



Coffey Break

Monthly Newsletter of District Governor 2018-19



With all the activity that has taken place over the past month there is a lot of good news in the District.

We had a bit of a surge of new members joining Rotary and Rotaract. With the release of membership figures we have clawed back some of the deficit with an additional 10 valued members on the books and there are more coming – we just have to ask people and offer them a choice of clubs to suit their family and work commitments, their budget and the biggest asset we have in Rotary- their time to give.

We are still Number 1 for the percentage of female members but drifted to Number 2 for those under 40. However I think the new members during February and some in March will put us back at #1.

What a February! A month with only with 28 days certainly keeps you on the ball – trying to pack a months work in while keeping your sanity and humour. On the positive side I should be grateful that I didn't have to work for the other 3 days!

This month we covered:

- The District Division Club Representatives nomination process,
- Visiting the Maitland and Hunter Rotaract Clubs, and a hello visit to Kurri Kurri Sunrise.
- Zoom meetings on membership and another for the new Assistant Rotary Coordinator role,
- Meetings for:
 - * RAWCS - local and Eastern Region,
 - * Eastern Region President, Chairs and AG,
 - * Maitland Council Mayor on cultural diversity engagement of community service organisations,
 - * Redistricting committee in Canberra.
- The membership symposium,
- Public Image seminar hosted by D9685
- Inducting new members at Greenhills (4), Toronto (2) and Kurri Kurri (2),
- AG and Chairs Training
- Media interview process

In addition, Carol took on a few roles where I could not attend Conference meetings.

Once again, it was the professionalism and support of so many members and committees that made this all happen around me – they have my enduring respect.

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Last month I mentioned that this job can throw you some unexpected challenges – well in February they came in rushes. It certainly opened my eyes to a more intricate area of management.

Without going into individual cases, it is reassuring to know that in District 9670, we are truly fortunate in having so many knowledgeable, dedicated and caring members who can be relied upon to accept and address every issue. The professional and thorough application and cooperation from clubs and members truly reflects the Rotary ethos of 'service above self' and the application of the Four Way Test. The support I have received certainly reduced the workload, and I am thankful for those who cared and offered assistance and support.

February has certainly seen some change in the way clubs operate. In my town of Maitland, 3 of the clubs have changed venues. After the sale of Blackbirds café, Maitland Sunrise now meet at Maddy's at Lorn, while Greenhills-Maitland has adopted a very interesting approach of varying their meeting venue with communication the essence for their members. When you think about it, how many people actually come to the door of your meeting and ask to join?

After 58 years of meeting in the one venue, my own club of East Maitland has moved to The George Tavern at East Maitland, with an optional meal strategy. Williamtown Club have adopted a change in their program, also meeting at various venues, while Toronto seem to be successful in a new meeting format that has an optional meal after the meeting; a concept I first saw at Morisset, and Cessnock and immediately saw the benefit. You only have to look at the rapid rise of Morisset youthful membership numbers to realise they are doing something right. Possibly the cost of going to a Rotary meeting is a barrier to membership that we all need to look at.

Cessnock club made a gallant effort at starting a new club in Huntlee, a contemporary new town being developed in the heart of Hunter Valley wine country.

Although the effort did not get the desired result on this occasion the endeavours will continue to determine what is required to attract membership from the community in order to form a Satellite club or start a brand new club.



Rotaract Club of Maitland (sponsored by RC of East Maitland) has been given its charter and kicks off with a membership of 13 members. The Rotaract Club of Hunter (sponsored by Newcastle) has pledged its support and encouragement to assist the new club.

'There's a Hole in the Bucket' membership symposium was a resounding success. The extent of interest and attendance at the symposium was an absolute shock and forced us into a rapid, supplementary print of materials for the event.

The 71 members and 10 guests from 29 clubs enthused the speakers, PDG Tim Moore from Victoria & Mark Huddleston from South Australia.

Both speakers were full of praise for the interest of our members – suggesting that we may have been better served extending the day for another 3 hours; however, I am not certain we would have achieved the same response in attendance.

I believe the professional design from Carraro Design over the past couple of years, the use of social media, emails to all members and the selection of interesting speakers has been a major factor in attracting members to our events. Next year I would recommend we look at 'change management' as a topic and we have an equally capable, professional and entertaining presenter right here in the Hunter.

