



D9670 District Governor
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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



From the DG's desk ...

Well – this is it...
The Final Yarnings!

How quickly this Rotary year has flown – so many changes, so many additional stressors in life with Covid, floods, mice plagues, continuing drought in some areas, uncertainty due to all these events.

But....**WE DID IT!** Our District 9670 has managed to **recoup**, to **find new ways** to do our Rotary service, **connect** with our communities, **attract** and induct new members into Rotary and Rotaract clubs, **re-energise** many of our traditional programs as well as come up with **new ideas**, exploring new **partnerships**. Our communication with other Rotarians and additional events across the world has been formidable. **Rotary has come of age** to embrace a new way of doing business. AND.... we will continue on this trajectory as we **transition** into the new District of 9660.

We are part of a **formidable force of Rotarians and Rotaractors** in D9670! Rotary has been at the forefront of **service, change and**

leadership during unsettled times here and internationally. What great support we have been able to provide for communities enduring extreme floods up north (who we will continue to engage with long-term, much as during drought and fire recovery), as well as on-going assistance for immunisations and special support to overseas communities impacted by the warfare in the Ukraine.

Thanks to all of the many Rotarians who attended the **Virtual Conference** on 28th May! There have been some wonderful comments flow in, so we know that this is a great addition into provision of training, Rotary connection and participation in major events into the future of what will be a very large district. Hybrid possibilities to “attend” all that is on offer in the world of Rotary is realistically VERY available and may be attractive for those in more remote and regional areas, as well as those who have health concerns or additional responsibilities so that **YOU WON'T MISS OUT**. Following, are some great pics of the Conference event at many venues, individually and with up to 5 Clubs gathering to enjoy the day.

We have enjoyed some wonderful **Club visits and events** over the last

month and look forward to the many special Club events or celebrations during June and July. You will see some evidence of these in the photo gallery inclusions of this bulletin. **AGs and their Assistants** have been busy in Club work, and our **technical expertise** has been used widely in PETS, Assembly and other events across the larger 9660 landscape.

I can't thank enough the **strong teams** we have in our District Management. During our 2 challenging years, this same group of Rotarians have worked tirelessly to provide support to clubs in specific areas such as Membership, Public Image and Communication, The Rotary Foundation, Governance, Financial Management, Youth Programs and all of the assisting teams you have touched base with. The Clubs now thriving are those who have accessed the support available including their Area Governors and Assistants. This assistance exists to **help Clubs flourish** and work through any “bumps in the road”, not to “wield a big stick” or be a police force. Clubs seem surprised at times of just how helpful this mentoring can be! Rotary is about **helping each other** as much as it is about **service to communities and individuals**.

We are hopeful that as many Rotarians as possible will be available to attend the upcoming **District Changeover to become 9660** on June 25th at Laurieton Services Club. Details appear in this Yarnings as well as the next few *Chit Chats*.

Thank you all for being a wonderful District of Rotary Clubs over my year as your Governor. Let's all look to a future of renewed enthusiasm, partnerships with each other and our communities, and an increasingly **diverse face of both our Club members and the service projects we engage with**.

I wish incoming District Governor Neville Parsons, District Governor Elect Alyn Miranda, and District Governor Nominee Bruce George a wonderful journey as they lead in a pivotal year with International President Jennifer Jones, as we all **“Imagine Rotary”**.

Cheers,

DG Amanda Roach

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DG Amanda's Photo Gallery...



Biggest Morning Tea - Wallsend Maryland RC
 East Maitland Mothers Day Flower sale
 East Maitland RC at Maitland Jail for the Virtual Conference
 Maitland RC reward for Tocal Field Day
 East Maitland reward for Tocal Field Day work
 Wallsend Maryland & East Maitland flood support
 Morisset Community project
 Rotaract Induction Maitland

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DG Amanda's Photo Gallery contd...



Toronto Plant Sale • Toronto Flower stall
 District Virtual Conference: Mudgee Clubs • RC Warners Bay • North Lake Mac Satellite
 Tech Team • Tech Team hard at work • Brian, Carol & Alyn
 • Post Conference Celebration



District 9670 • 2021/2022 Awards

The Area Governors across District 9670 were requested to make nominations for each of the Award categories below. Once the nomination process was completed, a silent vote by the Area Governors was undertaken and we are proud to announce the following:

The Doug Matthews Trophy and the Furthering the Object of Rotary Award



Awarded to the Club that best promotes and fosters the ideals of Rotary and Rotary service in its community and the advancement of goodwill and understanding.

