



# “Coffey Break”

Rotary  
District 9670



## Monthly Newsletter of District Governor 2018-19



As you read this, Carol and myself have reached the halfway mark on our journey with 23 of the 47 clubs visited (good enough on my Maths). To say we have had a ball would be an understatement. The receptions, honesty and thank you words have been treasured. Carol has had a magnificent and generous response from clubs and corporate associations with her Australian Rotary Health ‘Lift the Lid on Mental Illness’ project. With the drought pressing, we can understand if that is where your Clubs priority for funding support is going; many understand the mental strain that the drought is having on farmers, family and communities.

At the same time that we have been doing these visits, I notified every President and Secretary of the health dilemma facing my younger brother as we set out in July. I would like to thank everyone for their understanding and concern – to date he is having a miraculous improvement on a Chemo drug. We have taken time out after Wednesday’s Warren visit to travel to Canberra and catch up – coming from a family of 10 you nearly need to be on a roster.

To date the hospitality of every club is a credit to the members; we have seen some very well-oiled clubs, however every club has obviously been proudly committed to doing their bit for the members and the community, all the smaller clubs punch above their weight, while others just show courage and determination in their own pride to succeed.

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*“From these visits it is obvious that every club is full of happy members, and I pass onto DGE Graeme the positive experience that he and Sue will have next year.”*

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Along the trip we stumbled across one club that is totally different. This month the award goes to Merriwa. Honestly, you don’t know if you are at a Rotary Club or a Comedy Club meeting, with laughter from the time you step in until the time when you don’t want to go home because you want to hear the next joke or good-hearted antic. I was thinking of getting a quote for Conference entertainment.

**Rotary Dues** On a serious note, I have received reminders from Rotary International that we have several clubs with outstanding dues reminders. I forwarded those last week and have had a good response from clubs indicating that they had recently paid those dues or were in the process of doing so. Knowing that will keep the repossession agents away from my door. There are three lots of dues to deal with; Rotary International, District and Rotary Down Under (you can vary those with reducing the number of RDU magazines for couples).

### Membership & Redistricting

We have recently had a bit of a surge in Membership leads come through on ‘My Rotary’. After following some up I was advised that they had already been contacted. If you are notified of a club lead on <https://my.rotary.org/en/document/how-manage-membership-leads-clubs> May I ask of you to update the action taken so as to avoid repeat contact of candidates.

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Our District membership figures were released this month and did not look pretty. We slipped under the Rotary redistricting number with 1099 members as of 1 July, and built back to 1104 at 1 August. I know that several more members have joined our District Rotary clubs since then.

Unfortunately, we did lose one valued member of Warners Bay Club with the passing of their Secretary Julie Orrock who succumbed to her cancer battle. RIP Julie.

During the next few months I will be talking with Rotary International, and District 9650 (above us) as well as the exciting merger (below us) of Districts 9700 and 9710 to see where we might best fit should we have to merge in the future.

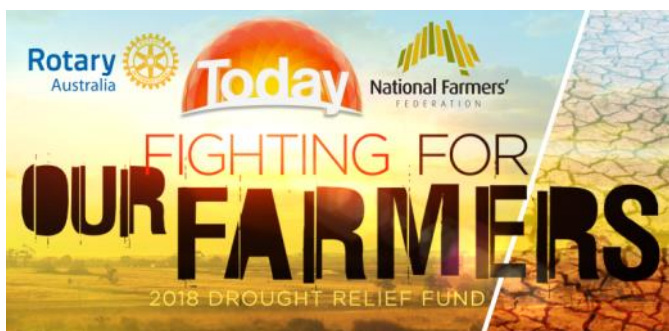


In the mean time we are forging ahead with our own initiatives. The Pied Piper Project is starting to gain momentum (see separate article) and acceptance from Clubs. Soon we will be rolling out the first professional marketing opportunities for

Clubs to assist with face to face contact with potential members in areas of high flow event patrons, following on from the Rotary club promotion we held for Newcastle and Lake Macquarie clubs at Wallsend Fair recently.

In October we plan to hold a Membership Boot Camp. Newer members will be asked to come along and share how and why they joined Rotary, what it has done for them and if it has fulfilled their expectations. The two most successful Clubs in the District will be asked to share their methods for growth.

### Community Service & Publicity



With Rotary gaining good publicity on Channel 9 through the drought appeal, and Dubbo clubs pulling off an amazing feat, to unite with minimal notice, to supply 1000 meals (see separate story) and the 'Build For a Cure' house project (separate story), we have the opportunity to capitalise on our community service aspect – one of the primary reasons that people join Rotary. All we need is Fairfax to work out who we are, and we would have had better coverage.