On that point, it was announced that I was successful in obtaining a position of Assistant Rotary Coordinator, commencing in the 2019 year. This offer to apply for a role came about after I presented at the National Conference in Hobart last year.

On top of this I now have speaking commitments at District Conferences in Hobart, Broken Hill, Armidale and Geelong.

Who would have thought this would have developed from a talk I first gave at the Rotary Club of Maitland on 'Charles Angels' some years ago.



Nurak Charley with his mother in 2014 after "Charles Angels" performed life changing surgery and physiotherapy.

*At that meeting a member came to me
in tears and asked :*

*"Why did you do that?"
I had no answer, other than*

"Rotary allowed me to do it".

Help wanted

Each year the Past District Governors and the District Governor put together a busy calendar to address the Changeover support dates. Some PDG's select the clubs, clubs sometimes request a certain person - or you may just score me. Everyone loves being involved, but we just need to consider the travel distance and health issues.

To assist the planning, could you please advise me of your Club Changeover date, venue, time and if you have any preference for a particular District Officer.

Keep in mind the District Changeover will be on Sunday 23 June at Toronto, during the day.

District Governor 2021-22 – our last!

Nominations closed for this position with PDG Helen Ryan on Friday March 1, 2019. Interviews and selection will take place at Forster on Friday March 15. The successful candidate will be introduced at the Conference.

Club Housekeeping – 2019-20

DGE Graeme and his Training team are organising President Elect Training (PETS) and District Assembly for the Western Division on 6-7th April, and Eastern / Central Divisions on 4-5th May. Please notify the team and book your 2019 President and Board in for training and catering.

It will assist the District greatly if you could also go on to **Club Runner** and update your incoming 2019 Club Officer information.

If you need help to enter the data please contact Chris McGrath who will happily assist.
email chrism2449@gmail.com mob 0402085162

For those in line for a **Presidential Citation** - the most important award for Rotary clubs.
The deadline to update **rotary.org** records by your club officers is 30 June.

March Coffey Grind

Sunday 10 Presenter at D9670 Conference (Armidale)

Thu14-Sun17 D9670 Conference

Friday 29 Welcome to D9685 Conference (Newcastle)

Election of Club Representatives for District Committee.

Nominations are in for election of Club representatives on the Rotary International District 9670 Inc Management Committee. There is healthy engagement – always good to see. Clubs are reminded to fill in the nominations in preference in each Division, if possible and submit them in the Ballot Box at the Registration Desk in Forster by 6pm on Friday 15 March. The result will be announced at the Resolution Session at District Conference on Saturday 16 March 2019. If anyone would like to scrutineer the count please give PP Trevor Lynch the courtesy of notification by email trevor.lynnch@exemail.com

District Conference 2019

March 15-17, 2019 | Club Forster



Ticket Sales

Ticket sales have now gone beyond our goal with 305 tickets – 136 being for breakfast. Very impressive figures of support.

Ticket sales are still continuing with the Platinum deal the one to grab. The all inclusive package caters for all your meals from Friday night to Sunday. Breakfasts need not be a rush as it is continuous service and casual – you will not miss out. Early risers can enjoy a coffee or juice during the guest speakers, the late comers can enjoy their meal during the presentation.

Thursday Meat and Greet

Why not come up early and join the Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotarians at the Big 4 Tuncurry for a **BBQ Meat** (salads as well) 'n' **Greet**, only \$15 per person (includes two course meal – you will need to bring your own drinks). So far, 69 people are registered.

Post Conference

On Sunday, after the Conference, stay for a packaged lunch during the Rotary Foundation seminar before you head home. The Foundation lunch seminar has attracted 37 attendees.

Decorate the Hall

Clubs are invited to bring their own pull up banners to decorate the walls of the auditorium during the Conference. (The banners should be free-standing and promoting the club and/or its activities).

Hat Theme

Saturday night is a hat theme – it all ties in with the Partners project of 'Lift the Lid on Mental Illness' and the great band 'Love that Hat'



In Memoriam Notice

Clubs and members have responded well in advising of Rotarians who have passed on from 18/3/18 to 15/3/19.

