



Coffey Break

Monthly Newsletter of District Governor 2018-19



There has been so much interest in the District Conference and its achievements that we have issued a separate special Conference edition of 'Coffey Break'.

District Conferences, International Conferences and the International Convention are great opportunities to recharge the passion, enthusiasm and friendships that should be part of the enjoyment of your Rotary membership. You may not think they are for you – but to go outside the walls of your club and see the achievements and passion of others is inspiring.

The presenters and quality keynote speakers are carefully selected to enthuse you. The friendships that are made and rekindled over the various social activities is another key aspect to attend.

DGN Nomination

The interviews for the 2021-22 District Governor took place at Forster during the Conference in March. Rylstone -Kandos President, Amanda Roach, was outstanding in her confidence and preparation, leaving the interview panel very confident of her ability to lead the District.

Amanda is the wife of DGN David Roach who will lead us the year prior. They believe, and we supported their case, of the 2 year team continuity to take us through a transition period of redistricting.

Amanda has proven capable in her profession, Club and District Rotary activities; we have every confidence that after a year at the coal - face with David we will see extremely competent leadership as she hits the ground running.

Female membership & Under 40yo membership

Some great news for the end of February is the new statistics in relation to female and members under 40 years of age.

We now have 32.8% female membership – the highest percentage in Australia / New Zealand.

Additionally our membership of Rotarians under the age of 40 has returned us to the #1 spot with 6.6% - while the Australian / NZ average is only 2.8%

From a download of available Club Runner data, it is noted that 29 Clubs have members under the age of 40. Top spot goes to Greenhills- Maitland with 18 (and an average age of only 42.4), while East Maitland and Maitland have 6 each followed by Dubbo West, Merriwa and Toronto with 4 each, Kurri, Nelson Bay, Singleton on Hunter and Singleton Sunrise with 3 each, Dubbo, Morisset and Scone with 2 each, while Bourke, Charlestown, Dubbo South, Maitland Sunrise, Mudgee Sunrise, Muswellbrook, Myall Coast, Newcastle Enterprise, Newcastle Harbour, Newcastle Sunrise, Paterson, Rutherford-Telarah, Salamander Bay, Toronto Sunrise, Warners Bay and Warren Rotary clubs have 1 each.

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Division Representatives

The annual vote by member clubs for their divisional representatives was well contested this year in the Eastern, Central and Western divisions. It was refreshing to see some new faces putting their names forward – these same members are encouraged to seek District roles or enquire of the District Governor of the day, to attend Future Leaders training at National Conference.

These elections allow for clubs to have a representative voice on the District committee, as one of the nine members alongside the Governors, Secretary and Treasurer. On page 8 of this newsletter you will see an article about the successful candidates.

PHF Reminders



If you or your Club have Paul Harris Fellow recognition to give to members or the community, please send your requests in as early as possible to the Rotary International South Pacific Office to avoid delays or disappointment.

Rotary Foundation Annual Fund

It is the Rotary Foundation that transforms donations into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

I have been alerted to the fact that giving to the Annual Fund is down significantly in Australia.



District 9670 is one of the better supporters this year with our support already increasing 88% over the last financial year.

As well as membership of the 'Paul Harris Society', members qualified for 'Every Rotarian Every Year' and the 'Sustaining Members' are down. All very worthwhile methods of contributing regular small amounts to the Rotary Foundation, while getting tax deductibility and earning PHF points that enable you to gift a PHF and receive personal recognition for your generous support.

Please contact D9670 Foundation Chair PDG Janette Jackson for guidance and contacts to make personal contributions.

Membership 2019-20 Planning

President Elects should now be starting to work with their Club Membership committee in preparation for PETS. A membership plan to attract and engage members is a good start.

My own club recently completed its internal process to gain members feedback of their satisfaction with the club, what we want to keep, start and stop. The exercise took 20 minutes and every member walked out with the opinion that it was one of the most positive meetings that they had attended.

