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THE GUARDIAN

From the desk of
District 9670 Governor
Graeme Hooper

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From DG Graeme's Desk...

The end of the year is upon us and the season when we "connect and re-connect" with friends and family to celebrate Christmas. Christmas is also a time to reflect on those who are less fortunate than ourselves. I would ask you to please remember our drought and bush fire impacted communities in your giving.

While out and about and visiting our Clubs, Sue and I have witnessed many excellent forms of social activity and service programs. Rotary is about being creative, being innovative, having a go at something different, caring and sharing, having fun. All service projects can be enjoyable, whether you're just lending a hand or just being there for someone.

Youth activities are hot on the agenda at present. They are an important part of our Rotary engagement and congratulations to Zoey Kirwan and her team for another wonderful RYPEN weekend. In early January we say farewell to our outbound students as they head off to connect with another country, culture and language. Thank you to Pam Wellham and her team for having students and parents ready for this life changing experience. Applications are currently being sought for Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) in February; and Rotary Adventures in Citizenship (RAIC), in May. These activities can only happen with Clubs giving their utmost support and is very much appreciated.

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month. Please consider how your Club can assist with local projects focusing on this theme. It may be as simple as assisting at your local hospital or hospice over this special time to share the Christmas spirit. Clubs and individuals are contributing immensely to our own charities, and our gratitude is extended to the Rotary Club of Dubbo South for their very generous support for Australian Rotary Health, The Rotary Foundation and a very generous contribution towards Sue's DG Partner Project.



Rotary's key pedestal is vocational service and is the theme for January. Who remembers the days of classification, and the need to be creative not to exceed the rules with how a Rotarian's vocation was named? We can still use this classification system, but as a tool to identify gaps in our membership without the need to actually classify people. Rules today are much more relaxed but we shouldn't forget Vocational Service as one of our five key areas of service.

We welcome your stories of "show and tell" for Manaia, and apart from the monthly wrap up of District achievements, remember to take a look at our District and Club websites, facebook pages, and newsletters, to gain further insight into how people of action are changing people's lives. A special plea is for all Clubs to check their public image resources for the correct branding so we are all on the same page using the correct Rotary wheel.

Remember to catch the early bird registration for our "Breaking Through Barriers" Conference.

Sue and I wish each and everyone of you a safe and Happy Christmas. Please spend valued time with your family and loved ones. We wish you a successful and rewarding 2020 and look forward to seeing everyone back on deck in the New Year fully recharged and ready to go as "People of Action".



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Shine for ShelterBox

Anything can be achieved if you have the support of likeminded people.

Shine for ShelterBox Trivia Night, hosted by Rotary Club of Waratah, was held on 9th November at West Wallsend Workers Club. The committee spearheading the night not only consisted of Waratah Rotarians, but was led by past Rotarian, Nathan Brown, and his wife Jenna.

Nathan and Jenna brought in a team of past Rotarians to help. These Friends of Rotary already had an insight into the difference ShelterBox can make to people's lives after suffering a natural disaster, so were more than willing to help out. Although these people had left Rotary, they still help Rotary - whenever, and with whatever, they can. Without these likeminded people to call on, many projects these days would not gain enough hands on support to succeed.

In saying that, the Trivia Night was well attended by members from other Rotary Clubs - Warners Bay, Wallsend-Maryland, Toronto Sunrise, Morisset, Kurri Kurri, and Maitland Sunrise. Thank you all, very much, and to our many sponsors for their support in providing a wonderful array of prizes and items for auction.

The remaining tables were made up of family and friends of Rotarians. Although they came to support Waratah RC and to help raise funds, along the way they learnt important facts about ShelterBox. A win-win night for all. An amazing \$5,000 was raised – enough to purchase five ShelterBoxes.

Note: Since the Shine for ShelterBox fundraiser, Nathan has re-joined Rotary and is now a member of Kurri Kurri RC. *Great to have you back Nathan!*

Clarice Hamling, Waratah RC



Time Out Festival

The Inaugural Rotary Club of Morisset "Time Out Festival" held at Morisset High School was a huge success. Early indications from participants and festival goers have placed this event at the top of this year's highlights for activities in the local area.

The festival was set up to encourage and support the idea we should take "Time Out" of our busy lives and pay more attention to our physical and emotional wellbeing.

