



**D9670 District Governor
Amanda Roach**

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



From the DG's desk ...

Hello to you all!

As the Rotary year marches along, we now enter the month focusing on **"Water and Sanitation"**.

This focus area is not just about provision of clean, accessible and safe water for the world's communities, nor provision of sanitation and toilets. The focus is also about the importance these issues have in the control and support for disease prevention – from water-borne diseases to clean water for hygiene in disease preventable disease such as Trachoma. Plenty of opportunities for Rotarians to **"take action"**.

There are very important environmental elements to this theme as well. For example, ensuring our oceans and waterways are clean, minimising pollution such as plastics in the ocean, and supporting carbon storage for our planet, such as promotion of kelp forests in our oceans. Of course, there are also our personal responsibilities in our own everyday lives with mindful and smart usage of water in our gardens, homes and businesses. This is perhaps one of the most fundamental ways we can contribute to ensuring this precious commodity into the future.

Of course, everyone can help by becoming involved in annual events such as the **6 March "Clean Up**

Australia Day". Just do it! Whatever you CAN manage for protecting our future world, JUST DO IT!

On 19 February we advertised a zoom Q&A on **"Becoming a Future Governor"**. The response was very poor and I am really disappointed about this. We have many talented and capable Rotarians across our District who have wonderful potential to become a leader – I know, because I talk or work with you every day! Why not ask the questions that may be preventing you from taking this step? The journey to DG is a 3-year training progression, with the fourth year being one of still providing guidance to the District Management Team when you have completed your DG year. There is amazing support along the way, and it has so many benefits to you as a leader, and in your passage to becoming YOUR best Rotarian for the future. Have a think about this offer – I am happy to run the zoom Q&A session again, or you can contact me if you would like to discuss the role further.

My thanks go to the **Conference and AV teams** who are working very hard developing a great set of activities coming up. As you can understand, this requires a lot of talent and creative imagination, so I am very pleased with the options which will be available. The **one-day event will be held virtually on 28 May** – a hybrid of pre-recorded and live-streamed sessions, so **SAVE**

THE DATE. There are some surprises in there as well! We'd like to see groups get together for viewing and lunch on the day in your venues of choice.

The Rotary Foundation session will be held by zoom Saturday 20 March, away from the virtual date in May, as will the Conference Business Session with a date yet to be determined. This is where we will deal with our motions about the future direction of our Trusts, so keep an eye out for the announcement of this important date.

You will also have seen that we are asking for any questions you may have about Transition, or the future of larger Rotary Districts, submitted for a Q&A on our conference day with PDGs David Jones from South Australia and Michael Moore from D9705 south of us. They will also provide an international perspective about **"All Things Rotary"** including Rotary's health response, as the international representatives for President Shekhar Mehta, also from involvement in international health bodies. You have until 19 March to submit these.

At present I have commenced a Working Party for our present and future District regarding **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion**. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please contact me personally. AG Pam Dean-Jones and I have also commenced learning and discussion for our present and future District regarding the development of a **Reconciliation Action Plan**.

These are very exciting projects to be involved with as we transition to the larger District 9660.

Can I please ask that you have a look at the **Learning Centre modules on My Rotary**? There are some really valuable modules rolling out at a great rate now, many in response to how quickly the Rotary landscape is developing, and certainly in preparation for Jennifer Jones and her "new look" committee as we enter the new Rotary year **2022-2023: "Imagine Rotary"**. Some of you may like to do these short modules by yourself, but please don't dismiss this as a possibility as a group learning opportunity for your whole club, board, or committee. Some very interesting training on the new face of volunteering will be advertised by Carla Pittman soon as well – so many opportunities are available to help us re-energise our clubs, Rotarians and District as we come out of the pandemic.

One last plug: Please **"save the date"** for our **District Changeover** as we say goodbye to D9670, becoming D9660. This will be **Saturday 25 June 2022**, somewhere on the D9650 coastal area (venue to be confirmed). I have asked our District Clubs to refrain from booking their own Club Changeovers on this date please.