Unfortunately, this year, despite promoting the need to do so, only 11 clubs in our District submitted Membership goals. You will need to create a 'My Rotary' account and enter those details as well as checking you club appointments that should have been carried over from Club Runner.

Redistricting

This has never gone away as our membership number is below 1100. It was announced at the Conference that Rotary International have recommended our merger with the newly formed D9705. Information has gone out to every Club Secretary.

The decision will make no difference to your clubs functioning, in fact it is forecast to keep fees stable for a longer period, as the only source of income for Districts is members fees to offset the District overheads. When we secure those figures they will be distributed; the figures for D9705 are very encouraging and should be enhanced with our membership and the relevant administration savings.

The impact will be with District administration. It is felt this will be more dynamic, and lead to greater efficiency and support to the Clubs. The role of District Governor will be more administrative and open up the opportunity for younger community leaders to hold that office. Area governors will take a lot of the visiting load from that role.

Changeovers

Finally, just a reminder. If you haven't already done so, could you please advise your District Governor and/or myself of your proposed Changeover date. Also, please indicate any special awards, recognition or celebrations that will be included as part of the Changeover function.

Yours in Rotary, Brian



ClubsNSW donates \$31,250 towards Drought Relief **Newcastle & Hunter Valley Region**

With the drought continuing to have a devastating impact on farmers and their communities across the State, support is still needed to help these communities to survive and rebuild once the drought finally breaks.

Throughout our District 9670, Rotary has been supporting farming communities by providing farmers with debit cards so that they can continue to support local community (businesses) with their regular business requirements.

We are pleased to advise that ClubsNSW Newcastle & Hunter Valley Region agreed to support this campaign and have now made a substantial donation of \$31,250.

The photos below show DG Brian Coffey presenting Certificates of Appreciation to the participating Clubs for their generous donations.

A huge thank you to ClubsNSW Newcastle & Hunter Region.



Toronto Diggers \$5,000



Toronto Workers Club \$5,000







Singleton Diggers \$5.000

Iron Lung on the Move

Cessnock Leagues



\$5.000

The Districts iron lung (refurbished by Darcy Geale -RC Salamander Bay), has been transported from Raymond Terrace Council depot to Toronto where it is now at the trailer builders with Denis Trigg overseeing the construction of a purpose built trailer for viewing display.

So, things are on the move and hopefully the Lung will continue its exit from hibernation and soon be available for educational and fundraising purposes.



Who is this suave man with Carol featured in a recent edition of 'Newcastle Weekly'?



FAMILY

Carol and I have two boys, Kelvin, 35, and Deon, 33. Both boys are married, and we have four grandchildren. We all enjoy family get away from work.

My favourite things

I have been with Carol most of my life, meeting her when we were 20. I am often the butt of jokes that she makes me look good. I can live with that.



ROTARY

The opportunity and join, changed and shaped my life. I have international friendships and get personal satisfaction from helping people. of today is a far cry from the ceremonial traditional one that I joined. I look forward to the unchartered journey ahead for m



I have had a childhood passion for Falcon GT's; purchasing and restoring a GTHO Falcon in 2005. It has been a bonus to confirm and track down its race history late last year after locating its racing log books



We love going to remote areas in Australia or overseas. We have dived in isolated parts of the world, with whale sharks, the world's best shipwrecks, trekked, back packed, been stranded on atolls in the Pacific and stood on the side of a volcano. The crown is bringing a little boy back from a small island for life-changing surgery.

Brian Coffey

DISTRICT GOVERNOR - ROTARY DISTRICT 9670

Born, raised and educated in Newcastle, Brian moved to Maitland in 1979 to start a 34-year career in law enforcement. He is one of the longest-serving police officers to serve his career at Maitland. Brian joined the Rotary Club of East Maitland in 1999, after speaking on policing at a meeting. Since then, he has served in nearly every capacity at club level and volunteers for many community projects. He has been involved in Youth Exchange, Rotary Oceanic Medical Aid for Children and Rotary Australia World Community Services, providing to the needy in Australia and in the South Pacific. Brian was instrumental in receiving \$250,000 in drought money from the Channel 9 appeal for distribution in the area. As Rotary District Governor, Brian oversees 47 clubs from Newcastle to Bourke and travels to various conferences throughout Australia as a guest speaker.

