



Coffey Break

Monthly Newsletter of District Governor 2018-19



Many people were saying to me after the Conference "I guess you are in wind down mode now!". April is the final quarter of the Rotary year – we as Rotarians have the choice to coast to the end or rev-up and finish at top speed with renewed enthusiasm and vigour to do more for those in this world less fortunate than ourselves. This passion will spur members, clubs and the District on for bigger and better things.

For me, the truth is, it has been a far cry from a wind down. The District still surges forward raising a never ending array of issues to assist with, as well as some of the extra roles I have been asked to do. I see these as opportunities to make a difference and be the Inspiration to myself and Rotary.

After the success of the District 9670 Conference I have been to 3 more at District 9685 (Newcastle), District 9520 (Broken Hill) and District 9830 (Hobart) as a guest speaker. All these conferences were very professional and well run – but I think D9670 just pipped them. Where I did notice areas for potential improvement I will, or already have, shared these suggestions with DGE Graham Hooper and DGN David Roach to assist each with their respective conference planning. It is not a competition, but I do believe members, family and friends deserve the best for all the volunteer hours and money that they generously members contribute to Rotary.

The Month That Was.

April has certainly lived up to the theme of 'Be the Inspiration' – showing the potential we have as we turn our plans and good work into reality.

The month started sadly with the passing of David Thorpe and his funeral – there has been so much Rotary and community giving in so many areas from this family, over several generations, that you could write a book. It was a fitting celebration and farewell for an old mate who inspired so many with his life.



Stephanie Woollard

My next role was at a fundraiser at Singleton Diggers where we were blessed to share the evening with Stephanie Woollard and hear of her work in Nepal. PDG Gerard promoted me to Auctioneer for the night – I had to remind him that I used to raise money handing out tickets.

It was a rewarding and relaxed evening from an inspirational woman.

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The serious stuff started the very next day – off to Dubbo, opening an extremely well attended President Elect Training Session (PETS) for DGE Graeme. I know the attendance has inspired and fired up Graeme and Sue. We then jumped into the car and drove 8.5 hours to Broken Hill, arriving in time for a shower. We were met by some enthusiastic D9520 members who led us astray while we were trying to get to the Conference dinner – they reassured our very concerned designated chaperone that we were in good hands (I am not sure that was the entire truth!). I spoke at the Conference – the praise inspired me.

We left Broken Hill and returned to Dubbo, where we were able to meet up again with members from Dubbo, Dubbo Macquarie and Dubbo South as we attended their meetings. At these meetings we heard inspirational stories of the various successful projects that each of the clubs had squeezed in over that same weekend (while still going to PETS). Fundraising for a purpose and having fun delivering results was the clear message I got from these meetings. The success of each club was huge, and is covered further on in 'Coffey Break'. These clubs inspire us all.

The next day had me at Williamstown Rotary Club.



I wanted to check out their new meeting format – dropping the traditional club meetup for an informal social. To me this is something clubs need to look at, with the question do we really achieve much at a weekly meeting other than a formal social? The Williamstown experience was well attended, with partners and plenty of laughing and chatter. I liked it.

Maitland Probus Club was my next venue the following day. With big numbers at these meetings it was good to share a Rotary story with them – although I made a lot of them cry with Charles story.



From this meeting it was straight to Newcastle to meet Maree Gleeson and PDG Helen to discuss scholarships.

The next day, we were on tour again – off to Hobart to speak at the D9830 Conference, again I received acknowledgement that surprised me. People want to hear inspirational stories.

We returned to a quieter holiday period where I could concentrate on the 47 Club Changeovers, some of my own clubs primary fundraisers that I assist with, the Margaret Illukol Trust preparation, redistricting and preparing for the District Presidents, Chairs and AG's meeting for Friday 3 May.

