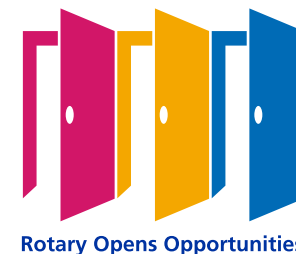


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D9670 District Governor
David Roach

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From the DG's desk ...

Welcome back to Rotary, may 2021 be safe and healthy for us all.

As you are aware we were saddened by the news of the passing of PDG Peter Raynor in early January. Peter was a passionate Rotarian with a strong personal focus on The Rotary Foundation.

PDG Greg Bevan represented D9670 at Peter's memorial service and Greg gave an extensive account of Peter's involvement with Rotary, spanning many years.



Greg's words paid a fitting tribute to Peter's Rotary life and I extend the District's thanks to Greg and, once again, our condolences to Marg and family.

Marg also asked in lieu of flowers at Peter's memorial service that a donation be made directly to the Rotary Foundation on behalf of Peter.

Within the next few weeks, each club will be notified about the provision from District approved reserve funding of a free tear drop banner and additional documentation for the purchase of banners from your club funds if you so desire.

In addition to this, each club will have the opportunity to access up to \$250 from District for a Club Membership Support Grant. Conditions will apply to this grant. Information will be out soon.

The District Transition Committee meets with our counterparts from D9650 in Tamworth at the end of February.

After this date, more information will be forwarded to you about this journey to D9660.

I have just been informed that D9455 & D9465 are to merge. This will make the new District with over 90 clubs and 2000 Rotarians. A healthy district – this district will be the whole of Western Australia.

Something to ponder – Rotary will need to adapt and respond to the challenges before us as we merge to a new D9660 and that is very applicable to the new district in WA.

Nominations are still open, until the end of March, for the position of DG for 2023-24.

This is a very important position and I encourage those interested and eligible to apply. This is a great opportunity to take a leadership role to help shape the new District 9660.

Could all Club Secretaries please update Clubrunner with the incoming club executive for 2021-22 if you have not already done so, as this information is of importance for both District and RI. Your support with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Nominations are now open for the election of Zone Club Representatives to the District Management



Committee. Please speak with your club president or secretary if you are interested.

I will be contacting clubs within the next week to see if I can make an in person DG visit, pending appropriate Covid restrictions. Please note I will be unable to visit all clubs face to face but we hope to visit the majority of clubs within D9670 this year.

Take care and stay safe.

David Roach

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Stacy has accepted the role of
gatherer & collator of
DG David's newsletter articles.

Month of Club Charter

As part of an initiative to promote District Clubs they will have the opportunity to highlight themselves in the month they were Chartered.

The following clubs were Chartered in December and January:

Newcastle – 19 December 1923

Morisset – 19 December 1966

Paterson – 9 December 1988

Dubbo Macquarie – 21 January 1993

Toronto Sunrise – 17 January 1996

Rotary Club of Newcastle

Newcastle Rotary Club was chartered on 19th December 1923. The history of the Rotary Club of Newcastle is vast with our Club being the 3rd Rotary Club established in Australia and the first in the Northern region of NSW. This makes our Club the Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather of all the Rotary Clubs in our district and beyond.

2023 will see our 100 years “Centennial Anniversary” and our Club Members are excited with the celebrations

we have planned for the entire year, culminating with a traditional ball with a “100 year old” theme.

Our major fund raiser is our annual Newcastle to Dungog Charity Bike Ride, which is gaining momentum every year and becoming a well known event throughout the cycling fraternity. This year we were lucky enough to have a snippet of the cyclists participating in the event, shown on the Saturday night news on NBN, not only promoting our wonderful club but Rotary Charities in general.



Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise

Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise chartered 25 years ago this month. It was formed in 1996, 7 years after the Council on Legislation voted to eliminate the requirements by RI Constitution that membership in Rotary Clubs be limited to men. In Australia there was strong opposition from many Rotary clubs not to admit women and the Lake Macquarie region was no different. One way to circumnavigate Rotary's position of not admitting women was to form new clubs and channel any interest from women into these clubs, and so Toronto Sunrise Rotary like the Phoenix was born out of the ashes. It is almost inconceivable now to think Rotary or any other community service club would have excluded women because, as we know, service clubs serve the community which is made up of both men and women. We are told we are a different Rotary Club – best compliment ever. Many of the original members of RCTS are still members of the club today.

RCTS has been extremely successful over the last 25 years, a testament not only to the women but to those men who so valiantly joined a mixed club and worked together as equals to serve our community both at home and overseas.

