



Coffey Break

Monthly Newsletter of District Governor 2018-19

"The past year of our life has virtually been given to Rotary and District 9670; a year that resulted in a bounty of rewards, memories, experiences and friendships that we would never have obtained without this opportunity"



The Year That Was

As you sit down to read the last 'Coffey Break' I hope you have enjoyed the ride with us.

The year threw up its share of curve balls and challenges but it is comforting to know that there is so much experience, assistance and understanding within Rotary to get you through these patches.

Carol has blossomed with confidence while being overwhelmed by the generosity and support received for her partners project of Australian Rotary Health 'Lift the Lid', amidst the national drought issues impacting so many of our District 9670 communities. Clubs and members have seen that the mental health of our rural brothers and sisters is an integral part of the overall drought project and have given generously.

There is every chance Carol may now take the step and become a Rotarian – I think she feels like one anyway and she has gained a lot of knowledge.

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For me, it is pleasing to see every club doing what they can with available resources for the local and overseas communities that they serve. You cannot help but feel proud and inspired to keep giving every spare moment to the clubs and members of this District.

As we prepare for the new Rotary year we are seeing some noticeable shifts with; members increased interest in training and leadership development, an increased enthusiasm for engagement with Rotaract, a willingness to participate in a more structured planning process and a preparedness to consider and adopt change in the way our Clubs operate.

Hopefully, our increased focus on membership seminars over the past 2 years has something to do with this paradigm shift. These efforts may well be a catalyst for growth in our clubs.

As we end the year our membership numbers (1096) have nearly clawed back to where we started the year. This is testament to the clubs wanting to grow and deliver on the Rotary vision:

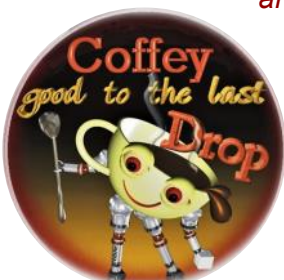
'Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change-across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.'

As Graeme and Sue take over the reins, may Carol and I say, it has been a pleasure serving you, we trust we gave 'service above self'. One thing is for certain we could not have done it without the wonderful support of our District Management committee, Assistant Governors, Presidents, Chairs and teams that we have been graced with.

For our editor Graham Taylor – this District Governors newsletter, 'Coffey Break' has been an epic achievement to research, produce and get it to District Secretary Nicole each month for distribution. For some it is a month's reading, for me, I get excited each month awaiting to see what he has dug up, and wondering where he finds so many pictures of me, yet has never been able to find one with my good side. I will miss it, as much as I will miss the adventure of roaming the District.

Thanks for the memories.

I urge you to please give Graeme and Sue the same support and confidence that you gave Carol and myself.





Brian Coffey
District Governor 2018-19

The Future

For me, my Rotary journey continues.

After speaking at the National Conference in 2018, I had 5 national speaking opportunities and a few District, Region and National roles offered to me when I end my term.

I will also return to my East Maitland club as President – I just hope to get a good report off DG Graeme when he visits.



For those following the future of D9670 as a District, the latest state of play, is that we are now preparing for redistricting negotiations. Our Governor's team is in the process of selecting a group of D9670 members to be part of a Transition Management Team that will be forwarded to Rotary International for their consideration and final selection. Following this, our team will meet with and negotiate an amalgamation with another District, with the aim of a July 1, 2023 implementation date. As yet, the new, amalgamated District number is unknown.

The latest RI direction is that we amalgamate with District 9650 – the District directly to our north. Your elected District Management team look forward to an amicable working relationship to form the new District and secure the future.



If you have not done so already, and if possible, clubs and members are encouraged to support The Rotary Foundation (TRF).

There are many innovative ways and options to do so. Here are just a few of the options that clubs or individuals have.

Recurring giving (Rotary Direct)

You can support TRF efforts year-round by making a recurring gift. You choose how much and how often you want to give - it's a simple and secure way to make a huge impact.



Paul Harris Society

Become a Paul Harris Society (PHS) member by electing to give a monthly or quarterly tax deductible donation equating to the value of at least \$US1000 each year. Contributors can select which fund is the beneficiary of their donation.



The Annual fund

These contributions help support our humanitarian activities, locally and globally. These can be returned to your club in the way of grants. The greatest advantage is that half of what is donated this year for the Annual Fund will be available for District Grants in 3 years time.

Every Rotarian Every Year

The Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative encourages all Rotary club members to contribute \$100 every year to financially support the Rotary Foundation.



Why not donate \$100 in the name of every Rotarian that renews their club membership each year, from the amount that your club may already be planning to donate to TRF? The members will earn points towards a PHF. It may also encourage them to support their own recurring giving or join the PHS.

