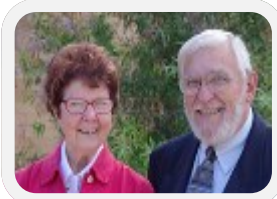


BRIEF SUMMARY

It's been an interesting year. I did not manage to do all the things during the year I wanted to do, particularly visit clubs. I did manage to visit some for functions apart from the official visits, but would have preferred to have been able to do more, to see more of Rotarians on the ground doing the things that we pride ourselves on doing for our communities.



Administration and governance are issues for both clubs and the District. After about 6 years we have managed to bring in a new constitution which takes effect from 1st July, 2017. The new constitution will assist in enabling standardised procedures for district committees and activities to be introduced. There is a Committee which is smaller than it was under the existing constitution, and District meetings can now be held by electronic means, meaning people do not need to travel from one end of the District to the other to attend a meeting.

Most District Committees have now transferred control of their accounts to the District Treasurer. This simplifies the accounting procedures and means that there is no longer a problem in having all the committees put in reports in time for the audit which has to occur. The two which have not transferred their accounts are the Youth Exchange Committee and the Rotary Foundation Committee, each of which is separately incorporated and looks after its own accounts.



The average age of our members seems to be increasing. One does not see very many younger members around the clubs – there are exceptions of course – but most are either retired or approaching retirement. This may be good in some ways because those who are retired theoretically have more time to devote to Rotary matters. However grand-child caring duties somehow seem to fill the gap that was once occupied by earning a living! And we have to remember that it is family first, work second and Rotary third. If there are child-minding duties to perform, Rotary misses out!

Three of our Past District Governors, Bob Geddes, Bart Richardson and Howard Grigor have died during the last 6 months, and others are not in very robust health. In this District we try to have the District Governor attend club changeover meetings, but if he or she cannot do so, a Past District Governor is asked to deputise. With the death of some, the ill-health of others, and absence from the District of even a few more, the burden cast on the District Governor and the remaining PDGs is increasing. We may have to think seriously whether we should continue the practice of having the District Governor attend or be represented at each Club changeover.

There is much more I could write about what has transpired in the District this year, but the heading to this article is "Brief Summary" so in the interests of brevity, I will go no further except to thank all members of clubs, District Committees, and various Club and District Offices for their work and dedication in showing the ways in which Rotary Serves Humanity, and wish them well in the future as they show that Rotary (is) making a difference.

DISTRICT DIARY

June - 2017

14 Wed-17 Fri - Science and Engineering Challenge, District West

July - 2017

01 Sat - YEP Assessment, Outbound Students

01 Sat - **District Changeover**

08 Sat - Last months volunteer hours emailed to Peter Sivyer on ppsivyer@bigpond.com

15-16 Sat-Sun - Rotary Success Conference , Canberra

17 Monday - DG Visit Raymond Terrace

18 Tuesday - DG Visit Newcastle Enterprise

19 Wednesday - DG Visit Newcastle

20 Thursday - DG Visit Lake Macquarie

24 Monday - DG Visit Myall Coast

26 Wednesday - DG Visit Newcastle Sunrise

27 Thursday - DG Visit Rotaract Club of Hunter

31 Monday - DG Visit Belmont

More Next Month



National Youth Science Forum

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) applications for Year-11 students are now closed. Supporting clubs are asked to interview their candidates and recommend about acceptance by mid-June. Recommendations should be sent to NYSF District Chair, Howard Bridgman, at habrotary@gmail.com, with a copy to Bob Aus (aus.bob@pacific.net.au). See program details at www.nysf.edu.au



REDISTRICTING – MY LAST WORDS!