### Learning, Technology and Rotary

Existing members are showing great acceptance of the way Rotary has moved forward in recent times; we now even have on line training tutorials for several roles. Last week Rotary International announced that Rotary's new Learning Centre was now live at [Rotary.org/learn](http://Rotary.org/learn). There are 25 on line courses – I have tried one. They look impressive, and are sure to be an asset to individuals, clubs and committees in your development – perhaps a sign of things to come with on line training being a part of the total education package. Please visit, explore courses, and start learning.

With District face to face training, a big emphasis is put on planning, and this is an area we need to increase our tuition as a holistic approach from RI to the District and each club if we are to continue successfully as one body. Planning is our road map, without it you are going nowhere. The good news is that every club that we have attended has had its 'Effective Planning Guide' completed – I am advised that this is a rare but encouraging feat. A big thanks to the drivers at PETS, the Assistant Governors support and the advice and help from past Presidents to their new leaders in continuing the planning process of clubs. We are also seeing more clubs go onto the planning areas of My Rotary and complete their goals; hopefully working toward the Presidential Citation.

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*"Club's are strongly encouraged to report data on their achievements this year to help put themselves in line for a Citation."*

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During visits, members are seeing the advantage of providing their club, the District and RI with a useful tool by providing their ages to enable us to see the true picture of how we stand. This effort is gratifying to see, in showing support for the District Governors role and pride in their own Clubs presence in the District.

Likewise, our Electronic Communication Committee has reported increased use of the improved District website by both users and the number of times it was accessed and for how long.

### Drought Appeal

The National Drought Appeal has gained much attention and resulted in a lot of questions to us – the primary one being trying to identify how moneys can be obtained for a particular area. This appeal is managed through Rotary Australia World Community service (RAWCS), with the Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS) Project offering tax deductibility.

For the past week I have been working with the RAWCS National Chair and as late as this week-end with the RAWCS National Treasurer to determine a plan that District 9670 can be decisively included in and involved with the National Farmers Federation in the receipt and distribution of National funds. Some potential donors have also wanted to specify areas for their donation as well as receive the opportunity for tax deductibility.

On Saturday we received the wonderful news that our case had been accepted – District 9670 will have its own RABS Drought project to manage. Donors can deposit funds, get a tax invoice and tell us where they want it allocated; clubs in drought affected areas can put their case forward for drought related funds. This is a great opportunity for our District and Clubs to support the drought appeal.

To date, information from RAWCS is that as of Round One, \$1 million has been released via the 'Country Women's Association' and the 'Need for Feed' initiative. This initial funding will help farmers access donated fodder to feed livestock, plus financial support for household expenses. Farmers can register to access this support by contacting those organisations directly. The established RABS/RACG projects have also received funding support, we will be part of the next round.

For our District Clubs, with our new RABS project, Rotary Clubs are encouraged to apply for funding with a proposal on how the funds will be used and what impact they will have; or if a specific donation has been made, those funds will be allocated to that area/club.

Proposals will be accepted on the following:

1. Relief type: (Fodder, Water, Household expenses, Mental Health, Other)
2. Criteria: (Governance structure, No admin fees, Ability to reach drought affected areas, Ability to deliver on the ground, Good process for determining eligibility, Collaboration)

Meanwhile, generic donations to support farmers in drought affected Australia are in safe hands with the National project.

September sees me in Hobart for the Australian Rotary Conference and a top up on my DG training, while Graeme and David will continue their development. I do get a 10 minute gig on Saturday at the Rotary Oceanic medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) presentation to speak on the impact of ROMAC patient Charlie on me – no notes needed here!

All my September visits are local so I will get to reacquaint with my bed. Meanwhile many clubs will be busy within their communities with Build for a Cure, movie nights, RLI, golf days, Dungog Pedalfest, the Lake St Clair bike ride and the Newcastle to Dungog Charity bike ride – that should keep many members and friends out of trouble for a few days.

I hope to catch up for a Coffey Break with a few at some of these events that we can make – now where are my lycra bike shorts?

*Yours in Rotary, Brian*



Many of you will remember the promotion that District Governor Brian and I put to the clubs last year regarding a new concept for increasing membership.

The concept being that of Public Relations and Marketing – an integral part of the International and District Strategic Plan. These crucial areas will also benefit any club that desires to take advantage of what has already been done at District level to assist.

