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## THE GUARDIAN

From the desk of  
**District 9670 Governor**  
Graeme Hooper  
Issue 2: **August 2019**



### *From DG Graeme's Desk...*

July saw us hit the road with our official Club visits and in August we will be out and about a lot more. It is an absolute pleasure to be meeting our Rotarians and partners, catching up with District Coordinators, and discussing ongoing activity for the benefit of our local and global communities. It has been extremely rewarding to welcome new Rotarians into our Rotary family and to present Paul Harris Fellow Awards. As we enter August, Rotary's Membership and New Club Development Month, I encourage all Rotarians to continue to inspire new Rotarians.

If you would like the opportunity to listen to an inspirational speaker, then don't miss our **World President, Mark Maloney**. Mark will be presenting in Sydney on **Monday 23 September**. He is an excellent orator and it's not often a World President comes to Australia, so I would encourage you to register early. Check the Weekly Connect for details.

On behalf of our District, I extend congratulations to Wendy Stein, Rotary Club of Salamander Bay, for receiving the "Zone 8 Outstanding Rotarian 2018-2019," award. Wendy's work in Papua New Guinea displays to us the power of "people in action" with long term benefits.

Rotary International has announced the three Rotarians who will represent our District in negotiations with District 9650 for redistricting. I congratulate PDG Don Stephens, PDG Brian Coffey, and Rotarian Julie Dixon who were successfully chosen by RI. PDG Steve Hill from District 9710 will be the Chairperson.

Our District's Marketing and Communications team and End Polio Now team are currently working on the next big event on our District calendar under the theme of, "**Paint it Red for Polio**". End Polio Now Day is **Thursday 24 October**. To assist in fundraising

for this campaign, Rotarians have the opportunity to arrange a pre-screening of "*Ride Like a Girl*" - the story of Michelle Payne and the first female jockey to win a Melbourne Cup. The movie has some great stars including Michelle's brother, Stevie Payne, who plays himself. Check out the first trailer here: [Ride Like a Girl](#). Other District events being planned for World Polio Day include a dinner to launch the event, walks, bucket collections at major transport hubs, and a [train trip to Berowa](#) (departing Newcastle Interchange 12:35pm) coordinated with District 9685 Rotarians. Keep watch on the Weekly Connect for details.

To assist on how to become better connected with your audiences and communities, the Marketing and Communications team have organised a Social Media Workshop which includes "branding" for Saturday 8 September to be held in Maitland, with another planned for Dubbo coming soon after. The Weekly Connect will have more details.

I am extremely pleased that many of our Rotary Clubs are seriously considering how they operate and to be more user friendly across the generations. We need to be more conscious of how we function as Rotary Clubs to be relevant in today's society. Your Club Development Plans will assist in transforming your club for the future.

Continue to **Connect** and be "**People of Action**".



"End Polio Now" – Red T-Shirts – available at RDU Supplies  
<http://rdusupplies.com.au/end-polio-now-shirt/>

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# Rotary International Information...

## UNDERSTANDING THE 2019 COUNCIL DECISION ON ROTARACT

Every three years, the Council on Legislation considers proposals that determine the direction of Rotary International. The 2019 Council, which met 14-18 April in Chicago, amended our constitutional documents to include Rotaract clubs as a membership type of Rotary International.

Here are the answers to some frequently asked questions about the Council's action.

### **What does the vote on Rotaract mean?**

Rotary International is composed of its member clubs. This enactment, 19-72, broadens the definition of membership to include both Rotary and Rotaract clubs. It elevates Rotaract clubs by acknowledging them in the RI Constitution and RI Bylaws as a unique membership type within RI. Rotaract clubs will still have their own standard constitution and will remain a separate club membership type from Rotary clubs. But because they will be recognized in the constitutional documents, Rotaract clubs will enjoy greater support from RI.