Contact Geoff Hicks for requirements

M: 0405 513589 E: ghicks47@bigpond.com

A representative of the club, or a representative AG is asked to be on hand to lay a flower in respect.

Raffle

One of the Conference sponsors, BBX, are providing a 7-day and 5-day holiday, a gift basket and wine as raffle prizes, some clubs have contacted Carol and enthusiastically pre-purchased the \$2 tickets (more details on page 5).

Yours in Rotary, Brian



District 9670 Conference - 2019

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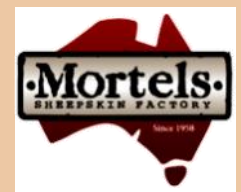
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FOR YOUR SUPPORT

positive PEOPLE
= (equals)
positive ACTIONS

BE THE INSPIRATION

LIFT THE LID
on mental illness

DG Partners Project

FUNDRAISER

\$2 RAFFLE \$2

GET YOUR TICKETS FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN

1ST \$2000	2ND \$1000	3RD \$500	4TH \$300
7 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION NELSON BAY	5 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION COFF HARBOUR	GIFT BASKET OF GOODIES	1 DOZ WINE BOTTLES

All the money we raise will go towards
Australian Rotary Health— LIFT THE LID on mental illness projects

Tickets are \$2 each and will be drawn Saturday night 16th March at the 2019 District 9670 Conference in Forster. Make sure you don't miss your chance to win!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE TICKETS FROM AFAR—GET IN TOUCH WITH US ON
Facebook at www.facebook.com/everythingfloral.com.au
OR CALL EVERYTHING FLORAL ON 02 49 517 024

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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 will be advised shortly.

For more information contact
PDG Gina Growden on 0412 128 106 or
gina.growden@bigpond.com

ROTARY CONNECTS THE WORLD

Introducing our newest Club.....

Maitland
Rotaract
Rotary Club Partner



During February we received the wonderful news that our second district 9670 Rotaract club has been chartered. To be known as 'Rotaract Club of Maitland', the club is sponsored by the Rotary Club of East Maitland.

Congratulations to the East Maitland club and to everyone involved in the formation and charter of our newest Club. A great outcome.

Rotaract
Rotary Club Partner

Certificate of Organization

This certificate recognizes that the
Rotaract Club of
Maitland, New South Wales, Australia
(Club ID 216635 - Established 15th January 2019)

has been organized and has agreed, through its officers and members, to be bound by the constitution and bylaws of the Rotaract program of Rotary International.

Sponsored by the
Rotary Club of East Maitland,
New South Wales, Australia

[Signature]
PRESIDENT, SPONSORING ROTARY CLUB

[Signature]
PRESIDENT, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

19th February 2019

Rotary

19th February 2019

President Michael Tams
Rotary Club of East Maitland
Via email: MJT_now@yahoo.com.au

Dear President Michael,

It is with great pleasure that I send you the enclosed charter certificate and Rotaract materials for the new Rotaract Club of Maitland, sponsored by your Rotary club. Please sign the certificate for presentation to the new club.

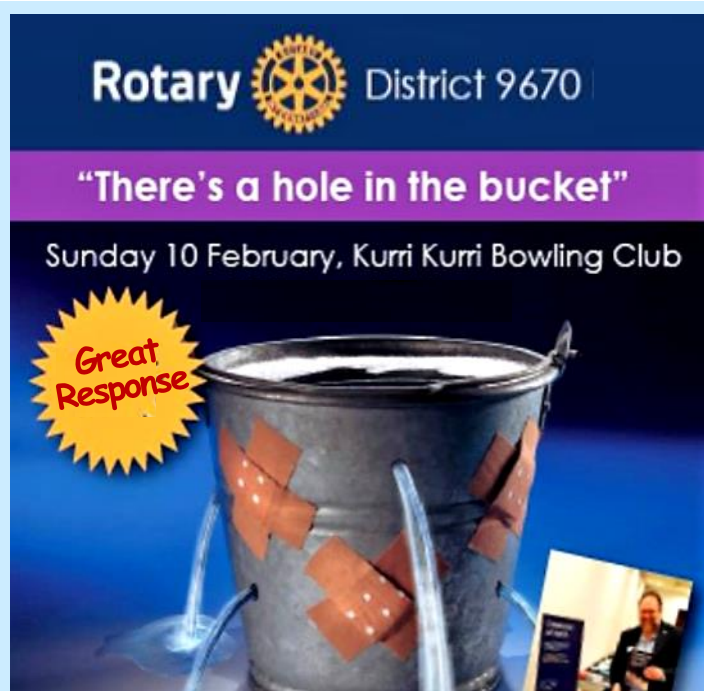
Congratulations and best wishes to all who worked so hard to establish this Rotaract club. This investment in the young professionals in your community will undoubtedly produce great rewards in the future!

