

The Passing of Time

Where does the year go?! I started my newsletter in July last year by saying that the year will be filled with 'good fellowship, good humour and good communication' and I think I can comfortably say that has happened.

Mike and I have really enjoyed our travels, meeting with the club members, hearing what the clubs are doing in the local community as well as globally and being fortunate enough to see much of the work first hand.

As I finish my year I am very cognisant of the ongoing work that needs to be done locally and globally and trust that you will give DGE Brian the support and encouragement that has been shown to me.

Time is not measured
by the passing of years
but by what one does,
what one feels, and
what one achieves.

Redistricting

Last week Rotary International Director Noel called a meeting of the 'Grains' from D9670 and D9650 to discuss the old kernel of Redistricting. The result of this meeting is that we have been directed to form a committee to discuss and plan for the redistricting as it will apparently be an inevitable happening in about 3 years' time. Noel was very happy with the manner in which District 9670 managed and is continuing to manage this matter and how we are working to increase membership as well as retain the members we have. We will keep you informed so watch this space!

CHANGE
BRINGS
OPPORTUNITY.

Mike's Project

Since my last newsletter Mike and I are delighted to report the generosity of several more clubs who have made contributions to this very worthwhile project. As I write, I know there are more donations to be made and we sincerely thank all the clubs who have recognised community and club members with an Immortal badge.



Helen and husband Mike

DISTRICT DIARY

June, 2018

17 - YEP 2018 outbound students & parents BBQ - Merriwa

30 - YEP 2019 Assessment/Selection/ Placement

July, 2018

07 - D9670 Changeover



Rotary District 9670 and
Rotary Club of East Maitland

Present the
**District Changeover Dinner
and Presentations**

7 July, 2018
at 6 for 6:30pm

LOCATION:
Club Maitland City
Arthur Street, Rutherford, NSW 2320

Please book early.

NEW Member Links

[New Facebook Link](#)

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

[District 9670 YouTube Link](#)

[Linked In](#)

[Pinterest](#)

[Twitter](#)

Leaving a Legacy of Hope
Rotary's Endowment Fund

District and Club Changeover

May I remind you to book for the District changeover which is to be held on July 7 at the Club Maitland City, Rutherford. This will be an excellent night of Fellowship and conversation and I do recommend you attend to celebrate the achievements of District 9670 this year and to welcome DGE Brian into the position of Governor. Tickets are available through the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/374099>

Au Revoir / Auf Wiederseh'n / Hooroo / Cheers / Farewell / Good bye

To all who have helped over the past 12 months I say a very sincere thank you. It has been a fabulous journey and an opportunity to learn so much more about Rotary and the people who are involved. The position of Governor is one of joy, privilege, responsibility, listening, leadership, learning, sharing and managing; not all of these strategies are taught in San Diego so the assistance and support of many good people en route has been vital to sanity and strength during the 12 months. This newsletter is not possible without the guidance of an editor and I thank John East most sincerely for his work and help during the year. It has been much appreciated.

I encourage you all to continue with Rotary; Making a Difference and through the following year to "Be the Inspiration."

Helen



**Our new vision statement:
why should you care?**

We are now more than a year into the process of revisiting Rotary's strategic plan, a process that will allow us to examine our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats in order to move the organization in a direction that will allow Rotary to thrive in the years ahead.

You may have seen the vision statement and wondered what its relevance is to you. If Rotary were a ship approaching land, our new vision statement would be the lighthouse that keeps us from running aground. Our vision statement explains what we want to achieve, in the same way that our mission statement explains our focus, and our strategic plan represents how we are going to get there.

Strategic planning is a process, not an event. And it is certainly not limited to activity conducted in the board room.

Out of the focus groups, different elements emerged that were then tested around the world to be sure they were culturally appropriate to both a Rotarian and non-Rotarian audience. These elements became our 24-word vision statement.

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



Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion.

Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience.

How do I join a fellowship?

Fellowships are open to Rotarians, family members, and program participants and alumni.