This club:

- Cares for the less fortunate within their local community by feeding the homeless in the local area and is supported by the wider community through donations from businesses.
- Organised and distributes gifts for the Annual Christmas Tree of Joy.
- Is involved in Graffiti Removal.
- Is undertaking a project Mums Cottage supported by a Foundation Grant and club funds.
- Conducted a review of the Youth trusts on behalf of District which supported the establishment of the Youth Company.
- Was the focal point for the collection of goods for the flood relief – Lismore

This award goes to the **Rotary Club of Wallsend Maryland**

The Jim Henderson Trophy

Awarded to the Club with the highest standard and/or improvement in its bulletin Production.

This club has demonstrated an outstanding improvement and development in their bulletin over the last year. The bulletin is informative and provides easy to use links to items of interest for the reader. The bulletin is a modern and very engaging virtual publication that is well circulated and is read by many community members outside the Club.

This award goes to the **Rotary Club of Raymond Terrace**

The Australian Rotary Health Trophy

Awarded to the Club which makes the most significant contribution to Australian Rotary Health from one District Conference to the next in this case June 2021 – April 2022

This award is won by the **Rotary Club of Mudgee**



The Preserve Planet Earth Award

Awarded to the Club which has had the best environmental program for the year.

This club is actively involved in a “Return and Earn” – bottle/can recycling program. The club established a recycling program in conjunction with the caravan park in the local community. They have developed machinery, structures, and operational processes to collect and bag the bottles and cans. The bags are loaded onto a trailer and then taken by club members to Dubbo to the collection point. This is a 600km round trip. This initiative earns the club many thousands of dollars and is a great environment program for the local area. The club implemented this program as soon as the “Return and Earn” became available – it has not only become a profitable project for the Club, but also a valuable project for the town in presentation and tidiness which is acknowledged by Council, shopkeepers, and many residents, earning the Rotary Club respect and awards. Funds earned are dispersed across a wide range of Club projects.

The project now involves mentoring and partnership with the local Girls Guides Association.

Congratulations to the **Cobar Rotary Club**.



Ted and Anne Lewis Award

Awarded to the Club which is most involved in promoting and pursuing youth and young adult programs.

This club established the first **Rota Kids** program (a group of about 25 primary students) in the District through a partnership with St Catherine's Catholic College in Singleton.

The club members mentors the Rota Kids on a fortnightly basis.

This is an excellent partnership between the school and the local club in the promotion of youth volunteering for the wellbeing of the local community and beyond.

The Rota Kids have continued with the initiative of “Lids for Lilly” where the school and the Rotary club recycles plastic lids for the creation of prosthetic hands.

The students also engage in other initiatives within the school and community context.

Planning is well under way for the establishment of Interact within the same school. This is an excellent progression from Rota Kids to Interact and perhaps later into Rotaract and Rotary.

Congratulations to **Singleton Sunrise Rotary Club**



The Shirley Stanley Memorial Trophy

Awarded to the club with an on-going and strong Youth Focus.

This club:

- Has a very long history of involvement with programs for Youth Exchange, RYPEN, RYLA, Science and Engineering Challenge, NYSF and other Rotary endorsed programs
- Support has not only involved regularly assisting students to attend these Rotary programs, but also regularly inviting participants to return to engage with their club and enjoy Rotary fellowship. This has occurred across many years, thus building its own alumni base
- Members were actively involved in establishing a local Rotaract Club, with recent focus on renewing and refreshing this program
- Over many years club members have continued to be involved in youth focused programs at a District level
- It is encouraging to see that over the years Diversity, Equity and Inclusion principles have continued to be a focus in their Youth work, being adaptable and flexible with new ideas for service particularly in the area of young people with additional needs

This award goes to the **Rotary Club of East Maitland**.



June: Rotary Fellowships



June is designated as “**Rotary Fellowships Month**” by the RI Board to recognise the importance of international fellowship and good will among Rotarians with similar recreational interests, vocations, and health and medical issue-oriented interests, to promote increased participation in fellowships and increase understanding of this program. The RI Board encourages fellowships groups to highlight activities through projects, activities, and events in celebration of “*Rotary Fellowships Month*” in June.

“Fellowship is wonderful; it illuminates life’s pathway, spreads good cheer, and is worth high price.” Rotary Founder Paul Harris.

Rotary Fellowships consist of members who share a common interest in recreational activities, sports, hobbies, or professions. These groups help expand skills, foster vocational development, and enhance the Rotary experience by exploring interests while developing connections around the world.

OVERVIEW

- Help participants make lasting friendships outside their own club, district, or country
- Advance Rotary’s public image and identity
- Serve as an incentive for joining Rotary and for maintaining active membership

ORGANISATION

- Function independently of Rotary International by establishing their own rules, dues requirements, and administrative structure.
- Are open to Rotarians, their family members, as well as participants and alumni of all Rotary and Foundation programs.