A full event program was provided and offered many and varied workshops and demonstrations in such things as macramé, jewellery making, paper crafts, drawing, belt weaving, and the list goes on. We had bands, musical groups, and solo artists performing simultaneously around the school precinct. To top off the activities, we had a "Steampunk" demonstration and display, plus a medieval reenactment group performing.

This event didn't just happen by itself. We are fortunate to have members in our club who have the expertise and skills to be the organisers. They worked tirelessly to get this off the ground and turn it into the success it became. Additionally, we

had the very special talents of one of our newest members, Suzie Shing, who led and developed the idea from concept to fruition.

This event focused on the bringing together of the community and was never intended to be a fundraising venture. However, it was so well managed by our festival committee we managed to secure sponsorship with the addition of grants from Lake Macquarie City Council and State Government. Entry was by gold coin donation. Due to good fiscal control, we came away with a small profit. What a day, thank you to all!

Peter Comino, President, Morisset Rotary Club

For the full story and to watch the video of Rotarians taking Time Out on the drums, go to:

<https://www.lakesmail.com.au/story/6496720/thousands-take-time-out-for-festival-fun-in-morisset-photos-video/?cs=2962&fbclid=IwAR3H1lrX9uQm5WT7daHtu01ahwqBmNgq1LUVJnati1eLqqFjpx4WQZ5Nvpg#slide=0>



A police Officer tests his stamina on the rowing machine as Makai Lakes Outrigger Canoe Club members urge him on. *Photo courtesy, David Stewart, Lakes Mail*



District Trophies

It's that time of the year again when we ask for Clubs who are holding District trophies to please return them to DG Graeme before Christmas and we can have them ready in time for District Conference. Your assistance in this regard would be greatly appreciated.

Roach Rattlings

As I prepare for my Conference in 2021, I am gathering a team of interested District Rotarians who are committed to developing a Conference in the western part of the District.

It is important that I do not elaborate greatly about this Conference as it is important to fully focus on DG Graeme's conference. However, if you are interested in being part of this team, it is not important that you live in the west.

Please contact me on 0428338489 or email: yezfidar@outlook.com as we have a position for YOU.

All clubs should have received an email from me which has gone to the present Club President and Secretary to be presented to the new President, Secretary, Treasurer and Board elect outlining

arrangements and expectations for BETS (Board Elect Training Seminar replacing PETS) next year. These sessions will be a one day only seminar. Online learning prior to the day is now a feature of our program.

Details are contained in the letter outlining our proposals for each BOARD position. Included in the letter is my scheduled DG visit to your club.

Please pencil this date into your club's diary. If this is inconvenient please let me know asap. Could you also inform me of any other important dates or events that will occur in your Club's calendar in the 2020-21 DG year.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone.

DGE David Roach

Isda's Column

So, DG's official road tripping has now come to the end of the road and all my little friends are out and about being puppies of action. WOW – did we have some fun! And now it's almost Santa time – hey, I got to sit on Santa's knee and he was almost like a real Santa! Because I have been a very good little puppy, I got to whisper in his ear and make a wish. You can help my Christmas wish come true by making a donation direct to ISDA – please remember to put "ROTARY" alongside your name so we know your generosity is for Sue's project and it doesn't go whoopee into a bucket.

A few puppy photos have hit the radar but a few more would be awesome to keep tabs on what all these pups get up to. Recent puppy activity has included horse whispering; trivial trivia; lolly mischief – again; overseas travel lessons; hospital visiting; someone mentioned messing with red socks; of all things, sitting on a Rotary 'throne'; launching a "money" kennel to collect "pennies from heaven"; and some just got left behind because those forgetful guardian Rotarians were, just, very forgetful! They even forgot McTavish's stick because someone left it on their doorstep!

Remembrance Day was special for me because Dungog RC gave me my very own poppy so I can remember our veterans on their special days every year.



We pups will be vigilant and street wise during the silly season because we have a lot of work to do in the New Year. Along with all my puppy friends, everyone is wished a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year, and remember to stay safe.

Donations can be made, either direct to ISDA: www.isda.com.au with your Club name or Surname + "Rotary"



...or, to District 9670: Your Club name + "PP19/20"

...or, via direct banking:
Bendigo Bank BSB - 633 000 Account no - 167718972 with "Rotary" as transfer description; will really help all my friends.