Australian Director Noel Trevaskis has confirmed that while some recommendations for redistricting have been made to Rotary International, at this time those proposals do not affect this District in any way. Any changes to District boundaries that are approved will not come into force until 1st July, 2020. That gives affected District quite a lot of time to re-arrange their affairs, and the Parramatta Office apparently has a template designed to assist those affected Districts to manage the changes. While there are no proposals which affect us at this time, it is still 3 years until the date mentioned. I would not be surprised if something happens in the reasonably near future, perhaps involving the Districts in the northern half of New South Wales, namely 9640, 9650 and our own District 9670. I think it is still a case of “watch this space!”

THE AVERAGE AGE OF ROTARIANS

In his latest Director's Newsletter, Australian Director Noel Trevaskis says, “One of my greatest concerns is our aging membership. Indications are that, by the year 2022, we are going to start losing members at an accelerated rate because of our demographics. That is why membership must be a top priority as we have much to achieve in five years.



At the end of this newsletter, I share my brief thoughts on how I think Rotary could be in the future. This is meant to be a conversation starter to get people thinking on the future of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand. If you have ideas on how you believe Rotary should be going forward in our two countries, I would like to hear from you. Email me directly and we can start having a conversation about different ways in which we might do things in the future.”

FUTURE OF ROTARY IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Noel's comments referred to in the above paragraph occupy 2 1/2 pages of text. It is too large to reproduce here, but if you wish to obtain a copy, send an email to the Editor, Director's News gina.growden@bigpond.com requesting a copy of the May 2017 edition.

If having read the article you wish to contribute to the conversation, you can email Director Noel at n.trevaskis@bigpond.com

VOLUNTARY WORK – A WORD FROM DGE HELEN

President elect Ian Riseley is very keen to promote the work that Rotarians do throughout the world as volunteers and feels that for this work to be recognised it is important that we keep accurate records of the many hours we put in ‘voluntarily’ for Rotary. He is particularly keen for us to seriously record the hours we do as without such information he feels that he is unable to promote Rotary in the best light.



So, what is it that we call “volunteer” work? The dictionary notes that “a volunteer” is a “person who voluntarily offers himself for a service or undertaking” or “a person who performs a service willingly and without pay”.

Rotarians do that in spades and my understanding of the volunteer work that needs recording is anything that one might do for Rotary beyond the ‘normal’ role one plays.

President Elect Ian is specifically looking for the recording of volunteer hours that the members put into service projects, either within the local community or more broadly on a District or Global level.

“HOW DOES THE NEW MEMBERSHIP FLEXIBILITY AFFECT YOUR CLUB?”

Many clubs have been benefiting from the new membership flexibility resulting from the 2016 Council on Legislation

decisions. The changes in policy affect when, where, and how clubs meet and the types of memberships they offer.

The Rotary Club of Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C., USA, has doubled its membership in six months by creating two new membership types with reduced dues — one for young professionals, and one for spouses or partners.

The Rotary Club of Singapore East has changed its meeting structure: Members now meet formally for lunch only twice per month. The other two weeks, the club meets in a less formal environment.

Rotary excels in customer service

The Rotary Support Centre, which received approximately 50,000 phone calls and 84,000 emails this past year, has earned a top industry designation as a Centre of Excellence.

HUMOUR

NOTICE

THIS DEPARTMENT REQUIRES NO PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAM.

EVERYONE GETS ENOUGH EXERCISE JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS, FLYING OFF THE HANDLE, RUNNING DOWN THE BOSS, KNIFING FRIENDS IN THE BACK, DODGING RESPONSIBILITY, AND PUSHING THEIR LUCK.

Although our District Recorder, P.D.G. Peter Sivyer, is the person to whom the volunteer hours are regularly sent, and should continue to be sent, more detail is needed for President Elect Ian.

Consequently, President Elect Ian would like the hours and details of club projects recorded in Rotary Club Central so there is an accurate reflection of the work Rotarians do. This information is vital in promoting the work of Rotary.

This is part of the process for the Presidential Citation and allows the full 12 months to complete.

This is best achieved using the following method.