During the month I did decide to have a bit of 'me time' and concentrate on losing some of the weight I have been able to find in the past – so our bikes have come out of hibernation. I still have a lot of work

to do though, as I was matched up against Keith Harcombe (RC Charlestown) in a 500m sprint at Townson Oval, and he whooped my backside, despite our age gap. If you don't recognise me next time you see me, maybe the bike riding will have worked.



Redistricting

In 2017, with our membership heading below 1100 members, a vote on redistricting of D9670 and D9650 was held amongst both Districts. District 9670 agreed to the merge with some 33 clubs voting. District 9650 rejected the merge 47 to 4 from memory.

Since then, further talks were held with D9650 and the D9670 Governors visited Canberra to observe the D9700/D9710 amalgamation process to form D9705.

Shortly after we were asked by D9705 if we were interested in an amalgamation with them; this was agreed and a proposal was lodged with RI. With less than 1100 members we were no longer in a position to vote for our choice. At the District Conference it was announced that District 9670 would be merged with District 9705 as of 2021.

As a result of this announcement, submissions were made to RI from D9650, who are concerned for their future if we amalgamate into D9705, should their own numbers drop below 1100. They are experiencing a membership decline, and have several small clubs.

From this RI have asked us to attempt negotiation with D9650 for a 2022 amalgamation. For this to occur the member clubs of D9650 would have to vote in favour and we would need to be assured that acceptable dialogue could occur.

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D9650 will make their decision by the end of May, 2019; in the mean-time, we are still meeting, learning and participating with D9705 regarding their merger in a cordial manner.

We will keep you posted as we unravel the mystery – one thing we have been guaranteed is that **D9670 will not be split up under any circumstance – we stay together!**

Some Interesting Membership Facts

This Rotary year our clubs have attracted 75 new members; 47 of those are female, boosting our female membership to a healthy (compared to National and International figures) 29.7% and growing. The good news is that 21 of those new members are also under the age of 40. Warners Bay, Morisset and Dubbo West are the clubs that have attracted over 5 members each this year.

Sadly we lost 93 members (58 male, 35 female) in the same period. Death and failing health is not the biggest enemy, accounting for 6 members in each category. The category of 'No Reason' has 22 former members attributed to it – maybe their Rotary experience was not what they expected.

As members of Rotary, our time is important; members need to be engaged in worthwhile projects in the club, their community and internationally – if your club is not giving you a meaningful experience look outside the walls.

You can join in on many District committees' projects and even International projects undertaken by other Districts – the people are positive and motivated to deliver on desired plans and goals. They welcome like-minded people. When you do something meaningful in Rotary – Rotary is meaningful to you.

Communication

Finally, I would like to share with you an email received from *Rotary* International President's Personal Representative, PDG James Wilcox.

Email..... RIPPR PDG James Wilcox

From: James & Kathy Wilcox
Date: 8 April 2019 at 6:17:26 pm
To: 'Brian Coffey'
Subject: RE: D9670 Conference
Hi Brian and Carol

Thanks for sending the special edition of Coffey Break. Your District is excellent at keeping members, partners and friends informed about what you are doing – and that includes the special Conference edition.

It is a great reminder of an excellent Conference.

Cheers, James & Kathy

Thank you James for your comments.

Yours in Rotary, Brian

From the District Governor's Diary - April



April 23rd

The Rotary Club of East Maitland hosted their annual ANZAC dinner. Guest speaker was Colonel Eric Modderman - who has nearly 10,000 days service.



April 1st

Thank you to RC Belmont's donation to the DG partners project - 'Lift the Lid on mental illness'



April 4th

Conference Sponsor Recognition presented to Singleton Diggers - accepted by PDG Gerard McMillan and PP Michael Titow



April 13th

District 9830 Conference-Hobart Guest Speaker-"Charlie's Angels"



April 7th

District 9520 Conference-Broken Hill Key Note Speaker on ROMAC



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 Dubbo West 4 New Members



Tony Norman, Sally Larkins & Jess Hutchinson
Welcomed into Rotary by AG Tim Vail

Rotary Club of Mudgee 2 New Members



Trevor Harding
Welcomed into Rotary by President Chris Stephens



Judy Kain
Introduced by sponsor Jenny and welcomed by President Chris Stephens

Rotary Club of Rutherford Telarah




Louise Bailly
Welcomed into Rotary by President Sam Norris



Be Hutchinson
Introduced by sponsor Bert McClennan and welcomed by President Pam Sharkey

**APRIL
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH**



April was Rotary International's special observance month for 'Maternal and Child Health.'

Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger.

An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented.

Rotary provides education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.



During February our RI President, Barry Rassin, travelled to Africa and filed the following message ahead of World Immunization Week celebrated during the last week of April.

"While traveling in Madagascar in late February, I learned more about the measles outbreak that, according to reports from the World Health Organization, has killed over 900 people since September. One of the main reasons behind this epidemic has been the low vaccination rate against measles. This has been one of many examples I've seen that showcases the importance of vaccines and how devastating a disease can be without them.

Immunization saves millions of lives every year. Vaccines are one of the most successful and cost-effective health interventions, but the situation in Madagascar is just one of many recent examples that shows vaccine-preventable diseases still persist."

"That's why I hope you'll join me in spreading the word about the importance of vaccinations."

"As Rotarians, we know firsthand that vaccines work. We have contributed more than \$1.9 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2.5 billion children from polio. Esther and I just recently participated in providing polio immunizations.

Last November we joined Dr. Tunji Funsho, chair of the Nigeria National PolioPlus Committee, and local Rotarians in Abuja, Nigeria to volunteer at the Family Health Clinic Garki. It's a very powerful experience to know that you're helping children avoid a terrible disease with something as small

as two drops of vaccine. We will never forget the look in the eyes of each mother who knew that Rotary was saving their child.

As one of the last three polio-endemic countries, Nigeria has done excellent work in battling polio. In the Borno region of Nigeria, we were able to reach twice as many inaccessible children in October 2018 than the year before. That means nearly 100,000 children were immunized who would have otherwise been missed. Furthermore, Nigeria hasn't reported a case of wild poliovirus in more than two and a half years, and the country could soon be declared polio-free.

Our time in the Family Health Clinic Garki was an important reminder that while Rotary has made great progress, the fight against polio isn't over."

"I hope you'll join me to Be the Inspiration and encourage your fellow Rotarians to continue supporting our cause until polio has been certified as gone for good."

Yours in Rotary,
Barry Rassin
President, Rotary International 2018-19



A Huge Month for Dubbo Clubs

Rotary Club of Dubbo South

AUGUST 10TH-18TH 2018



During April, the RC of Dubbo South updated the donations made from the Destination Outback 2018 event.

The Black Dog Ride, Royal Far West and the Pink Angels have all been presented with cheques for \$46,670. This is a great achievement from this event and it could not have been possible without all the support of "outbackers", corporate supporters and of course Platinum sponsor, 'The Cromwell Property Group Foundation'.

A superb effort by the Club—great leadership and member participation.



Rotary Club of Dubbo Macquarie



The inaugural Tracks @ The Tree music event organised by the Rotary Club of Dubbo Macquarie at the iconic Armatree Hotel was a great success. The train from Dubbo was a popular mode of transport for those attending the event to see the headline act, Drew McAlister, supported by Sarah Head and Brad Haling.

A great community get-together and proceeds from the night will be used to deliver NALAG (National Association for Loss and Grief-NSW) programs throughout small regional communities. A very worthy cause.

Rotary Club of Dubbo South



Royal Flying Doctor Service

MASQUERADE BALL

SATURDAY 6TH APRIL



The hangar at the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) base was packed to capacity with a record crowd of 450 supporters for the Rotary Club's Masquerade Ball. Incredibly, the Club's Ball committee Chairman, Fred Griffiths said "Tickets sold out in December."