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Zone 8

2019-20 Public Image Video Clip Competition is now open

The aim of the competition is to increase awareness of the **People of Action** campaign launched by Rotary International in 2017 to help clubs and districts tell their Rotary stories in a compelling and consistent way. It is hoped that by creating a video, Clubs will consciously think about their whole public image efforts and will then have a vehicle for promoting

what they do in the community—through social media, through their local newspaper or television station, or at their community events.

What the Judges are looking for

The judges of the video competition are the Zone 8 Public Image team (ie Rotary Public Image Coordinator & Assistants).

In selecting the winners, the judges take special notice of involvement by club members, and how much enjoyment they have gained through participating in the video; illustration of the RI theme (ie Rotary Connects the world); the use of correct Rotary logos throughout the video; whether or not the video has been produced specifically for the competition, and the length of the video.

We encourage clubs to seek tips from professionals, but to make the video themselves.

The winning video will be shown at the ANZ Conference in Alice Springs In September 2020 and a Certificate will be presented to the successful club (if possible) during the conference.

For more information contact Rotary Public Image Coordinator, **Gina Growden** on: gina.growden@bigpond.com or by mobile: **0412 128 106**

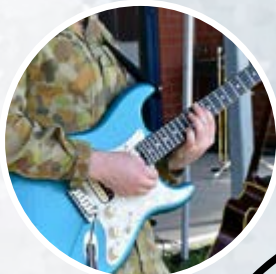


Rotary District 9670 CONFERENCE

20th 21st 22nd March 2020

Breaking Through Barriers

Belmont 16s
Lake Macquarie



***BE IN TO WIN BACK:** All Early Bird registrations are automatically entered into the draw. Two names will be randomly selected. Winner notified by email. Tickets valid for Early Bird Registration only ie subsequent bookings are inelligible.

BE IN TO WIN BACK
Your Early Bird Registration*
2 single tickets to be won, to the value
of your individual registration



To help whet your Conference appetite, here is a sneak preview into some of our guest speakers:

Brad Webb – CEO, Samaritans

Katie Brassil - Public Relations, Centennial Coal

Charlie Allen – Director of Partnerships, Institute for Economics and Peace Ambassadors and Rotary Peace Fellows

Scott Bevan – Author, journalist, broadcaster and playwright

Dr Freya Jephcott - World Health Organization (WHO) and Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), including field epidemiology for two of the recent Ebola outbreaks

Mike Greenslade – CEO, ShelterBox Australia

Disaster Recovery Report

Entertainment – Australian Army Band Newcastle



**Early Bird closes
31 December 2019**

Register at:
www.trybooking.com/zwht

Conference Chairman: Ed Wilson • asterwil@bigpond.com • Mob: 0407 411 173

Conference Secretary: Eleanor Cunningham • eleanorcunningham55@gmail.com • Mob: 0416 258 461

We gratefully acknowledge the support of our sponsors...



Australian Rotary Health (ARH) Awards

Australian Rotary Health (ARH) presented two Certificates of Appreciation recently.

One Certificate was presented to Carol Coffey, wife of PDG Brian, for her magnificent efforts in raising in excess of \$50,000 as her partner's project in 2018/19 Rotary year. This was truly an outstanding effort, and was well supported by the Rotary Clubs of District 9670. ARH Director, Brian Beesley (Gloucester RC), and District 9670 ARH rep, Chris Bartlett (Nelson Bay RC), presented the award to Carol and Brian.

The second certificate was presented to PDG Janette Jackson (Cessnock RC) for her personal contributions to ARH reaching in excess of \$5,000. PDG Janette, who has been a long term supporter of ARH, was presented with her award in Cessnock.

In other news, Dubbo South RC have continued their great support of ARH with a \$10,000 donation announced at DG Graeme's recent visit to the Club.

The money raised will be used for the Lift the Lid campaign into mental health research,

Over \$2 million is currently allocated through ARH.

Chris Bartlett, Nelson Bay RC



PE Vicki Steep & PDG Janette Jackson, Cessnock RC & Chris Bartlett, Nelson Bay RC

Graffiti Removal Day “Love Where We Live” • Volunteers Reception 2019 •

An Awards presentation for Graffiti Removal Day was held recently at NSW Parliament House. There were about 70 people attending - politicians, volunteer groups from across NSW including the Scouts and Air Cadets, Graffiti Removal Day Committee, and most program sponsors. About 60 Councils are involved in the program which has been run across NSW since 2012 and since that time, an estimated 410,400m² of graffiti have been removed with 960 charges relating to graffiti infringements, some leading to prison sentences. In NSW, graffiti costs the NSW Government and property owners more than \$300 million each year.

