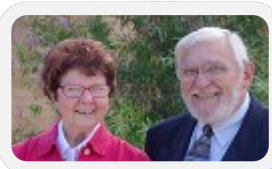


DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2019-20

On 28th May last, after the Presidents Elect Training Session at Singleton, Rotarian Graeme Hooper from the Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise, was elected as the District Governor for District 9670 in Rotary year 2019-20. Graeme's partner Sue has been a member of the fledgling District e-club, but was recently inducted into the Rotary Club of Morisset. Graeme is presently known as the District Governor Nominee-Nominee, or the District Governor Nominee Designate. All that will change on 1st July next when I become the Immediate Past District Governor, Helen Ryan becomes the District Governor, Brian Coffey becomes the District Governor Elect and Graeme assumes the role of District Governor Nominee. It is the beginning of a four-year cycle for the Hoopers, and we wish them well for the future!



GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE

Those of you who went to the District Conference would have had the opportunity of meeting the Group Study Exchange team from District 4905 Argentina, and some of you would have had the opportunity of meeting them in the various locations they visited in their time here. I have had a couple of emails from Alejandro, the team leader, since they have returned home and he is ecstatic about the time they spent here and the way they were treated. I thank all of you who were involved with that team for the time you gave, and for the way you treated them. They had a few days in Australia at the end of the formal visit, and Alejandro was able to visit the Brisbane area where he had been a team member some years ago and meet up with families by whom he was hosted, and members of the reverse team, which he really enjoyed. The ladies were able to visit the Great Barrier Reef and really enjoyed their time there. Their flight home was long but pleasant and they are trying to settle into their usual lives again!



Our team led by Denise Parkes arrived in Argentina a week or so ago and have been on the move ever since. They have had vocational days, but some have been cancelled because of rain. They were on television recently and while they had to read what they wanted to say, it was in Spanish! They are being well looked after and are appreciating the opportunity they are having. No doubt we will hear more from them in the next couple of weeks!

REDISTRICTING

Australian RI Director Noel Trevaskis has had lengthy negotiations with most Australian District Governors to see what can be done about the size of each District and the number of clubs and number of members in each District. He has sent an email summarising the proposals he intends to put to the Districting Committee of Rotary International shortly. These are proposals, and subject to confirmation or change. However in summary –

No change to the 2 Western Australian Districts. The two South Australian Districts will merge into one District. Districts 9500 and 9520 in north Queensland will merge into one District. District 9570 will disappear with part of its territory going to District 9550 and part to District 9660. District 9640 will be extended north to take in the Gold Coast. There will be no change to Districts 9650, 9670, 9675 or 9685 in NSW, but Districts 9700 and 9710 will merge. There will be no change to the Victorian or Tasmanian Districts.

Even if the Districting Committee adopts Noel's proposals and recommends them

DISTRICT DIARY

May - 2017

- 21 Sun - District Youth Summit and Training Session
- 27-28 - RAWCS Eastern Region Conference Belmont 16s. Contact lewisted@ozemail.com.au for details"
- 28 Sun - RLI, Eastern, Day 2

June - 2017

- 2-3 - MUNA, Muswellbrook
- 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.
- 31 Mon-Fri 4 Aug - Newcastle Science & Engineering Challenge

August - 2017

- 15 Tue-17 Thu - NSW Science & Engineering Challenge Super Challenge
- 20 Sun - District Youth Summit and Training Session

September

- 17 Sun - District Membership Seminar, Kurri Kurri Bowling Club

Any changes will be updated.

Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA 2017)

June 2-3, Muswellbrook Council Chambers, Muswellbrook.

The program is as follows:

2 June 2017

- 5.00 - 5.30 pm Registration at John Hunter Motel
- 6.00 for 6.30 pm Dinner at Muswellbrook RSL Club

3 June 2017

- 8.30 for 9.00 am Assembly at Muswellbrook Council Chambers
- 3.00 pm Finish.

Contact David Thomas (Williamstown) for further details:
daveandgladys@bigpond.com.

to the board of Rotary International, I foresee further changes occurring within the next few years. Districts 9700 and 9710 wanted to merge so that District 9700 was not split – it is interesting to note that the recommendation is that District 9750 be split with part going to one District and another part to another District. The same has happened in other parts of the world. I don't think we've heard the end of redistricting.