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Trudy Grice
Coordinator Club & District Support
South Pacific & Philippines Office



There was an overwhelming response to **"There's a hole in the bucket"** symposium during February. The symposium, designed to help solve our membership leakage, was attended by 81 participants (71 members & 10 guests), representing 26 of our District clubs.

The feedback from participants has all been positive. The active engagement with presenters Tim Moore and Mark Huddleston was refreshing.

"Participants truly appreciated the opportunity to share their reasons for membership growth and loss" ...DG Brian Coffey

Mark Huddleston has left 30 copies of his book *Creatures of Habit* (Understanding and Disrupting the Patterns of Service Club Membership Decline) for sale at the membership table at the upcoming District conference and PETS. If you want to be assured of a copy let DG Brian know. \$25 each.



Membership

It is hoped that the insights and initiatives discussed at the **"There's a hole in the bucket"** symposium can be successfully applied to help reverse the membership leakage in our District.

At the other end of the spectrum the news is very positive. New members have recently been inducted into Toronto, Kurri Kurri and Greenhills-Maitland Clubs (see photos).

The new Maitland Rotaract Club is hopeful of an initial membership of 13 and encouraging news is also coming from Kurri Kurri Sunrise Club, Morisset & Dubbo West.



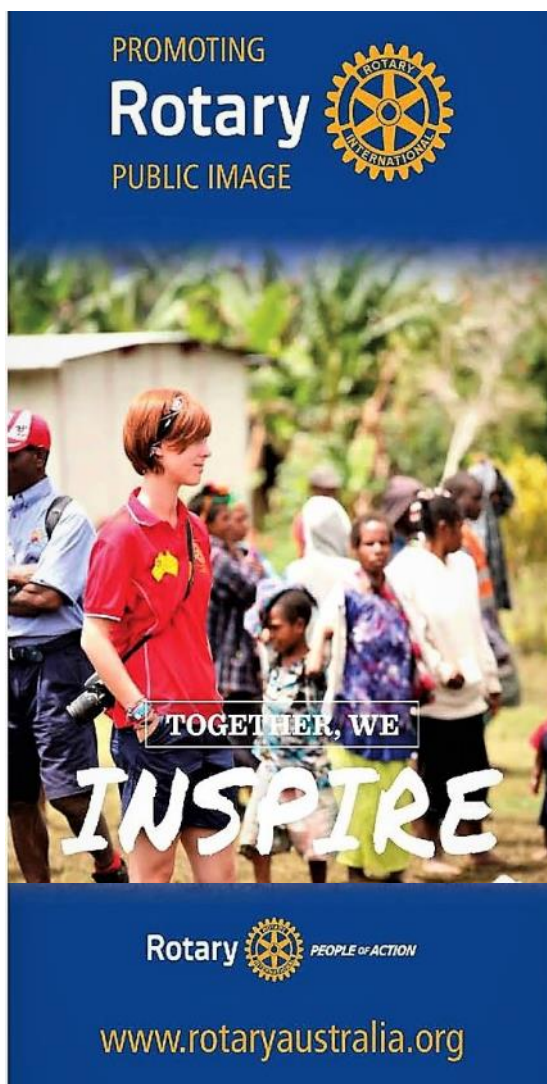
KURRI KURRI ROTARY CLUB
DG Brian and Club President Paul Hughes induct Amanda & Marie



TORONTO ROTARY CLUB
DG Brian and Club President Dennis Trigg induct Gordon & Kerri-Ann Richardson



GREENHILLS - MAITLAND ROTARY CLUB
4 New Members Inducted
(The four new members have been a part of the Club's project in PNG)



Seminar- Promoting Rotary Public Image 17 February 2019, Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club

Rotary District 9685 hosted a well attended and excellent Public Image Seminar during February. The interactive seminar was intended for Club Public Image Directors and club members who were interested in learning how to raise Rotary's public image.