Pam Wellham, Belmont RC, received The Legend Award and commented that she was pleased the hard work had been

recognised. Pam had previously assisted Wallsend-Maryland RC to secure funds for their Graffiti Removal trailer from the Department of Justice and then they started to remove graffiti from the streets of Wallsend on a regular basis.

Newcastle Enterprise RC received a Highly Commended Award and was received by Club members, Jenny Koster and Damien Keegan, for the murals of migratory birds on the six pylons of Stockton Bridge. It is an area known worldwide for migratory bird watching. Newcastle Enterprise RC also have a purpose built trailer to store and transport their resources. A grant from Newcastle Port Corporation provided the funds to not only remove the graffiti, but to also apply the bird murals to the pylons. The project involved the members

preparing and undercoating the pylons; and collaborating with RMS, Newcastle Port Corporation, Newcastle City Council, two local primary schools, and professional mural artists, Up&Up. The work is a great example of public art and leads into the National Park.

Thanks to Pam Wellham, Belmont RC; and Scott Lewis, Newcastle Enterprise RC

As reported last month, a number of D9670 Rotary Clubs participated in Graffiti Removal Day. Congratulations to Pam, Newcastle Enterprise RC, and all concerned, in D9670 – very well deserved.

To see photos and videos, go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/RCNewEnterprise/>

For more information about the site, go to:

<https://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/birdwatching-and-wildlife-facilities/stockton-sandspit>



Pam Wellham with Mark Speakman, Attorney General; Shelly Hancock, Minister for Local Government; and Sonia Hornery, Member for Wallsend



L-R: Mark Speakman, Attorney General; Jenny Koster & Damien Keegan, Newcastle Enterprise RC, & Shelly Hancock, Minister for Local Government



Scott Lewis applying anti graffiti coating

Rotary New Generations Service Exchange

The NGSE program is of immense value to our young people, aged 18-30, and is focused on their chosen career. D9670 has recently, and successfully, facilitated two placements.

Inbound from London RC, Ontario, Canada; Gabby Nichols completed her work experience at the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Shortland; and was hosted by Christine & Tim Wansey, parents of Rhianna Wansey, on behalf of Newcastle Enterprise RC.

"This was a short and intense time, that I enjoyed immensely and that helped me grow both personally and professionally. I am so grateful for this life enriching experience!"

Rhianna Wansey was our outbound participant sponsored by Belmont RC and

hosted by Açailândia RC, D4490 in Brazil. Rhianna's employment was with an NGO, Centro de Defesa da Vida e dos Direitos Humanos - Carmen Bascarán (CDVDH/CB) that predominantly fights for the human rights of people trapped in slavery; and fight and advocate for the rights of women, children, poor and Indigenous people.

"Work doesn't feel like work when you are surrounded by people who put everything they have into what they do and love it."

To read a full report, go to:

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50229/Documents/en-au/d04d62a1-2b02-4314-b586-48dba03d5993/1/>

Brian Oakley, Newcastle Enterprise RC, Chair NGSE



Gabby Nichols, at Mungo Brush



Rhianna Wansey, in Brazil, and 3 indigenous girls with whom she worked

Youth Exchange Program – The Class of 2020

On Friday 17th January, D9670 will wave goodbye to 13 students embarking on a 12 month journey of their lifetime. Briefings have been held over two weekends in September and November at Tocal. The students are well prepared, thanks to a team of dedicated Rotarians assisted by the current Inbound team and ROTEX. Parents of the Outbound team also took part in the learning and sharing of

information.

At the second Briefing, our Outbound team covered topics including: Host families; personal safety; welfare; illnesses; medical issues; money; and budgeting. A popular session with Inbound students is beach safety. Although they love the surf, they are often unaware of the safest way to use our beaches. Weekends such as

this are not complete without a lot of fun and this weekend was complimented with a competitive trivia evening rewarded with amazing prizes for everyone.

Thank you to sponsor Rotary Clubs whose job, this week, will be to present these students with their official blazers. Hopefully this presentation can make it to social media and local papers as a way of promoting the students' achievements, and advertising this wonderful program. I look forward to hearing regularly from the students about their experiences in their new homes. Thank you also to Rotary Clubs who are hosting overseas students. We will see our Inbounds in action at our District 9670 Conference in March 2020.

