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## THE GUARDIAN

From the desk of  
**District 9670 Governor**  
Graeme Hooper  
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## From DG Graeme's Desk...

August was our designated Membership Development Month and since 1st July we have welcomed 15 new Rotarians to D9670.

Many Rotary Clubs are recognising that transitioning to the future is a very important issue. How do you make your Club more appealing and attractive? Answer: Engage and connect by being people of action in and around your community to open the doors to the diversity on offer, and ways to engage prospective members into Rotary.

Mark Moloney, our International President, is keen for all Clubs to have a Membership Committee to assist with driving the process and I invite you all to make your Clubs attractive and take them in a new direction. Don't be afraid to undertake a skills audit of your members and reinvent the wheel by using the old classification system to assist in that process.

For some inspiration, visit: <https://my.rotary.org/en/club-flexibility>

Rotary is a dynamic organisation. As volunteers and Rotarians, we need to be continually upskilling ourselves to better understand the "fast forward" environment we now live in. Access, "My Rotary", to get started. You need to have a profile and you can easily create an account and/or modify your profile here: <https://my.rotary.org/en/user/login?destination=user/profile/edit> and by clicking on the various tabs will take you into a whole new world of Rotary. So what are you waiting for! Explore and learn!

Moving into September which is Basic Education and Literacy Month, consider how you can assist your community with learning? Several Rotary Clubs offer literacy support within refugee communities or local primary schools? Have you considered running vocational mentoring days with your local high school? Encourage learning and support leadership amongst young people by connecting them to Rotary Programs such as RYPEN, MUNA, NYSF, and RYLA<sup>1</sup>.



Cattle in the long paddock near Wellington

As we travel around our vast and diverse District, it saddens Sue and I to see just how devastating the drought really is. Having come from rural backgrounds ourselves, the long paddocks for feeding stock and closed up businesses are constant reminders of better days gone by. Congratulations to the Rotary Clubs in Dubbo and the Rotary Club of Wellington for collaborating to give local Wellington primary school children a day out at the zoo. This kind of thoughtfulness will surely have a very positive impact on their lives. Tax deductible donations for the drought can still be made to: <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/33-2018-19>

With the dry weather expected to continue into spring and summer, keep yourselves and your families safe. Bush fires in August have already closed the M1 and endangered property within our own local area, the City of Lake Macquarie.

On brighter notes, Sue and I enjoyed an evening out with Tocal Rotaract for their trivia fundraising event to assist drought affected families, dropped in on the Belmont Rotary Club's display for Senior Citizens, took part in the Wallsend Winter Fair, and attended Newcastle Pride. There are just so many ways that we, as Rotarians, can connect with our diverse communities.

<sup>1</sup>RYLA in D9670 has been in recession and will be restarted in February 2020



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## Strengthen and Multiply Our Connections to Grow Rotary

During 2019-20, I am encouraging Rotarians and Rotaractors to grow Rotary. We must grow our service, we must grow the impact of our projects, but, most importantly, we must grow our membership so that we can achieve more.

Your club's membership committee will then apply Rotary's classification system – designed to ensure that the range of professions in your community is well represented – to identify potential leaders with the skill, the talent and the character that will strengthen your club. If your club's membership committee is unsure how to proceed, look to the club membership checklist on [rotary.org](http://rotary.org) for clearly defined steps to organising its work.

How else will we connect to grow Rotary?  
We will also form new types of clubs – either independent clubs or satellite clubs – with different meeting experiences and engaging service opportunities, not just

where there is no Rotary, but also where Rotary is already thriving. No Rotary club in the world can possibly serve all segments of its community. Therefore, we must organise new clubs to engage the community leaders who cannot connect with our existing clubs.

*“Let us try a new approach to membership, one that is more organised and strategic. I am asking every club to form an active membership committee consisting of people from different backgrounds, who will look methodically at the leadership of the community. Growing Rotary is all about taking the connections that make our organisation unique in the world and strengthening and multiplying them.”*

Growing Rotary is all about taking the connections that make our organisation unique in the world and strengthening and multiplying them.