With a combination of funds raised from the Masquerade Ball and 'Destination Outback 2018' The Rotary Club of Dubbo South was able to present a **\$100,000 cheque** to the RFDS to help fund expansion of its Dubbo Site.

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science and engineering
challenge
Western Plains
Dubbo

Challenge Days 2nd-3rd April

Discovery Days 4-5th April

Rotary Clubs of Dubbo West , Dubbo Macquarie, Dubbo, Dubbo South, Wellington, Narromine & Warren



Four wonderful days of science, technology and engineering activities. Rotarians devote many volunteer hours to run the event, and enjoy sharing the learning and excitement with the students. Congratulations to Western Plains top scoring schools on their respective days: Gilgandra High School, Macquarie Anglican Grammar School, St. John's Primary School Dubbo, and Narromine Public School.

Are there members who love your club but can't keep attending when it meets? Are you pondering starting a satellite club but not sure where to start? The new Guide to Satellite Clubs helps members understand the benefits that a satellite club can have and describes the steps for starting one. This guide is for anyone interested in satellite clubs and links to other important satellite club resources.

GUIDE TO SATELLITE CLUBS



Do you want to start a Rotary club but don't have enough members? Are you in a Rotary club that isn't meeting your or your members' expectations? Are there members who love your club but can't keep attending when it meets? Would you like to start a new club with a small, energetic group committed to community service? If you answered yes to any of these questions, starting a satellite club might help.

WHAT IS A SATELLITE CLUB AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

Rotary has had satellite clubs since 2013. At first, satellite clubs were for people who wanted to join Rotary but didn't have a large enough group to start a club. Unlike regular Rotary clubs, which require 20 members to start, a satellite club can form with just eight members. Satellite clubs also give community members and Rotarians the chance to make a positive difference in a club environment that often differs from their local Rotary club.

Like all Rotary clubs, satellite clubs hold regular meetings, have bylaws and a board, and get involved in community service projects. A local Rotary club sponsors the club and provides advice and support. Satellite club members are Rotarians. Officially, they are members of the sponsor club.

When a satellite club grows to 20 members or more, it can choose to remain a satellite to its sponsor club or it can apply for a charter to become a standalone Rotary club. Some clubs prefer to continue as satellite clubs regardless of their size and enjoy the benefits of being tied to their sponsor club. You decide what's right for your members.

SATELLITE CLUBS ARE NOT:

- A substandard form of a Rotary club. (Satellite club members are Rotarians.)
- A separate club. (Satellite clubs must have a sponsor Rotary club.)
- A Rotaract club. (Rotaract members, however, can form or join a satellite club.)
- A solution for a struggling club. (Ask your district governor if you need help.)

Download the full guide at this link: <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/guide-satellite-clubs>

Connecting with Communities



RC Salamander Bay

A cooked breakfast for the mums & dads staying at Ronald McDonald house Newcastle, while their little ones undergo treatment & recover from serious illness. They were so grateful.



RC Maitland Sunrise

A wonderful donation of \$18,862 to Maitland Regional Art Gallery for their Art and Health program to help those suffering with Dementia.



Raymond Terrace

President Steve Merritt lays a wreath on behalf of the members of the Rotary Club of Raymond Terrace

Cessnock

ANZAC
DAY
2019

Kurri Kurri Sunrise

Kurri Kurri Rotary Sunrise, helped raise flags at the graves of servicemen and women laid to rest at Kurri Kurri cemetery. Lyn Mills lays a wreath at the ANZAC ceremony on behalf of Rotary Club Kurri Kurri Sunrise.

Warners Bay

Anzac story books wrapped & ready for donation to local school libraries.

Rylstone - Kandos

Rotarian Margaret Jose and Rotary Exchange Student Henrique Mafrá laid the wreath on behalf of the Club. Sadly, the occasion was the last official one for Rotarian and Reverend Michael Sutton who is leaving the community.