### **Are Rotaract clubs still required to be sponsored by a Rotary club?**

Yes. Rotaract clubs need to be sponsored by a Rotary club to be officially recognized by Rotary International. Sponsorship of Rotaract clubs is mandated by the Board and described in the *Rotary Code of Policies*.

### **Does this mean Rotaractors automatically become Rotarians?**

No. Members of Rotary clubs are Rotarians and members of Rotaract clubs remain Rotaractors. This does not change the separate identity of Rotaractors.

### **Will this change the Rotaract experience?**

This will not change the club experience that Rotaractors have. Rotaract clubs will still be sponsored by Rotary clubs, and as partners in service, both clubs should strive to maintain their current relationship. But Rotaractors will have a much closer relationship with RI now that Rotaract clubs are a recognized membership type of RI rather than a Rotary program.

### **Does this mean Rotaract clubs will start paying dues to Rotary International?**

Not immediately. According to the current RI Constitution, Rotaract clubs will pay dues as established by the Board. The Board will have to determine the amount of dues and when they would be collected. It will continue to research the best way to introduce dues and will



consider what amount is fair and what products and services Rotaractors would receive in exchange. Any changes will be implemented gradually.

### **Where can I find the full text of the enactment?**

For the exact text, refer to the [legislation that was proposed at the 2019 Council](#). See the version of enactment 19-72 marked "Motion to Amend" at the top. The Council approved this wording. All other versions should be disregarded.

## TOGETHER WE CONNECT, TOGETHER WE GROW



RI President Mark Daniel Maloney is challenging club and district leaders to grow Rotary. In his speech at the International Assembly in January, he called on leaders "to grow our service, to

grow the impact of our projects, but, most importantly, to grow our membership so that we can achieve more." You play an important role in helping to achieve his vision and ensure that **Rotary Connects the World**. Explore the options below to learn how you can begin growing Rotary.

### **Create a membership committee**

Successful membership growth requires an organized approach. Maloney is asking each of the 2019-20 district governors to name a district membership chair and urging every club to form a membership committee. Your club membership committee can help you create, update, and execute an action plan to attract and engage members.

Download the Club Membership Committee Checklist for step-by-step instructions on how to identify, introduce, invite, and engage potential members.

### **Reflect the diversity around you**

Make sure your club's members mirror the community it serves. Diversity is one of Rotary's core values. Clubs whose members have diverse backgrounds and viewpoints are more vibrant and serve

their communities better. A membership committee whose members represent the diversity of its club and community can help you achieve this goal.

Download the membership diversity assessment to raise awareness of the diversity in your community and help your club achieve it.

### **Welcome family members to club activities and events**

Be realistic about time expectations and thoughtful when scheduling meetings and events. Ensure club activities are family-friendly for young and old alike.

### **Start new clubs and offer different meeting formats**

It's not just about forming new Rotary and Rotaract clubs in areas that don't already have them. It's also about appealing to current and potential members whose needs aren't being met by existing clubs. During the last three years since the Council on Legislation voted to allow clubs more flexibility, clubs have successfully tried various innovative membership models and meeting formats to attract new members.

The new Rotary year has started off with a bang for our Rotaractors. Some members Rotaract Club of Hunter have just spent a couple of weeks in Cambodia, working with the NGO, Restore One, at their school. They have taught English and helped renovate the year 11 classroom, among other things. They are pictured, here, after a soccer game with some of the school children. They represented Australia well and only lost 2-1, with the promise of a rematch in the future.



## ShelterBox Update

The month of July has been a very busy one for the ShelterBox team ably led by Rotarian Chris McGrath, ShelterBox Area Coordinator.

On Monday 8th July, Chris and other interested Rotarians visited Cardiff Rotary Club to share the latest information about ShelterBox and to encourage Rotarians or interested community members to join our District ShelterBox team, an inspirational evening!