1. Log on to My Rotary
2. Go to Rotary Club Central by highlighting the Manage tab at the top of the screen.
3. Go to **Club View** and click on the **Service** tab on the top line.
4. Scroll down past Goals and Progress to **Service Projects and Activities**

Highlight 2017-2018 and you will see the EDIT button; click on that and the screen opens for you to write your project, add the volunteer hours and when you have completed, **SAVE**.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, ATLANTA.

About 16 Rotarians from this District have registered to attend the Convention and Celebrations marking the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation in Atlanta shortly. PDG's Adrian Roach and Christine, PDG Peter Raynor and Margaret, District Secretary Howard Bridgman and Diana, and PDG Janette and I will be attending, but will be back in the District by about 20th June. I expect to be able to respond to correspondence via email should any eventuate, but if there is no reply within 48 hours, and the matter is urgent, please contact PDG Gerard McMillan via email on gjmcmillan51@gmail.com



THANKS TO DG'S NEWSLETTER EDITOR

John East of the Rotary Club of Denman has been the Editor of the DG's Newsletter this year, and from my point of view has done an outstanding job. Even though he suffered a fairly major illness in the earlier part of this year, with able help from his wife, Ann and daughter Lesa. they were able to carry out the duties in his usual cheerful manner. I sincerely thank him for the work he has done, and for the inclusion of a few funnies from time to time to lighten the tone of the epistle! I understand he has agreed to continue to carry out this function for DG Helen in her year, and I am sure he will do so with the same grace and humour as he has shown this year. Thanks heaps, John!

Yours in Rotary,

Steve

HUMOUR



DISTRICT CLUBS DIARY

June

- 11 Sun - Yuletide Dinner, Maitland Sunrise
- 17 Sat - Changeover, Rylstone-Kandos
- 17 Sat - Trivia Night, Hunter Rotaract
- 19 Mon - Changeover, Dubbo
- 19 Mon - Changeover, Toronto
- 20 Tue - Changeover, Wallsend-Maryland
- 24 Sat - Combined Changeover with Scone and Murrurundi Club
- 26 Mon - Changeover, Waratah Club
- 26 Mon - Changeover, Singleton On Hunter
- 26 Mon - Changeover, Waratah
- 26 Mon - Changeover, Warner's Bay
- 27 Tue - Changeover, Charlestown
- 27 Tue - Changeover, East Maitland
- 27 Tue - Changeover, Kurri Kurri
- 27 Tue - Changeover, Kurri Kurri Sunrise
- 27 Tue - Changeover, Salamander Bay
- 28 Wed - Changeover, Dubbo West
- 28 Wed - Changeover, Maitland
- 29 Thu - Changeover, Cessnock
- 30 Fri - Changeover, Greenhills - Maitland
- 30 Fri - Changeover, Maitland Sunrise

July

- 01 Sat - Changeover, Cobar
- 03 Mon - Changeover, Belmont
- 03 Mon - Changeover, Mudgee
- 03 Mon - Changeover, Raymond Terrace
- 04 Tue - Changeover, Newcastle Enterprise
- 05 Wed - Changeover, Denman
- 08 Sat - Changeover, Warren
- 15 Sat - Changeover, Morisset
- 22 Sat - Changeover, Rotaract
- 25 Tue - 2017 Newcastle Challenge Dinner, Rotary Club of Newcastle Enterprise
- 30 Sun - Muswellbrook Charity Golf Day, Rotary Club of Muswellbrook
- 31-4 Mon-Fri - Newcastle Science & Engineering Challenge

August

- 19 Sat - Muswellbrook Rotary Charity Ball, Muswellbrook Rotary Club

October

- 21-22 Sat-Sun - Murrurundi Train Festival, Rotary Club of Murrurundi

Baby snake: Mommy, are we poisonous?

Mother snake: Yes, son. Why?

Baby snake: I just bit my tongue!