**Rotary
District 9670**



Welcome

District Assembly

Presidents elect, club board
members and partners

Dubbo 6-7 April



There was good representation by our western based Clubs at the District Assembly in Dubbo during April.

The training team, DGE Graeme Hooper & breakout session facilitators organised an interesting and diverse program of topics for the incoming Presidents and club board members.

Guest presenter, Mark Huddleston from South Australia gave an inciteful presentation entitled "Trajectory" which challenged our current methods of attracting new members.



*District Treasurer
Patrick Healey*



*Guest speaker - Mark Huddleston
Rotary Club of Seaford, South Australia*



*DGE Graeme Hooper & District Training
Director, Christine Walmsley*

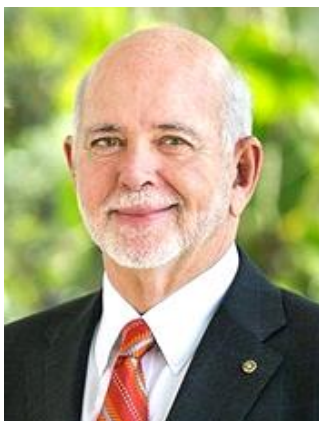
Thanks also to Dubbo West Rotary Club for their organisational support and the girls from the Girls' Academy at Dubbo College, Delroy Campus for their assistance with catering (see photo below).

Well done to all involved.



*Pam Wellham
"My Rotary" & Achieving your Club's Goals*

Presidential Message - May 2019



BARRY RASSIN
President | Rotary International
2018-19

The people who know me best — my family — know that my passion for Rotary is boundless. They also know that I don't expect them to get involved in Rotary the way I have. It's a choice that's up to them. But I must admit, I can't help smiling when I see them making the right choice.

At the end of the Toronto convention last year, my 12-year-old granddaughter turned to me and said, "I'm inspired to do something. What can I do?" Naturally, I did what any other Rotarian grandfather worth his salt would do: I asked her if there was an Interact club in her school. When she discovered there wasn't, she attempted to set one up. Unfortunately, her principal had other ideas, but we should not be deterred from helping Rotary youth programs whenever we can, because their value is beyond question.

Take Rotary Youth Leadership Awards as one example. It transforms young people into more confident, focused individuals with a better understanding of the world around them — changes I was pleased to see in my 16-year-old grandson after he participated.

My family is just the beginning. Everywhere I go, I meet people of all ages whose lives have been changed by our youth programs. They tell me how, five or 15 or 25 years ago, Rotary Youth Exchange taught them a new language or introduced them to a new culture. Their eyes light up when they talk about how New Generations Service Exchange helped them advance in their career, or about how membership in Rotaract first ignited their passion for giving back to the community.



Rotary's programs for young leaders extend our ideals of service, friendship, and leadership development beyond the doors of our clubs to hundreds of thousands of young people each year. And when we serve with and for those young people — as sponsors, project partners, and mentors — it brings out the best in us, and it brings out the best in Rotary.

May is Youth Service Month, and there are many ways your Rotary club can celebrate. Sponsor an Interact club or Rotaract club, and your Rotary club will give young people in your community the tools they need to take action, become leaders, and gain a global perspective. Team up with your local Rotaract club for a service project. Get to know the participants in Rotary's programs for young leaders and share their stories with your community. You'll find more ideas in this year's Rotary Citation brochure, located under the Awards section of the Member Center at my.rotary.org.

This month, let's Be the Inspiration to the young leaders in our communities by mentoring them, engaging them, and working side by side with them on meaningful projects. It's an investment in their future and in the world they will live in after we're gone. And it's work that will forever enrich their lives, and our own.



Drought Relief.....letters of appreciation

FROM COBAR REGION....

We wish to extend our appreciation for the very generous \$3,000 funding gifted by the Rotary District 9670 for drought affected communities. We are extremely grateful for this support which will be a big help.