Until next month, cheers

Amanda

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Deadline for next issue:

23 March 2022

Email articles to: Elizabeth Friend...

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March: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene

\$18.4 million in Foundation global grant funding has been allocated to environment-related causes in the past five years through our support of community economic development and water, sanitation, and hygiene projects, including:

- Protecting and restoring land, coastal, marine, and freshwater resources
- Enhancing the capacity of communities to support natural resource management and conservation
- Supporting sustainable agriculture, fishing, and aquaculture practices

- Addressing the cause of climate change by reducing the emission of greenhouse gases

- Strengthening ecosystems and communities affected by climate change

- Supporting education initiatives that promote behaviour that protects the environment

- Advocating for sustainable consumption to build an economy that uses resources more efficiently

- Addressing environmental justice issues and public health concerns.

\$148 million The Rotary Foundation has invested in water, sanitation, hygiene and water resource

Where are they NOW?

Are you, or do you know of, someone who has participated in a Rotary funded program such as:

- Rotary Youth Exchange (both long-Term and Short Term) - YEP
- Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)
- Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)
- National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

management interventions globally. Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life. When people have access to clean water and sanitation, waterborne diseases decrease, children stay healthier and attend school more regularly, and mothers can spend less time carrying water and more time helping their families.

WASH (*Water, Sanitation and Hygiene*) Global Grant Projects: Since 2013, The Rotary Foundation has invested in more than \$130 million in over 2000 projects worldwide. Through this investment, our volunteers of action have improved access to safely managed and basic WASH services to communities, schools and healthcare facilities, while protecting and conserving water resources.

Rotary-USAID WASH Partnership: **Rotary and the United States Agency for International Development** (USAID) assist communities and governments to plan, finance and deliver safe water, sanitation, and

- Adventure In Citizenship (AIC – Canberra)
- Murray Darling Freshwater Program (MDFP)
- Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)
- Group Study Exchange (GSE) or New Generations (NGSE)

And others not mentioned here?

We want to know how Rotary has influenced your life because of your participation in one of our programs – and give you a chance to reconnect with your Alumni.

We would like you to provide us with a photo of yourself, a bio of about 100 words – how you believe it helped you with your life choices.

Rotary clubs have been assisting young people to participate in what we HOPE will make a difference in their life.

We would like to set up a social platform so you can reconnect with others.

We would like you to help us collect the history of our programs ...helping us to help you reconnect with other participants and Rotarians who often wonder:

Where Are They Now?

hygiene services, while sustainably managing water resources.

How Rotary makes help happen, some examples:

- Through water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) programs, Rotary's people of action mobilize resources, form partnerships, and invest in infrastructure and training that yield long-term change.

- Access to toilets in the Philippines - Rotary clubs and partners built 222 toilets, six rainwater collectors, seven communal handwashing stations, and 20 bio-sand filters. The project provided more than 1,000 people with access to proper toilet facilities and almost 600 people with a regular supply of clean water

- Making schools healthier - all 24 of Lebanon's Rotary clubs came together — overcoming religious, cultural, and political divisions — to form partnerships with the government, World Vision, UNICEF, and the Red Cross. Together the groups developed a program that delivers clean water to every public school in the country.

- Water for a community - Rotary clubs partnered with local organisations to install a rainwater harvesting and distribution centre for 4,000 people in Madan, India. They also delivered training programs for women in the community and students in 35 schools.

- WASH in Guatemala schools - Rotary clubs in Guatemala improved conditions for as many as 1,793 children in 10 schools in the town of Escuintla by providing toilets, washing stations, water tanks, and training

- Water supply in Tanzania - A dozen Rotary clubs collaborated with local partners to establish a water supply and delivery system for 1,500 people in the village of Kigogo, Tanzania. They also taught the community how to maintain the systems and provided hygiene education.

(Information in this article from Rotary International website and in \$US).

Additional information and video clips can be found at ...

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/providing-clean-water>

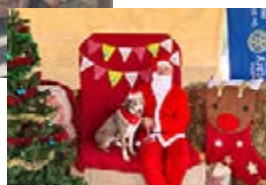
“Our Club” ...in 100 Words (i)

Rotary Club of Dubbo

The Rotary Club of Dubbo was chartered on the 3rd September 1936.