ROTARY DISTRICT 9670		MAY, 2017		
CLUB NAME	MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	ATTENDANCE %	RANK	COMMUNITY HOURS
Belmont	24	98.7	1	n/a
Cardiff	13	78	10	106
Denman	19	68	19	160
Dubbo	25	88.5	3	345
Dubbo Macquarie	21	96	2	411
Dubbo South	64	67.24	20	123
Dubbo West	42	71.71	12	43
East Maitland	33	85.18	6	652
Maitland	36	71	13	116
Maitland Sunrise	29	71	13	109
Merriwa	29	74.07	11	n/a
Myall Coast	20	64	22	171
Narromine	12	70	17	40
Nelson Bay	45	84.55	8	112
Newcastle Enterprise	27	71	13	240
Raymond Terrace	21	79.13	9	256
Rutherford Telarah	35	87.49	5	884
Salamander Bay	29	71	13	240
Toronto	17	70	17	20
Toronto Sunrise	29	65.5	21	85
Wallsend Maryland	31	61	23	445.5
Waratah	21	87.89	4	78
Williamtown	18	85	7	251

KULA SPIRIT SUAU OUTREACH REPORT

It is a RAWCS project of Salamander Bay RC, looking particularly at women's health in PNG, part of which is the contraceptive implant project spacem piccanini. Wendy is just about as "driven" as is Lyn Thorpe in other areas.

INTRODUCTION

The Kula Spirit (private boat clinic, licence number 0201) with Spacim Pikinini-PNG conducted outreach in Suau between 9-18th May visiting Iloilo Aid Post, Suau Island Health Centre, Fife Bay Health Centre, Silosilo Aid Post and Konemaeava Aid Post. The outreach team included Dr John Vallentine, Wendy Stein OAM, Marina Luccioni, Tristan Stein and Sophie Pascoe. The objectives of the outreach were to:

- ☑ Conduct needs assessments at rural health facilities in Suau
- ☑ Provide drugs and medical equipment as required and available
- ☑ Conduct training and capacity building with rural health workers
- ☑ Provide medical services to rural populations
- ☑ Undertake community engagement on family planning and offer women access to implants
- ☑ Conduct eye assessments and provide reading glasses
- ☑ Develop a promotional documentary for Spacim Pikinini-PNG

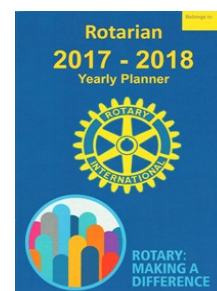
OUTLINE OF OUTREACH

10-11 MAY 2017 ILOILO AID POST
 12 & 18 MAY 2017 SUAU ISLAND HEALTH CENTRE
 12 & 17 MAY 2017 FIFE BAY HEALTH CENTRE
 13-15 MAY 2017 SILOSILO AID POST
 16 MAY 2017 KONEMAEAVA AID POST

For the full report, please contact: Wendy Stein, wendy-stein@hotmail.com



"Rotary Year Planner 2017/18"



We now have more stocks printed and are ready for sale.

These are available from the Rotary Club of Dubbo.

The cost is as follows:

Pack of 5 - \$35 and includes postage anywhere in Australia.

Pack of 10 - \$55 and includes postage anywhere in Australia.

Minimum order 5 pack.

Funds payable to the Rotary Club of Dubbo Inc.

peterjudd.rotarydubbo@hotmail.com

Question frequently asked of Rotary International's staff

Q: Is it possible to have a member status such as "out of town member" or some other designation, in which members do not have to pay RI dues and can return to the club when they move back to town?

A: Clubs are free to offer alternative membership types of any kind to accommodate their members' needs. RI dues must be paid for "out of town members" to remain active in Rotary. If they pay RI dues, they can be included in your club's official membership count and receive all the benefits of other active, dues paying members. Your club can have different policies for these members' other financial obligations (club and district dues, etc.), attendance requirements, or service expectations, as long as these conditions are reflected in your club bylaws.