Our area has been in drought since the end of 2017 with our annual rainfall for 2018 being 156mm and so far for 2019 we've received 72mm in three rain events. In mid-January 2019 we destocked 90% of our sheep as we could no longer afford or justify the purchase and transport costs, as much of it was coming from interstate.

Our heartfelt thanks to all those involved in this very worthwhile project. Your thoughtfulness and compassion means a great deal to us.

FROM MUDGEY REGION.....

I am writing to express our heart felt appreciation for the funds we have received from Rotary. As you can imagine the drought is having a profound effect on us and most of our stock had to be sold. It is such desperate times.

We have three teenagers and the money is such an unexpected gift, making our lives a little easier in the grocery department! It also takes some pressure off the house hold budget.

Thank you once again for your generosity.

The Power of Social Media Helps to Elevate Rotaract

On the 18th April we heard the disappointing news that during the Council on Legislation in Chicago, a legislative item that would have formally recognised **Rotaract clubs** as our true partners in service by admitting them as members of Rotary International, was narrowly defeated.

Over the past year our current RI President, Barry Rassin, has talked openly and often about how Rotaract is a vital member of our Rotary family and how we need to work to strengthen Rotaract and recognise the immeasurable contributions they make to our organisation.

"The strength of Rotaract is one that we cannot afford to undervalue or take for granted."

B Rassin April 2019

Turning to social media, President Rassin, invited comments from Rotaractors and asked if they thought the defeated item should be reconsidered. The responses from both Rotarians and Rotaractors came in their thousands. Many expressed concerns that the decision was incongruous with Rotary's drive for younger members and was a missed opportunity to develop our future leaders.

On the morning of 19th April the Rotaract enactment was reconsidered and passed by the Council. The vote was a decisive 381-124.



It will acknowledge Rotaract clubs in the RI Constitution and Bylaws and elevates them as an important member of the Rotary family.



Rotaract clubs will continue to have their own standard constitution but will receive greater support from RI.

"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, who presented the measure. "This sends a strong message that they are truly our partners in service."

President Rassin stressed that many of the other aspects of Rotaract clubs will remain the same. Rotary clubs will still sponsor Rotaract clubs, and will still support them.

Rotaractors will not be considered Rotarians, but retain their own unique club experience. The measure simply broadens the definition of membership in RI to **include Rotaract clubs**.

The benefit to Rotary is the ability to learn more about Rotaractors and improve the support and resources it offers to help Rotaract grow. As Rotaractors become our partners in service, we will be able to better track their impact and expand our reach, supporters said.

(As an aside, individuals are technically not members of RI. **Clubs are members of RI**. This distinction helps explain why Rotaract clubs will now become members of RI, while the club's members remain Rotaractors and not Rotarians.)

Historical footnote: This was also the first time a sitting RI President has ever proposed an item to the Council.

Kia Ora - Graeme & Sue's DGE Journey continues



Our travels over the past month took us out to Dubbo for PETS and District Assembly and both events were very well attended with discussions and exchange of information very positive and productive. For the Singleton PETS and District Assembly weekend on 4th-5th May, we are now looking forward to meeting more President Elects and a good cross section of Club members. Mark Huddleston will be challenging you on how to make your Club more attractive and ways you can adapt your Club to go forward into the future.

Please make sure you diarise the District Changeover for Sunday 23rd June at 12noon now. Bookings will be via

TryBookings and a flyer to register is being distributed for the Weekly Wrap this weekend (copy below). The Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise and the District 9670 Rotaract Changeovers will also take place.

Regretfully, Grant Jupe has resigned as AG for Zone 4 and we wish Grant well with his future endeavours. In light of redistricting, Zone 4 will be obsolete from 1st July and the Clubs are being allocated to other Zones and AGs.

At the recent RI Council on Legislation, the news release that Rotaract is now a full partner of Rotary is exciting news for our organisation's younger adults and we are looking forward to a very positive and productive year ahead working and collaborating together.