Let us commit ourselves to growing  
Rotary and to welcoming the next diverse  
generation of women and men as *Rotary  
Connects the World*.

Mark Daniel Maloney  
President, Rotary International

"A View from the Top". Rotary Downunder. August 2019



**Join us for dinner with  
Rotary International  
President for 2019-  
2020, Mark  
Daniel  
Maloney**



**SAVE THE DATE**

**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

## Isda's Column



My adventures are taking me near and far  
and DG Graeme even let me be navigator!  
That was fun! It was exciting, dodging  
those wide loads – wow they're big!

The constabulary even made us pull right off the road, but DG and his passenger wouldn't let me out to play with the lambs when they went to talk to farmer Luke over the fence where he was feeding them and their mums!! We even drove through a couple of long paddocks.

Nobody sniffed out my food bowl, so I'm a bit peckish too – then we found out that Truro Ted had hidden it in the ShelterKit gear! He finally 'fessed up when my rumbling tummy got too annoying.

During our travels, I lost my blankie.

I was so pleased I could snuggle up inside someone's warm and cosy home. Those frosty mornings. brrrrrrrrrrrrr.

As for puppy in action, Scooby from Scone was seen supervising a sewing operation, preparing for Rotary fundraising, and Vera, in Dubbo, found a money box. I wonder what all those other pups are up to?

I get to go on a big aeroplane soon, so I need my vaccinations and passport sorted. Oh so many adventures!

Donations 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": or, via direct banking: Bendigo Bank BSB - 633 000 Account no – 167718972 Your donation will really help all my friends, thank you.



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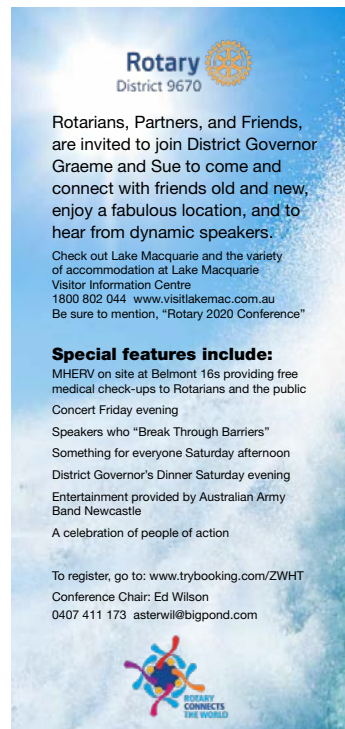


# Rotary International Convention

## ***“Aloha Rotary”*** – Honolulu • 6-10 June 2020

Register at: <http://riconvention.org/en/honolulu>  
**Katrina Henningham (& Craig) RC Warners Bay**  
 E: [convention@rotary9670.org.au](mailto:convention@rotary9670.org.au)

## District 9670 Conference



Have you registered for our “Breaking Through Barriers” Conference yet? [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 20th 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.



## 9670 Attends Newcastle Pride!

Saturday August 24th Rotarians from District 9670 and Rotaract Club of the Hunter attended Newcastle Pride.

The atmosphere on the day was absolutely electric, with both Rotary & Rotaract talking to hundreds if not thousands of community minded individuals.

Although we walked away with so many names and enquiries for membership, one of the key drivers for this event was to not only support the local community but to challenge the stigmas and challenge the perceptions that people had of Rotary.

That goal was definitely achieved, with Rotary & Rotaract being the talk of the event. The fact that we stood side by side with Rotaract also made all the difference, if an over 30 spoke to Rotaract they could easily pass them onto Rotary as well as the inverse with any under 30s provided the option of Rotary or Rotaract.

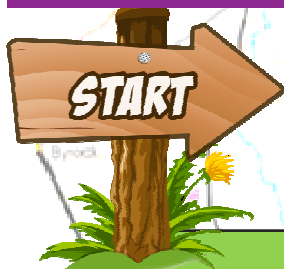
Pair that with the side by side Rotary gazebos made for a beacon for passerbys to come and have a chat to both of us. With strong branding elements throughout the stalls made for a consistent message.