We will run **Pied Piper** as a Pilot programme with the clubs who have already agreed to work with the programme. This will take place over a period of 12 months and as such will give us a good indication of the validity of the programme.

Graphic designer, Andrew Carraro, is assisting us with promotional material that will be available to clubs for use at public events such as fairs, promotional days, fundraising events, BBQs or any function

held by clubs. Television and print media were too expensive and restricted in demographics.

The Rotary Club of Wallsend Maryland promoted Rotary at the recent Wallsend Community day by displaying a marquee, banners, distributing fliers as well as having Rotarians from 8 clubs assisting with the promotional day and being available to talk to the many who asked about Rotary, to advise them about clubs in their area and to follow up with a call on the conversation. We believe we achieved several positive contacts.

As the chair of the New Club Development, I am happy to come to your club and talk about this concept and the reach it can have in the community. This year we have had several new people join Rotary, many hearing about Rotary through the work that Rotary does in the community and seeing Rotary's presence as People of Action.

**For further information please contact  
IPDG Helen Ryan on 0409 842 455.**



# Clubs Working Together



Children's Cancer Institute  
Build for a Cure

In 2016, the **Rotary Club of Kurri Kurri** was asked by The Children's Cancer Institute to cater for tradies at their 'Build for a Cure' project in Teralba, Lake Macquarie. The success of this project led to another offer to do the same at Medowie in Port Stephens in August 2018. After committing to the project, assistance was sought, and obtained, from the **Rotary Clubs of East Maitland, Raymond Terrace and Williamtown.**

'Build for A Cure' is primarily run by the Children Cancer Institute in Randwick (Sydney) with close ties to John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle. A block of land was donated by McCloy Group in The Bower Estate Medowie, and a four bedroom house and its construction was donated by McDonald Jones Homes. Tradies offered to donate their time and materials to the cause with a scope of building the house in 16 days!! The house will be furnished by Freedom Furniture and Domain, landscaped and auctioned off with 100% of the money raised going to the Children Cancer Institute.

The Rotary Clubs kicked off at 5am on Monday 27 August, with builders on the job at 6am. Rotary is tasked with feeding all the tradies, officials and special guests for the full 16 days for breakfasts, morning tea, lunch and dinner.

The Rotary roster has up to 31 Rotarians working up to 11 hours a day for 16 days of community service to support the great effort.

The community has jumped in with tremendous support of donations of bread and rolls from Kurri Hot Bread Shop, meat from Neil Eastley Butchery at East Maitland and Somerset Meats. Chicken products from Baiada at Beresfield, drinking water from Hunter Spring water at Thornton and if there is anything else needed Woolworths Supermarkets gave gift vouchers to cover this.

**"We are curing childhood cancer.  
It's not if. It's when."**

Children's  
Cancer  
Institute

On the first day, weatherman Stevie Jacobs from Channel 9's Today show did the weather broadcast from the site showcasing Rotary and its great work.



*President Paul Hughes (RC of Kurri Kurri),  
Stevie Jacobs & DG Brian Coffey.*

Special guests included Mitchell Pearce from the Knights and a couple of Blockheads from the Block. Day 1, saw the whole frame & roof up within 8 hours and 3 hours later half of the roof was sheeted in iron, all windows were in and the house wrapped in insulation ready for the bricklayers to start on day 2. Follow the progress on the District and Kurri's Facebook sites.





# Clubs Working Together

12 August 2018



Thousands gathered for the annual fair. On the day we had three Past District Governors, the current Governor, District Governor Elect, two club Presidents, our Membership Chair and many members, partners, friends and a Youth Exchange Student representing Rotary District 9670 clubs of WallSEND - Maryland, East Maitland, Green Hills, Cardiff, Morisset, Toronto Sunrise, Waratah, Nelson Bay and Newcastle Enterprise.

Rotary's Graffiti Removal Team trailer and Catering trailer joined the street parade and Rotary's overall participation was well acknowledged on the day.

**A magnificent chance to work together and a great opportunity to launch our District's membership drive.**



20 August 2018 -Dubbo Showground



The four Dubbo clubs banded together with very short notice to supply a BBQ at the Channel 9 / Rotary Drought relief Telethon at Dubbo Showground. They filled the roster and got a surprise visitor from the RC of Canberra to assist the morning shift. None other than GG Sir Peter Cosgrove and his wife Lynne signed on to assist (see photo below).