End Polio Now



Your donation helps Rotary and its partners reach every child with the polio vaccine. Thanks to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, your contribution will be tripled, getting us even closer to a polio-free world.

Rotary Citation and Presidential Distinction

We have 20 clubs within reach of attaining a Citation this year, 4 of which should reach their goals with a little tuition – already 1 of those has spoken to me and we have identified great projects that were not registered on-line. One Rotary Club has made it to a Gold Presidential Distinction and we have 2 clubs sitting on Platinum Distinctions requiring just a little bit more effort to attain this achievement.

All activities need to be completed and reported in the Rotary Database of 'My Rotary' by June 30, 2019. Only the Club President and Secretary can do so. Please contact me for advice on how to do this if you need a hand. I have contacted the AG's with the list and they will be willing to help you or drop me a line.

Club Changeovers

Thank you to all the clubs that responded so well to our request for Changeover notification. As District Governor I would love to attend them all, but this is impossible with 47 clubs having them between 1 June and 14 July – many on the same evenings. I also have commitments to the Rotary Convention and to the Australian Rotary Coordinators training.

Past District Governors and Assistant Governors have responded in amazing fashion to lighten the workload. By now all Presidents and President Elects should be aware of who will be attending on behalf of Rotary International.

New Year Resolutions

Each year we should strive to improve on the previous year. Looking through some hard facts in the District for 2018-19 it is encouraging to see that we have been able to increase the number of Clubs that actually plan and record their goals on 'My Rotary'. Without getting too excited over a near 50% increase in goal setting, I do not think anyone would argue that we can still do a lot better.

The challenge is there for the Clubs in 2019-20 to plan and connect with members to see what they really can achieve – set a date with your members for these discussions, record, monitor, adopt the goals and continually review them as the year progresses.

	Clubs with goals			Achievement / number of Goals set	
	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2017-18	2018-19
Club membership	9/49	13/47	2/47	203/198	380/410
Service Participation	7/49	11/47	2/47	40/120	214/236
New Membership participation	6/49	10/47	2/47	7/21	13/32
Rotarian Action Group participation	3/49	1/47	0/47	0/1	0/2
Leadership Development participation	5/49	8/47	2/47	7/16	23/38
District Conference attendance	8/49	12/47	2/47	34/64	96/123
Rotary Fellowship participation	4/49	5/47	2/47	20/40	60/65
District training Participation	7/49	11/47	2/47	11/22	40/53

Yours in Rotary, Brian



DGE Graeme's opening address

Rotary
District 9670



District Assembly (East)

Presidents Elect, Club Board
Members and partners
Singleton 4-5 May



DG Brian addressing the Assembly



Thanks to guest speaker Mark Huddleston



District Training Director, Christine Walmsley



Des Dowdy explains our District Insurance



Over 100 people attended the District Assembly training



Some very happy campers



District Treasurer & Forensic Accountant, Patrick Healey



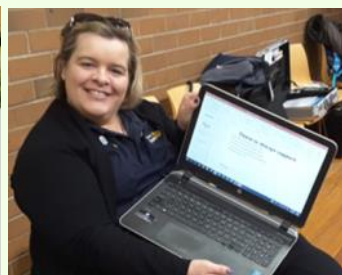
Nelson Bay & Morisset club members



Rotaractor Tori Baudinette



Craig Johnson (Training team)



District Secretary Nicole Shanks



Training team members—Julie Dixon & Pam Wellham



Assistant Governors - District 9670 2018-19

As the 2018-19 Rotary year draws to an end, our Assistant Governors reflect on their Zone Clubs' achievements and projects during the year.

AG AMANDA ROACH ZONE 3



For much of my AG year the focus for all my clubs has been assisting with drought relief. This has been from smaller personal contact offering friendship and a friendly ear to local farmers, to big events such as the golf day organised by RC Muswellbrook which raised well over \$60,000.

There have been some amazing efforts by clubs to source and distribute stock feed to farmers, distribute hampers donated by communities, businesses and other Rotary Clubs as well as great friendships and collaborative plans developed between groups of Rotary Clubs (such as Muswellbrook/Scone/Merriwa and the two Mudgee Clubs with Rylstone-Kandos).

Clubs and Rotarians on the coast have shown wonderful support for those out west, most notably evident with the "Bugger the Drought" event held in Merriwa which was attended by so many Rotarians who helped out, provided support both personal and financial, and most importantly

took the time to find out how the drought takes its toll on our farming communities.