THE DISTRICT CONSTITUTION

As was mentioned in the last District Governor's Newsletter, at the District Conference in Dubbo, the final version of the new constitution was approved. Immediately before the last changes were made, the District was advised that if the changes requested by RI were made, there would be no need for the draft to be resubmitted for approval. A copy has been sent to the Parramatta office of Rotary International for filing. A copy has also been sent to the Department of Fair Trading for registration under the Associations Incorporation Act and advice has been received that it has been registered. The resolution by which it was adopted indicated that it would come into force on 1st July, 2017.

The District Governor Elect, Helen Ryan, who will become District Governor on 1st July next, advises that the first meeting of the District Committee established under the new District Constitution will take place on Sunday 2nd July, 2017, at Nelson Bay Bowling Club. Those Rotarians who make up the Committee are being separately advised."

LOTTE THORKILGAARD AND JOHN H. ALGIE YOUTH TRUSTS.

These two trusts have been established within the District for many years and enable grants to be made to assist young people in particular ways. Each grant is managed by a Board of Trustees who are the Immediate Past District Governor, the District Governor and the District Governor Elect – thus there is continuity for each Trustee for 3 years.

The Lotte Thorkilgaard Trust was established with a gift from the family of a youth exchange student from Denmark who had a fantastic exchange in Australia but who died of natural causes shortly after her return to her home. Over the years various clubs, individuals and groups have contributed to the corpus of the Trust. Youth Exchange Students, both inbound and outbound, can benefit by having their fares to or from Australia paid with a contribution from the Trust. A means test applies, but quite a number of students have qualified and been able to go on exchange.

The John H. Algie Trust was established in the name and in memory of a member of Rotary who was very interested in youth matters and who personally gave various amounts over time to assist young people. This Trust was set up to provide funds for various purposes as long as that purpose was a Rotary project or a project approved by the Trustees, but it was not available to youth exchange students. In other words, it partly filled a funding gap which could not be met under the terms of the Lotte Thorkilgaard Trust. Again, over the years, various clubs, individuals and groups have contributed to the corpus of the Trust. As with the Lotte Thorkilgaard Trust a means test applies, but quite a number of students have benefited from an award of funds from the Trust.

While the Trustees are responsible for the total management of the Trusts, over many years the day-to-day functions have been managed by two people – Mick King from the Rotary Club of Charlestown has looked after the Lotte Thorkilgaard Trust and George McLoughlin from the Rotary Club of Wallsend-Maryland has looked after the John H. Algie Trust. Each has done a sterling job in this respect. However because of modern banking practices including the possibility of using electronic funds transfers and internet banking, the Trustees recommended to the District Conference that the Trust deeds be amended to enable the Trustees to appoint persons to carry out various functions on their behalf. One of those provisions was that the District Treasurer be the person who looks after the day to day management of the Trusts, unless the Trustees determine that some other

Youth Summit

When: 21st May, 2017

Where: Club Macquarie 458 Lake Rd,
Argenton NSW 2284

Time: 9.00 am to 12 Noon (lunch afterwards optional own cost)

Who can attend: All D9670 Club Presidents, Youth Directors, Youth Committee Chairs and Committee Members, AG's and the Grain

Why: To share information on how working with Youth can benefit our clubs, membership and community. Hear from our Youth Committee Chairs.

Program:

All Committee Chairs – 3 to 5 minute report on years' achievements and plans for the coming year.

Michael Weatherall - How Interact can benefit your club

Bridie Scott - What is RYLA and how your club can profit

Trevor Lynch & Wilma Simmons – Working with Children

Lindy Hunt and Panel – Questions and Answers about our Youth Programs.

RSVP before COB 19th May, 2017.

Pam Wellham:

pwe12476@bigpond.net.au

0437 479 886.

REMINDER

Clubs are reminded to complete their Insurance Forms that were sent previously.

They must be returned to the District Secretary:

habrotary@gmail.com by May 15, 2017, as a matter of urgency.

HUMOUR

Bruce went to the police station and asked to speak to the burglar who had broken into his house in the middle of the night.