A few days later, the ShelterBox team were very excited to welcome Mike Greenslade, CEO of ShelterBox Australia to the District and to address Nelson Bay Rotary Club on Thursday 18th July. Mike was very pleased to thank the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay for their generous donation of \$5000 to ShelterBox which was presented at our 2019 District Conference and then to receive a further \$1000 on the evening. What a great surprise!

Chris also conducted an information day at his home on Saturday 20th July. Mike Greenslade attended and brought interested volunteers up to speed with the latest ShelterBox news as well as lent his expertise with tips on how to erect the relief tent quickly and successfully.



Yannis Comino (friend of ShelterBox), Mike Greenslade (CEO ShelterBox), Steve B (ShelterBox Ambassador, Toukley Rotary), Carol Bailey (Maitland Sunrise Rotary), Chris McGrath (ShelterBox Area Coordinator), Chris Bartlett (Nelson Bay Rotary), Sue Hooper (Morisset Rotary), Truro Ted.

Chris McGrath and his wife Helen, are very passionate about the ShelterBox Project and are willing to visit District Clubs to share the latest ShelterBox information whilst encouraging any interested Rotarians to join the District ShelterBox

team. If you are interested, Chris can be contacted on **Mobile: 0402085162**

or email: [chrism2449@gmail.com](mailto:chrism2449@gmail.com)

*Chris Walmsley  
District RI Partnerships Chair*



### Why go to RI Convention?

Well, for one...it's in Hawaii!!

OK...let's be a little more "Rotarian" about this. Attending RI Convention provides us with the opportunity to meet our fellow Rotarians from all over the world. We get to appreciate the global nature of this wonderful organisation, when we are rubbing shoulders with up to 30,000 Rotarians, many of whom are in their national dress throughout the event.

We get to hear inspirational speakers and there are breakout sessions offering something for everyone – with the opportunity to learn more about what Rotary, and Rotarians, have done in the world.

It's a great time to make new friends and to collect wonderful memories.

Rotary International Convention  
**"Aloha Rotary"** – Honolulu  
**6-10 June 2020**

<http://riconvention.org/en/honolulu>

**Katrina Henningham (& Craig),**  
RC Warners Bay  
M: 0402 931 619  
E: [convention@rotary9670.org.au](mailto:convention@rotary9670.org.au)

# DG Graeme & Sue's Road Map



July		
Morning	Midday	Evening
MYALL COAST	✓	Mon 8 July
TORONTO	✓	Mon 15 July
WALLSEND-MARYLAND	✓	Tue 16 July
MORISSET	✓	Wed 17 July

September		
Morning	Midday	Evening
BOURKE		Mon 2 Sep
NARROMINE		Tue 3 Sep
WARREN		Wed 4 Sep
SINGLETON ON HUNTER		Mon 9 Sep
SINGLETON SUNRISE		Tue 10 Sep
KURRI KURRI SUNRISE		Wed 11 Sep
NELSON BAY		Thu 12 Sep
CHRISTCHURCH Aust/NZ Training + Conference		Sun 15 – Sun 22 Sep
MUDGEES		Tue 24 Sep

November		
Morning	Midday	Evening
NEWCASTLE		Mon 4 Nov
MUSWELLBROOK		Thu 7 Nov
DUNGOG		Mon 11 Nov
MERRIWA		Tue 12 Nov
CHARLESTOWN		Tue 19 Nov
WARNERS BAY		Mon 25 Nov

August		
Morning	Midday	Evening
DUBBO		Mon 5 Aug
DUBBO MACQUARIE		Tue 6 Aug
WELLINGTON		Tue 6 Aug
SCONE		Wed 7 Aug
RUTHERFORD-TELARAH		Mon 12 Aug
RYLSTONE-KANDOS		Tue 13 Aug
DENMAN		Wed 14 Aug
CESSNOCK		Thu 15 Aug
WARATAH		Mon 19 Aug
NEWCASTLE ENTERPRISE		Tue 20 Aug
NEWCASTLE HARBOUR		Wed 21 Aug
PATERSON		Wed 21 Aug
RAYMOND TERRACE		Mon 26 Aug
NEWCASTLE SUNRISE		Wed 28 Aug
MAITLAND		Wed 28 Aug