STARTING A NEW FELLOWSHIP

If your recreational or vocational interest isn’t represented by Rotary’s current Fellowships:

- Join a discussion group or start a new one on My Rotary. It’s a great way to share your interest with other members.
- Use Rotary’s presence on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn to promote your idea.
- Attend the Rotary International Convention or other Rotary events to network and find others that share your interest.

HOW DO I FORM A FELLOWSHIP?

- Read this Guide for [Prospective Rotary Fellowships](#).
- Find others interested in the topic:
 - * [Join a discussion group](#) or [start a new one](#). It’s a great way to share your interest with other members.

- * Use Rotary’s presence on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#) to promote your idea.
- * Attend the Rotary International Convention or other [Rotary events](#).
- * Reach out to district leadership in other countries to build membership.
- Apply for official recognition using this [online form](#).

HOW DO I JOIN A FELLOWSHIP?

Membership in a fellowship is open to any interested individual. You can contact a fellowship directly by using the links below:

- [4x4 vehicles](#)
- [Alsace](#)
- [Amateur Radio](#)
- [Antique Automobiles](#)
- [Argentine Culture](#)
- [Badminton](#)
- [Bathhouse](#)
- [Beard and Moustache](#)
- [Bee](#)
- [Beer](#)
- [Bird Watching](#)
- [Bowling](#)
- [Camping](#)
- [Caravanning](#)
- [Chess](#)
- [Comedy](#)
- [Computer Users](#)
- [Corporate Social Responsibility](#)
- [Cricket](#)
- [Cruising](#)
- [Cultural Heritage](#)
- [Curling](#)
- [Cycling](#)
- [Doll Lovers](#)
- [Draughts \(Checkers\)](#)

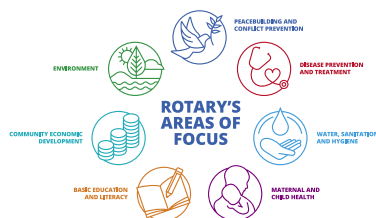
- [E-Clubs](#)
- [Editors and Publishers](#)
- [Educators](#)
- [Empowering Women](#)
- [Entrepreneurs](#)
- [Environment](#)
- [Esperanto](#)
- [Ethics](#)
- [European Philosophy](#)
- [Executive Managers](#)
- [Fishing](#)
- [Flying](#)
- [Genealogists](#)
- [Gin](#)
- [Global Development](#)
- [Go](#)
- [Golf](#)
- [Gourmet Cooking](#)
- [Graphic Designers](#)
- [Healthcare Professionals](#)



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Rotary Fellowships contd.

- [Hiking](#)
- [Home Exchange](#)
- [Honorary Consuls](#)
- [Horseback Riding](#)
- [Hunting](#)
- [Internet](#)
- [Italian Culture](#)
- [Jazz](#)
- [Kites](#)
- [Latin Culture](#)
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- [LGBT+](#)
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- [Magna Graecia](#)
- [Marathon Running](#)
- [Metalhead](#)
- [Military Veterans](#)
- [Motorcycling](#)
- [Music](#)
- [Old and Rare Books](#)
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- [Past District Governors](#)
- [Peace Fellows](#)
- [Photographers](#)
- [Pickleball](#)
- [Public Health](#)
- [Quilters and Fiber Artists](#)
- [Railroads](#)
- [Recreational Vehicles](#)
- [Rotary Global History](#)
- [Rotary Heritage and History](#)
- [Rotary Means Business](#)
- [Rotary on Pins](#)
- [Rotary on Stamps](#)
- [Rowing](#)
- [Rum](#)
- [Scouting](#)
- [Scuba](#)
- [Shooting Sport](#)
- [Singles](#)
- [Skiing](#)
- [Social Networks](#)
- [Strategic Planning](#)
- [Surfing](#)
- [Table Tennis](#)
- [Tennis](#)
- [Total Quality Management](#)
- [Travel and Hosting](#)
- [Triathlon](#)
- [Urban Gardening](#)
- [Vintage Collectables](#)
- [Wellness and Fitness](#)
- [Whisk\(e\)y](#)
- [Wildlife Conservation](#)
- [Wine](#)
- [Yachting](#)
- [Yoga](#)



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Visit [Rotary Fellowships](#) for additional resources.

Contact rotaryfellowships@rotary.org with questions.