'You'll get your chance in court,' the desk Sergeant Kelly told him.

'I have to know how he got into the house without waking my wife,' pleaded Bruce. 'I've been trying to do that for years.'

person should carry out that function. The issue was put to the District Conference in Dubbo and the amendment of each of the Trust deeds was approved.

MEMBERSHIP.

In the last newsletter I mentioned the declining membership in this District, and pointed out that if the trend continues, Rotary International will probably intervene and modify our District whether we like it or not. Early today I received updated figures, which show that at the beginning of this Rotary year there were 1189 members in 50 clubs. As at the end of April, there were 1145 members in 49 clubs, a drop of 44 members. That trend is not healthy.

CLUB CHANGEOVERS.

As I think everyone is aware, each year's District Governor would love to get to the changeover function held by each club in the District to express his or her appreciation for the efforts of the club members in continuing the work of Rotary, and of the Rotary Foundation. Try as I might, I have not yet found the secret of being in 5 different places at the one time, which is what I would have to do on some days if I were to attend each such function. Because of this inability, not only on my part but also on the part of my predecessors, it has become the practice for the District Governor to ask various Past District Governors to attend in his or her place. However with the regrettable deaths of 3 Past District Governors this year, and extended absences of others, it has been a bit of a task to spread these duties without overloading some. I apologise in advance to those clubs whose function I am not able to attend, but trust you will accept my representative with good grace and extend to him or her the courtesies you would extend to me. Advice will be sent shortly as to who will be attending various club changeovers – I ask that when you receive that advice, you contact the nominated person to confirm the date, venue and time for the changeover, and advise of any particular theme associated with it.

Thank you to the Presidents and Secretaries who have responded to my second request that I be sent information as to the date, time and venue for the changeover – I had an unfortunate problem with my computer and lost quite a lot of information, meaning I had to worry people to regain that information time, which I am sure they would have preferred to use in more positive ways.

I am sure incoming District Governor Helen would love to see as many representatives of clubs as possible at the Nelson Bay Club and District Changeover to be held at Nelson Bay on 1st July, when no doubt she will give us more information on what is planned for the New Rotary Year! Details about booking for the event are contained in this week's Part 1 of the Friday District Notices – book via Try booking!

Yours in Rotary
Stephen Jackson



Rotary uses virtual reality to inspire others

Rotary is working with Google's virtual reality team to offer an experience that showcases the impact of compassion to a global audience.

A three-minute virtual reality film that emphasizes the two themes of polio and peace will premiere at the Rotary Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, 13 June.

DISTRICT CLUBS DIARY

20 Sat - Charity-ball, Muswellbrook Rotary

22 Mon - ShelterBox Information Night, Belmont Rotary

25 Thu - Movie Night Fundraiser, Wallsend-Maryland Rotary

June

03 Sat - Changeover and 80th Anniversary-Dinner, Rotary Club of Mudgee

17 Sat - Changeover, Rylstone-Kandos

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

30 Sun - Muswellbrook Charity Golf Day, Rotary Club of Muswellbrook

August

18 Fri - Muswellbrook Rotary Charity Ball, Muswellbrook Rotary Club

ROTARY DISTRICT 9670 - April, 2017

| CLUB NAME | MEMBERSHIP NUMBER | ATTENDANCE % | RANK | COMMUNITY HOURS |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|------|--------------------|
| Belmont | 24 | 90.2 | 3 | n/a |
| Cardiff | 13 | 70 | 18 | 62 |
| Denman | 19 | 76 | 14 | 85 |
| Dubbo | 25 | 77.78 | 12 | 246 |
| Dubbo Macquarie | 21 | 87 | 6 | 30 |
| Dubbo South | 64 | 99.43 | 1 | 620 |
| Dubbo West | 42 | 76.39 | 13 | 15 |
| East Maitland | 33 | 87.02 | 5 | 230 |
| Kurri Kurri Sunrise | 20 | 87 | 6 | 60 |
| Maitland | 36 | 76 | 14 | 209 |
| Maitland Sunrise | 29 | 67 | 21 | 175 |
| Merriwa | 29 | 78.4 | 9 | n/a |
| Myall Coast | 21 | 61 | 24 | 247 |
| Narromine | 12 | 68 | 20 | 48 |
| Nelson Bay | 47 | 79.23 | 8 | 238 |
| Newcastle Enterprise | 28 | 62 | 23 | 180 |
| Newcastle Harbour | 20 | 72 | 16 | 40 |
| Raymond Terrace | 21 | 78.3 | 10 | 215 |
| Rutherford Telarah | 35 | 78.02 | 11 | 7 |
| Salamander Bay | 29 | 70 | 18 | 240 |
| Toronto | 18 | 60 | 25 | 20 |
| Toronto Sunrise | 29 | 52.8 | 26 | 218 |
| Wallsend Maryland | 33 | 63 | 22 | 255.5 |
| Waratah | 21 | 94.71 | 2 | 36 |
| Williamtown | 19 | 71 | 17 | 278 |
| | | | | |
| March | | | | |
| Kurri Kurri Sunrise | 20 | 90 | | 148 |