"I wish to recognise the efforts of D9670 members who travelled and participated in the seminar. We had the highest representation after the host district with club members attending from East Maitland, Greenhills Maitland, Toronto, Toronto Sunrise, Nelson Bay, Newcastle Enterprise, Charlestown and Wallsend-Maryland."

..... DG Brian Coffey

The presentation team at the seminar included:

PDG Gina Growden

(Rotary Public Image Coordinator Zone 8 -Australia)

Michael Sharp

(Media and Corporate Affairs Executive)

Evan Burrell

(Assistant Rotary Public Image Coordinator)

Participants were given practical, hand-on experience in all aspects of public image. Topics included: Roles & Responsibilities, Importance of Branding, Accessing and using the Rotary International Brand Centre, People of Action Campaign, Social Media, Relating to mainstream media and taking great photos.

It was explained "Promoting our public image is not difficult or onerous and simple changes can have a huge impact on how we are perceived in the community. Remember, Public Image is every Rotarian's responsibility and what we say, what we do and how we look reflects on the whole organisation."



Andy Marselos (East Maitland), Shaun Stoneman (Newcastle Enterprise) & Sarah Hill (Toronto).

"Spent the day learning about Rotary public image and the best practices in making sure our message gets out there, has an impact and remains consistent. It was an amazing opportunity to network with other clubs"



DG Brian catching up with fellow District Governors, Sue Hayward (D9675) and Susan Wakefield (D9685) at the seminar.

Drought Relief

Rutherford - Telarah Rotary Club helps our farmers

The Rotary Club of Rutherford -Telarah's fund-raising focus in the second half of last year was on the farmers. There was the High Tea; Telarah Pharmacy held a fund-raiser and passed the monies on to the club; and there were a few other things going on. Then, a grant was received from the District RAWCS funds.

All up, there was a bit over \$40,000 to distribute. Distribution in time for Christmas was in the form of Visa cards. The club has received some feedback on this project with a sample hereunder: -

What **PEOPLE ARE SAYING**

"Thanks to all the people involved with this card, it lifted our spirits and was very much appreciated; it makes farming seem worthwhile, even in these tough times.
Thanks again".
Mixed farm - Tallawang

"We were burnt out St Ivan Fire; thought we had come back then the drought hit. The generosity of the people has been overwhelming, we just don't know how to thank everyone. We will just have to keep going heads down bums up and get on with it.
When you are behind us, WE CAN".
Beef Cattle farm - Cassilis- Uarbry

"We are humbled by your generosity and community spirit. Please pass on our thanks and appreciation to all involved".
Beef, Lamb & Wool farm Dunedoo

"I can't fully explain what a difference receiving this gift card has made. It has taken a weight off my shoulders and means I can take my kids to a movie, and pay for my eldest's first school camp. We have cut back on almost all "unnecessary" things but now we can do a few fun things again.
Thank you so much".
Beef farm - Merriwa

"Sincere thanks to all for this beautiful gesture. It is a great act of kindness and so appreciated. Fuel and power are our major costs in the past two years due to prolonged drought. We plan to use this kind donation for these relentless costs".
Beef farm - Dunedoo

"A Big thank you to all involved. This is very much appreciated and a huge help in this tough time. Let's hope 2019 is the year for rain".

Wool & Lambs farm - Gulgong

"Thank you so much for all that you have done to help fellow Australians in times of need. We spent your gift card at our local merchant, CRT".
Beef & Sheep farm - Uarbry

These, and other farmers used the Visa cards for utility bills, fuel, stock fodder, water, basic necessities (e.g. groceries, clothes, medication), vaccination/treatment of stock, equipment repairs, a little de-stressing (e.g. movies, coffee), school shoes, school excursions, etc.

Well done, Rutherford-Telarah Rotary Club and Friends.

ClubsNSW Newcastle & Hunter Valley Region

Supporting Local Farmers & Communities Campaign

UPDATE

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 this drought finally breaks.

Rotary Clubs throughout the state from the Hunter Valley to Dubbo and Cobar to Bourke are supporting Farming Communities by providing Farmers with debit cards so that they can continue to support local community (businesses) with their regular business.