October		
Morning	Midday	Evening
TORONTO SUNRISE		Tue 1 Oct
KURRI KURRI		Tue 1 Oct
SALAMANDER BAY		Tue 8 Oct
WILLIAMTOWN		Wed 9 Oct
SINGLETON		Thu 10 Oct
BELMONT		Mon 14 Oct
MAITLAND SUNRISE		Tue 15 Oct
EAST MAITLAND		Tue 15 Oct
GREENHILLS MAITLAND		Thu 17 Oct
COBAR		Mon 21 Oct
DUBBO SOUTH		Tue 22 Oct
DUBBO WEST		Wed 23 Oct
MUDGEES SUNRISE		Fri 25 Oct
CARDIFF		Mon 28 Oct
CHARLESTOWN		Tue 29 Oct



# A RAWCS Project Update

At the request of the Frieda River PanAust Limited, Spacim Pikinini has been invited to the Project site on the Upper Sepik River, East Sepik Province.

This is an extremely remote place on the crocodile infested Sepik River. As there are no health services for the surrounding villages, much time is spent on Medivac of pregnant mothers in trouble with child birth. Each Medivac cost some \$15,000 per hour for a helicopter to deliver mum to a hospital.

Follow our journey and progress at our new website [kulaspirit.org](http://kulaspirit.org) and check out our Blog on that site. Updates may not be so frequent, but we will keep you up to date as internet access allows.

In the meantime, planning is underway for the second round of our initial cervical cancer vaccination programme and also onto stage 2 when we anticipate vaccinating another 2,000 girls per annum over the next 5 years.

Anyone wishing to make a donation may hit the donate button on our website.

Wendy Stein OAM PHF  
Kula Spirit - Spacim Pikinini -  
PNG Inc

Wendy Stein was awarded  
Outstanding Rotarian, Zone 8,  
for her work associated with a  
RAWCS project.



## Roach Rattlings

Congratulations to IPDG Brian and Carol Coffey for an outstanding year of leadership across our District and for a fabulous response by our clubs to Carol's project. The District also welcomes Carol as a Rotarian - well done Carol.

Amanda and I also congratulate Graeme and Sue and wish them all the best with the leadership of our District throughout the year.

I encourage those interested in helping shape our District, as we transition to a merger with another District, by taking up roles when offered which will facilitate a smooth path to amalgamation.

At this time I encourage those eligible to apply for the position of Area Governor. All information can be found on our District

website or you can contact me for further details.

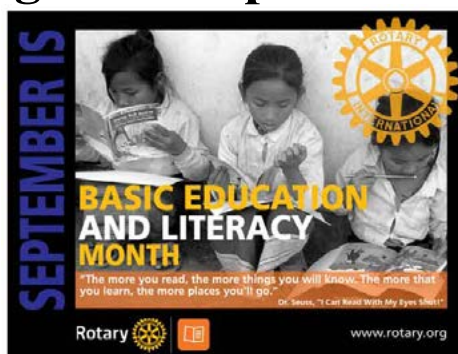
The Training Team, Amanda and myself are off to Young in a few weeks to be part of the training of Area Governors for the newly formed 9705 in 2020-21

This experience will be used to prepare our Area Governors to fulfil their roles commencing 2020-21. We thank the leadership of both 9700 and 9710 for their fellowship and experience with this initiative.

We are a proactive and progressive District, willing to take on new ideas and processes, which will better position our District to support the motto: **"Rotary - People of Action"**.

Yours in Rotary, DGE David Roach

## Rotary Themes: August & September



## World Polio Day "Paint it Red for Polio"

Thursday 24 October 2019



### Train Trip to Berowra

Enjoy a day out with fellow Rotarians, wearing red "End Polio" t-shirts.