This approach worked so well with one potential member Reece who was super eager to get involved with Rotaract but just a little bit too old. When we said he could talk to Rotary he said “Nope, no way. Don’t even, not a chance” then ended up signing up to come along to a meeting because his opinion of Rotary was completely shattered.

This event has truly been a Public Image coup for the district, with Mardi Gras Sydney using photos of Rotarians on their page (with over 400,000 followers), local media engagement, and just general positivity from all attendees.



# 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
DUBBO WEST		Wed 25 Sept
MUDGEES SUNRISE		Fri 27 Sept

November		
Morning	Midday	Evening
NEWCASTLE		Mon 4 Nov
MUSWELLBROOK		Thu 7 Nov
DUNGOG		Mon 11 Nov
MERRIWA		Tue 12 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
PATERSON	✓	Wed 21 Aug
RAYMOND TERRACE	✓	Mon 26 Aug
NEWCASTLE SUNRISE	✓	Wed 28 Aug
NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	✓	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
CARDIFF		Mon 28 Oct
CHARLESTOWN		Tue 29 Oct





## 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](mailto:governor2019-20@rotary9670.org.au)

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



Belmont RC Pres Sue Larkin and DG Graeme at the Belmont Seniors Day

## Classifieds

### Lost and Found

**Lost:** Isda has lost her blankie. It's believed to be caught up in something in DG's September rag.

Reward for finder determined by lucky draw. Finder's, please email: [districtnewsletter@rotary9670.org.au](mailto:districtnewsletter@rotary9670.org.au) **before 23 September 2019** and let us know where it is hiding.



**Lost:** No one could "sniff out" Isda's bowl – all because Truro Ted was being naughty at last month's Shelter Box training day.

### Treasury

RI, RDU and District fees should all now be paid in full!

For donation payment details to DG Partner's Project, please see Isda's Column.

## Notices

- ◆ "Paint it Red for Polio" Launch Dinner – Friday 6 September, Brown Sugar, Warners Bay
- ◆ Social Media Workshop – Saturday 7 September, Maitland
- ◆ Living Smart Festival – Saturday 28 September, Speers Point Park
- ◆ Lift the Lid on Mental Health – October
- ◆ World Polio Day & "Paint it Red for Polio" – Thursday 24 October – Enjoy a train ride to Berowra with fellow Rotarians
- ◆ Graffiti Removal Day – Sunday 27 October
- ◆ Club Development Plans to be with their Assistant Governors and DG Graeme at least two weeks prior to Graeme's official visit
- ◆ **Deadline** for the next District Newsletter is **Monday 23 September**



## Regeneration

**NZ/AUS Conference  
Christchurch NZ  
20th-22nd September 2019**  
[www.rotaryoceania.zone/page/rotaryzone8conference](http://www.rotaryoceania.zone/page/rotaryzone8conference)

**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 Now" – Red T-Shirts**  
available at RDU Supplies

<http://rdusupplies.com.au/end-polio-now-shirt/>

### 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 Themes: September & October



# RLI

Another successful RLI program was conducted on Sundays 18th and 25th August.

Thirteen participants completed the program, which was held at Club Maitland in Rutherford, and were handed their certificates of completion and RLI badges by DG Graeme Hooper.

Although RLI stands for Rotary Leadership Institute, it is also known as Rotary Learning

Initiative, because it's not just for Rotarians aspiring to leadership, but those who wish to learn more about our wonderful organisation.

Most of the attendees were relatively new Rotarians and many were quite amazed at how much goes on in Rotary.

Six facilitators ran the program over the two days, providing plenty of variation whilst sharing

the benefit of their individual experience.

This is a very informative and interactive program for Rotarians, new and old.

It is also a great opportunity to meet others from around the District and share ideas.

Keep an eye out for the dates of the next seminar in the District News.