Although our member numbers are quite steady and currently sitting on 22, our efforts and contribution to the community is certainly not hindered.

Our club regularly volunteers at the Dubbo Turf Club on the race gates which provides a steady income as well as jumping at any other opportunities to be involved in our community. Over recent months we have continued to provide meals to Macquarie Homestay as well as hampers for Christmas, have a stall at the Bunnings Community Christmas event, hosted our annual Calcutta night, hosted Santa Paws, contributed to the School in a Box project and hosted a morning tea for the Vietnam Vets & Men's Shed members. Our club remains the longest serving in Dubbo and proudly boasts a Rotarian of 50 years.



The Rotary Foundation

District 9670

The Rotary Foundation

Rotary Foundation Australia

Sunday
20 March
1.30pm

Join Our Webinar

Register in advance:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84461212693>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining

What You Will Learn:

- About the Rotary Foundation Australia (RFA)
- How your Club can interact with RFA
- How your Club can access Rotary Foundation District Grants

“Our Club” ...in 100 Words...(ii)

Rotary Club of Singleton on Hunter

The Rotary Club of Singleton on Hunter was chartered on 16 February 1990, being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Singleton to form a second Rotary club in the town.

The Club was chartered with 22 members and has maintained a membership around 25 through the years.

The Club has been involved with Youth Exchange, Group Study Exchange and the running of several District Conferences.

In supporting the District, the Club has supplied 3 Assistant Governors, various chairs and members of District Committees, a District Secretary and a District Governor as well as catering for PETS and District Assembly over many years.

It has supported its local community by supporting *Hot Shots Junior Tennis*, the local *Salvation Army* and various other organisations with funds raised through the **Annual Singleton Art Prize**.

Internationally, the Club has supported a *Babies' Home* and its support staff in *Uganda*.



Rotary International statement on Ukraine conflict

Text is copy from RI website:

<https://my.rotary.org/en/statement-rotary-international-ukraine>



It is a tragic and sad time for the people of Ukraine and the world.

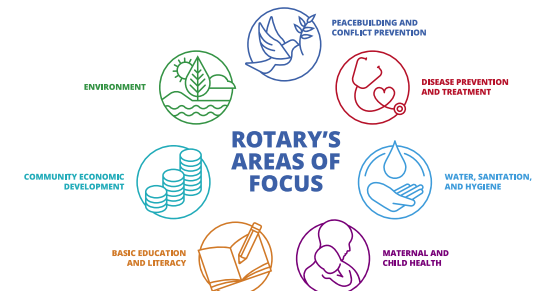
At Rotary, we are deeply concerned by the deteriorating situation in Ukraine and the escalating loss of life and humanitarian hardship there. Continued military action against Ukraine will not only devastate the region, but also risk spreading tragic consequences across Europe and the world.

As one of the world's largest humanitarian organizations, we have made peace the cornerstone of our global mission. We join the international community in calling for an immediate cease fire, withdrawal of Russian forces, and a restoration of diplomatic efforts to resolve this conflict through dialogue.

In the past decade, Rotary clubs in Ukraine, Russia and nearby countries have transcended national differences and have actively engaged in peace-building projects to promote goodwill and to marshal assistance for the victims of war and violence. Today, our thoughts are with our fellow Rotary members and others in Ukraine coping with these tragic events. Rotary International will do everything in its power to bring aid, support and peace to the region.

Rotary International

25-Feb-2022



Zone 8 Pilot Initiative – (Regionalization)

The most recent information from the Regionalization Committee was given to the District Regionalization Representatives on Sunday 20 February via the monthly Zoom meetings.

It may seem that the process is changing and progressing at a slow rate. However, it is important to note that the Regionalization Committee is committed to ensuring every aspect is in place before progressing the Pilot concept.