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Presidential Message - April 2019



BARRY RASSIN
President | Rotary International
2018-19

Every two minutes, somewhere in the world, a woman dies from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. And babies whose mothers die within the first six weeks of their lives are far more likely to die themselves than babies whose mothers survive. As I've travelled around the world as president of Rotary, I've met families for whom these aren't simply tragic statistics. But I've also met people who are devoting themselves to helping mothers and children — and because of them, I'm hopeful. And because many of those people are Rotarians, I'm also proud. April is Maternal and Child Health Month in Rotary, so it's a perfect time to tell you about some things Rotarians are doing that will make you proud too.

Last fall, I paid a visit to a hospital in the town of Jekabpils, in Latvia. It's a modern hospital, and the doctors and nurses there are caring, dedicated, and skilled. But despite all their hard work, the maternal mortality rate at the hospital had remained stubbornly high, due to a factor that was beyond their control: a lack of vital diagnostic equipment and even basic items like incubators.







And that's where Rotary came in. Twenty-one clubs from around the world joined forces for a global grant that provided what the hospital required. And in September, when I walked into the maternity ward there, I saw state-of-the-art equipment, and I met patients who were getting the care that they needed — and that every mother and child in the world deserves to have (see photos above).

In Brazil, club members worked with fellow Rotarians in Japan on a global grant project that dramatically increased the capacity of an overstretched neonatal intensive care unit. New incubators, monitors, and other equipment have enabled the local hospital to save many more babies' lives each year.

And in Mongolia, a vocational training team from New Zealand organized instruction in emergency response techniques for doctors and midwives, set up a program that taught midwives modern best

practices, and researched and wrote a culturally relevant childbirth education manual. Between 2013, when the team first went to Mongolia, and 2017, the neonatal mortality rate in the country fell from 11.2 to 9.1 per 1,000 births, and the maternal mortality rate has decreased as well.

That's what I mean when I talk about transformational service, and it's what Rotarians do best. Because of our networks, which span the globe; our community presence, which allows us to see what's most needed; and our expertise, which encompasses countless skills and professions, we're able to serve in a manner that has no equal.



And we're able to Be the Inspiration as we help those who need us most.

Rotarians volunteer for Clean Up Australia

Thank you to our District Rotarians who participated in the Clean Up Australia Campaign during March

Photo (right) - Members of the Rotary Club of Warners Bay assisted local Landcare group at a clean up Australia event in Warners Bay

Photo (bottom right) shows Myall Coast RC tackling Anzac Park, Tea Gardens. Peter and Tim got out of bed early to brave the hazards of falling pine cones while picking up cigarette butts.

Photo (below) shows East Maitland Rotary Club members and RYE student Luca doing a bit of community service around the East Maitland Library, Victoria St Rail Station. The collected rubbish even included a kitchen sink! They also retrieved a truck load of shopping trolleys from the creek. The scooter in the photo was donated to a young lad keen to be more mobile.



EAST MAITLAND ROTARY CLUB

Brian, Michael, Luca, Keith, Carol, Glenda & Steve



WARNERS BAY ROTARY CLUB



MYALL COST ROTARY CLUB

Peter Sivyer, Tim Fenton and Marilyn Mercer

WELCOME to our newest MEMBERS

In a month that included International Women's Day it was fitting that our new membership for March was dominated by women.

Rotary Club of Newcastle Sunrise



Welcome newest member Lauren Jamieson

Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise



Club President Tim Turner inducts Verity Anwar (left) and welcomes existing Rotarian Deb Roach (right), a transfer from Port Macquarie.