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Rotary Districts Changeover



2021-2022 District Governors
D9650 David Mayne and D9670 Amanda Roach
together with 2022-2023 District Governor
D9660 Neville Parsons

*have great pleasure in inviting you to join them to celebrate the
 last Changeover Dinner for your Districts
 and to celebrate the commencement of District 9660*

At Laurieton United Services Club (LUSC)
2 Seymour Street Laurieton
Saturday 25 June 2022
6:00pm arrival for 6:30pm Dinner
\$40 per person
Bookings and payment made direct to the LUSC
Phone: 6559 9110
Bookings close: 11 June 2022

When booking please advise any special dietary requirements

Lismore & Northern Rivers Project & Shirt Fundraiser

This is the story about a group that went to Lismore during the week commencing 14th May, and the idea that was put to the Rotary Club of Kurri Kurri to raise more funds for the Northern Rivers area.

Dennis Pitt, who runs *Spectrum Sports Science*, and Ross Osland came up with an idea that we should go up to the Northern Rivers area to donate much needed sporting goods and essentials to people affected in the area.

We received fantastic sponsorship from a large number of companies and individuals. We had a wish list of items for the schools that we would be visiting.

There were seven of us who travelled up on Saturday 14th May to Evans Head (the only place that had accommodation) – Dennis Pitt and his wife, Janine, Ross Osland,

Will Furber, Brian Foster, Vanessa Price, Hilary Tearle and Myself (Paul Hughes).

We attended several Sporting clubs in Lismore:

- Lismore Little Athletics
- Lismore Netball
- Lismore Rugby League
- Woodburn Soccer
- Coraki Hockey Club, and
- Evans Head Touch Football.

We also attended Schools in the area, some of which had been re-located because of the damage to their schools:-

- Evans Head K12 to High School
- Woodburn Catholic school, relocated to Evans Head Catholic Church

- Wardell Public School, relocated to Alstonville Public school
- Lismore South Public school, relocated to Goonellabah Public School
- Lismore Public School
- Coraki Catholic School
- Coraki Public School
- Woodburn Public School
- Empire Vale School, relocated to Southern Cross Public at Ballina
- Broadwater Public School, relocated to Evans River High School.

Each school had been contacted before we went up and asked what gear they needed to bring a little bit of normality back into the school and, with the money that was donated by sponsors, we were able to fulfil their wishes!

We also met with locals from around the towns and, hearing some of the stories, it is hard to fathom what they went through not once but twice!

Families that had to escape through the roof of their homes. People living in caravans and tents with no power or water. One lady that we spoke to was telling us that her house is now only the studs with tin on the roof – no walls or lining – and the water was 9 meters deep!

We gave microwaves, cooking utensils and electrical gear to people that had nothing except some clothes and a sleeping bag. The ladies made up small bags for every student with pens, hi-lighters, sunblock, hat and, of course, Freddo Frogs!

We did strapping courses, with the help from Maxioplast strapping, to all the sporting clubs that we attended.

It was a truly long and rewarding 5 days.

On our return, Mr Steven Carpenter from *Hunter Valley Promotions* contacted the Rotary Club of Kurri Kurri and explained his idea of making shirts and selling them, with all the money coming through the Rotary Club of Kurri Kurri to be distributed up in the Northern Rivers, Lismore area. Steven was caught up in the Tsunami in the Philippines, losing members of his family, and this is why he wishes to help people in the Northern Rivers area.

He has obtained 20 sponsors to put in money to cover the costs of all the shirts and the shirts will be sold for \$50.00 each, with 100% of the money going to the project. Shirts should be here by the end of June.

Paul Hughes

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RC Salamander Fundraiser

A luncheon and fashion parade was held on 24 May to raise funds for the Northern Rivers flooded communities.

Those attending the lunch were invited to donate a dress and it is estimated that more than 200 garments were collected on the day.

When the time is right, members of the Salamander Bay Club will travel to the Northern Rivers area to deliver the dresses and other goods that have been donated.

As a result of raffles, a silent auction, donations and the net result of the lunch, \$10,000 was raised which will be distributed via D9640 which has been very busy assisting those affected by these devastating floods.

President Peter North thanked all those who attended and acknowledged local individuals and businesses that provided goods and services for the raffles and silent auction.

(Photos Henk Tobbe)



Update On Regionalisation Pilot



Regionalisation Project

For the past three years a group of Rotarians and Rotaractors have been working on a pilot project to consider how we can enhance Rotary and Rotaract and ensure we remain relevant for the future while also addressing some of the challenges we have been facing for a while.

In February 2022, the Rotary International (RI) Board gave its approval in principle to proceed with the pilot, subject to approval by clubs. A second green light was the Council on Legislation approval for changes of governance in April 2022. We are now one of just two regional pilots in the Rotary world looking to explore, develop and test new ways of operating.