The list of projects undertaken over



the years by RCTS is enormous. We have supported our local aboriginal communities, provided community activities such as Paddlefest, Winterfest, Heaven Can Wait, Meals on Wheels, graffiti removal, restoration of local historic sites, restoration of community buildings, supported the homeless and women's refuges, children in crisis, Westlakes driver training for disadvantaged teens, assisted the needy, supported orphanages and clean water programs overseas, supported our farmers, lent a hand to those with a disability, cleaned up local gardens both private and public, hosted exchange students and supported numerous local students in science, maths and social areas and many more. To enable us to support and assist many of these projects we raised considerable amounts of monies from community fund raising activities such as High Teas, raffles, Paddlefest, Wattle Day ball etc.

Without the men and women of RCTS we could not have achieved such outstanding success.

RCTS meet at the RMYC Toronto on a Tuesday morning at 7.15am Cost is \$15 for a continental breakfast.



Month of Club Charter contd...

Rotary Club of Morisset

Chartered on the 19th Day of December 1966, the Rotary Club of Morisset has had a proud, heritage supporting the western shore communities of Lake Macquarie in Rotary District 9670. These local communities bear the enduring benefits of a compassionate and community focussed club supporting all forms of humanitarian need near and far. Morisset Rotary looks very different today than it did 54 years ago. Like all successful organisations we have maintained member and community interest by evolving with the times to remain relevant and representative of our community.

Founding, and current member Lyal Lee recalls the clubs charter night at the then thriving Morisset Hospital. Originally Morisset Rotary was a men's only club but it struck broad

appeal right from the beginning across the community. When Rotary International allowed women to join Rotary in 1989, the club inducted current member Kerry Morrissey as the first female member the following year. Now a President 3 times over, Kerry paved the way for many more female Rotarians who have provided great strength, compassion, diversity and new skills for the club. The Rotary Club of Morisset is proud to remain representative of our community and continue to embrace diversity with equal female/male membership and strong leadership into the future from President Margaret Johnson and President Elect Sue Hooper.

Today the club conducts a balanced brief of local and overseas humanitarian support such as local youth mental health, Morogoro community health and Timor Leste

orphanage nutrition. We're also frequent supporters of Australian Rotary Health, Southlake Community Centre, Morisset High School, Heaven Can Wait, the MHERV Van, Integra Service Dogs, ROMAC and Interplast.

The one thing every one of our members aspires to do is give back to those who need a hand in our communities. Basic human rights including somewhere to live in safety and dignity are fundamental, but so often missing, remarked Pres Margaret. Rotary is the perfect package of networking, knowledge, resources, funding and compassion to leverage and enable every one of us to make a huge difference and lasting legacy in the world.

All Morisset Rotarians are proud of our achievements and pleased to promote the great brand of Rotary in the 9670 District.



Yannings

A Conversation from "the other half"

Hello everyone

I trust that you all enjoyed the Festive Season (even with COVID19 restrictions) and after a little break from Rotary meetings and service you are ready to spring into the next 6 months of our 2020-21 Rotary year.

The theme for this coming month of February in Rotary is "Peace and Conflict Prevention and Resolution".

Noting this, DG David and I were honoured to attend the 25th Anniversary Luncheon for RC Toronto Sunrise this January.

It was a fun-filled and enjoyable celebration at the Royal Motor Yacht Club Toronto giving great account of the Rotary Club's history of service to local and overseas service/projects to date. Congratulations to all current and previous members on the anniversary and the tremendous effort given in Rotary's name.

A highlight of the festivity was a presentation by local Peace Scholar Syann Williams – what an amazing time she had studying in Japan, and what fantastic ideas she has returned with to better promote peace, and peace practice, in our own country as well as overseas.

Syann has a particular interest in applying this to creative activities intersecting with Indigenous culture – she is available for any Clubs, or Hub groups of Clubs, to discuss her ideas and experiences – whether this is in person or by Zoom. We can provide her contact details on request.

You may know of someone in your own community who has interest and practice in areas related to peace promotion – why not check out the **Peace Scholar Fellowship** section on the RI website – and there are great modules available on [My Rotary](#) too!

Another highlight was the opportunity, this month, to view the broadcast of the **RC Melbourne's R100 Australia Day Event**. Of great interest to me were the presentations of particular significance such as:

- End Trachoma
- Give Every Child a Future
- Homelessness of Women over 50
- Indigenous Literacy Programs
- Rotary Safe Families Initiative
- ARH projects progress

Research these on the internet and Rotary websites to learn much more.