Rotary Club of Morriset



DG Brian and Club President John Rodstrom induct three new members.

Redistricting

Currently, Rotary Districts 9700 and 9710 are successfully cooperating to form a new merged District 9705 in the year 2020-21.

At our District Conference, Rotary International Presidents Personal Representative, James Wilcox officially announced that our District 9670 will merge with the newly formed District 9705 on 1st July 2021.

On the basis of current information the composition of the merged entity would then be as follows:-

MEMBERSHIP	
Former District 9700	1.011
Former District 9710	1,268
Former District 9670	1,081
TOTAL DISTRICT 9705	3,360

CLUBS	E-Clubs	Other Clubs	Total Clubs	Rotaract
Former District 9700	1	38	39	2
Former District 9710	1	44	45	4
Former District 9670	0	47	47	2
TOTAL DISTRICT 9705	2	129	131	8

Your Club will have recently received an important redistricting message from DG Brian Coffey that more fully explains the background and the benefits that are expected to accrue from the merger.

Larger Rotary Districts are seen as an exciting platform for change. Although the merger decision will make little difference to the functioning of your club, District administration is expected to become more efficient, dynamic and supportive to the growth of clubs.

Take a look below at the future new clubs in our District - exciting times.

District 9710 Clubs

D 11	
Batlow	
Bombala	
Bungendore	
Cooma	
Crookwell	
Jerrabomberra	
Goulburn	
Goulburn Argyle	
Goulburn Mulwaree	
Queanbeyan	
Queanbeyan West	
Tumbarumba	
Tumut	
Yass	
Coastal Clubs:	
Batemans Bay	
Bega	
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Berry	
Berry Bomaderry	
Berry Bomaderry Gerringong Sunrise	
Berry Bomaderry Gerringong Sunrise Merimbula	
Berry Bomaderry Gerringong Sunrise Merimbula Milton-Ulladulla	
Berry Bomaderry Gerringong Sunrise Merimbula Milton-Ulladulla Moruya	
Berry Bomaderry Gerringong Sunrise Merimbula Milton-Ulladulla Moruya Narooma	
Berry Bomaderry Gerringong Sunrise Merimbula Milton-Ulladulla Moruya Narooma Nowra	

Inland Clubs:

Canberra Clubs:
Aurora-Gungahlin
Belconnen
Canberra
Canberra Burley Griffin
Canberra City
Canberra East
Canberra North
Canberra Sunrise
Canberra Weston Creek
Ginninderra
Gungahlin
Hall
Tuggeranong
Woden
Woden Daybreak
Highland Clubs:
Berrima District
Bowral-Mittagong
Moss Vale
e-Club:
e-Club of Brindabella
Rotaract Clubs:
Brindabella Rotaract
Canberra Rotaract
Sapphire Coast Rotaract
University Rotaract



Bathurst
Bathurst Daybreak
Bathurst East
Blayney
Boorowa
Canberra
Condobolin
Coolamon
Cootamundra
Cowra
Forbes
Forbes Ipomoea
Grenfell
Griffith
Griffith Avanti
Junee
Lake Cargelligo
Leeton
e-Club
E-Club of D9700

District
Leeton Central
Lockhart
Molong
Murrumburrah-Harden
Narrandera
Oberon
Orange
Orange Daybreak
Orange North
Parkes
South Wagga
Temora
Wagga Wagga
Wagga Wagga Kooringal
Wagga Wagga Murrumbidgee
Wagga Wagga Sunrise
West Wyalong
Wollundry-Wagga Wagga
Yenda
Young
Rotaract Clubs:
Griffith Rotaract

Wagga CSU Rotaract

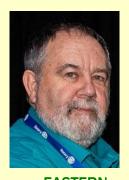
District Management Team Club Representatives

The election for Club Representatives of the 3 divisions within D9670 took place at the District Conference. It was heartening to see such interest by those nominees.