What are we seeking to achieve through regionalisation? We want to ensure the best support possible to Rotary clubs and Rotaract clubs. Through a less layered and more devolved contemporary approach members can continue to do what they do best – projects and connections/fellowship. We aim to reduce duplication and streamline processes, encourage even broader and more collaboration in areas such as public image, marketing Rotary, partnering with business, government and service partners, and make

leadership roles more attractive and doable.

To do this, we envisage a Regional Council for Zone 8 and Rotary Australia and Rotary New Zealand (Oceania) bodies to be formed. An Interim Regional Council with limited roles will likely start on 1 July 2023, with a final model in place by 1 July 2026. Monitoring and evaluating how the changes are delivering benefit are an important part of the project. We don't know yet exactly what the final model will look like and you will have your chance to have a say.

It is important that you, our fellow Rotarians, are consulted throughout this process. In fact, the project cannot proceed without the support of members and clubs.

The third green light needed to proceed is support of Rotary clubs and Rotaract clubs, a condition of the RI Board's approval. Support of clubs will be shown through a vote, which will happen in September 2022, with a vote first of clubs then of districts.

From mid-June right through to August 2022, every club and member will have the chance to hear about what is proposed, to have their say and to ask questions. Each district has a District Regionalisation Representative who is coordinating the briefing of clubs.

Being a pilot gives us the chance to shape our own Rotary and Rotaract futures.

If you would like to find out more there is information available on the dedicated website, creatingtomorrowrotary.org along with the opportunity to "Have your Say" and "Subscribe" to updates. There will also be opportunities to volunteer and get involved in work groups.

If you want to learn more about the background, visit creatingtomorrowrotary.org/initiation-petition

Other helpful resources include a [Fact Sheet](#) and a [video](#).

You can also reach the Regionalisation Pilot Project Team directly at rotaryregionalpilot@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you!

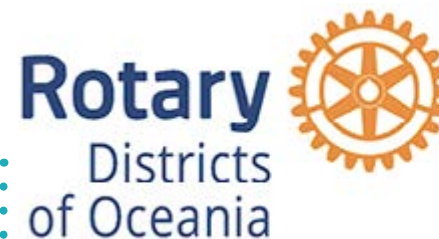
Regionalisation Pilot Project Team

Co-chairs Ingrid Waugh (NZ/Oceania) and Peter Frueh (Australia)

Rotary International South Pacific & Philippines Office

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[Rotary.org](https://rotary.org)



Dear Presidents,

As we are coming towards the end of another Rotary year, I am sure many of you are thinking about your donations to the many Rotary causes who are all in need of funds. District 9670 is well represented with both the ROMAC Medical Director and the Eastern Region ROMAC Chair.

ROMAC is certainly one of those causes and as such I would be delighted if you could consider ROMAC in your end of year financial giving.

ROMAC is a wholly voluntary organisation and as such we are totally reliant on donated funds for our work. We are very grateful that the surgeons, nurses and allied health staff give their time pro bono but we need to reimburse the hospitals, manage transport, visas and incidentals when the patient and his or her carer are in Australia or New Zealand. Accommodation is often managed by the host clubs but occasionally we require public accommodation for our carers whilst the child is in hospital.

I know many Rotarians are great supporters of ROMAC and this note is an aide memoire to emphasise the need for funding so as to continue with our important work.

Over the last couple of years we have not been able to have any children in Australia or New Zealand for treatment as a result of Covid 19 but we do have a waiting list and are hoping that we will be able to start accepting the children before too long.

Donations can be made by going to the ROMAC website <https://www.romac.org.au/> and pressing the 'donate' button. I thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours in Rotary,

PDG Helen Ryan
Chair – Eastern Region

Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children - ROMAC

ROMAC is a project of the Rotary districts in Australia and New Zealand.

Mobile: 0409 842 455

ROMAC - Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children

"To provide medical treatment for children from developing countries in the form of life-saving and/or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country"

Rotary Inspirational Women's Awards 2022

Once again, we are delighted to have Her Excellency, The Hon Margaret Beazley AC QC as our Vice Regal Patron for the 2022 Rotary Inspirational Women's Awards.

This excellent program has been very well represented in District 9670 and I am confident this will, with your help, be repeated this year, our final year as District 9670.

I am sure there are many women in your area who would be ideal candidates for the **2022 Rotary Inspirational Women's Award** so don't be shy in nominating them.

The flyer (pictured here) and the Media Release will be attached to the weekly *Chit Chat* for your information and to assist with the promotion as you work with your local media outlets.

PDG Helen Ryan

Chair 2022 Rotary Inspirational Women's Awards



Rotary District 9670 Inspirational Women's Awards 2022

What are the Inspirational Women's Awards?

The Inspirational Women's Awards (RIWA) have been established to recognise women and young women who best exemplify Rotary's motto of *Service Above Self* (i.e. the community service the individual performs above and beyond their normal role).