ClubsNSW Newcastle & Hunter Region has agreed to support this campaign and are also encouraging Clubs in our region to consider any support they might have available under their ClubGrants programs.

To date the following donations have been pledged towards the campaign:

\$5,000... ClubsNSW - Newcastle & Hunter Region
\$5,000... Belmont 16's
\$5,000... Singleton Diggers
\$5,000... Cessnock Leagues Club
\$5,000... Toronto Workers Club
\$2,000... Bellbird Workers Club
\$2,000... Abermain Bowling Club

\$29,000... donated to date!

This campaign will conclude in March 2019 where a final tally will be announced. Clubs in our region are being encouraged to consider supporting this very worthy campaign. Clubs who are able to assist will be acknowledged throughout the campaign.

contact -
Paul Cousins on 0403 054 890 for further information.

Thank You - ClubsNSW Newcastle & Hunter Region.

Drought Relief continued

Cobar Rotary Club gets a helping hand.

February was another huge month for the Cobar Rotary Club and its drought relief program. Following an earlier visit to Cobar region by representatives of Castlemaine and Eaglehawk Rotary Clubs in Victoria, the two clubs pledged their support to the Cobar region.

In partnership with the Cobar RC, road trains of fodder from Victoria started to arrive in the Cobar region for distribution to those most in need. Furthermore, the additional funding contributed towards the ongoing supply of grocery packs, bottled water and working dog food to needy farmers. All the essential food items for the packs, the dog food and the bottled water have been purchased from local businesses to support these businesses during the devastating drought and subsequent downturn in business.



Jemrock Cobar branch manager (and Cobar Rotarian), Peter Patten and Rotary Club of Cobar president, Tony Punzet welcome a load of fodder, donated by Rotary Clubs from Victoria and unloaded by Jemrock staff ready for Cobar farmers to pick up.



Essential Grocery Items Pack

"This essential item grocery pack has been provided to you by the Rotary Club of Cobar."

Funding for these packs has come from donations by ordinary people in Australia, who care about what the drought is doing to our farmers, such as the members of the Castlemaine and Eaglehawk Rotary Clubs in Victoria who have made significant donations to help our farmers. The Rotary Club of Cobar has now distributed nearly 200 of these packs across western NSW.

We trust you will enjoy the contents of this pack and remember people do care."



Also, during February, the Gulf Horizons Foundation and their charity partners Flash Market and Eye Candy Motor Sports financed another load of fodder (see photo above). They have now provided 4 road trains of fodder to farmers in western NSW which is a huge contribution. Together, with generous funding from our District RAWCS program and the combined Castlemaine and Eaglehawk Rotary Clubs support the drought relief, during these difficult times, is just a fantastic team effort.

"The ongoing Drought Relief project for Cobar farmers has been an important project for our small Rotary club which only has nine active members."

.....Gordon Hill - Club Secretary

AUSTRALIAN ROTARACT CONFERENCE

9-10 FEB 2019 | ADELAIDE OVAL

Rotaract
Australia



The Rotaract Club of the Hunter recently sent members along to the Australian Rotaract Conference (ARC) in Adelaide. They had an incredible time and were inspired by the speakers and connections with Rotaractors from all over Australia.

They have come home energised and more passionate than ever!!!



Adelaide Convention Centre

The participants are very keen to share their experience and all the things learnt from the conference. They have an ambitious goal to visit as many clubs as possible in our district over the next few months! Already, six clubs have confirmed dates.

If you would like them to come along to one of your club meetings then please contact hunter.rotaract@gmail.com with your preferred date(s).



Conference Participants



Most Fun/Creative Event

FINALISTS

Rotaract Club of Salisbury City
Rotaract Club of Brisbane Rivercity
Rotaract Club of the Hunter
Rotaract Club of Perth

Ahead of the Conference, the Rotaract Club of the Hunter was nominated as a finalist for the most fun/creative event. This was for the Airfield Family Fun Day, which raised money for Motor Neurone Disease Association NSW.

At the Conference dinner the winner was announced.....



Club of the Hunter
Rotaract
Rotary Club Partner



"We are so honoured to win the Most Fun and Creative Event".