All clubs were active in assisting farmers with drought relief applications, and some clubs (such as the co-operatives listed) successfully applied for drought relief grants. This money has been managed in collaboration with other agencies in their communities – such an important role as we move into the new world of Rotary where the need to partner with local groups is becoming more apparent for our own and our communities survival.

It has been a pleasure to have frequent conversations and/or visits to the RCs of Merriwa, Muswellbrook, Mudgee and Mudgee Sunrise as their Assistant Governor this year, and I welcome the opportunity to now include Denman as part of Zone 3. Apart from the great Rotarians who populate these clubs and seeing the fantastic community work they are able to manage as well as their own busy lives, for me the icing on the cake is that in all these clubs I have some long-term friends from other parts of my life (and some of those for 40 years!).

I am looking forward to continuing to support these 5 clubs during the next Rotary year and continuing my visits where David and I have been so welcomed.

AG CHRIS McGRATH ZONE 10



The clubs for the final year of my three year stint as AG were Morisset, Warners Bay, Toronto Sunrise and a new club this year, Toronto.

Our visits with DG Brian and Carol were welcoming, the clubs were keen to show their comprehensive and varied plans for the year.

All the Clubs made me very welcome, and I became involved in some of their projects in a small way. They all completed another great year in Rotary service. I have made numerous friends during my visits to the Clubs and I was certainly privileged to be AG for Zone 10 for the past 3 years.

AG BRIAN OAKLEY ZONE 9



NEWCASTLE ROTARY CLUB: This club is the oldest Rotary club in D9670 and is progressive with well established annual projects plus an ongoing literacy program with Carrington PS. The club also is very supportive of district youth programs such as RYDA.

NEWCASTLE SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB: A small active enthusiastic club with many community projects in the district and overseas.

Over the past six years they have raised funds and received two district grants to support the construction of a water supply for the Weema Health Clinic in the Mukono district of Uganda. They do have a strong commitment to District youth programs.

CHARLESTOWN ROTARY CLUB: A large enthusiastic dedicated club with strong membership participation in their projects including a major project associated with the renovation of the PCYC Building (Windale). The club has carried out an anonymous survey amongst members to establish which way the club should operate in the future.

BELMONT ROTARY CLUB: Very enthusiastic and dedicated club being very active in many community projects. One of their major programs is the NSW Police Community Awards. They also assist in the Loop the Lake and are a strong supporter of district youth programs.

EAST MAITLAND ROTARY CLUB: A good strong club, many older members but increasing membership with younger members. The club strongly supports district youth programs and does a lot of work in the community, weekly raffles and a large fund raising project with the selling of mother's day flowers.

All clubs welcomed the visit of DG Brian and Carol.

**AG PHIL GORTON
ZONE 5**



Dungog Rotary Club - Although small in number this club continues to support their community by helping with events that draw large numbers of visitors to the local area. In turn, this has a flow on affect to local business. The funds raised at these events are used to support local youth through the STEM Program, public speaking competition, general support for numerous primary schools & the local high school along with a number of junior sporting teams.

Paterson Rotary Club - This year the club has helped with a local park upgrade and a number of community halls. Also, the club has supported students at Tocal through scholarships. They also undertook a RACG project to help a local family with a motor vehicle modification that helps a disabled member of the family become more mobile.

The club catering van has been out and about raising funds, the club has continued with it's annual's car boot event, Carol's by Candlelight and the New Year's Eve Festival. These events draw a large number of people to the town raising the image of Rotary with flow on benefits to local business.

Rutherford – Telarah Rotary Club - Members of this club have a big focus on youth. They have led the way in getting a breakfast club up and running at a local primary school with support from a number of the Maitland based Rotary clubs. The club has also supported local church & community groups, Girl Guides and they have even ventured in to running a canteen to help a local school.

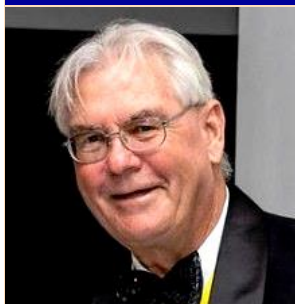
The club has operated their food van at numerous events, including 'Loop the Lake'. They have also had high tea afternoons and camp oven cook outs as social and fundraising events. The club have supported the Tocal Rotaract Club and initiated a satellite club, with all members being members of Rutherford Telarah club but meeting at a different venue and at a different time.

As this is my last term as AG for this group of clubs I would like to thank each and every member for their support and friendship, shown to Ruth and myself. Also, for the support the clubs have given to Brian & Carol during their club visits. Wishing you all the best in the future.