Pam Wellham, Belmont RC, Chair Youth Exchange Program



RDU SUPPLIES

Licensed Rotary Brand Distributor

RDU Supplies are again offering D9670 the opportunity to sell their merchandise at our District Conference.

RDU Supplies offer 10% commission to run the booth.

If your Rotary Club is interested, please advise by direct email before Friday 14 December:

governor2019-20@rotary9670.org.au

If more than one application is received, DG Graeme will determine by lucky draw.

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)

What do you get when you combine a weekend of finding your inner strengths; a dash of jumping out of your comfort zone; a sprinkling of mindfulness and wellness; and a whole load of fun to round it out...well, RYPEN, of course – a youth development program providing life changing skills to improve the lives of students aged 14-17. D9670 Rotary Clubs sponsored 34 students from across the District to attend the recent camp at Tea Gardens. Dedicated volunteers including Rotarians and past attendees known as “RYPENites”, delivered the program.

Participants collaborated on Friday afternoon which was when the real magic began as they were placed into teams with others they didn't know. Friday night dinner was a Mexican Fiesta provided by the Greenhills Maitland RC catering team.

Facilitators delivered various sessions, activities, and workshops - focusing on self development, combining the indoors and outdoors, team-building games, and enjoying each other's company. As the weekend unfolded, you could really sense the increased confidence in this bunch of teenagers as they worked together to complete challenges, understand how to set and achieve a goal, and generally improve the outlook of their futures.

Participants were required to set a goal, recognise barriers that might impede that goal, and literally smash through their barriers supported by their teams to recognise they can do anything they set their minds to. When they come out the other side of this activity, you can see each of them buzzing, and the transition is nothing short of amazing.

A graduation is held to wrap up the weekend, the highlight being to perform a New Zealand haka. A special treat for this camp was DG Graeme (an ex “Kiwi”) taking the lead.

The D9670 RYPEN Committee extends their thanks to the D9670 Executive Committee and sponsoring D9670 Rotary Clubs who continue to support the RYPEN program.

Andrew Marselos, Maitland RC, RYPEN Committee

Update: A RYPEN camp under the guidance of Pam Sharkey, Dubbo West RC, is planned for students in the west of D9670 to ease the travel burden. Stay tuned for upcoming camps.



Ready, Set, Action ... DG Graeme and participants performing the haka



Expressions Of Interest For RYLA Are Closing Soon

Expressions of Interest for participants to attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), 21-23 February 2020 at Tocal College, will be closing on Friday 6 December 2019.

RYLA is an exciting program, for those aged 18-25 years, who would like to gain professional development and life-skills. These skills include leadership; public speaking; financial management; and goal setting. There are many more sessions which can make an impact in your life.



Participants, or Rotarians who already have a participant being sponsored by their Rotary Club, are encouraged to complete & submit the form as soon as possible.

The total cost of the camp per person is \$300, with the Rotary Club paying \$250 and the participant paying \$50.

The successful participants will be notified by Friday 20 December 2019.

Payment will be required early in the New Year, prior to the event.

Please note that there are limited spots available for this camp. This camp previously spanned a week. However, the Committee have condensed the program to a three-day event, most of it over a weekend.

For more information, please see the brochure & application form attached with the Weekly Connect.

If your Club is interested in being a part of this Program, but can't find any applicants,

please give the District RYLA Chair, Nicole Shanks, a call and she can direct you to a club who you can assist, so their applicants don't miss out. There are also applicants looking for a sponsor club, so please give Nicole a call and see how you can offer your Club's help.



If you have any questions, please contact the District RYLA Chair Nicole Shanks on 0402 644 950 or email ryla@rotary9670.org.au.

Lost and Found

Found: Rotarians really are a clever variety. Congratulations to Glenda Briggs of East Maitland RC for finding our ball that Nifty and I lost when we were playing catchy at DreamCricket. It ended up in the zoo with those Friendship Rotarians from the other side of the world – so how's that for a long shot?

Lost: Nothing really got lost this month, but I was proudly wearing my very own special poppy the day after Remembrance Day, who can tell me where was I?

Reward for correct answer and winner determined by lucky draw., please email **before 23 January 2020** – that gives you *HEAPS* of time to get your entry in!

Congratulations!

Muswellbrook RC for celebrating 75 years.