The Awards are an initiative of the Rotary Districts and Clubs of NSW and are directed at the non-Rotary community.

Who is eligible for the award?

The Inspirational Women's Awards consist of the Inspirational Woman of the Year (30+) and the Young Inspirational Woman of the Year (18-30) in each of the categories.

- Rural
- Urban/city
- Healthcare worker

Important Dates:

- Nominations open 28th April 2022 with a launch at NSW Government House
- Nominations close at 5pm on 9th June 2022
- Finalists announced on 28th July 2022
- A Rotary Inspirational Woman of the Year Presentation Event will be held on Sunday, 11th September 2022 at Rydges World Square.
- On-line nominations: <https://riwa.awardsplatform.com/>

For Further details: Rae-Anne Medforth – Chair, Inspirational Women's Awards 2022

riwa.chairperson@gmail.com 0411 054 119 www.riwa.com.au

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We gratefully acknowledge the support of our Vice Regal Patron, Her Excellency, the Hon Margaret Beazley AC QC, Governor of NSW

IMAGINE ROTARY

“Our Club” ...in 100 Words

Rotary Club of Waratah

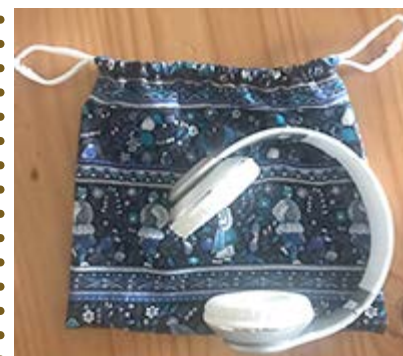
The Rotary Club of Waratah is a small friendly Club supporting our local community with limited physical resources.

- We pride ourselves on fellowship and our ongoing support of young people
- and our vulnerable elderly with our outstanding *Headphones Project*.
- We have over twenty years supporting the *Newcastle Science*

and Engineering Challenge. NYSF (National Youth Science Forum) and close associations with our local schools are also commitments to our youth programs.

Our club formed an *Interact Club* at Callaghan College Waratah in 2017.

The members are strong supporters of The Rotary Foundation, Australian Rotary Health and ShelterBox. Visitors are always welcome.



Zone A • Area Governor Report

It has been a busy time with many of the clubs getting out and conducting activities, either that be through fundraising or community service.

Cobar Rotary Club cooked breakfast for over 300 participants in the Variety Bash. However, to cater for this many people, they were ably supported by other community groups, such as footballers, Girl Guides and Cadets. It is great when people can show support to Rotary clubs if they need a hand.

The Cobar Girl Guides group has also been collaborating with Cobar Rotary with their Return and Earn project, by packing the large containers, ready for shipment and transportation to Dubbo. This project has been a great fundraiser for the Club and also helps the environment.

Dubbo Rotary Club catered for the attendees of the NSW State Road Crash Rescue Challenge over three days. It was a massive effort with over 100 attendees each day and ensuring

that the participants had enough food and drinks during it.

Dubbo Rotary has also inducted another new member. It is great to see new people joining this fantastic organisation.

Dubbo Macquarie Rotary Club have held another successful Book Fair. The exact amount raised hasn't been finalised.

Unfortunately, this was the last year that Dubbo Macquarie will be co-ordinating the Book Fair. However, a Book Fair will remain in Dubbo and within the Rotary family as Dubbo West Rotary has picked up the challenge to organise the event from 2023.

We thank Dubbo Macquarie for their tireless contribution into the event over the last 12 years, and we wish Dubbo West good luck - we hope that it is as successful for you, as it was for Dubbo Macquarie.

Dubbo Macquarie Rotary also recently inducted a mother-daughter duo. They have been assisting at club events over the years, and now decided to take the extra step to join. It is great to see family members become involved, and we can't wait to see what opportunities Rotary provides to them.

Dubbo West Rotary have been busy catering for District PETS and Assembly training sessions, as well as assisting with the IT to ensure that the two sites could function together. It was a massive task, but they have excelled themselves.

Wellington Rotary Club is still holding successful markets at the end of each month and they are getting bigger with both crowd attendance and stall holders each time. It is great to see the community support.

It was great to see the MHERV van back out in the western areas again, with Narromine Rotary manning the trailer during the past month.

We hope to see it more out in the west, over the next few months, as a simple 10-minute check-up could save the lives of those who go in. Some of the people in rural areas have never been to a doctor due to the cost of going to the doctors, as well as the travel cost and times, because some towns don't have a doctor or medical practice.

Some things that we normally take for granted.

We hope that clubs show support to this Program when it visits their area.