Maitland Sunrise Rotary Club - This group of Rotarians support a large number of local and international projects. Funds are raised from BBQs at local netball days through to high teas, art shows and golf days. Funds are used to support the likes of; Mai-Wel, art programs, support to Rotary youth programs, international projects in Vanuatu and the club's project helping Safari and his community. The club are also involved in local Graffiti Clean-up.

Nelson Bay - The club engages in a wide range of projects keeping the members very active throughout the community. The projects include a reading program with local primary school children, support to local Scout groups as well as the local council. The members can also be seen cleaning up the local area and doing tradies BBQs at Bunnings. The club has taken on a RABS project this year in support of a youngster who suffers from cystic-fibrosis. The club also held their annual golf day and barefoot bowls.

**AG CHRIS BARTLETT
ZONE 7**



My clubs for the final year of my stint as AG for Zone 7 were Salamander Bay, Williamtown, Raymond Terrace, Myall Coast, and Maitland.

All the Clubs made me welcome, all completed another great year in Rotary service.

I have made numerous friends during my visits to the Clubs and I was certainly privileged to be AG for Zone 7 for the past 4 years

**AG SHARON CHAMBERS
ZONE 8**



Zone 8 is comprised of Cardiff, Newcastle Enterprise, Newcastle Harbour, Wallsend-Maryland and Waratah Clubs. As all the Clubs are in the Newcastle area, they have helped each other when needed and combined for different events or functions.

There are many highlights for each Club that will be covered in more detail in the District 9670 Annual Report. Individually for this report: Cardiff continue to hold movie nights that raise considerable funds, Newcastle Enterprise are heavily involved in Rotary youth programs including the Youth Exchange Program; Newcastle Harbour held a golf day and

host Youth Exchange Students each year; Wallsend-Maryland continued with the Tree of Joy and Food Drive (45th year in 2018) and the Wallsend Community Awards and this month Waratah are celebrating their 50th Charter year and have formed and are mentoring the Callaghan College Waratah Campus Interact Club. Both Newcastle Enterprise and Wallsend-Maryland have active graffiti removal trailers. All Clubs were generous in their support for the Farmers Drought campaigns.

Congratulations to all the members for their tireless support of their Clubs that enables the many projects to happen and helps countless numbers of people.

This is my second year as Assistant Governor for these Clubs and I look forward to continuing another year with Dungog Club joining Zone 8. All of the Clubs are committed to helping their communities and already have plans in place for another successful Rotary year ahead.



Welcome New Members

“Well done to our clubs and welcome to all the new members. Enjoy the friendship and personal joy that membership brings.”

DG Brian Coffey

Rotary Club of Salamander Bay



*Club President Ina George inducts
new member, Anne Harris*

Rotary Club of Dubbo Macquarie 2 New Members



*Ray Brooks & Susie Rowley
Assistant District Governor Tim Vail and Club President
Jen Cowley welcome the two new members*

Rotary Club of Singleton



*Club President Isabella Bailey welcomes
new member Fay into the Club*

Rotary Club of Morisset



*Club President John Rodstrom welcomes
Mike Baudinette to the Club*

Rotary Club of Paterson



*New member Nigel Pereira is
welcomed into the Club*

HIGHLIGHTS—2019 ROTARY COUNCIL OF LEGISLATION

By **Arnold R. Grahl** (*Rotary International Journalist*)

The 2019 Council on Legislation may not have made as many dramatic changes as the Council three years ago did, but it made several decisions that will shape the future of Rotary.



Among the most important, the Council elevated the status of Rotaract clubs. The change broadens the definition of membership in Rotary International to include Rotaract clubs. The change is intended to increase the support that Rotaract clubs receive from RI and to enhance their ability to serve.

“We need to be an inspiration to our young partners, so they will continue doing the great service that they do,” said RI President Barry Rassin when he presented the measure. “This sends a strong message that they are truly our partners in service.”

In many ways, the Rotaract experience will not change. Rotary clubs will still charter and sponsor Rotaract clubs. Rotaract clubs will still have their own standard constitution and their own unique club experience. Members of a Rotaract club will not be called Rotarians. And Rotaract clubs will not immediately pay dues or receive other benefits, such as the official magazine that Rotary members receive. The Board will determine a dues structure over time.

The measure simply expands the definition of membership in Rotary International to include both Rotary and Rotaract clubs.

Every three years, representatives from Rotary districts around the world meet in Chicago, Illinois, USA, to consider changes to the constitutional documents that govern Rotary International. This year’s Council considered more than 100 proposals.