The Committee was scheduled to present their proposal to the RI Board on Thursday 24 February, our time: this was seeking the Board support,

in principle, to proceed with the pilot program subject to a vote by the Board and a detailed submission being presented. Information regarding the outcome of the Board meeting will be detailed in the next "Yarnings".

The Committee is also awaiting the outcome of the proposed amendment before the Council on Legislation supporting pilot programs, which will be voted on in April.

It is proposed that the pilot will be part of 'Shaping Rotary's Future Framework' seeking autonomy to tailor the pilot to our unique Zone 8 needs.

The Committee envisages a multi-layered approach to inform clubs about the components of the proposed Pilot. This will include Zoom information sessions, a 'Frequently Asked Questions' document which will be distributed to clubs and a specifically designed website.

The final part of the process will involve a vote by the clubs of Zone 8, facilitated by voting within each District. The vote will require a 66% vote in favour of the proposed Pilot Program. The vote is now set down for August this year.

IPDG David Roach

District Regionalization
Representative

Do You Have Any Questions?



Dear Rotarians

As part of the upcoming **D9670 Conference event** we are privileged to have two outstanding IPDG who have been the transitional Governors of their respective, newly created Districts for the 2020-2021 Rotary year.

IPDG Dr Michael Moore (and now acting DG for his District) last year led the newly created D9705 which encompasses much of southern NSW and the ACT, including 78 Rotary Clubs and 1937 Rotarians.

Michael is also the Rotary International President's Representative at our final D9670 Conference event.

IPDG David Jones led the newly created vast District 9510 which covers South Australia, up to Alice Springs, as well as including Broken Hill and parts of western Victoria – 4 different jurisdictions! David had 83 Rotary Clubs and 2014 Rotarians in this new District.

These two Rotarians will give a brief reflection of their experiences through this transitional process and will happily answer questions from our members.

Could you please submit any **questions you may have** to IPDG David Roach via his email to: vezfidar@outlook.com

This needs to be submitted by **Saturday 19th March**. Please note not all questions may be addressed individually, as alike questions may be integrated to form a broader question or focus.

Cheers everyone!

DG Amanda Roach



We want to Celebrate • Don't miss this Opportunity!

Zone A • Area Governor Report

It is great to see that clubs in the western area have resumed face-to-face meetings, and some have provided options for their members to Zoom in if they don't feel comfortable or unable to attend due to personal commitments.

We are especially pleased to see Rotary Club of Bourke commencing their meetings after not holding any since August due to the COVID-19 situation in their area, as well as the fire at the local RSL, which was their meeting location. The Bourke Club have found a new home within the community and resume to help their community in service.

Rotary Club of Dubbo South are getting ready for their much-anticipated Tour de OROC event, which was placed on hold over the last couple of years due to the pandemic. The participants will be riding their bikes through the western towns for around 5 days, departing from Dubbo, all the way up to Cobar and Bourke, across to Brewarrina and Walgett, and then down to Mudgee. Many Rotary clubs in the towns that they will be stopping in will be providing a meal for the participants as they travel through. Funds raised from the event will go to Macquarie Homestay in Dubbo. We are sure that this event will be highly successful.

Rotary Club of Wellington have been able to commence their monthly

markets and the first one was a big one with over 50 stall holders.

Dubbo Rotary Club have continued to assist with manning the gates at the Turf Club races, as well as having "Conversations and Cupcakes", where they had morning tea and chats with a local men's shed group and Vietnam Vets.

Dubbo Rotary, along with Rotary Club of Mudgee Sunrise, have donated "School In A Box" to local schools. The box consists of stationery items which can be used by the students and staff.

Area Governor Peter Judd and Mudgee Sunrise President, Carol Cockerill-Wright, visited Goolma Public School to drop off a donated box. The Principal, teaching staff and students welcomed the Rotarians and were grateful for the donation.

Many clubs currently have projects underway and we can't wait to hear about them in the future.

Stay safe.

Nicole Shanks,
Assistant Area Governor



RAWCS – National Flood Appeal



A national flood appeal has been set up to provide assistance for flood victims in Queensland and Northern NSW.