#### End polio Train Times

For those that want to ride the Hunter network...

Scone Depart.....	6:07am
Maitland Arrive.....	7:29am
Maitland Depart.....	9:01am
Dungog Arrive.....	9:50am
Dungog Depart.....	10:02am
Maitland Arrive.....	10:57am
Maitland Depart.....	11:40am
Newcastle Interchange Arrive.....	12:18pm
<b>Newcastle Interchange.....</b>	<b>12:35pm</b>
Berowra Arrive.....	2:42pm
(stop all stations)	
Berowra Depart.....	3:26pm
Arrive Hornsby.....	3:39pm
Hornsby Depart.....	3:53pm
Limited Stops	
Newcastle Interchange Arrive.....	5:49pm
Newcastle Interchange Depart.....	5:59pm
Scone Arrive.....	7:54pm

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 can be found in The Weekly Connect ...or...  
Contact PDG Gina Growden on  
0412 228 305 or  
[gina.growden@bigpond.com](mailto:gina.growden@bigpond.com)



## Classifieds

### Positions Vacant

The following District positions are still waiting to be filled. If you consider you have the right skill set, please contact DG Graeme to express your interest: 0417 203 603 ...or...

- governor2019-20@rotary9670.org.au
- ◆ Membership Development Chair
- ◆ Men's Health Educational Rural Van (MHERV) Coordinator
- ◆ Days For Girls (DFG) Coordinator
- ◆ Donations In Kind (DIK) Coordinator
- ◆ Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) Coordinator
- ◆ Rotarian Action Groups Coordinator

### Notices

- ◆ Social Media Workshop – Saturday 8 September, Maitland
- ◆ World Polio Day & "Paint it Red for Polio" – Thursday 24 October – Enjoy a train ride to Berowra with fellow Rotarians, article on p5
- ◆ Club Development Plans to be with their Assistant Governors and DG Graeme at least two weeks prior to Graeme's official visit
- ◆ District Newsletter Editor position has been filled by Katrina Henningham
- ◆ Deadline for the next District Newsletter is Friday 23 August

### Milestones & Celebrations

- ◆ **Wendy Stein**, Rotary Club of Salamander Bay – Zone 8 Outstanding Rotarian 2018-2019
- ◆ **Rotary Club of Muswellbrook** – 75 years to be celebrated on Friday 1 November
- ◆ **New Rotarians** – welcome to making new connections  
*Please let us know of your special occasions, so we can spread the word!*

### Upcoming Happenings

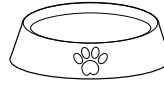
- ◆ **August:**  
Wallsend Fair  
Newcastle Pride Festival
- ◆ **September:**  
Social Media by the Marketing Team  
Christchurch Conference  
ShelterBox at Living Smart Festival
- ◆ **October:**  
Mental Health Day (Lift the Lid)  
World Polio Day  
Graffiti Removal Day

### Lost and Found

**Found:** Isda's bone. Reward goes to Chelsea Ellul of the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay. *Thank you & Congratulations!*

**Lost:** Isda's dog bowl. It's around here somewhere! Reward for finder determined by lucky draw.

Finder's, please email: [districtnewsletter@rotary9670.org.au](mailto:districtnewsletter@rotary9670.org.au) before 23 August 2019 and let us know where it is hiding.



### Treasury

RI, RDU and District fees were due by 31 July.

### We are Rotary: Advancing Women as Leaders

Join us for an upcoming webinar [We Are Rotary: Advancing Women as Leaders](#) on Wednesday, 28 August, 15:00-16:00 Chicago time (UTC-5).