Belmont RC for celebrating 70 years

Welcome to our many new Rotarians – friendship and service with good fun await you!

Classifieds

Notices

- ◆ Rotary Club AGMs are to be held as soon as possible and Clubs are reminded that Rotary International now requires a budget to be tabled. Once your new Board members are known, details are to be entered into My Rotary prior to 31 December 2019.
- ◆ Applications for RYLA in February close Friday 6 December. Email: ryla@rotary9670.org.au
- ◆ Applications for Rotary Adventures in Citizenship (RAIC), in May, are now open. Email: info@raic.org.au
- ◆ Clubs who received trophies at the 2019 Forster Conference... could you please make arrangements to have them returned to DG Graeme prior Christmas? Thank you.

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

Graeme was born in a town by the sea – Gisborne, New Zealand – the first city in the world to see the sun rise.



Sue was born in a town by the sea – Warrnambool, Victoria – at the end of the Great Ocean Road.

- ◆ DG Graeme and Sue will be unavailable 12-16 December and 4-14 January.
- ◆ "Breaking Through Barriers" District Conference 2020 – early bird registrations close 31 December 2019
- ◆ Club Changeovers in 2020 – if your Club has a special request for DG Graeme and Sue to be present at your 2020-21 Changeover, please advise the date ASAP, direct to: governor2019-20@rotary9670.org.au – please note DG Graeme & Sue will be contactable but unavailable 4-8 June and 25-28 June.
- ◆ To "show and tell" your success stories, please send articles, with good quality photos, to: districtnewsletter@rotary9670.org.au by the due date.
- ◆ The Editor and Assistant Editor of Manaia are taking a break – the next Manaia edition will be 1 February 2020.
- ◆ **Deadline** for the next District Newsletter is **Thursday 23 January 2020**

Positions Vacant

The following District positions are still waiting to be filled. If you consider you have the right skill set, please contact

DG Graeme to express your interest: 0417 203 603 ...or... governor2019-20@rotary9670.org.au

- ◆ Donations In Kind (DIK) Coordinator
- ◆ Rotarian Action Groups Coordinator



Rotary International Convention

"Aloha Rotary"

Honolulu • 6-10 June 2020

Check out the promotional video here: <https://vimeo.com/313026044>

Register at: <http://riconvention.org/en/honolulu>

Katrina Henningham (& Craig) RC Warners Bay

E: convention@rotary9670.org.au

Register NOW – and Join the FaceBook group: [D9670 Convention 2020](https://www.facebook.com/D9670Convention2020) to find lots of ideas for accommodation, tours and other things to do while you're in Hawaii.

Rotary Themes: December & January



Getting to Know Your DMC and DRR

...translation: "District Management Committee"
and "District Rotaract Representative"



District Secretary:
Geoff Alderdice,
RC Morisset

Rotarian since: 2014

Family: My wife, Elizabeth, we share four children and eight multicultural grandchildren

Vocation/Profession: Retired Chartered Accountant with a management career with leading professional service firms

Rotary interests: Supporting Club and District management

Community interests: Treasurer and active member of Martinsville RFB, JP, support for local community organisations

Personal interests: An ever-growing flock of chickens and an enthusiastic off-road caravanner

Special awards: PHF

Dream place to visit & why:

Too many to mention

Why I live where I live: I love the Watagan Mountains and the bush

What you didn't know about me, unless you ask me: My interest in European history

District Rotaract Representative:
Remy Brougham,
Rotaract Club of The Hunter

Former Rotary Clubs: I was an exchange student to the Nord-Odal Rotary Klubb, if that counts?

Rotaractor since: 2015

Family: Mum, Dad and my (not so little) little brother, I live with my partner, Jake, no pets, but I do have some neglected houseplants.