The Rotary team served well over 1000 meals consisting of 65kg sausages, 30kgs bacon, 330 eggs 24kgs onions and 60 loaves of bread. The Rotarians donated 175 hours of volunteer service to the event and collected over \$3,300 in community donations.



The Newcastle Science & Engineering Challenge for 2018 has been conducted with the largest number of schools at any competition in Australia (46 schools with 1175 Students attending). The Rotary Clubs from the Lower Hunter areas are to be thanked for their continued support and assistance for this Challenge. The 3 highest winning schools over the 6 days were invited to compete at the NSW Super Challenge to try and win the chance to become this year's National Winner at a Competition to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 in Humpty Doo Northern Territory.

The present Australian Champions are from ASC St. Peter's Campus in Maitland as they won last year in Dubbo. This year however Keira High School from Wollongong are the NSW Champions to go to Darwin. 683 students attend the NSW Super Challenge with both events held at The Forum at Newcastle University.

As part of the Science & Engineering program we also organise and conduct the Discovery Day program for year 6 at the primary school. This program will take place over 15 days with around 2914 students and some of these events have already taken place. Maitland area have had their 4 days, Avondale 2 days and next week we will have the Newcastle area school competing over 4 days at St. Therese's New Lambton. In total we will have around 85 schools competing.



The high school students are the supervisors for this competition with any Rotary volunteers assisting them. We still have events in Newcastle at St. Mary's Campus (3 days), Port Stephens (1day) and Cessnock (2days) to complete.

We are proud to be part of Rotary as we endeavour to encourage students to think Science & or Engineering as a path for their future.

**Many thanks to our District Governor, Brian Coffey for visiting us and to all of our volunteers from many of our Rotary Clubs in the Lower Hunter from the organising committee.**

*Paul.A.Griffiths  
Deputy Regional Chair,  
Newcastle Science & Engineering Challenge Coordinating*



## DROUGHT SUPPORT

# Rotary: Every dollar raised for drought relief goes to farmers

By JOHN RYAN

SO many new and unknown charities have popped up since the drought became a mainstream media issue that many people are concerned about where their donations of cash are going, and if they'll end up helping someone in need or just be swallowed up by administration and on-costs.

That's where Rotary comes in – the organisation has been around for 113 years and is recognised as one of the leading charitable organisations in the world through the Rotary Foundation, according to District 9670 governor Brian Coffey.

District 9670 takes in 47 clubs from Newcastle to Bourke and Brian passed through Dubbo last weekend on his way to Bourke to see how Rotary can help struggling farmers and communities.

"The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating from Charity Navigator (an

independent charity watchdog based in America), and recently earned the maximum of 100 points for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to accountability and transparency," Mr Coffey told *Dubbo Photo News*.

"The Fighting For Our Farmers drought relief program has mustered the 21 districts of Australia with massive support from Channel 9 to enable assistance to be given to Australian farmers in crisis.

"Rotary is not a first response agency, but we certainly have over 30,000 dedicated volunteers (and we're) satisfied that we have the National Farmers' Federation to guide the fundraising to assist the people who are the lifeblood of our country," he said.

The Rotary Club of Sydney has been behind the project and enabled the Burrumbutlock hay run for more than five years, while numerous other clubs do what they can for various communities and

groups to assist with drought relief.

This national project, under the banner of Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS), will mean a coordinated national project can run to assist families in ways that the farmers' own body, the National Farmers Federation, recognises.

"It is much more than livestock – farmers are facing mental stress, wives are running the households and binding families together under great duress," Mr Coffey said.

"We've had calls from a school to assist children to attend an excursion, and Narramine Rotary Club and my own club at East Maitland have responded."

With a goal of \$10 million dollars for this National project, in less than a week the total stands at more than \$1.3 million.

"All these moneys are tax deductible as RAWCS is a registered charity," Mr Coffey said.



Brian Coffey, Rotary's District Governor for this part of NSW, has been touring drought-affected parts of the state. He says 100 per cent of Rotary's drought fundraising is going to farmers via the National Farmers Federation. PHOTO: SUPPLIED.

"Because we are volunteers there are no overheads and administration fees, enabling Rotary to give 100 per cent of funds raised to the National Farmers Federation for their distribution.

"Rotary has been doing this for many years and boast supporters of the calibre of Bill

Gates and Dick Smith to administer their donations. At the end of the day, we have many organisations doing their bit for the drought relief; all are good in their own right and hopefully administer the funds in the spirit that they were donated," he said.

In the event that this tax-deductible fund is your choice you can donate via [www.rawcs.org.au](http://www.rawcs.org.au).