Puppy of Action - Scooby from Scone RC supervising preparations for Rotary fundraising



(l-r): DG Graeme with RLI Facilitators Craig, Glenda, Katrina & PDG Adrian



DG Graeme with RLI Participants  
(back row l-r) John, Stacey, Jillian, Keith, Jennie, Jill, Martin, Wendy, Glenda (front row l-r) Kim, Kanchan, Vicki & Verity



**Something you wouldn't know about DG Graeme & Sue, unless you asked...**

During secondary school years in the sporting arena, Graeme was a rugby lock; and Sue was athletics champion twice.



Isda was a bit sad she didn't get to play with the lambs



Frost on Golden Highway

## Roach Ramblings

### New District

The Transition Committee, comprising members from D9670 & D9650, met in Port Macquarie on 24 August. The committee is developing an Action Plan and will be establishing Focus Teams involving members from each district in the following areas:

- |                             |                |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| • Administration/Governance | • Membership   |
| • Finance/Budget            | • Public Image |
| • Youth                     | • Training     |
| • Foundation                | • Website      |
| • Services                  |                |

Each of these teams will be required to:

- Examine the current situation within both districts in their field of focus
- Determine the differences, problems and benefits of the current situation
- Not be inhibited by what is happening in 9650 and 9670 but make recommendations to the Transition Committee in their area of focus to commence a NEW district.
- Keep the Transition Committee informed of all recommendations in a timely manner.
- Ensure all recommendations comply with the Code of Policies, Constitution and By-Laws of Rotary International and/or The Rotary Foundation.

Yours in Rotary, **DGE David Roach**



# Getting to Know Your AG



**Zone 3:**  
**Amanda Roach,**  
**RC Rylstone-Kandos**  
 Denman / Merriwa / Mudgee /  
 Mudgee Sunrise / Muswellbrook  
**Rotarian since:** 2004  
**Family:** Husband DGE David;  
 Children Zachary, Yedda &  
 fiancé Steph, Eamonn & wife  
 Kylie, Imogen, Fin; grandson  
 Lachlan & new baby due  
 November  
**Vocation/Profession:** School  
 counselling; currently Mental  
 Health educator

**Rotary interests:** YEP, RAM,  
 Relayid, drought relief & support  
**Community interests:** Drough  
 relief, NALAG, Max Potential,  
 volunteering  
**Personal interests:** Reading,  
 family, pets, art, gardening,  
 travel  
**Special awards:** PHF+1  
**Dream place to visit & why:**  
 Anywhere – love travelling –  
 but the bucketlist has Egypt,  
 Antarctica, India, Morocco &  
 Japan (again)  
**Why I live where I live:** This is  
 where we were posted by the  
 Education Dept 25+ years ago  
 – but would love to also have  
 a base in Newcastle/Hunter so  
 we can visit family more often  
**What you didn't know about**  
**me, unless you ask me:** In  
 Interact throughout high school;  
 in QUOTA as women were not  
 allowed to be in Rotary at that  
 stage; A50 District Secretary of  
 Inner Wheel; have had many  
 board positions of groups  
 around Upper Hunter & Central  
 West; training to be a Celebrant



**Zone 5:**  
**Anita White,**  
**RC Singleton**  
 Maitland Sunrise / Paterson /  
 Ruthford-Telarah / Scone /  
 Singleton on Hunter / Singleton  
 Sunrise  
**Rotarian since:** 2004  
**Family:** Husband Neil; Julian,  
 Cameron & Simon – all married;  
 4 grandchildren  
**Vocation/Profession:** CEO –  
 Disability Services  
**Rotary interests:** District  
 committees & District  
 conferences; my Club's  
 community projects; Our charity  
 bike ride; working with Westpac  
 Rescue; BBQ fundraising

**Community interests:**  
 Promoting Witmore Enterprises  
 in the community, where we  
 provide amazing services for  
 people with a disability  
**Personal interests:** Bide riding,  
 (road & mountain bikes); time  
 with the grandchildren; avid  
 Sydney Swans fan & member  
**Special awards:** PHF  
**Dream place to visit & why:**  
 As I'm half Estonian, I love  
 going back to Tallinn to visit  
 family, Estonia has so many  
 nature spots to visit  
**Why I live where I live:** on 16  
 acres of backyard at Belford –  
 we enjoy the space  
**What you didn't know about**  
**me, unless you ask me:** I was  
 an illegal Rotaract member in  
 the early 80's – joined when  
 I was 16 – it helped that Dad  
 was the President of Swansea  
 Rotary Club at the time.