Vocation/Profession: Planner – NDIA

Rotary interests: Youth programs such as RYE and Rotex

Community interests: I am passionate about animals and women's rights. Trying to be more eco friendly

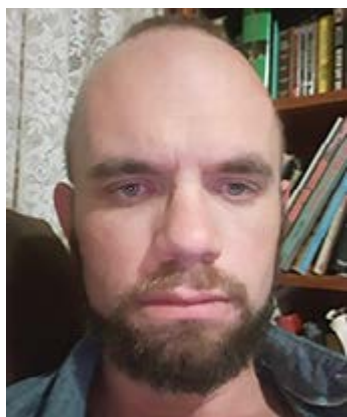
Personal interests: It's very rare for me not to have a holiday booked. I love scuba diving and starting to get into hiking

Special awards: PHF

Dream place to visit & why: Peru – I did a school project on Machu Picchu and have been dreaming about it ever since

Why I live where I live: Honestly, because that's where my partner decided to buy a house – I've grown to love my suburb and its village vibes

What you didn't know about me, unless you ask me: Despite how tall I am, I'm petrified of heights



District Treasurer:
Tim Rossington
RC Toronto

Rotarian since: 2014

Family: Eliza, Coralie (5), Patrick (1), Topsy and Catie (Topsy & Catie are both cats)

Vocation/Profession: Accountant

Rotary interests: Club Treasurer (Toronto), and District Treasurer

Community interests: Have

very little time after family and Rotary positions

Personal interests: Family, fishing, camping

Special awards: RYLA and PHF

Dream place to visit & why: New York, there is just something about this place that speaks to me and it's on top of

my bucket list

Why I live where I live: I live in a little town called Paxton, it's quiet and in the middle between my family and my wife's family

What you didn't know about me, unless you ask me: I am a past DRR for this District (2014-15) and was in the Rotaract Club of Newcastle

Centenary Logo Competition



In 2021, Rotary in Australia and New Zealand celebrates our first 100 years of service – and we need a powerful, engaging logo to help build our story.

So, we have created a **Centenary Logo Competition** to help make an impact.

What creativity can we conjure that captures the heart and soul of our centenary?

Separate designs for both New Zealand and Australia will be welcome. Or a design that covers both countries – a design that enhances Rotary's broader branding.

Everyone is welcome to enter – **Rotarians,**

professionals, friends and family. The winning designer's story will be an important part of the logo's launch.

We are tapping into the passion and energy of volunteers who will be rewarded simply with heartfelt thanks acknowledged by Rotary leaders. That story will be part of our centenary story.

The competition is now open and closes on **December 15**. This is a tangible chance to make a mark on history!

For more information, submission protocols and technical guidelines, visit <https://www.rotary100downunder.com/>

DG Graeme & Sue's Road Map



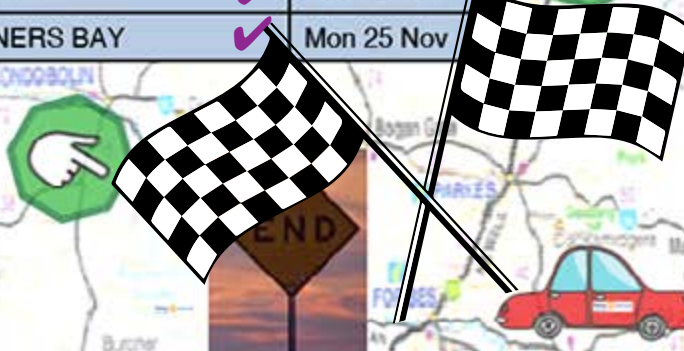
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Morning	Midday	Evening
MYALL COAST	✓	Mon 8 July
TORONTO	✓	Mon 15 July
WALLSEND-MARYLAND	✓	Tue 16 July
MORISSET	✓	Wed 17 July

September		
Morning	Midday	Evening
BOURKE	✓	Mon 2 Sep
NARROMINE	✓	Tue 3 Sep
WARREN	✓	Wed 4 Sep
SINGLETON ON HUNTER	✓	Mon 9 Sep
SINGLETON SUNRISE	✓	Tue 10 Sep
KURRI KURRI SUNRISE	✓	Wed 11 Sep
NELSON BAY	✓	Thu 12 Sep
CHRISTCHURCH Aust/NZ Training + Conference	✓	Sun 15 – Sun 22 Sep
MUDGEES	✓	Tue 24 Sep
DUBBO WEST	✓	Wed 25 Sept
MUDGEES SUNRISE	✓	Fri 27 Sept

November		
Morning	Midday	Evening
NEWCASTLE	✓	Mon 4 Nov
MUSWELLBROOK	✓	Thu 7 Nov
DUNGO	✓	Mon 11 Nov
MERRIWA	✓	Tue 12 Nov
WARNERS BAY	✓	Mon 25 Nov