You can contact a fellowship directly by using the links below.

How do I form a fellowship?

Start by finding others who share your interest.

Join a discussion group or start a new one. It's a great way to share your interest with other members.

Use Rotary's presence on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn to promote your idea.

Attend the Rotary International Convention or other Rotary events.

Reach out to district leadership in other countries to build membership.

Be sure you meet the criteria for a fellowship and apply for official recognition.

Explore our fellowships

Interested in a particular subject? Visit the group's website or email it to learn more.



ROTARY DISTRICT 9670 - MAY, 2018			
CLUB NAME	MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	ATTENDANCE %	COMMUNITY HOURS
Belmont	28	95.8	282
Cardiff	11	65	78
Denman	18	50	100
Dubbo	26	80.68	325
Dubbo Macquarie	21	90	302
Dubbo South	59	73.58	282
Dubbo West	40	80.32	30
Dungog	13	76	312
East Maitland	39	89.5	914
Kurri Kurri	23	56	158
Kurri Kurri Sunrise	22	85	60
Maitland	40	69.5	239
Maitland Sunrise	32	76	293
Mudgee	27	73	151
Myall Coast	23	68	80
Narromine	12	66	160
Nelson Bay	51	72	350
Newcastle Enterprise	27	60	311
Raymond Terrace	23	70	200
Rutherford Telarah	39	65.66	848
Toronto	19	74	144
Toronto Sunrise	27	70.4	85
Waratah	18	79.28	120
APRIL 2018			
East Maitland	38	82	357
Newcastle Harbour	22	-	105

A WINNING ROTARY

Rotary wins Hero Award for polio eradication efforts

Rotary's commitment to polio eradication won a Hero Award from the One Billion Acts of Peace Campaign, an international global citizens' movement to tackle the world's most important issues. The campaign is the initiative of the PeaceJam Foundation led by 14 Nobel Peace Prize laureates including Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama.

Rotary.org wins People's Voice Award from Webby

With a majority of online votes, Rotary.org took the prestigious Webby People's Voice Award in the category of association websites. The Webby Awards are the leading international honour for excellence on the internet. Rotary.org was one of five websites nominated in its category. This year, 3 million votes were cast online in the People's Voice portion of the awards. The redesigned Rotary.org is part of a number of enhancements made possible by the dues increase approved by the 2016 Council on Resolution.

ONLINE GIVING, AND WHY IT MATTERS

As more and more of our daily activities, interactions, and transactions happen on our computers and mobile phones, it makes sense that our charitable giving has started to move to the digital sphere.

Online contributions to The Rotary Foundation have increased steadily over the past five years. A total of 60,827 donors contributed \$14.7 million online to the Foundation in 2016-17, compared with 27,578 donors contributing \$8.1 million online in 2012-13.

When you exclude the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's large, one-time donations of \$100 million from the total (large donations like these would not be made with a credit card online), Rotary's online giving falls very close to the industry average of 7.2 percent, as reported by the Blackbaud Institute for Philanthropic Impact, which publishes the annual Index of Charitable Giving.

Donors are also getting more comfortable giving on mobile devices. The rate of smartphone use in charitable transactions has nearly doubled since 2014, now accounting for 17 percent of online gifts.

Recognizing this shift, Rotary has made online giving easier. When you give to The Rotary Foundation, it takes just a few simple steps, whether you use a desktop computer or a mobile device.

The page you use to donate is available in several languages, and you can give using any of a number of currencies. It's also easy to give memorial and tribute gifts.





Invitation



Rotarians and Friends
are invited to the
Change Over
of
Rotary Club of East Maitland
and
Rotary District 9670

Saturday 7th July 2018

6 p.m. for 6.30 p.m.

Club Maitland City

16 Arthur Street, Rutherford

\$35.00 per person – incl. 2 course dinner

Register: Try Booking - <https://www.trybooking.com/374099>

or email : trevor.lynch@exemail.com.au

mobile: 0412 349 518 (manual booking)

RSVP: 1st July 2018



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