"Whilst it's not about awards, it's nice that all the hard work and effort has been noticed. Thanks to everyone who helped out"!Rotaract Club of the Hunter

Presidential Message - March 2019



BARRY RASSIN
President | Rotary International
2018-19

One of the things I appreciate most about serving as president of Rotary International is the people I get to meet. Much of my time is spent traveling and visiting Rotary clubs around the world. A Rotarian welcome is something quite special. But let me tell you, there's nothing so warm as the welcomes that have been rolled out for me by Rotaractors. These are young people who are committed to Rotary ideals, who are pouring their hearts into service, and who, in the process, don't forget to have fun.

One of the highlights of my recent travels was a trip to Ghana, where I visited a district that boasts some 60 Rotaract clubs. They aren't satisfied with that number, though — in fact, they're excited about a plan to double it. They'll do it, too.

Rotaractors are vaccinating children against polio. They're donating blood where the supply is dangerously low. They're providing handwashing facilities to schools where children previously had no way to get clean.

In short, they're all about transformational service: carrying out projects that make a real difference in their communities.

In Nakivale, Uganda, one special Rotaract club is making a difference in its community — which happens to be a refugee settlement. These young leaders are turning what others might see as disadvantages into opportunities for service, building community and opening up new possibilities to those who are most in need of them.

In Turkey, Rotaractors are visiting children in the hospital every Wednesday to lift their spirits by playing games with them. They also are mentoring new students at their university and teaching them leadership skills.



Ghana



Turkey



Uganda

Rotaractors are blazing the path for Rotary to be more relevant in this new century of service. And World Rotaract Week, which we're celebrating 11-17 March, is the perfect opportunity to get to know your local Rotaractors and talk to them about how your clubs can work together. If your Rotary club doesn't already sponsor a Rotaract club, know that you don't need to be near a college or university to do it: Community-based Rotaract clubs are a great option. And remember that Rotaractors are part of the Rotary family.

When Rotaractors are ready to leave their Rotaract club, we don't want them to leave that Rotary family behind. I'm asking all Rotarians to help them make the transition into a Rotary club or to start a new one: I'm happy to charter as many new clubs as we need to give everyone a place where they feel at home while making the world a little better. Service should be fun, it should be inspirational, and it should be open to all.

If there's one thing Rotary has always excelled at, it's diversity. In the past, that often meant diversity of profession, nationality, and outlook. We've made great strides when it comes to diversity of age and gender, and as we welcome more Rotaractors into our organization, we'll become even stronger.

Rotary is powerful. Together with Rotaract, it is unstoppable. Working side by side, we have the potential to *Be the Inspiration* in every part of society, to every person we meet.



BE THE INSPIRATION

District 9670 Assistant Governors 2019 -20

DGE Graeme Hooper has finalised the formation of his Assistant Governor team for 2019-20.

The primary role of an Assistant Governor (AG) is to be the connection between the clubs in a designated zone and the district. The relationships an AG builds with the clubs in their assigned zone makes those clubs and our district stronger. The AG's are available to offer guidance to clubs to help them achieve their goals.

During February the AG team for 2019-20 met for their training weekend.

Zone	Assistant Governor
1	Steve Cowley
2	Tim Vail
3	Amanda Roach
4	Grant Jupe
5	Anita White
6	Kerry Hayes
7	Earl Heckman (until 31 Dec 2019) Pam Dean-Jones (from 1 Jan 2020)
8	Sharon Chambers
9	Brian Oakley
10	Clarice Hamling



Back (l-r) Earl Heckman, DGE Graeme, Sue Hooper, Anita White, Kerry Hayes, Sharon Chambers Front Pam Dean-Jones & Clarice Hamling



Steve Cowley



Amanda Roach



Grant Jupe



Brian Oakley



Tim Vail



Training Team (Pam Wellham, Julie Dixon, Chris Walmsley & Craig Johnson) with Graeme & Sue Hooper



Under the guidance of our two seasoned trainers, Christine Walmsley and Pam Welham, our two new trainers had their first opportunity to test their skills at AG and Chairs training.

Craig Johnson from the Rotary Club of Morisset and Julie Nixon from Rotary Club of East Maitland both brought new perspectives to a couple of great days. DGE Graeme provided an overview of the new theme **"Rotary Connects The World"** and the ongoing push by Rotary international to use digital means to record club information. The AG's are an excellent resource to help and assist clubs. Clubs connect with our worldwide organisation and a myriad of programs both at a District, and International level.