Representatives authorized the Board to pursue changing RI’s charitable status to a section 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. It is presently a 501(c)(4). A task force has been studying the possible change for 18 months and says it will offer benefits that include tax reductions and vendor discounts that will reduce expenses.

Dues increase

As for dues, the Council approved a modest increase of \$1 a year for each of three years, beginning in 2020-21. The

previous Council set dues for 2019-20 at \$34 per half year. With the increase, the dues that clubs pay to RI per member will increase to \$34.50 per half year in 2020-21, \$35 per half year in 2021-22, and \$35.50 per half year in 2022-23. The dues will not be raised again until a future Council votes to change it.

A seemingly small but intensely debated action will reduce the number of nonvoting members at future Councils, by removing past RI presidents and allowing only one RI Board director to attend but not vote.

But in some respects, the Council defined itself as much by what it did not do.

This year’s representatives resisted pressure to limit some of the flexibility that the 2016 Council granted clubs, rejecting several measures that would have placed restrictions on clubs. One unsuccessful measure would have required clubs to meet at least 40 times each year.

Many clubs have been using the innovative and flexible club formats to attract new members and meet their current members’ needs.

Representatives also rejected proposals to make it optional for members to subscribe to an official Rotary magazine and to reduce the size of the Council by half and have it meet every two years.



Democracy in action

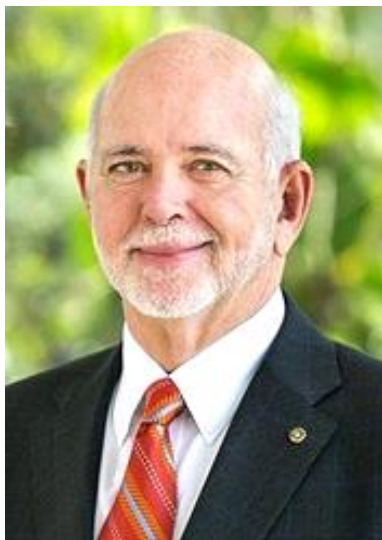
Several representatives commented on the democratic nature of the proceedings. Adriana De La Fuente, the representative from District 4170, Mexico said,

“All of the delegates have been very responsible and respectful, no matter what their opinions. That elevates the trust and respect for our organization.”

Glen K. Vanderford of District 6760, a member of the Rotary Club of Jackson-Old Hickory, Tennessee, USA, said

“The process allows us to have a road map forward instead of just going day to day. I was excited by the outcome of enhancing Rotaract and that we didn’t weaken future Councils, but preserved the ability for everybody to have a voice.”

Presidential Message - June 2019



BARRY RASSIN
President | Rotary International
2018-19

As I look back on all the things I have seen and the people I have met since becoming president of Rotary International last July, I am certain of this: Rotary's capacity to transform lives for the better is unparalleled. Our impact is beyond anything I could have imagined when I first became a Rotarian.

I think about the Rotarians I met in Pakistan, who partnered with Coca-Cola to improve sanitation in Karachi's neighborhoods while supporting polio eradication efforts. I think about the Puerto Rican Rotarians who are helping entire communities rebuild their lives after Hurricane Maria.



ROTARY DAY AT THE UNITED NATIONS

10 NOVEMBER 2018
NAIROBI, KENYA



I think about the German Rotaractors who are working to save bees — whose role as pollinators is so important to our planet — from extinction. I think about the six Rotarians and Rotaractors who were honored as People of Action: Young Innovators at Rotary Day at the United Nations in Nairobi, Kenya, in November for their work to create novel solutions to tough challenges.

It seems like only yesterday that I stood on a stage in San Diego and asked you to Be the Inspiration in your clubs, in your communities, and in the world. Your response was an inspiration to me. You are paving the way for Rotaractors to become our future leaders, helping start new Rotaract clubs and working to include Rotaractors in Rotary events and projects in your communities.

You are working hard to eradicate polio, participating in 4,200 events in more than 100 countries for World Polio Day. And you are carrying out transformative projects that will create lasting change in your communities and in the world.

This year, I also saw how Rotary's work to build peace is bearing fruit. The 98 Rotary Peace Fellows who are studying at our peace centers will soon graduate, joining more than 1,200 others in applying their conflict resolution skills to problems that need solutions. And this month, Esther and I will travel to Hamburg, Germany, for a convention where people of all races, nationalities, religions, and political backgrounds will unite because they want to make the lives of all people better.

Seeing what Rotary means to people — to the communities we serve and to Rotarians themselves — has deepened my affection and admiration for all that Rotary is and does.