Rotary District 9670 Child Protection

Ensuring the safety of children involved in Rotary Programs 2017 and beyond.

The table below is a summary of recommendations arising from our interpretation of Child Protection requirements for volunteers issued by Office of Children's Guardian, Rotary International and Rotary's Insurer.

Quick Reference Recommendations

| Youth Volunteer | Full screening | Referees Contacted by: | Get WWCC | WWCC verified by: |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| DG | Yes | DCPO team | Yes | DCPO Team |
| DGE | Yes | DCPO team | Yes | DCPO Team |
| DGN | Yes | DCPO team | Yes | DCPO Team |
| DCPO | Yes | DCPO team | Yes | DCPO Team |
| District Youth Program Coordinator | Yes | DCPO team | Yes | DCPO Team |
| Youth Chairs & Committees | No | N/A | Yes | DCPO Team |
| YEP Chair | Yes | YEP team | Yes | YEP Team |
| YEP Committee | Yes | YEP Team | Yes | YEP Team |
| Host Families | Yes | Club Team | Yes | Club Team |
| Club Counsellors | Yes | Club Team | Yes | Club Team |
| Club Youth Director | No | N/A | Yes | Club Team |
| Club CPO | No | N/A | Yes | Club Team |
| Other Rotarians | No | N/A | Highly Recommended | Club Team |
| Other Partners | No | N/A | Recommended if involved | As appropriate |
| DG District Governor DGE District Governor Elect DGN District Governor Nominee DCPO District Child Protection Officer Club CPO – Club Child Protection Officer | | YEP - Youth Exchange Program DCPO Team – DCPO + one other YEP Team – Two YEP Committee members Club Team - Club CPO + usually Public Officer | | |
| **** If a volunteer falls into more than one of the above categories for full screening the referee checking should be done by the team responsible at the “higher” level and that team should then notify the others when the Form 3 screening process is complete. Eg: A volunteer who is on the YEP committee and a host parent should have the referees contacted by the YEP Team who then notifies the Club CPO when the process is complete. (referees only contacted once) | | | | |

CHILDREN'S WELFARE AND SAFETY

Rotary District 9670 recognises the need to ensure the welfare and safety of all young people taking part in any activity associated with our organisation.

In accordance with our child protection policy we will not permit photographs, video or other images of young people to be taken without the consent of the parents/carers and children.

As your child will be taking part in (insert the name of your activity or event) to take place (insert place and date and time of your activity or event) we would like to ask for your consent to take photographs/videos of the event or activity that may contain images of your child.

It is likely that these images may be used as:

- a record of the activity or the event
- in a written evaluation report of the activity or event that will be viewed by (insert name of your organisation)
- publicity material for further activities or events on leaflets/websites/magazines
- illustrations of the activities or events in published articles
- future grant applications

The (Club or organisation) will take all steps to ensure these images are used solely for the purposes they are intended. If you become aware that these images are being used inappropriately you should inform (Club or organisation) immediately.

We would be grateful if you would return this form to (insert the name) by the (insert the date that you would like the completed form to be returned by).

I (parent/carer) consent to/do not consent to (club/organisation) photographing or videoing (insert name)

Date:

I (insert name of child) consent to (Club or organisation) photographing or videoing my involvement in (insert name of your event or activity)

Date:

Forms available from District