Nicole Shanks,
Assistant Area Governor



Zone B • Area Governor Report

Well, another month has passed, and we are getting close to the end of your year of hard work.

Merriwa Club recently hosted the District Governor visit and during this meeting the Club took the opportunity to invite some locals to take a look at Rotary. They had the local Police Commander there to see the Club present a Certificate of Appreciation to a young local Police Officer for his work during the recent floods. The Club also presented a Paul Harris Fellow Award to a local nurse who worked tirelessly during the COVID outbreak to get the community vaccinated and has now started to set up Palliative Care. This is to help locals who don't want to leave their homes in their time of need. Also, the Club recently helped Scone club to do the BBQ at the Scone Rodeo.

Muswellbrook Club has been working hard on their Rotary Club community BBQ night. By doing this project the Club has connected with a number of other groups joining them and the local community. The Club has also joined with Scone Rotary Club to collect school items for the Lismore area schools so the students can have some new items that they need to carry on the school year.

Scone Club has been busy working in their community leading the Lismore school project collecting items for the students and engaging their local community in this project. They were approached to run a BBQ at the local Rodeo as part of Horse Week. The Club took on this job and engaged Merriwa Club to assist.

Singleton Club has been busy with their Community Challenge project which saw Club members raise money to go towards the Palliative Care at Singleton Hospital. The Club has also inducted a new member in the past month. Members also did the carparking at Emma's Cottage for the Lovedale Long Lunch.

Singleton on Hunter has been busy work on their annual Singleton Art Show - even their newest member has volunteered to be part of the project. On 5 June the Club will be holding a Magic Music recital at All Saints Church Singleton in aid of Australian Rotary Health "Lift the Lid" program.

Singleton Sunrise once again handed out Mother's Day gifts out to the mothers at the local aged care home. Congratulations to the Club on winning the Shirley Stanley Memorial Trophy and Ted and Anne Lewis Award for the Club/s most involved in promoting and pursuing youth and young adult programs announced at the last District 9670 Conference.

Kurri Kurri Club has been busy supporting a number of local community groups from local primary schools. As well as carrying on with their monthly BBQ's, the Club has been doing a number of social events to keep the members socially engaged.

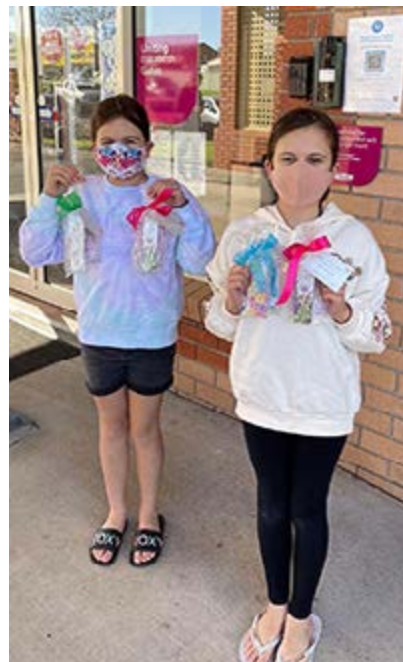
Kurri Kurri Sunrise has been carrying on despite a number of members having COVID. Their latest raffle with be drawn shortly and they had a successful Trivia Night recently. The Club has also been doing Bunning

BBQs - a small Club working hard for their community.

Cessnock Club has been continuing with its Friday Cuppa for those who want to come along to Marthaville House and join with members and others for a chat and get together. The Club's Wednesday weekly lunch for the needy and vulnerable will now be held at the Uniting Church grounds. The Club also supported the Branxton Largest Morning Tea held recently.

Denman Club members have decided to hand in their Club Charter. I believe this decision has been made due to the age of the current members and the fact that a number of members have, or are about to leave, the District.

Phil Gorton, Area Governor



Zone C • Area Governor Report

Many clubs conduct their *Pride of Workmanship Award Presentations* in May and I was fortunate to attend both Raymond Terrace Rotary and Maitland Sunrise Rotary Clubs for their award ceremonies.

Both Clubs recognised the effort of members of the community who demonstrate commitment to their employment duties and their positive interaction with their clients, often working above and beyond employer's expectations. The Awardees represented many and varied occupations across their communities and we congratulate them on their accomplishments.

The Rotary RV Fellowship members visited Maitland recently and enjoyed the hospitality of Rutherford/Telarah Rotary Club enjoying a wonderful meal and great fellowship. The highlight of the evening was a club PowerPoint presentation showcasing the many achievements of Rutherford/Telarah Rotary and the enthusiasm of their members in supporting the local and wider community. The RV visitors were most impressed with the variety of Club activities.

