city area club. The guidelines and criteria for the project or group of projects are similar to the Significant Achievement Award, but spanning the wider community:

a) It must address a significant problem or need in either the local or international community or be designed to raise substantial funds to support one of the clubs’ projects or projects of Rotary International.
b) It must include most or all of the clubs’ membership in personal rather than merely monetary service and thus create ‘pride of ownership’ for the participating clubs’ members.
c) It should involve individuals, corporations and/or community groups other than Rotary members or clubs.
d) It must have generated substantial Public Relations exposure and served to attract potential new members.
e) It should be capable of emulation by clubs elsewhere.
f) It need not have been initiated in the current year but evidence must be attached showing that it is currently active or that it was terminated in the current Rotary year for which the award is to be given.
g) No group of clubs may receive an award more than once for the same project.
Please note that each District Award has criteria which must be met. These criteria are set out in District 9640 website (go to Members, Members Only, District Information, District Awards 2015).

**Closing Date** for applications except Club Attendance, Conference Attendance, The Rotary Foundation, Membership Increase and Best Conference Display is **12 Noon, 28th February 2015**. Please send it to

**District Awards Chair**
Franz Huber
P O Box 5381
Gold Coast Mail Centre QLD 9726

Or (preferably) by email to franzhuber@onthenet.com.au

Name of Award …………………………………………………………………..

Rotary Club ………………………………………………………………………

Award Criteria:
Does your Club’s application meet all of the criteria for this award, as detailed in the Awards Section of the District Directory. [http://rotary9640.org/sitepage/district-awards-2015](http://rotary9640.org/sitepage/district-awards-2015) (Yes / No)

Brief description of the project / activity which your Club is submitting for this award.
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Supporting Information.
List the supporting information (if any) submitted as the basis for this application. Please keep supporting documentation to a maximum of 1000 Words plus pictures, listing bullet points where appropriate.
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Other Comments in support of this application.
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