Women account for less than 25% of Rotary's global membership, and are under-represented in leadership positions at every level. Rotarians are ready to embrace change, as indicated by the record number of breakout sessions at the 2019 Rotary International Convention in Hamburg dedicated to the topic of women's advancement in Rotary's leadership. During one of these sessions, Rotarians Beth Keck and Todd Jenkins collected ideas from more than 500 members, both female and male, about how to take action and break down the barriers to women's advancement in leadership positions. Hear the proposals and add your voice to this critical conversation.

Everyone who registers will be asked to share some thoughts before the webinar, and will also be provided access to the recording and slides after the webinar ends.



**Regeneration  
NZ/AUS Conference  
Christchurch NZ  
20th-22nd September 2019**

[www.rotaryoceania.zone/page/rotaryzone8conference](http://www.rotaryoceania.zone/page/rotaryzone8conference)

## Isda's Column



Early in July, I started my adventures into this Rotary world at Myall Coast. I've already made four new friends. Their names are: Archie at Myall Coast, George at Toronto, Paul Harris at Wallsend-Maryland, and Jasper at Morisset.

Jasper is already showing himself off by becoming a jetsetter and taking flight to a distant ancestral destination of Gisborne, New Zealand. Unfortunately, poor little Jasper had to be stuffed into a bag to avoid detection by those other little four-legged furry cousins they call "bio security" because he had not had his vaccinations! ...and don't mention passports! We little pups know how to sniff our way around and make friends.

Remember that I lost my bone? Someone stuck it in the bushes of DG's Road Map and *Chelsea Ellul from Nelson Bay* found it and I have a reward for her. Now I can't find my food bowl! I need my food bowl for all the lovely snack times coming up on DG's August road trip.

Donations can be made, either direct to ISDA: [www.isda.com.au](http://www.isda.com.au) with your Club name or Surname + "Rotary", or, to District 9670: Your Club name + "PP19/20". Thank you – your donation will really help all my friends.



**INTEGRA**  
SERVICE DOGS AUSTRALIA

**Something you didn't know  
about DG Graeme & Sue,  
and were too afraid to ask...**

...they first appeared in the Rotary Down Under magazine in July 1978.

**Rotary**  
DOWN UNDER





# Rotary Friendship Exchange

TO DISTRICT 5610,  
SOUTH DAKOTA, USA  
29 MAY TO 13 JUNE 2019

## Amazing, Exciting, Busy, Wonderful Rotarians From District 5610

How else could we describe our recent Rotary Friendship Exchange visit to South Dakota? **Our Team:** Joy Adams (Mudgee Sunrise); Peter and Lee Judd (Dubbo); Ian and Judy Klein (Warners Bay); Pat and Trish Moore (Newcastle Enterprise); Michael Tams (East Maitland); and Lona and David Brown (Hon Members of Newcastle Enterprise).

Rotary meetings are really the same the world over and we attended many arranged by our Host Clubs. We were welcomed with warmth and hospitality where ever we went and were very impressed with their various Club activities and fund raising events. At each Rotary meeting we presented the video from our last District Conference which was very popular and was followed by each team member giving an account of their own Club's activities. Our own Team Leader always gave a brief summary of District 9670 projects and activities.

Some activities D5610 Clubs are involved with include filling back packs with food for

school kids; a community health education project; and the setting up and maintaining of the Storey Book Island complex for children.

Our team enjoyed some of the many and varied highlights of which D5610 have to offer including culture; arts; education including universities; medical, agriculture; power station; and tourist activities such as a State Park and a jeep tour – just too many to list.

The D5610 team will be visiting our District in October and plans are well underway to return the outstanding and generous hospitality shown to us. **The D5610 team comprises:** Mark and Jill Hecox, Cherokee, Iowa; Ken and Connie Johnson, Watertown, South Dakota; Tom and Mary Tvelt, Pierre, South Dakota; Cynthia and Evan Rogers, Marshall, Minnesota; Dan and Pat Little, Brookings, South Dakota; and Jennifer Rollins, Rapid City.