## END POLIO NOW

**This year's End Polio Movie Event looks like being a blockbuster!**

**Bohemian Rhapsody is the story of Freddie Mercury and Queen and it will be released worldwide on 1st November.**

Fox Studios Australia has arranged for Rotary clubs to run the movie nights as fundraisers for **End Polio Now**, during the week starting **Thursday 1st November** (there is no pre-release opportunity, and you'll need to avoid conflicts with Melbourne Cup events).

When dealing with your local cinema, clubs need to remember that the cinema is not obliged to support the event, so please do not be aggressive or demanding. The music of Queen and their story resonates with all generations – Boomers, GenX'ers and Millennials will all love it!

These movie nights are a lot of fun, great for building club spirit and also an excellent opportunity to engage with potential new members. *Bohemian Rhapsody* looks like the best movie yet, a simply outstanding opportunity! You'll need to decide when you'd like to run the event, negotiate an arrangement with your local cinema and book a session time(s). It is the cinema – **not the Rotary club** – that deals with Fox Studios. Some clubs like to band together to create a larger event – do what makes sense in your community.

Need more inspiration? Click here for the movie trailer [www.bit.ly/BohRhapTrailer](http://www.bit.ly/BohRhapTrailer)



August was Rotary's designated Membership and New Club Development month. The following , pertinent, story from Uganda is one of inspiration, innovation and commitment. It focusses on Nakivale, one of the oldest refugee settlements in Uganda, which was opened in 1958 and officially established as a settlement in 1960. The settlement hosts more than 100,000 refugees from Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, and South Sudan .

## How we set up a Rotaract club in a refugee settlement

*By Francis Xavier Sentamu, District 9211 (Uganda) governor-elect*

When I first saw a story on BBC in the spring of 2016 about the Nakivale Refugee settlement, I didn't give it much thought. It was distant to me. Somewhat coincidentally, I attended a "changemaker" event that November organised by the American Refugee Committee, where 13 youth from the Nakivale Refugee settlement were being honoured for their project ideas to impact the refugee community.

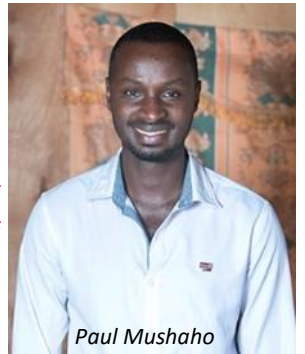
Sam Otori (who passed away in July of 2017), was at the event as RI president-nominee and was so impressed by the enthusiasm and determination of these youth that he got the idea right at that moment of organizing them into a Rotaract club.

Together with Angela Eifert from the Rotary Club of Roseville, Minnesota, and staff at the American Refugee Committee, we took on the challenge. Both Angela and I began our Rotary journey as Rotaractors. And I saw the opportunity to impact and mentor youth who are critically in need.

I was even more encouraged by the zeal I saw in them. I must say, it was exciting to see young people who refused to be held back by their status as a refugee, but were determined to change their lives and serve their community.



One young man who particularly stood out for his charisma and leadership skills was Paul Mushaho. Paul ended up playing a key role in mobilising his peers and in June of 2017, with a membership of 54, the club was officially chartered. I was thrilled to personally present them with their certificate. It was truly a Rotary moment for me, because I have never heard of a Rotaract club in a refugee settlement before.



My goal during their first year was to ensure that they grew to understand the core values of Rotary and particularly how they can benefit from Rotaract as they work in their community. Members of the Rotary clubs of Kiwatule and Mbarara, Uganda, and Roseville, USA, have supported and mentored these youth in developing their leadership skills while participating in some of their projects.



*"The success of this club has energised me, and other Rotary members, to start planning other Rotaract clubs in refugee camps. I believe the Nakivale Rotaract Club could be an idea that spreads to other clubs in hard to serve areas, while also extending Rotary's reach as these young adults eventually return to their home countries."*

*Francis Xavier Sentamu August 2018*



## Engaging with Rotary to enhance your membership experience

*One way you can celebrate your membership is by getting involved in the many activities and programs available to you as a member of the Rotary family. Everyone's reason for joining Rotary is different, but members stay because of the value it adds to their lives. Through the friends we make and the lives we change, Rotary offers us opportunities to engage with a global community and make a positive difference.*

*One way you can engage with Rotary to enhance your membership experience is to discover other cultures and make new friends across the globe by taking part in a Rotary Friendship Exchange. This is an international self-funded exchange program for Rotary members and friends that allows participants to take turns hosting one another in their homes and clubs. Visitors enjoy warm hospitality and an international travel experience unlike any other, while hosts are rewarded with new friendships and cultural exchanges while showing their part of the world to visitors.*



Visitors from Nigeria enjoy District 9670 hospitality in 2014



**Come join the group from District 9670 on a trip to District 5610, USA**  
**Departing end May 2019 return June 2019**  
**Rotarians from District 5610 will travel to District 9670 in October 2019**

Fly into Sioux Falls, South Dakota and be met by Rotarians and hosted in each town.