Australians impacted by the recent floods will be the beneficiaries of money raised by Flood Appeal and will be able to liaise with their local Rotary Club to advise of their needs.

The fundraising campaign was launched to support the communities

in need after yet another disaster impacting Australians.

"The money raised from the Appeal will go directly and quickly to support those impacted, providing essential items and financial support where Disaster relief and Insurance claims won't stretch," said Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd CEO, Andrew Woodward

<https://directory.rawcs.com.au/47-2021-22>



Zone B • Area Governor Report

Merriwa Rotary Club

The club is back meeting together and is planning a few new projects around the town and with the local High School. The club has put a recent donation they received to good use by sponsoring a local agronomist student who wants to return to the local area and hopefully will have some ideas on how to help if there is another mouse plague.

Denman Rotary Club

This week saw the Denman members farewell Phil & Nina Miles as they head off to the Philippines to start the next stage of their life. We wish them well.

Scone Rotary Club

The club is back meeting together and planning the next few months with horse week, the rodeo and other events coming up. The club is also having their Wednesday night meetings at the Bowling Club, along with the odd breakfast meeting at various venues around town to give the club members some variety and even get a higher profile in the local community. The club is also well into planning the next few months to keep club members engaged and to allow plenty of planning time for events.

Muswellbrook Rotary Club

This club has taken on a new challenge and is working with the local group to prepare meals for the homeless. The members are also looking at joining with other community groups to start a once a week get together for the vulnerable and needy in the community through

a BBQ dinner. The club is looking to get more visibility in the community. We all know what we do but does our wider community! The club is also well under way with the planning of the next MUNA weekend.

Singleton on Hunter Rotary Club

The members are back into full swing looking to host the Men's Health Van next month, along with planning their next mail-run bike ride, set for 10 April. The club also answered a request from DG Neville (D9660) to cater for the Friday night dinner of the weekend's Management Training weekend held in Singleton.

Singleton Sunrise Rotary Club

The club is back meeting together and starting to work with St Pat's to get the Rota Kids active again as the children are keen to go. This has been another great project affected by COVID. The club is now looking into starting an Interact club, also at St Pat's, as it is a K to 12 School and would make the most of the flow-on of students from Primary to Secondary school. They are also continuing many other community projects.

Singleton Rotary Club

The members are out and about in the community helping with jobs like working in the community gardens and road clean up. There have been a couple of new members join the club. The members are working hard on this year's Lake St Clare bike ride.

Cessnock Rotary Club

Well, the members are not letting the grass grow under their feet as they continue with their weekly lunch for

the needy. From this project they have now started a morning tea morning on a Friday morning for anyone who is feeling lonely or isolated - people come along for a cuppa and a chat.

One very interesting project of the club is the repurposing of push bikes. With the help of a couple of local gentlemen, members have been shown how to repair bikes and hand onto needy children. But I think one of the great projects the club is undertaking "Little Wings". The club is helping to upgrade a hanger and office for a group of pilots who transport young children from all over NSW to the area for medical appointments. This is all at no cost to patient's family.

Kurri Kurri Rotary Club

The members are back meeting in person as well as back behind their BBQ. The club has been hard at work on Bags for Brains project by supplying backpacks filled with school supplies to help youngsters start the school year on an even footing with others. These bags are supplied to the school and the school hands them out to the children who need them. As I said earlier, the club is back at the BBQ which is a great source of money to help with the community project the club supports.

Kurri Kurri Sunrise Rotary Club

Well, the club is meeting and enjoying breakfast with one another. Members have been planning a trash and treasure as a fund raiser (all Covid safe). For a relatively small club, the members support numerous local groups.

This is just a snippet of all the work these clubs do so I urge all clubs to publish and promote your projects

to let everyone know how great your club is.

Regards

Phil Gorton, Area Governor



Zone C • Area Governor Report

During the past four weeks both Assistant Area Governor Pam Wellham and I have had the pleasure to visit clubs within the Port Stephens area.