On behalf of our Rotary Friendship Exchange team...

*Trish Moore*

Chair Rotary Friendship Exchange  
Rotary District 9670



## District 9670 Conference

Rotary  
District 9670

## Rotary District 9670 CONFERENCE

20<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

## Breaking Through Barriers

Belmont 16s  
Lake Macquarie



Be sure to register for our "Breaking Through Barriers" Conference at:

[www.trybooking.com/ZWHT](http://www.trybooking.com/ZWHT)

An exciting program is being planned, by the organising committee, to bring you an exceptional Rotary experience.

Your early bird registration includes a discounted admission to the concert on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Entertainment for the evening is being provided by the Australian Army Band Newcastle, and proceeds from the evening will be supporting Sue's partner project: Isda and PTSD.

Saturday evening's entertainment is again being provided by Australian Army Band Newcastle with dinner music, followed by a rev-up of the repertoire to party the night away.



# Getting to Know Your AG



## Zone 1:

**Steve Cowley,  
RC Dubbo Macquarie**

Bourke / Cobar / Dubbo /  
Narromine / Warren

**Rotarian since:** 1995

**Family:** Jen; and Alexandra  
(26), Max (22) and Wally (6) –  
Dog

**Vocation/Profession:**  
Agribusiness Relationship  
Manager – Rural Bank

**Rotary interests:** Youth,  
Membership and Drought  
projects

**Community interests:** All  
sports

**Personal interests:**  
Photography, motorbikes, travel

**Special awards:** PHF; being  
married to Jen for 30 years

**Dream place to visit & why:**  
Not sure... as I haven't been  
there yet; riding a motorbike  
around Iceland and taking

photos; photographing wildlife  
in Galapagos Islands and the  
Antarctic – lots to do...

**Why I live where I live:** Dubbo  
(Dubvegas) since 1989, where  
I chased (and caught) Jen; a  
great city and community filled  
with great friends

**What you didn't know about  
me, unless you ask me:** I did  
classical ballet for two years in  
my younger years

## Zone 2:

**Tim Vail,  
RC Dubbo**

Dubbo Macquarie / Dubbo  
South / Dubbo West / Rylstone-  
Kandos / Wellington

**Former Rotary Club:**  
Kenmore Qld

**Rotarian since:** 1992

**Family:** Married to Anne, two  
children – Samuel and Eliza

**Vocation/Profession:** Banking  
– Commercial Credit

**Rotary interests:** Youth  
Exchange, Education

**Community interests:**  
Neighbours and neighbourhood;  
we were very involved in our  
children's swimming and soccer  
clubs, and school P&Fs, now  
complete; cross cultural sharing  
of ideas and experience; Anne  
very involved in local Uniting  
Church and I with Rotary

**Personal interests:** Family,  
sport (spectator) and dog  
(healer)

**Special awards:** PHF

**Dream place to visit & why:**  
Canada, haven't been yet

**Why I live where I live:** Job  
initially, now – place grows on  
you, has everything we need  
at present, not to say we won't  
move once kids are grown and  
flown



**What you didn't know about  
me, unless you ask me:** Ask



## Zone 9:

**Brian Oakley,  
RC Newcastle Enterprise**

Belmont / Charlestown /  
East Maitland / Newcastle /  
Newcastle Sunrise / Singleton

**Former Rotary Club:**  
Myall Coast

**Rotarian since:** 2004

**Family:** Gorgeous wife, five  
children, 12 grandchildren, one  
great-grandchild

**Vocation/Profession:** Electrical  
Engineering / Corporate  
Services

**Rotary interests:** NGSE,  
Community Services, Secretary,  
District Exec Committee,  
Margaret Illukol Trust  
Scholarship Committee