With regard to the Commonwealth Drought Initiative, I am pleased to advise the second tranche of payments have been released and debit cards are expected to be delivered to recipients by the second week of May.

To finish off April, our travels took us to Bathurst for continuing redistricting discussions. Although having travelled through some dry countryside and passing through dust storms, many parts are looking greener but so much more rain is needed to get some good growth for stock.

At the end of May we are off to Europe and will be attending the RI Convention in Hamburg, Germany, along with some other keen travellers and Rotary revellers from District 9670.

Where ever you are, travel safe and stay safe.

Graeme and Sue

Rotary

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

Rotary Toronto Sunrise
Rotaract District 9670
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

Sushil Gupta resigns as RI president-nominee



My Fellow Rotarians,
It is with a heavy heart that I announce my resignation as the president-nominee of Rotary International. While it was my dream to serve as your president, my health prevents me from giving my absolute best to you and the office of the president at this time. I believe Rotary deserves nothing less than that from those elected to represent this great organization of ours.

I have made this difficult decision after much soul searching and conferring with my family. This is not only a disappointment for us, but I am also keenly aware that this will be a disappointment for many Rotarians in India who were so proud to see someone from our country again named as president. I know that this is what is best for Rotary International.

I have been a Rotarian for more than 40 years and it has given me everything I could ask for. I can think of no higher honor than to have been selected by the Nominating Committee as president of Rotary for the 2020-21 Rotary year. I will continue to proudly serve as a Rotary member and pursue some major initiatives that I wanted to accomplish during my year as president, because I know that we are poised to achieve more great things in the future.

I wish nothing but the best to the candidate who succeeds me as president and thank you all for the support and encouragement you have shown me in the past year.

Sushil Gupta 26-Apr-2019

Attendance & Community Service

Compiled by : Ray Davies,
Membership and Volunteering Officer



MARCH 2019

Club	Members	Attendance %	Hours
Belmont	29	91	143
Cardiff	10	75	64
Dubbo	26	77	48
Dubbo South	57	87	338
Dubbo West	39	87	208
Dungog	13	72	84
East Maitland	37	60	137
Maitland	41	68	307
Mudgee	27	68	111
Myall Coast	24	66	250
Narromine	NR	60	400
Newcastle	35	59	94
Newcastle Enterprise	23	52	89
Newcastle Harbour	21	88	70
Rutherford Telarah	43	55	765
Toronto	19	63	248
Toronto Sunrise	29	68	253
Wallsend - Maryland	19	87	735
Warners Bay	48	52	774
Waratah	23	78	96

**Rotary
District 9670**



District Governor Brian invites ALL ROTARIANS to...

The Quarterly District Information Meeting

Friday 3 May 2019

Club Maitland City, Rutherford

Dinner 6pm

(optional—come join in the fellowship)

Meeting Starts 7pm

(You can either attend in person or via Zoom)

* Audio & Video on PC, Mac, iPhone, iPad or Android phone or tablet (Camera optional) by clicking this link and following the prompts:

<https://zoom.us/j/8896709670>

* Audio only: any telephone (mobile or fixed line) by telephoning: (02) 8015 2088.
When prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 88 9670 9670.

COME AND HEAR:

* Guest speaker

* Latest information regarding District 9670

Rotary Designated Months

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

MAY IS

YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

"We have a powerful potential in our youth, and we must have the courage to change old ideas and practices so that we may direct their power toward good ends."
Mary McLeod Bethune

Rotary 

TAKE ACTION:
Join Rotary. Be a People of Action.

Rotary clubs of the world give special emphasis to the many Rotary-sponsored programs which serve children and young people.

JUNE IS

ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

"The foundation upon which Rotary is built is friendship; on no less firm foundation could it have stood."
Paul P. Harris, 1925

Rotary 

www.rotary.org

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

JULY IS

NEW LEADERSHIP MONTH

"To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often."
Winston Churchill

Rotary 

www.rotary.org

Start of new Rotary officers' year of service

Rotary



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.

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