These programs all fit in well with my own areas of work and concern, providing such great up-dates in a year where the Australia Day campaign is about "Reflect, Respect, Celebrate"! They are indeed also in tandem with what Rotary is all about!

What is your Club doing to celebrate or commemorate the Rotary100 anniversary?

There are some remarkable projects being planned and undertaken by individual Clubs and groups across our district (and between districts).

Do something to celebrate Rotary being in Australia for 100 years – even the smallest gift or activity in your

own community will be worthwhile.

In February, I was supposed to attend my DG training in Florida, but due to Covid19 RI has put an enormous effort into making this virtual training over 1-11 February. So DG David (as the next DG's partner) and I have been very lucky to score the training times for our Zoom meetings at 1am and 1pm (mostly on the same day, too) so please, think of us dearly during these February dates as we grapple with "Rotary shift-work"!!!

Additionally, DG David and I met this month with Chair Carla Pittman from RC Dubbo to plan our District's Learning and Development rollout (including PETS/BETS) which will be released soon.

For this to be most efficient, we desperately need to know your Club Board for 2021-22, especially President, Secretary and Treasurer. Could I ask Clubs to please upload this information onto ClubRunner as soon as possible – if you are having difficulties with this, please email me with the relevant names so we can assist: amanda.roachdg2122@gmail.com or text to 0427-794-319

In closing, please "Save the Date" for our Rotary District 9670 Changeover which will be a luncheon at Mudjee Parklands on Sunday, 27th June, 2021. More information will be sent out to Clubs soon.

Until next month - Amanda



Rotary Themes: February & March



February - Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

During this month, clubs highlight the importance developing world understanding and supporting education and projects to develop skills in building peace and conflict prevention & resolution. Special activities could include:

- Organise, promote, or participate in MUNA (Model United Nations Assembly)
- Engage in reconciliation of broken families, restoring relationships
- Help with how people can live in peace with their families and their neighbours
- Assist young single mothers who are victims of sexual and other abuse through training programs
- Nominate a Rotary Peace Scholar



March - Water and Sanitation

This month also includes the World Rotaract Week from the 7th until 14th of March.

- Create awareness on water Conservation by Street play / Banners / Literature Distributions / Seminars at club level and for local community, Rain water harvesting awareness
- Clean Drinking Water at Railway Stations, Bus Stations, Schools or Public Places, Re-user of waste Water
- Create Public Toilets Facilities, Create Awareness on Sanitation at Schools - Colleges - Economically Backward Areas
- Create Sewage / Concealed Drainage system, Bore Wells, Building Check dams
- providing Carriers (Transportation Systems) to carry water pots

COVID-Safe Fundraising

Singleton RC

The Rotary Club of Singleton runs a Cubby House Raffle at Christmas. The Cubby House is built by one of our members, Geoff Williams, & last year's was the 43rd Cubby House, built by Geoff & raffled by the club.

In 2020, we ran the raffle from 7th December through to 23rd December & it was very successful, even

though we had to operate under strict Covid-19 requirements.

Geoff attends to the sale of tickets every day, together with volunteers from the club.

Numerous times, people just walk up & give donations, saying that the money was going to a good cause.



Zone B Area Governor Report

Zone B – Philip Gorton

Well as the year 2020 drew to an end, most clubs took a break to reflect on the past 6 months and plan for the next 6 months.

It has been great to see some clubs induct new members and others hosting prospective members as we all work towards increasing our membership. Clubs have been working hard to get back to some sort of normality and consistency.

Clubs, like Kurri Kurri, have been out with their BBQ trailer at the local service station and Coles once a month, and held their annual trolley dash at their local Coles. Recently they have had the local Rotary Park re-named in honour of one of their members – this was a trying exercise, dealing with Government departments – the park is now known as the *Col Brown Memorial Rotary Park*. The club also catered for the 2NUR-FM breakfast with Santa in aid of the *Bikers Toy Run*.

Kurri Kurri Sunrise have recently handed over, to the local nursing home, an interactive computer *“Tovertafel magic table”* – games that help patients with dementia, and those with limited mobility, to engage with each other. The club also ran its annual ham raffles. It has been great to see the 2 local clubs get recognition through local Television and Radio media for their work throughout the community.

Merriwa club catered for lunch for the Variety Bash participants.

Denman Club have been busy potting plants and holding sale days.

Cessnock have been back at Bunnings working away, they also looked at being at Hunter Valley Gardens light display again this year.