BE THE INSPIRATION

Soon it will be time for Esther and me to return home to Nassau. When we get there, I will look out on the vast sea that surrounds our island, and it will remind me of Rotary's limitless possibilities, and of the amazing future that awaits us beyond the horizon. I look forward to sailing there with you.

Barry Rassin
President 2018-19

Recognition for District 9670 Rotarians

The 2019 ShelterBox Australia Awards were announced during National Volunteer Week, (20-26 May 2019). This is the first year that ShelterBox has presented Volunteer Awards and we are pleased to advise that **Chris McGrath** (Rotary Club of Waratah) and **Sue Hooper** (Rotary Club of Morisset) were among the recipients.



Chris (left) was the recipient of a **'Volunteer Impact Award'**. This volunteer award recognises a volunteer that has made a significant impact in their community through their work with ShelterBox.

Sue received a **Volunteer Excellence Award**. This award recognises volunteers that have demonstrated excellence in their role, commitment and passion for ShelterBox.



Congratulations



Holger Knaack selected to be 2020-21 Rotary International President



Holger Knaack, a member of the Rotary Club of Herzogtum Lauenburg-Mölln, Germany, has been selected as president of Rotary International in 2020-21.

The Nominating Committee's decision follows the resignation last month of President-nominee Sushil Gupta due to health reasons. Knaack will officially become president-nominee if no other candidates challenge him by 31 May.

To build a stronger membership, Knaack says Rotary must focus on increasing the number of female members and transitioning Rotaractors into Rotarians.

Knaack believes that the People of Action campaign offers new public awareness possibilities for Rotary. "This campaign conveys our global image while still respecting differences in regions and cultures," he says.

A Rotary member since 1992, Knaack has served Rotary as treasurer, director, moderator, member and chair of several committees, representative for the Council on Legislation, zone coordinator, training leader, and district governor.

He is an endowment/major gifts adviser and co-chair of the Host Organization

Committee for the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg.

Knaack is the CEO of Knaack KG, a real estate company. He was previously a partner and general manager of Knaack Enterprises, a 125-year-old family business. He is a founding member of the Civic Foundation of the City of Ratzeburg and served as president of the Golf-Club Gut Grambek. Knaack is also the founder and chair of the Karl Adam Foundation.

Knaack and his wife, Susanne, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and members of the Bequest Society.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

Mother's DAY

The Rotary Clubs of **East Maitland** and **Greenhills Maitland** were out and about in the local community over the Mothers Day weekend providing fresh flowers and raising money for community projects.

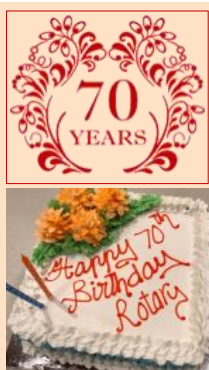
A great job by all the volunteer teams in preparing and selling the flowers at various sites around town.



Guest presenter at Salamander Bay, PDG (D9650) Brian Beesley - Director Australian Rotary Health with DG Brian & Carol Coffey and President Salamander Bay RC, Ina George.



A very successful RYPEN Camp was held during May. Congratulations to the RYPEN committee (above) on a job well done. Photo below—PDG Helen Ryan addresses the participants.



Rylstone Kandos mark 70 years since charter of the Club.





During May, the Rotaract Club of the Hunter had eight members attend ACT/NSW Rotaract Board Training at the Collaroy Centre. For some, it was an introduction to their upcoming roles in the new Rotaract year. For others, it was a chance to learn more about Rotaract. Whatever the reason for attending, all came away motivated, excited and full of great ideas for the year ahead.



Two of Rotaract Club members attended the 21st community service awards, hosted by their sponsor club, the Rotary Club of Newcastle. Reportedly, it was a great night and it was heartening for the Rotaractors to hear the stories of those serving our community.

Congratulations to Club President, Remy who was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow.

"Great to see the increasing engagement between Rotaract and the Rotary Clubs in the Hunter Region"



Hunter Rotaractors joined The Rotary Club of Morisset, Rotary Club Toronto Sunrise NSW, Rotary Club of Warners Bay, the local Scouts and other community groups at the Catalina Festival in Rathmines.

"A special thankyou to the Hunter Rotaract team that came into help- headed up by Tori Baudinette, your help was appreciated"Morisset Rotary Club



Rotaract representatives in attendance at the District Assembly in Singleton on 5th May.

Kia Ora - Graeme & Sue's DGE Journey continues



President Elect Training (PETS) and District Assembly for Singleton is now well and truly behind us. Thank you to all who attended and we trust you had some fun while learning about your upcoming roles and you had an opportunity to connect with your peers from around our vast District. Guest Speaker, Mark Huddleston from the Rotary Club of Seaforth in South Australia was very well received and presented some interesting food for thought.