Mother's Day Flower Stalls are a successful feature of fundraising by two Maitland Clubs, Greenhills and East Maitland Rotary Clubs, and this year Paterson Rotary become a new partner in this great venture across our community. The quality and variety of the flowers available on sale at points across the wider Maitland and Paterson area was extraordinary and I couldn't resist purchasing my own Mother's Day bunch! Well done to the three clubs and to PDG Adrian Roach for his support of Paterson Rotary. It was interesting to visit

Paterson Rotary after their successful weekend and note their review of the new venture and future ideas for an expansion of this community activity.

District Assembly was conducted for our area at Kurri Kurri High School this year and it was very pleasing to meet with over 100 Rotarians from the Greater Hunter Area. Yes, we had some technical glitches however, the professional presentations by District Leaders and Workshop presenters were of high value to all present.

A special thank you to East Maitland Rotary Club who stepped in at late notice to cater for the Assembly. What a delicious spread and well appreciated by fellow Rotarians!

This weekend, I attended the Raymond Terrace Heritage Festival organised and coordinated by Raymond Terrace Rotary. Congratulations to all Club members who demonstrated great flexibility in a last-minute change of venue due to inclement weather conditions - no mean feat!! However, the day proceeded with the City of Newcastle RSL Pipe Band opening proceedings, followed by the Indigenous Smoking Ceremony, entertainment by the Irrawang High School Drum Corp, great stalls which had been relocated to the Woolworths complex and, of course, the Rotary BBQ stall.

The highlight for many was the visit and short sailing tours provided by the replica William the Fourth. A great effort!!

Chris Walmsley, Area Governor



Zone D • Area Governor Report

The second Autumn Fair was held at Speers Point Park on 30 April and, again, was a successful event. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't as kind as last year, but many people still came through during the day. There was plenty to see and do and the event was a credit to the organising committee and the Clubs that participated. Not only was it a fun, family day, it was again a great opportunity to put Rotary out in front of the community. I was given the opportunity to represent DG Amanda and share the stage with Lake Macquarie Mayor Kay Fraser, and Federal MP, Pat Conroy, at the opening ceremony. As well as thanking the sponsors and outlining the great achievement of Clubs working together, I was able to talk about the 101 years of Rotary in Australia, and some of Rotary's achievements including the progress made in eradicating Polio. All the games and activities were fun and popular, there were plenty of food

options, market stalls and a fabulous line up of entertainment. Community radio station 2NURFM announcer, Kev Kellaway, broadcast from the site on the day and gave us great coverage. There is a story about the first fair, held last year, in the current edition of RDU.

A couple of visits, accompanying DG Amanda and IPDG David, were both interesting and enjoyable. During a visit to RC Morisset, DG Amanda presented PHFs to two members. Peter Comino received a PHF pin and certificate, and Charlie Phillips received a PHF+1 pin. Peter and Charlie have each contributed personally to The Rotary Foundation.

At a meeting with RC Newcastle Sunrise, Linda Evans talked about the post-covid vision of the Club which had clearly been very well considered. DG Amanda presented Brian Oakley with a PHF+1 and a certificate of appreciation for all his work with the District Trusts.

Now, to the four Newcastle Clubs. It's great to see how different four Clubs in the same area can be. However, they are all doing great things in their community. Between the Clubs, the Newcastle area has, among other things, local clean-up, Rotary Peace Poles, graffiti removal, tree planting and weed removal and of course fundraising to support other important community services.

I enjoyed the conversations I was able to have with some of the members and hear about some of the ideas they have for future activities. I look forward to assisting with some of these, particularly when it comes to getting a number of Clubs working together. IPDG David asked me to present each Club with their copy of Humanity in Action.

The Rotary Clubs of Cardiff and Wallsend-Maryland supported Minmi Fire and Rescue station 377 and the Cardiff Fire and Rescue station 251 at their annual community open day. The day was full of community activities, including many for children.

I was looking forward to attending the Police Awards with both Belmont and Charlestown Clubs, but unfortunately this event had to be postponed.

I had the pleasure of officially welcoming Susanne Thompson to the North Lake Mac Satellite Club, although she has been a member from the beginning & jumped right in with the **mherv** team, but it has taken until now to get the opportunity for this more formalised welcome.

Three members of the new North Lake Mac Satellite Club attended Westlakes Salvos Grand Opening of their NEW

service, *Community of Hope*, to examine how the Club might be able to offer assistance. This is a service where members of the community who have become homeless can have a shower, wash & dry some clothes and receive support services. The Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise had a lot to do with the preparation of the site in Toronto. Tim Turner and Dan Grant were there to represent the Club.

Thank you to those Clubs that continue to send your regular newsletters and remember that I'm here to help.

Craig Henningham, Area Governor