Kurri Kurri Sunrise have been out selling raffle tickets leading up to Christmas.

Singleton Sunrise club collected non-perishable goods for the local

neighbourhood centre's giving tree ready for Christmas.

Singleton club sold tickets in their cubby house raffle, as well as helping the local council put up Christmas lights around the town. The club is also working on what is planned to be an annual event, Singleton Annual Community Challenge.

Muswellbrook club is working on some projects to assist the local farmers and on a counselling service provider who can assist the local community.

Scone club put together a raffle of goods, all purchased in the local community, and sold tickets at various sites around Scone.

So, as you can see all clubs in Zone B are working hard in their own communities to assist in various ways. If we all do something, regardless of the size of the project, we make our communities a better place to live & work and, on that note, I would like to wish you a prosperous New Year.

Membership Matters

“Alone, we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller

In preparing for the 2020-21 year as Membership Chair of District 9670, I prepared an ambitious plan for membership with the full support of DG David Roach and the District committee. Gratefully members approved of a budget to allow this to occur. At BETS training all Presidents and members in attendance were made aware of the plan.



In this year, I have been able to acquire the support of Paul Hughes (Aboriginal Liaison) Wilma Simmons (New Club Development) and Kiarni Telfer (Young member support) to develop a team to take us forward. Unfortunately, Co-Vid did not give us the break we needed to present a powerful membership message to you, even with 'Plan B' of 2021.

Regarding membership attraction, we have investigated new clubs with Newcastle Discovery Passport Club, a satellite club of Warren at Nyngan and have others in the pipeline to develop at Minmi/Fletcher, Gillieston Heights, Huntlee, Chisholm and Maitland. A great deal of effort has gone into a case study of supporting Newcastle Club to develop and grow – this is an outstanding success story! We have back captured and introduced several successful leads to Rotary clubs, with none left uncontacted. We obtained the best indicator in the Rotary world of our member demographics and promoted the value of the 'Project Pied Piper' materials to a record number of clubs through the central depot at Wallsend.

To support our current members, after consultation with DG David and DGE Amanda, we feel that this year's plan is best left to the following year. We are in a good situation to use Membership funds to give clubs a wonderful opportunity to do their own exposure and proudly market their members community status. Capitalising on the success of Project Pied Piper, I have allocated my remaining funds to each club by providing a correctly and professionally made teardrop banner for each club. Each banner has a different and significant message, and clubs will be encouraged to loan banners.

These banners are funded from District approved reserves and will not impact clubs or District budget adversely – in fact, we all win, and your club will now have the chance of having a unified high-profile message. All clubs will be advised shortly of your equitable allocation of assets.

Let friendship be your foundation in membership and the service will grow.

Carol Coffey
District Membership Chair
January 2021

Zone D Area Governor Report

Zone D – Craig Henningham

It seems rather late to be wishing you a Happy New Year with one month of 2021 already gone. In any case, I hope the remainder of the year is an excellent time for you.

December was pretty quiet for me in terms of Area Governor duties because I was juggling my regular job and doing my best to share the magic of Christmas with little visitors to the Santa set. During my own club's (Warners Bay) final meeting for 2020, members of Cardiff Club were in attendance and immediate PDG Graeme Hooper and Sue. Graeme gave a short presentation on the valuable work of TRF and the End Polio Campaign, thanking Kerry Hayes for her role on the District committee. PDG Graeme presented, for Immediate Past President Les Corrigan, a certificate acknowledging the Club's financial support of TRF. President Barry Knowles accepted the certificate on Les' behalf.

A new member, Philip Bailey was inducted into the club. I wish Phil a long and very happy association with Rotary.



A very fitting recognition was made in the form of the 'Peter Raynor

Perpetual Trophy' to a member of the RCWB who exemplifies the true principles of Rotary. PDG Peter Raynor joined the Rotary Club of Warners Bay in 2003 and wasted no time in becoming involved in as much as he possibly could. He was a very active and generous Rotarian and always had time to offer advice. Peter would even zoom in on meetings from his hospital bed which shows how dedicated he really was. It was very sad to learn of Peter's passing early in January, just a few days before his 73rd Birthday. Our thoughts are with Margaret and the family.

The first, and only, meeting I have attended so far this year was with the friendly club of Waratah. They have great plans for the coming year and like a number of other clubs, are embracing the return of the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle as a fundraiser.