**Zone 6:**  
**Kerry Hayes,**  
**RC Warners Bay**  
 Cessnock / Greenhills Maitland  
 / Kurri Kurri / Kurri Kurri Sunrise

**Rotarian since:** 2012  
**Family:** three children, four  
 grandchildren  
**Vocation/Profession:** Nurse  
**Rotary interests:** Youth,  
 health, Rotary Foundation Polio  
**Community interests:**  
 Volunteering, helping new  
 parents  
**Personal interests:** Travel,  
 movies, craft  
**Special awards:** PHF  
**Dream place to visit & why:**  
 South Australia: food, wine,  
 chocolate; Hawaii: beautiful  
**Why I live where I live:**  
 Warners Bay is a great place  
**What you didn't know about**  
**me, unless you ask me:** Once  
 sang in a heavy metal band

**Zone 7:**  
**Earl Heckman, RC Maitland**  
 Maitland / Myall Coast /  
 Raymond Terrace / Salamander  
 Bay / Williamtown  
**Rotarian since:** 2009  
**Family:** Wife Barbara, two  
 daughters & four grandchildren  
**Vocation/Profession:**  
 Mechanical engineer (retired)  
**Rotary interests:** Science  
 & Engineering Challenge,  
 Discovery Days  
**Community interests:**  
 Maitland Community Care  
 Services; Maitland City festival  
 events  
**Personal interests:** Travel,  
 camping and golf  
**Special awards:** PHF+1  
**Dream place to visit & why:**  
 Nepal – majestic Himalayas



**Why I live where I live:** Semi-  
 rural life style  
**What you didn't know about**  
**me, unless you ask me:**  
 Unusual family background



**Zone 8:**  
**Sharon Chambers,**  
**RC Raymond Terrace**  
 Cardiff / Dungog / Newcastle  
 Enterprise / Newcastle Harbour  
 / Wallsend-Maryland / Waratah  
**Rotarian since:** 2000  
**Family:** four fabulous children  
 & one special grandson

**Vocation/Profession:** Tax  
 consultant, retired  
**Rotary interests:** Public Image,  
 Membership  
**Community interests:** Helping  
 others  
**Personal interests:** Family,  
 travel, reading  
**Special awards:** PHF+2,  
 Rotary Foundation Bequest  
 Society member  
**Dream place to visit & why:**  
 Peru: culture, Inca civilisation,  
 amazing scenery  
**Why I live where I live:** I am in  
 love with the owner!  
**What you didn't know about**  
**me, unless you ask me:**  
 Australian Champion Midget  
 Leader Girl 1965, when a  
 member of Bay Royals Adelaide  
 Marching Girls



# District Governor out and about...



Newcastle Enterprise RC - Rtn Chris Baldwin with Maxine



Dubbo Macquarie RC - DG Graeme & Peter McInnes



DG Graeme presenting Pres Steve Merritt with a Paul Harris +2



Dubbo RC - Pres Lyn Wicks & DG Graeme



Cessnock RC - Pres John Rosee, Sue, DG Graeme, PDG Steve Jackson -Isda welcoming Bella



Scone RC - Pres Lindy Hunt with Scooby & DG Graeme



Rutherford-Telarah RC - Rtn Kevin Wilcher with Udson & Isda



Rylstone-Kandos - DG Graeme & Pres Klaus Keck



Denman RC - DG Graeme & Pres Gareth James



Wellington RC - Pres Greg Hart & DG Graeme



Paterson RC - Pres Cath Varcoe & McTavish teasing DG Graeme



Waratah RC - Pres Howard Mole, Sue, DG Graeme