Visiting Brookings, Western Minnesota, Eastern Iowa, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Moving on across the district to the west crossing the Missouri River and visit the capital of South Dakota. Last few days in the Black Hills visiting Mt Rushmore and other mountain sights. Along the way there will be Rotary meetings and events.

Flying out of Rapid City to destination of choice.

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**<https://rotary5610.org/stories/welcome-to-our-district-5610-website>**

## Sushil Kumar Gupta nominated to be 2020-21 Rotary president

Sushil Kumar Gupta, of the Rotary Club of Delhi Mid-west, Delhi, India, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2020-21.

He will be declared the president-nominee on 1st October if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

Gupta wants to increase Rotary's humanitarian impact as well as the diversity of its membership.



*In the 110-year history of Rotary International Rtn Gupta is the 4th Indian to lead the organisation.*

*"As individuals, we can only do so much," Gupta said in a statement. "But when 1.2 million Rotarians work together, there is no limit to what we can achieve, and in the process, we can truly change the world."*

Gupta has been a Rotarian since 1977 and has served Rotary as district governor, training leader, and resource group adviser, and as a member, vice chair, or chair of several committees.

He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree by the IIS University, Jaipur, in recognition of his contributions to water conservation.

He has also received the coveted Padma Shri Award, the fourth-highest civilian award in India, conferred by the president of India for distinguished service to tourism and social work.

Gupta has also received the Distinguished Service Award from The Rotary Foundation for his support of its humanitarian and educational programs. He and his wife, Vinita, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation & members of the Arch Klumph Society.

Gupta is chair and managing director of Asian Hotels (West) Ltd., and owner of Hyatt Regency Mumbai and JW Marriott Hotel New Delhi Aerocity. He has served as president of the Federation of Hotel and Restaurant Associations of India and on the board of directors of Tourism Finance Corporation of India Ltd. He is the president of Experience India Society, a public-private partnership between the tourism industry and the government of India that promotes India as a tourist destination. He is also vice chair of the Himalayan Environment Trust and serves on the board of Operation Eyesight Universal in India.



The following projects are being promoted through the District Community Service Committee.  
For further information and assistance please contact Keith Harcombe (Community Service Committee Chair) on 0417 475 163 [keitheh48@gmail.com](mailto:keitheh48@gmail.com)

All clubs in our District, with access to graffiti removal equipment, are asked to get involved by registering a project. Follow this link for more details ; <http://graffiti removal day.org.au/>



**graffiti REMOVAL DAY**

**Love where we live!**

**Sunday 21 Oct 2018**

**Volunteer**  
**Nominate a Site**  
**Promote the Day**

For more information call 1300 665 310 or visit [graffiti removal day.org.au](http://graffiti removal day.org.au)

Follow us on    

#GRD18 #LoveWhereWeLive

 **BIG AUSSIE BARBIE**

**SIGN UP TO HOST A BBQ FOR PROSTATE CANCER**



During **November** our District Clubs are encouraged to sign up to host a BBQ on behalf of the **Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia**. The aim is to raise prostate cancer awareness and invaluable funds for prostate cancer research.

Follow the link below for more information and tips on how to organise your event.

<http://bigaussiebarbie.com.au/>

## Good news from Bob Aitken - Rotary International End Polio Now Coordinator Zone 8.

Thankfully, no increase in Wild Polio Virus cases. Ten cases in Afghanistan and three in Pakistan for a total of 13 this year – compared to 22 in total last year.

Nigeria is still clear and on track to be declared 'polio free' again – after three years from 2016. One additional case of Acute Flaccid Paralysis was discovered in PNG but the national Department of Health in that country has excellent procedures in hand to ensure the situation is under control by way of intensive vaccination and surveillance.