A most exciting presentation by President Deborah of a Paul Harris Fellow plus six (one Ruby pin) was made to Ros Parton. Ros is described as "a shining example of service above



Zone C – Chris Walmsley

To recognise Rotary Foundation Month, at the end of November, the Rotary Clubs of Rutherford/Telarah and Maitland Sunrise conducted a Movie Night to raise funds for Rotary's Charity. We all enjoyed "I Am Woman", the Helen Reddy story and it was a positive partnership program for both clubs.

The following week I was able to again meet with the Rotary Club of Rutherford/Telarah for their Pride of Workmanship Awards. Three very worthy community members were presented with their awards and it was

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self" when it comes to giving to The Rotary Foundation. Congratulations Ros.

Several of the clubs in the zone are continuing to plan for the Lake Macquarie Fair coming up on the 1st May. The organising committee is working very hard to ensure the success of the event. Make sure it's in your diary!

There will be a number of District Governor visits in the near future so I'm looking forward to a few physical visits in the zone.

Zone C Area Governor Report

a delight to hear their life stories and how they very ably support their local community.

On the 9th December, I was invited to visit Paterson Rotary Club and chair their AGM. What a pleasure to be able to join with their members face to face and discuss their plans for the next 12 months, particularly their Kings Park Upgrade project, which will become part of their Rotary Centenary celebrations. It was pleasing to note the fellowship that was very evident during the evening.

On Wednesday evening, I was able to join with the members, partners and invited guests of Maitland Rotary Club

for their Christmas Dinner. A great evening of fun, fellowship and good cheer especially with the surprise visit by Santa Claus. Maitland Rotary is a strong club moving forward with a diverse age membership and plans to initiate new fundraising and areas of community service in 2021.

As Christmas is the time of giving, members of Maitland Sunrise rose to the occasion last Tuesday morning with a presentation to the Salvation Army towards their Annual Christmas Appeal. Just one of all clubs in Zone C who are supporting various community charities during the Christmas Season.



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Isda's Column

It was such a busy time on the road leading up to Christmas and into New Year, I was chasing my tail the whole time, so I actually had lots of puppy naps during IPDG Graeme and Sue's road tripping.

I am ever so grateful for my furry friends continuing their hard work. With this coronavirus thingy still lurking around, they got to work with social distancing and ringing the till on computers. I hope everyone enjoyed the fun of the festive season.

Till next time, I trust all you kind-hearted Rotarians are staying safe.

Love



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Training and Development Seminar Weekend – DG David Roach

Over the last weekend in January, several members of the District Executive Team participated in a Training and Development seminar.

The District's Strategic Plan for the next 18 months – the life of D9670 – was adopted and this document underpins the newly revised, simpler, Club Development Plan which will be distributed to the incoming Presidents for 2021-22 soon.

This will give the incoming Presidents, in conjunction with their Board and club members, the opportunity to review what and how they meet, the needs of their members and, most importantly, the community they support.

This plan is aligned to the Rotary International Strategic direction and is a neat fit into our District Strategic Plan 2021-22.

Other discussions and training were designed to better equip our Area Governors in their supportive role with clubs, including:

- Enhanced knowledge of how clubs register and check members WWCC numbers on the Office of Children's Guardian website
- A progress report of our Transition to D9660
- Improved knowledge of the capabilities and use of My Rotary and Clubrunner
- Ways to attract new members
- A better understanding of insurance processes and the need for compliance in this area to ensure Rotary's positive profile in club and event management
- Ways to help clubs with the new 7th Area of Focus – *Supporting the Environment*

• Discussion on the models for training and development of club executive and club members into the future

• How to access and use correct Rotary branding, which was introduced in 2013.

I would also like to acknowledge the time and effort everyone devoted to the preparation and delivery of their sessions, which provided the stimulus for the weekend.

Thanks also to everyone who attended and devoted their weekend to be part of the seminar which empowered our District Executive in their role to support you, the club members and club executive, of our District to do the great work of Rotary.



DGE Amanda Roach; PDG Brian Coffey; DG David Roach



District Insurance Officer, Des Dowdy



DGE Amanda Roach with Area Governors Peter Judd (Zone A), Pam Dean-Jones & Craig Henningham (Zone D), Christine Walmsley (Zone C) & Philip Gorton (Zone B)



Presenters: Craig Johnson, Pam Dean-Jones, Katrina Henningham, Colin Shanks, Des Dowdy, Craig Henningham, Carla Pittman, Nicole Read-Shanks, Carol Coffey and (via Zoom) Glenda Kociszewski



Christine – about to enjoy the delicious Mexican dinner on Saturday evening