The successful 3 candidates who will join the D9670 District Management Team of Graeme Hooper for the year 2019-20 are:



CENTRAL **Christine Walmsley**



EASTERN Phil Gorton (RC Maitland Sunrise) (RC Wallsend Maryland)



WESTERN **Nicole Shanks** (RC Dubbo West)

"Congratulations and I look forward to working with you in my final year on the committee......" DG Brian Coffey

Malaria vaccine trial gets hard-won funds

Source **#**SBS News

Passionate Rotary Australia members have helped raised \$500,000 to have a malaria vaccine trialled on humans, with the federal government matching their effort.



Researchers in Queensland say they are getting closer to developing an effective malaria vaccine.

Countless raffles, fun runs, golf days and luncheons have brought the world a little closer to finding an effective vaccine for a disease that kills 450,000 people each year.

Researchers from Queensland have developed a vaccine for malaria that shows great promise to be the first to be fully effective. But for years, a lack of funding for clinical trials has stalled the vaccine from potentially saving lives.

Graham Jones became aware of this when he and fellow members of Rotary Australia listened to a talk by Griffith University researcher and young Rotary member Dr Danielle Stanisic in mid-2016.

After witnessing her passion, they could not stand by and do nothing. They formed a committee of 14 enthusiastic members, led by Mr Jones, and joined forces with Griffith University's Institute of Glycomics in an effort to raise \$500,000.

"It was really a dream at that stage," Mr Jones told AAP. Rotary clubs across Australia held events ranging from raffles to luncheons to raise money for the Malaria Vaccine Project.

"There are 450,000 people, mostly young children and pregnant mothers, who die from malaria every year," Mr Jones told AAP. "These little children didn't even get a chance to throw a ball around, they didn't get to go to school, they could have perhaps been prime minister of their country."

The Queensland government gave \$50,000, before the federal government has announced on Friday it will match the funds for the trials, led by Professor Michael

A Rotary member approached Health Minister Greg Hunt at an event to talk about the project, a discussion that would lead to Rotary Australia making a formal funding application to complete to \$500,000 funding goal.

Mr Hunt said the many research efforts to control malaria through a vaccine have tended to be only partially effective. "This new approach will differ by using the entire malaria parasite to develop the vaccine and holds great promise," he said.

"It has proven highly effective in animal trials and has been shown to be safe in humans, with the next step to undertake human clinical trials."

The trials may still need about another \$500,000 to get off the ground, Mr Jones said, with his team planning to reach out to big businesses next for support.

"That's the frontier we now really need to push hard, because there's got to be a lot of companies out there who are working in global areas where malaria really is a major problem."

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Kia Ora - Graeme & Sue's DGE Journey continues



We've been somewhat grounded the past couple of months but that's not to say we haven't been active, often in the background, getting down to the nitty gritty. Assistant Governor training and an enjoyable District Conference in Forster are now behind us. Plans for our own "Breaking Through Barriers" District Conference to be held at the Belmont 16s are progressing and bookings are now open via Try-Booking: www.trybooking.com/ZWHT.

Preparations for our 2019 President Learning and Development, and District Assembly sessions are in place; and if you haven't yet registered, you are encouraged to attend and to please contact Chris Walmsley urgently: christinewalmsley@bigpond.com

Sat 6 April Presidents' Learning and Development - West

(Dubbo), mandatory for President Elects

Sun 7 April Club Officers' Learning and Development - West

(Dubbo)

Sat 4 May Presidents' Learning and Development - East

(Singleton), mandatory for President Elects

Sun 5 May Club Officers' Learning and Development—East

(Singleton)

And while we're talking about dates, please note our

District Changeover is taking place at 12:00 noon on Sunday 23 June at the Toronto Workers Club

and is being hosted by the Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise who will also celebrate their own Changeover.

"Bugger the Drought" update (RAWCS Project No. 33-2018-19)

Applications and enquiries for drought relief funding are still very high on the agenda. Last month we attended the first of many, Department of Infrastructure, Regional Development and Cities, Road Shows held in Singleton at which several organisations were represented.