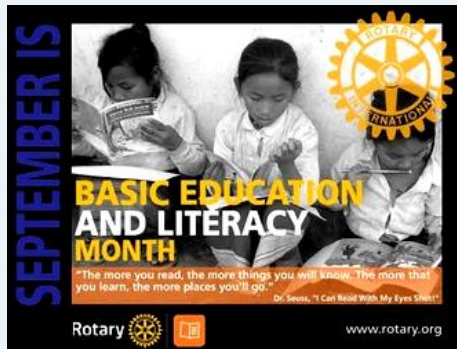


## Attendance & Community Hours JULY 2018

Club	Members	Attendance %	Hours
Belmont	28	88	
Cardiff	11	76	87
Dubbo Macquarie	22	88	24
Dubbo South	58	77	213
Dubbo West	37	75	40
Dungog	13	78	75
Kurri Kurri		48	134
Maitland	41	72	268
Maitland Sunrise	32	74	232
Mudgee	28	61	100
Narromine		54	28
Nelson Bay	47	62	350
Newcastle Enterprise	30	70	312
Toronto			134
Toronto Sunrise		53	23
Wallsend Maryland	20	68	129
Waratah	20	88	87
Warners Bay	42	80	511

## Rotary Designated Months

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



Promote Literacy and it's a time when Rotary clubs and districts highlight Rotaract by joining in projects with their Rotaract clubs.



This month also includes : International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on the 17th and World Polio Day on the 24th of October.



Clubs and Districts call attention to the programs of The Rotary Foundation and frequently cultivate additional financial support for the Foundation.

Following on from previous issues of this newsletter we complete the profiles of Management Committee members with our two District Governor's "in-waiting".



### DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT (DG 2019-20)

**Graeme Hooper**

Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise

**Joined Rotary** 1986. Previously Rotaract 1974-1980

**Profession & Qualifications**  
Bachelor Commerce & Administration

**Rotary Club roles**  
Club Roles (5 clubs)  
President (2006-7), Secretary, Treasurer, Club Service Director, Youth Director, Public Relations, Foundation, Bulletin Editor, Art Exhibition Coordinator

**Recognitions**  
Club Presidential Citation (2006-7)  
Paul Harris Fellow (2009)  
PHS Member (2018)

**Rotary District Roles**  
Rotaract - District 9440 Representative 1977  
**Rotary:-**  
**District 9930** - YEP Committee 1987-8  
**District 9690** - MUNA Committee 1993-4  
Chair Teenager of Year Program 1990-1992  
**District 9670**  
YEP Treasurer 2007-2009,  
YEO Scandinavia 2005-2009  
New Generations Service Exchange created Chair 2010- 2014  
Vision Facilitator 2011-present  
RLI Facilitator 2013-present  
RAWCS Secretary 2017-18

**Interests:** Secretary Lake Macquarie Business Centre Ltd, Board Catalina Memorial Park Association, Wine, Travel, Bush walking, politics



### DISTRICT GOVERNOR NOMINEE (DG 2020-21)

**David Roach**

**Member Rotary Club of Rylstone-Kandos**  
**Joined Rotary** 2003.

**Profession & Qualifications**  
Diploma in Education.  
Executive - NSW Dept of Education

**Rotary Club roles**  
President (2006-7).  
Co-Manager Australiana Gift Shop

**Recognitions**  
Paul Harris Fellow (2011)  
Paul Harris Sapphire (2016)

**Rotary District Roles**  
Chair - Short Term Youth Exchange  
Chair - YEP Committee  
Assistant Governor - Zone 3 (2015-18)

**Interests:**  
Working in the garden and around home, watching sport and spending time with family.



# Coffey ON THE GO

I've been everywhere, man  
I've been everywhere, man  
Crossed the deserts bare, man  
I've breathed the mountain air, man  
Travel, I've had my share, man  
I've been everywhere



I've been to Nelson Bay, Bourke, Narromine,  
Denman, Singleton, Waratah, Newcastle,  
Morisset, Cessnock, Merriwa, Wallsend,  
Maitland, Cardiff & Warren.  
I've been everywhere.



## 7 Aug R C of Narromine

AG Steve Cowley, President Chris Barnett &  
DG Brian Coffey.



## 2 Aug R C of Nelson Bay

AG Phillip Gorton, President Kathy Rimmer  
& DG Brian Coffey



## 8 Aug R C of Denman

Mary & President Peter Moore with DG Brian



## 6 Aug R C of Bourke

DG Brian Coffey pictured with (l to r) Peter Crothers,  
AG Steve Crowley, President Leonie Brown,  
Secretary Meredith Thompson & Treasurer Lisa Crothers



## 9 Aug R C of Singleton

DG Brian pictured with President Isabella Bailey





### **13 Aug R C of Waratah**

IPP Madeleine Atkins, DG Brian &  
AG Sharon Chambers



### **16 Aug R C of Cessnock**

Carol Coffey, President Dave Owens,  
DG Brian & AG Kerry Hayes .



