

## THE CONFERENCE

What an experience we had! It was such a delight for Mike and I to welcome so many of you to the conference and from all accounts you left very satisfied with the quality of the speakers, the venue, the catering and the management of the event. To all those who have sent me messages I thank you very much and appreciate the time taken to pen a few words. As with all things, they don't happen without effort and planning. I sincerely and publicly thank my Conference Committee Chairs, Warwick and Ian and the Conference Committee, for their unstinting work and enthusiasm in bringing it all together. Now we can look forward to DGE Brian's conference in March 2019 at Forster.

## PROPOSAL PIED PIPER

By the time you receive this newsletter the Presidents will have received notification of a proposal that the Gtrain is very keen to adopt in our District. As I think of Rotary and its valuable work, it is critical that we don't lose sight of the importance of keeping up the momentum of Rotary's good community work and encourage all to hear what Rotary does both locally and internationally in all aspects of humanitarian work.

I am delighted to read in several club bulletins of new members and congratulate the clubs for their enthusiasm and dedication to Rotary.

## BUSH FIRE APPEAL

With the horrendous fires in Victoria and New South Wales the District was able to assist both areas with a donation of \$2,000 to each District. I have heard from both District Governors and they are much appreciative of our help.

## BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Mike and I were privileged to attend the 60th Birthday party of Bourke Rotary. It was a very special occasion and a wonderful example of the value of Rotary in a small country town.

## WORLD EARTH DAY

As we approach April 22, it is so pleasing to see the number of clubs who have been busy planting trees as Rotary International President Ian is keen for us to do. He is dedicated to the sustainability of the planet and feels that by our small input we will be *Making a Difference* to the environment. I thank you all for your efforts and hard work in taking part in this project.



Helen and husband Mike

## DISTRICT DIARY

### April, 2018

22 - District Assembly

### May, 2018

04 - Presidents and Chairs meeting

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25 - M.U.N.A.

26 - YEP 2019 Interviews

### June, 2018

17 - YEP 2018 outbound students & parents BBQ

### July, 2018

07 - D9670 Changeover

08 - D9670 College of Governors



## NEW Member Links

[New Facebook Link](#)

[District Conference 2018 Web Page and Video](#)

[District 9670 YouTube Link](#)

[Linked In](#)

[Pinterest](#)

[Twitter](#)



I have mentioned this before, but I do want to remind you that it is not too late to put your hand up for a Presidential Citation. This rotary year the application is not due until June 30 so there is still plenty of time for your club to apply. The documentation can be downloaded by using the following link;

<https://my.rotary.org/en/document/presidential-theme-and-rotary-citation-brochure-2017-18>

### Toronto Convention

We have 20 people from our district attending the Toronto Convention which is great news. Please contact DGN Graeme Hooper if you would like to know more and he will assist you with registration.



Until next time I encourage you to continue *Making a Difference.*

Helen

ROTARY DISTRICT 9670 - MARCH, 2018			
CLUB NAME	MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	ATTENDANCE %	COMMUNITY HOURS
Belmont	28	92.1	110
Cardiff	11	75	94
Cessnock	19	65	100
Denman	19	80	135
Dubbo	26	73.86	102
Dubbo Macquarie	21	80.95	76
Dubbo South	58	80.77	408
Dubbo West	40	81.49	n/a
Kurri Kurri	22	53	183
Kurri Kurri Sunrise	77	77	120.5
Maitland	40	60.5	259
Maitland Sunrise	30	71	156
Merriwa	19	79	90
Mudgee	27	65	106
Myall Coast	25	80	86
Narromine	12	68	50
Nelson Bay	51	76	425
Newcastle Enterprise	28	61.3	180
Raymond Terrace	24	80	150
Rutherford Telarah	41	55.55	142
Toronto Sunrise	27	70.4	149
Wallsend Maryland	32	50	93.5
Waratah	20	92.18	72
Williamtown	12	86	72
<b>Received for January 2018</b>			
Toronto Sunrise	26	79	97
<b>Received for February 2018</b>			
Mudgee	27	81	98
Toronto Sunrise	26	82.7	149
Williamtown	12	78	121

## Maternal and Child Health SAVING MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

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

We expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. 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.

### HOW ROTARY MAKES HELP HAPPEN

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.

### OUR IMPACT ON THE LIVES OF MOTHERS AND CHILDREN

The Rotary Foundation reaches mothers and children in need by giving communities the help and training they need to take control of their own maternal and infant health care.

#### Mobile prenatal clinics

Haiti has the highest maternal and infant mortality rate of any country in the western hemisphere. Rotary provided a fully equipped medical Jeep to volunteers and midwives to reach mothers and children in remote areas.



Clubs in Japan and Brazil used a Rotary Foundation global grant to equip a hospital with lifesaving neonatal equipment.

#### Cancer screening

Rotarians provided a mobile cancer screening unit and awareness trainings around Chennai, India, where there is a high mortality rate of women with breast and cervical cancer due to late diagnosis.

#### Preventing injuries and deaths

Rotary members launched a \$3 million, five-year pilot to save lives of mothers and children during home deliveries in Nigeria. Since 2005, they've also repaired 1,500 obstetric fistulas — 500 more than their initial goal — restoring dignity and hope to vulnerable mothers.

# CONFERENCE ROUND-UP

*Friday Afternoon Welcome - Oysters, wraps and more food with drinks*



*Friday Night Friendship, Buffet Dinner and Conversations*



*Saturday Conversations*





We wish to thank  
Henk Tobbe  
Photography for  
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*A project of the District 9670 Community Service Committee*

# PROJECT red socks

*In aid of the early prevention of Prostate Cancer*

Project "Red Socks" has been taken on board by The District 9670 Community Service Committee to aid in the early prevention of prostate cancer in men. The aim of the project is to raise funds to aid further prostate cancer research.

So, don't miss out . Support this worthwhile cause.

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