A big thank you is extended to the Training Team under the guidance of Christine Walmsley. Christine will be stepping aside at the end of June as will Pam Wellham. Craig Johnson will take up the lead in her place along with some new faces, Julie Dixon and Craig Henningham. A big thank you is also extended to the Rotary Club of Singleton On Hunter for yet another delicious lunch.

Later in May we attended the opening of the Rotary Club of Singleton On Hunter's Annual Art Show. If you're looking for a good choice of artwork by local painters, this is a good place to be.

Then it seemed to be no time at all and we were packing our bags for Hamburg for the first week of June to attend the Rotary International Convention and looking forward to connecting with our Rotary friends from around the world.

Things to NOTE:

District Changeover, Sun 23 June at 12:00pm at Toronto Workers Club. RSVP is Fri 14 June and NO "walk-ins".

So please register at: www.trybooking.com/490892

Our Conference 2020 team are working hard to bring you an exciting weekend in March for our "Breaking Through Barriers" Conference. Be sure to register early: www.trybooking.com/ZWHT

Owing to unexpected circumstances, our District Newsletter Editor has had to withdraw from the position for 2019-20. If you have good writing and publication design skills and would like to submit an expression of interest to fill this role, please email: governor2019-20@rotary9670.org urgently.

As a follow up from PETS, could Presidents Elect please ensure they complete their Club Development Plans and send direct to: governor2019-20@rotary9670.org and a copy to your Assistant Governor.

As DGE, this is the last Kia Ora. Watch this space for 2019-20.

Graeme and Sue

Morning

Midday

Evening

District Governor - Club Visit Dates 2019-20

Club	Club Visit Date
MYALL COAST	Mon 8 July 2019
CHARLESTOWN	Tues 9 July 2019
TORONTO	Mon 15 July 2019
WALLSEND-MARYLAND	Tues 16 July 2019
NEWCASTLE SUNRISE	Wed 17 July 2019
MORISSET	Wed 17 July 2019
PATERSON	Wed 24 July 2019
DUBBO	Mon 5 August 2019
DUBBO MACQUARIE	Tues 6 August 2019
WELLINGTON	Tues 6 August 2019
RUTHERFORD-TELARAH	Mon 12 August 2019
RYLSTONE-KANDOS	Tues 13 August 2019
DENMAN	Wed 14 August 2019
CESSNOCK	Thur 15 August 2019
WARATAH	Mon 19 August 2019
NEWCASTLE ENTERPRISE	Tues 20 August 2019
NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	Wed 21 August 2019
RAYMOND TERRACE	Mon 26 August 2019
MAITLAND	Wed 28 August 2019
TIME OUT + TRAVEL	Thur 29 August 2019
TIME OUT + TRAVEL	Fri 30 August 2019
TIME OUT + TRAVEL	Sat 31 August 2019
TIME OUT + TRAVEL	Sun 1 September 2019
BOURKE	Mon 2 September 2019
NARROMINE	Tues 3 September 2019
WARREN	Wed 4 September 2019
SINGLETON ON HUNTER	Mon 9 September 2019

Club	Club Visit Date
SINGLETON SUNRISE	Tues 10 September 2019
KURRI KURRI SUNRISE	Wed 11 September 2019
NELSON BAY	Thur 12 September 2019
CHRISTCHURCH Aust/NZ Training + Conference	Sun 15 – Sun 22 September 2019
MUDGE	Tues 24 September 2019
TORONTO SUNRISE	Tues 1 October 2019
KURRI KURRI	Tues 1 October 2019
SALAMANDER BAY	Tues 8 October 2019
WILLIAMTOWN	Wed 9 October 2019
SINGLETON	Thur 10 October 2019
BELMONT	Mon 14 October 2019
MAITLAND SUNRISE	Tues 15 October 2019
EAST MAITLAND	Tues 15 October 2019
GREENHILLS MAITLAND	Thur 17 October 2019
TIME OUT + TRAVEL	Fri 18 October 2019
TIME OUT + TRAVEL	Sat 19 October 2019
TIME OUT + TRAVEL	Sun 20 October 2019
COBAR	Mon 21 October 2019
DUBBO SOUTH	Tues 22 October 2019
DUBBO WEST	Wed 23 October 2019
MUDGE SUNRISE	Fri 25 October 2019
CARDIFF	Mon 28 October 2019
NEWCASTLE	Mon 4 November 2019
SCONE	Wed 6 November 2019
MUSWELLBROOK	Thur 7 November 2019
DUNOG	Mon 11 November 2019
MERRIWA	Tues 12 November 2019
WARNERS BAY	Mon 25 November 2019

EDITORIAL COMMENT

by Graham Taylor

After 12 months the "Coffey" cup is empty and there ends Rotary's longest "Coffey Break"



It all started last June, over a cup of coffee after accepting an offer "I couldn't refuse" to be DG Brian's newsletter editor. Although a Rotarian for some time I am a fairly new member to D9670 and considered the role would give me a much better understanding of the projects, fellow Rotarians and activities of the District.