Meeting with Nelson Bay Rotary via zoom, was very informative as President Doug shared an update on the plans for the Reflection Garden at Tomaree Community Hospital. The Board passed a request to commence stage one of the project, which is the drawing up of plans for the garden and retaining wall. These plans will need to be approved by NSW Health before the club can proceed to Stage 2. This exciting project will provide the opportunity for all members to be involved while building relationships with sponsors and the community. I'm looking forward to future updates!

An unexpected invitation to attend a Board Meeting of Raymond Terrace

Rotary furthered my knowledge of what great initiatives the club has in planning for the coming year. Firstly, their club bulletin, 'The Screed' has undergone a wonderful face-lift which clearly demonstrates the continued revitalisation of the club, well done Michelle, the Bulletin Editor. Community projects are a key focus of Raymond Terrace Rotary and the continued efforts of their furniture van collecting community donations and supporting local NGO's is a great partnership project as is their School Back Pack Project in supporting local schools. An exciting initiative in its early stages is the growing partnership with the Indigenous community being led by Community Service Director John and his able team. Watch this space for further developments!

Salamander Bay Rotary is looking forward to future membership growth

with enthusiasm, as Covid restrictions have eased allowing club members and the club's Friends of Rotary to commit to regular Bunnings and community BBQ's. The camaraderie and fellowship of this small club is always a highlight for visitors as they meet on the second Tuesday of the month for dinner which is a social evening and on the fourth Tuesday of the month for breakfast.

What a special evening meeting at Medowie/Williamstown Rotary this week. Both Pam and I were happy to induct two new younger members Gaby and Jake who will bring additional skills to the Rotary club. In the last 18 months, the club has inducted 5 additional members and expects this to grow further in the near future. Well done and keep spreading the great Rotary message!

Chris Walmsley, Area Governor



Zone D • Area Governor Report

Planning for the 2022 Lake Macquarie Autumn Fair continues and social media advertising for the events is quite visible.

There will be market stalls included this year as well as the games, cars, food and other fun things we saw last year.

There will be a good range of Rotary projects on display again too.

I know that there will be some excellent entertainment and even a pet parade with prizes in a few different categories!

It's going to be a lot of fun so even if you're not involved, come along with the family!

Early in the month, Katrina and I attended Newcastle Harbour Club with DG Amanda and IPDG David for the DG visit. President Michael, in partnership with District Governor Amanda Roach, inducted their newest member, Declan Clausen.

Declan was sponsored by Rotary to participate in the National Youth Science Forum while he was still at school. He is also the Deputy Mayor of Newcastle.

The club welcomed Declan with open arms and are excited to see his ideas and talents applied to their community projects.

The members thanked DG Amanda for the time taken to visit their club and provide great guidance over this induction.

MHERV is on the move and is currently on the South Coast and at on the 11th March will arrive in my

home town of Glenbrook in the Lower Blue Mountains.

I'll be sure to contact some of my old mates and encourage them to call in for their free check-up.

Great work being done by the MHERV Committee made up of members of Rotary Club of Warners Bay and North Lake Mac Satellite Club.

Have a look at the website www.mherv.com.au.

It's great to see so many clubs signing up for Clean Up Australia again this year. I'm sure there'll be plenty to report in the next issue of *Yarnings*.

I also have a number of visits with DG Amanda between now and then, so I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone and posting in the next issue of *Yarnings*.

Keep up the good work and remember that I'm here to help!

Craig Henningham, Area Governor



“Our Club” ...in 100 Words...(iii)

Rotary Club of Morisset

55 years old and going strong! Our Club is privileged to be part of the wider Morisset community, always foremost on our agenda.

We have good relationships with our schools, PCYC, businesses, Southlake Community Services, and the public. These relationships allow us to successfully fundraise, provide practical assistance, and return our efforts to where help is needed.

Projects include: Christmas Trailer Raffle, Return and Earn, Mask Making, Care Packs, Winter Warmers, community gardening, and scholarships. Mask Making connected us with the Aussie outback, seven countries, and created new partnerships. Our Facebook presence provides high level visibility for Rotary locally and worldwide.

And, we have the original **Dunny Roll Toss!**