August		
Morning	Midday	Evening
DUBBO	✓	Mon 5 Aug
DUBBO MACQUARIE	✓	Tue 6 Aug
WELLINGTON	✓	Tue 6 Aug
SCONE	✓	Wed 7 Aug
RUTHERFORD-TELARAH	✓	Mon 12 Aug
RYLSTONE-KANDOS	✓	Tue 13 Aug
DENMAN	✓	Wed 14 Aug
CESSNOCK	✓	Thu 15 Aug
WARATAH	✓	Mon 19 Aug
NEWCASTLE ENTERPRISE	✓	Tue 20 Aug
PATERSON	✓	Wed 21 Aug
RAYMOND TERRACE	✓	Mon 26 Aug
NEWCASTLE SUNRISE	✓	Wed 28 Aug
NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	✓	Wed 28 Aug
MAITLAND	✓	Wed 28 Aug

October		
Morning	Midday	Evening
TORONTO SUNRISE	✓	Tue 1 Oct
KURRI KURRI	✓	Tue 1 Oct
SALAMANDER BAY	✓	Tue 8 Oct
WILLIAMTOWN	✓	Wed 9 Oct
SINGLETON	✓	Thu 10 Oct
BELMONT	✓	Mon 14 Oct
MAITLAND SUNRISE	✓	Tue 15 Oct
EAST MAITLAND	✓	Tue 15 Oct
GREENHILLS MAITLAND	✓	Thu 17 Oct
COBAR	✓	Mon 21 Oct
DUBBO SOUTH	✓	Tue 22 Oct
CARDIFF	✓	Mon 28 Oct
CHARLESTOWN	✓	Tue 29 Oct



District Governor Club Visits...



Muswellbrook RC - Pres John Hobden & DG Graeme with the 75 years Certificate

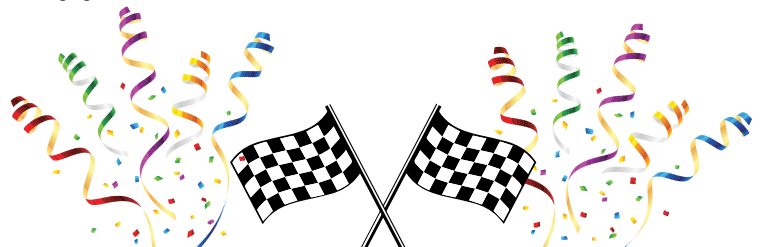
Oops! In her excitement during the DG visit to RC Newcastle, our intrepid photographer totally forgot to take any photos!



Dungog RC - AG Sharon Chambers, Pres Bev Irwin, DG Graeme & Isda



Merriwa RC - Rtn Bill Reynolds messing with Isda, Manon from Germany, Pres Peta Luke with Lilli, & DG Graeme



Warners Bay RC - Pres Les Corrigan with Sue, DG Graeme & Isda and the books they've autographed ready to be donated to local primary schools





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Adventures of Isda and Her Friends...



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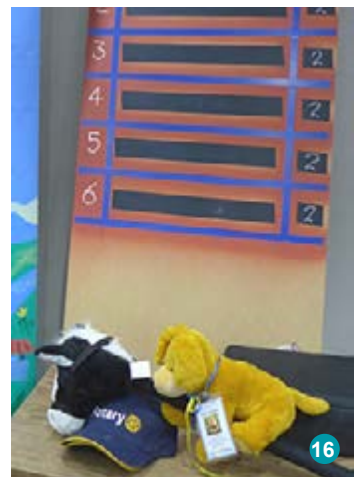
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1. Kula at Boroko RC meeting in PNG with Wendy and Pres Sanjay Shan; 2. Nothing like a visit from Bella, Cessnock RC, to cheer up your Pres John; 3. Polly counting the Jelly Beans; 4. Nelson showing off his 'money' kennel; 5-6 I've been so good... YAY... I got to sit on Santa's knee and make a wish; 7. RC Warners Bay - Isda in the Spotlight; 8. Dora in her royal blue outfit on a very royal Rotary Throne in Reigate, UK; 9. RC Warners Bay - PE Bary receiving my friend, Loopy, from Sue; 10. Wally Waratah returned from the outback with a new outfit; 11. Truro Ted being friendly with Isda; 12. Isda in trouble again; 13. Belle is obviously a musical fan of the Sydney Roosters; 14. Truro Ted & Isda into mischief by rattling the ShelterBox money box at Shine for ShelterBox; 15. Polly ready to take some bets; 16. Polly horse whispering.