The \$1m received from the Commonwealth Government has been quickly exhausted in our western regions. We are currently discussing with District 9710 and other agencies involved if they can help us out. The third and final release of funds to Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) is expected in mid May.

Rotary has done the job too well! Full credit is given to David Ringland (Rotary Club of Dubbo South) who has been our man on the ground and attended all DPI Road Shows; to Nicole Shanks (Rotary Club of Dubbo West) for managing administration; and to Ferrari Gardner Accountants Dubbo for data management. Our heartfelt thanks to all the Rotary Clubs in our District for your assistance in whatever manner. The efforts of all are appreciated by the farmers and contractors who so desperately need this help. Tax deductible donations can be made via www.rawcs.org.au, scroll to drought relief and click on District 9670 to donate.

The first 111 payments have been made to the following areas.:

Bourke 20	Brewarrina 28	Broken Hill 2	Cobar 12	Coonamble 2
Dubbo 2	Gilgandra 2	Merriwa 1	Mt Hope 1	Mudgee 3
Muswellbrook 6	Nyngan 26	Scone 6	Tottenham 1	Tilpa 1

Till next time, stay safe and enjoy your Rotary happenings.

Graeme and Sue



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(left) John & Kerry Rodstrom, from Rotary Club of Morisset, selling 'Join Rotary' shirts at the Rotary 9650 District Conference Armidale on 9th March 2019.

(right) AG Brian Oakley wearing the #joinrotary shirt, which proves that the tee shirt reached the northern most point in Europe.

"I stupidly took off my very warm coat....Silly Me -14C and wind gusts to 15 Knots it was a little cold."





Rotary Club of Newcastle



The Rotaract Club of Hunter are on tour giving a modern short presentation of where they are coming from and more importantly where they are heading. Alan, Remy & Tori were guests of Rotary Newcastle.

Picture above shows the Rotaractors with Club President, Tony MacKenzie and DG Brian.

Rotary Club of Wallsend-Maryland



Remy and Tori shared their experiences of the National Rotaract Conference. They also spoke about the club's journey over the last 12 months, from almost closing to winning the National award for organising the Event of the Year 2018.

Congratulations Remy and Rotaract executive.

Rotary Club of Newcastle Enterprise



President Remy presents to the Newcastle Enterprise Club about Rotaract.



Hunter and Maitland Rotaract clubs at the District 9670 Rotary Conference in Forster



Attendance & Community Service

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Membership and Volunteering Officer

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Club	Members	Attendance %	Hours
Belmont	29	96	174
Cardiff	10	76	74
Dubbo	26	76	86
Dubbo South	57	67	224
Dubbo West	39	71	74
Dungog	13	80	148
East Maitland	37	?	85
Kurri Sunrise	15	95	47
Maitland	41	64	273
Mudgee	27	92	107
Myall Coast	24	72	71
Narromine	14	46	40
Nelson Bay	46	51	425
Newcastle	35	57	3
Newcastle Enterprise	30	52	80
Rutherford Telarah	43	60	692
Toronto	17	76	208
Toronto Sunrise	29	72	96
Wallsend - Maryland	19	85	197
Warners Bay	47	56	556
Waratah	23	90	78



Rotary Club of Singleton Sunrise are hosting award winning speaker **Stephanie Woollard** at Singleton Diggers on

Thursday April 4 at 6.30pm.

Stephanie rocked the house at the Australian Rotary Conference in Hobart - now you can meet and hear her in Singleton (full details below).



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 focuses on proving access to quality care to mothers and children.



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



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









If your Club has Inspirational stories or press articles, that you believe will be of interest to other clubs in our District, then we are keen to include these in future editions of the "Coffey Break".

LOVE Photos.

Please forward a photo and brief description to:

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Deadline for submitting articles for the next edition of this newsletter is

Friday 26th April



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