They look forward to seeing President Elects at Dubbo on Saturday 6th April and Singleton on 4th May.



World Rotaract Week

Rotaract was founded 51 years ago on 13 March 1968. This year the World Rotaract Week, is 11-17 March 2019. Rotaractors around the world will celebrate the success and importance of Rotaract in their communities. Want to be part of the celebration but not sure where to start? Perhaps you could organise a joint project between your Club and one of the two Rotaract clubs in our District. Alternatively, perhaps you can simply celebrate by planning a party between Rotaractors and your club.

Either way it is a great opportunity for your club members to learn more about Rotaract.



Rotary District 9670 RYPEN Committee is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the RYPEN camp to be held on the weekend of May 3rd, 4th and 5th 2019.

D9670 RYPEN Camp

Dates: 3rd, 4th and 5th May 2019

Venue: Myuna Bay Sport & Recreation, Wangi Rd, Myuna Bay NSW 2264

Cost: \$230.00 per student

[Download nomination forms from the district website](#)

Contact: RYPEN Committee - Chairperson Zoey Kirwan 0410 664 224 for more information.

What participants say about their RYPEN and Rotary experience...

"There has never been a camp that has wowed me this much, an experience I would love to relive and share with everyone."

"Every activity was absolutely amazing! I would do this over and over again especially if it was with the same people, the best group of people I have ever met."

More information about RYPEN can be found on the district website and our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RYPEN9670>



***"Rotary Friendship Exchanges:
build goodwill, foster peace, strengthen
international friendships, and create a
more global community".***



We have 11 very excited people heading to District 5610, South Dakota, on 29 May 2019.

Peter & Lee Judd,	Dubbo
John Sully,	Nelson Bay
Michael Tams,	East Maitland
Ian & Judy Klein,	Warners Bay
Joy Adams,	Mudgee Sunrise
David & Lona Brown,	Newcastle Enterprise
Pat & Trish Moore,	Newcastle Enterprise

Some of the group are doing further travel before and after the RFE segment. All travel arrangements have been finalised. The host District 5610, which covers the state of South Dakota, are busily arranging details for our group's fortnight stay with them traversing the district from east to west:

This exchange sees us fly into Sioux Falls, South Dakota where will be met by Rotarians from Brookings and stay two nights before heading to

western Minnesota, Eastern Iowa and then back to Sioux Falls. The Rotarians will treat us to sights and visits of farming, rolling hills, pretty rivers, colleges and the Ice Cream Capital of the world as we cross the Missouri River and visit the capital of South Dakota. The last few days will be in the Black Hills visiting Mt Rushmore and other lovely mountain sights. Along the way there will be Rotary meetings and events.

A Rotary Friendship Exchange with District 5610 will commence in Newcastle on the 11th of October when 11 people arrive.

We seek Clubs throughout the District to host the visitors, with Rotary Club of Dubbo volunteering to host the visitors for part of their stay. The plan is for a combined clubs function and stargazing night with a lamb on a spit dinner. Other activities could include a visit to the RFDS, Western Plains Cultural Centre, and Rural Fire Services HQ.

special event

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).

Attendance & Community Service



Compiled by :

Ray Davies, Membership and Volunteering Officer

JANUARY 2019

Club	Members	Attendance %	Hours
Belmont	29	95	23
Cardiff	10	52	36
Dubbo	26	77	12
Dubbo South	51	58	118
Dubbo West	39	81	13
Dungog	13	70	36
East Maitland	37	76	62
Mudgee	27	No meetings	71
Myall Coast	24	70	160
Newcastle	35	53	3
Newcastle Enterprise	30	52	45
Newcastle Harbour	21	78	60
Rutherford Telarah	40	44	NR
Toronto	17	75	36
Wallsend-Maryland	19	91	735
Warners Bay	49	59	293

NR = Not Reported

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 life changing improvements that we can make through projects to provide a more readily available and healthy supply of water to all people.

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.



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30 April 2019: Last day to request to cancel registrations or tickets
5 June 2019: Last day for online registration



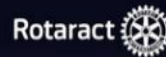
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