**Community interests:** Effect of  
Climate Change

**Personal interests:** Golf, RC  
Sailing, gym and grandchildren

**Special awards:** PHF, Life  
Member Winda Woppa  
Association Inc

**Dream place to visit & why:**  
Paris, France – loooong  
association – love to live there

**Why I live where I live:** Buzz of  
city life

**What you didn't know about  
me, unless you ask me:** Sailed  
Sydney-Hobart Yacht race; Hole  
in One golf

## Zone 10:

**Clarice Hamling,  
RC Waratah**

Morisset / Nelson Bay / Toronto  
/ Toronto Sunrise / Warners Bay

**Former Rotary Club:**  
Wallsend-Maryland

**Rotarian since:** 2010

**Family:** Husband, Victor, of 35  
years, two adult childrent

**Vocation/Profession:** Civil  
Marriage Celebrant, JP, small  
family air conditioning business

**Rotary interests:** Youth,  
Science & Engineering

**Community interests:** Vice-  
Chair of Respectus Ltd, Chair  
Angel Gowns Hunter-Central  
Coast, 20+ years Minmi  
Progress Association, Life  
Member and Patron of a P&C,  
Patron of a School Council,  
recently retired from President  
of a primary school Council and  
a college Council

**Personal interests:** Love  
walking, time with family,  
reading, holidays (that is, when  
I am able)

**Special awards:** 2014  
Cessnock Local Woman of  
the Year; 2006 Hunter/Central

Coast P&C Parent of the Year;  
PHF+1

**Dream place to visit & why:**  
Scotland – for the scenery and  
the history (and I don't need to  
learn a language!)

**Why I live where I live:** Why?  
To be honest, we moved to  
Minmi because we could afford  
to build there, and we had also  
been told that we were close to  
the breakwater – yeah, right –  
the Hexham swamp – lol!

**What you didn't know about  
me, unless you ask me:** I  
arrived from Auckland NZ in  
1982 & became an Australian  
citizen soon after. I wrote a play,



when I was 15, that was acted  
out & aired on TVNZ's, Child  
Play

# District Governor out and about...



At Wallsend-Maryland RC - Immediate Past President Alyn Miranda, Sonia Hornery MP with her Rotary Hero Award, and DG Graeme



At Nelson Bay RC - DG Graeme with new Rotarians, Narelle and Douglas Melhuish



At Myall Coast RC - President Ian Mackenzie-Smith with Norma Glenn and Isda's new friend, Archie



Changeover at Dungog from Bob Curtin to Bev Irwin



President Denis Trigg (Toronto RC) and DG Graeme



DG Graeme presenting a PHF to a stunned Michael Wooller at a recent Warners Bay RC dinner meeting



DG Graeme welcomes Graeme Pearson formerly of Denman RC to Morisset RC



Mel Trigg (Toronto RC) with George



At Myall Coast RC - President Ian Mackenzie-Smith and DG Graeme



Carol Coffey - exactly what the title on the folder says!



# Out & About in our District ...and beyond...



ShelterBox CEO, Mike Greenslade, was in town to give ShelterBox volunteers a refresher



Did you know this ShelterBox rope can become three times its original length?



Isda & Truro Ted becoming friends



The 2019 Science and Engineering Challenge was launched on Tuesday 23 July at Wests Club Mayfield. Guests were challenged by having to construct a tower with a landing platform and there was some tough competition with tense moments during the testing phase.



Jasper on the aeroplane heading for the land of the long white cloud



Shovelling gravel ...and the girls are right into it



SEC Launch Dinner - DG Graeme & Prof Kevin Hall



The Restore One school entrance



SEC Launch dinner - Wilma Simmons (Wallsend-Marylands RC) and Clarice Hamling (Waratah RC) being put to the test by SEC staff



The team has been working hard shovelling tiny rock (gravel), installing insulation in the Year 11 Classroom and opening up the wall to allow for more air flow.

You can donate to **Restore One** and our project here:

<https://restore-one-gdg-j789n.raisely.com/rotaract>



Installing insulation - who owns those legs?!