### **14 Aug R C of Newcastle Enterprise**

DG Brian and President Chris Baldwin  
induct new member Shaun Stoneman



### **21 Aug R C of Wallsend/Maryland**

DG Brian, Carol Coffey and AG Sharon Chambers



### **15 Aug R C of Morisset**

AG Chris McGrath, President John Rodstrom &  
DG Brian Coffey.



### **21 Aug R C of Merriwa**

DG Brian pictured with ( l to r) Treasurer Mark Inder,  
President Mark Whale & Secretary Matt West.





### 22 Aug R C of Maitland

Carol Coffey, President Mike Lowing & DG Brian

## Scheduled-DG Visits (Sep - Nov 2018)



### Sep-2018

Date	Day	Club
3	Mon	Toronto
4	Tue	Toronto SR
		East Maitland
6	Thu	Greenhills Maitland
10	Mon	Rutherford Telarah
19	Wed	Newcastle SR
		Newcastle Harbour
24	Mon	Warners Bay
25	Tue	Maitland SR
		Charlestown
26	Wed	Kurri Kurri SR



### 27 Aug R C of Cardiff

DG Brian, AG Sharon Chambers &  
President Barry Lindbeck

### Oct-2018

Date	Day	Club
3	Wed	Scone
8	Mon	Belmont
15	Mon	Cobar
16	Tue	Dubbo Sth
19	Fri	Mudgee SR
22	Mon	Dubbo
23	Tue	Dubbo Macquarie
		Rylstone Kandos
24	Wed	Dubbo West
25	Thu	Muswellbrook



### 29 Aug R C of Warren

DG Brian & Carol Coffey pictured with  
Club President, Rod Sandell

### Nov-2018

Date	Day	Club
12	Mon	Myall Coast
14	Wed	Paterson
20	Tue	Wellington

## Kia Ora ~ Graeme & Sue's DGE Journey

In Darwin last year, the scene was set.  
To have our first taste of GETS.  
Excited and keen to be at the gate,  
Meeting and greeting our classmates.  
Learning and planning, onwards and upwards,  
Oh my! The journey ahead is going to  
be skywards!

A District Conference is first to be organised,  
To listen and to learn, to share and to socialise.  
Scheduled for March twenty twenty,  
With a program full of plenty,  
Rotarians and friends, from near and far,  
Coming together, for fun and friendship, food and  
the bar!

Road tripping begins to get into gear,  
Kilometres and kangaroos, we do not fear.  
Planning to visit Clubs in places we've not  
been before,  
Our urban and rural Rotarians, we'll get to  
see you all.  
Fabulous projects and all sorts of meetings ...  
"Greetings, Greetings, Greetings".

Our District structure is revisited, sorted  
and resorted,  
Plans and projects and programs being created  
and reported.  
Training for GETS and training for PETS and where  
ever we are involved,  
To help us all along the way, Webinars and Zoom,  
they have evolved.  
Spreadsheets, databases, budgets, minutes,  
manuals, media and more - are all in the mix,  
Website and Club Runner - the place for  
gremlins to hide and fix.

As most people know, we like to travel,  
Combining family and Rotary, tis a game  
to unravel.

Our predecessors have given us good advice,  
Your health and your family, do not sacrifice.  
If anyone thought we would be grounded by  
taking on this role,  
Life is full of adventures, and Rotary is, but a  
part of the soul.

September in Hobart, to again meet our class,  
Australia / New Zealand Conference, an event  
we can not pass.

International Assembly, will surely make us  
feel global,  
Rotary at this level, will surely make us  
feel humble.  
So in January twenty nineteen, is when we really  
learn to grow,  
For information overload, San Diego, tis the  
place we go.

And so our Rotary training wheels, are truly  
set in motion,  
But as for membership, there is no magic potion.  
It's Rotarians who raise and set the bar, as  
people of action,  
A colourful bunch of characters we are, with  
lots of traction.  
We hope you have enjoyed our little ode  
to partake,  
Of a little piece of friendship, along with your  
regular size, "Coffey" Break

Graeme & Sue



**WE LOVE  
Photos.**



*If your Club has "good news" stories or press  
articles that you believe will be of  
interest to other clubs in our District then we  
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