At the outset, Brian and I shared a common view on the primary purpose of the newsletter. We wanted to develop a quality document that kept our customers (the District Rotarians), well-informed about District related matters and relevant Rotary International news.

Having known Brian and Carol from our RAWCS years together, I know their collective passion for Rotary, particularly District 9670. Inevitably, the DG newsletter quickly took on a secondary role to share and showcase our District's stories and accomplishments to our own members as a means of inspiration and to encourage communication between clubs. Equally, the sharing of newsletters among Governor's from other Districts meant that we were putting "our best foot forward" at a time when District amalgamation negotiations were at centre stage. It is certainly not the time to be shy about the incredible projects undertaken within our District.

During the year we published 12 monthly editions of Coffey Break plus one special 'Conference Edition'. In total 170 pages of information incorporating almost 700 photographs have been circulated to our members and other Districts. Not surprisingly, DG Brian has featured in over 150 of those photos, yet in his words, "he (being the Editor) finds so many pictures of me, yet has never been able to find one with my good side". If only he had seen the 200 photos that were discarded!

It is said, "a newsletter without a photo is like a pie without sauce" – both are bland and unappealing. So, a huge thank you to the clubs that have 'provided the sauce' with newsworthy stories in their newsletters and social media. I specially acknowledge Carol for her wonderful photos of club visits and Henk Tobbe for his amazing photos of the District Conference.

Congratulations to Brian and Carol for their momentous effort and achievements during 2018-19.

Attendance & Community Service

Compiled by : Ray Davies,
Membership and Volunteering Officer



APRIL 2019

Club	Members	Attendance %	Hours
Belmont	29	97	66
Cardiff	10	70	70
Dubbo South	57	80	696
Dubbo West	39	100	304
Dungog	13	79	165
East Maitland	37	63	625
Kurri Kurri Sunrise	15	98	40
Maitland	41	69	392
Mudgee	29	73	195
Myall Coast	24	63	65
Nelson Bay	46	45	475
Newcastle	35	54	1068
Newcastle Enterprise	23	54	148
Newcastle Harbour	21	66	40
Toronto	19	NA	172
Toronto Sunrise	29	58	54
Wallsend - Maryland	19	87	238
Warners Bay	48	52	425
Waratah	23	78	88

Rotary Designated Months

Rotary has designated months to help clubs develop meeting agendas, projects, or public image campaigns based on these special occasions.



This month recognises the importance of international fellowship and promotes the goodwill among Rotarians with similar recreational and vocational interests.



Start of new Rotary officers' year of service



A time to focus on Rotary's continuing need for growth, to seek new members and form new clubs.



 Rotarians, Partners, and Friends,
 are invited to attend the Changeovers for the
 Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise, Rotaract District 9670,
 and Rotary District 9670









12:00 noon for 12:30pm, Sunday 23 June 2019
 Auditorium, Toronto Workers Club, James Street, Toronto
 \$40.00pp ~ 2 course lunch
 To register ~ www.trybooking.com/490892

RSVP ~ Friday 14 June 2019
 Enquiries ~ Sue Myles by email ~ sue@cwsfuelandwater.com.au







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The preferred method to donate to the partners project is by electronic transfer to:
 Rotary International District 9670 Inc BSB 637 000 A/c 719445802.
 Reference: **Your name or Club Name + PartP.**
 Please also send an email to the District Treasurer so he can ensure the money can be identified and allocated to the project. Patrick's email is treasurer@rotary9670.org.au
 Cheques made Payable to Rotary International District 9670 Inc Partner's Project.
 Post to Treasurer Patrick Healey C/- 44 Turnbull Drive East Maitland NSW 2323

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SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for dinner with Rotary
 International President for
 2019-2020, Mark Daniel
 Maloney



**Monday
 23rd September 2019**

Rotary International President for 2019-2020, Mark Daniel Maloney will be in Sydney to address a special dinner to be held at the Epping Club on Monday, **23rd September 2019**. This is an opportunity for Rotarians and guests to meet and hear from our international leader.


 Further details and how to register will be advised shortly.

For more information contact
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