

Roach Rattlings



D9670 District Governor
David Roach

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From the DG's desk ...

On behalf of the District, I wish to convey our condolences to PDG Alex McHarg and family at the sudden passing of Pam. Pam was a tremendous support to Alex and the values of Rotary and her contribution will be missed. We offer Alex and his

family our support during this time of sadness.

During this month, Amanda and I have had the opportunity to zoom into several Clubs as our DG meeting and we are impressed with the vitality and

commitment of Clubs to continue the great work of Rotary.

Scone and Merriwa Rotary Clubs both conducted BBQs on behalf of RAWCS and distributed gift vouchers to farmers still encountering drought. Congratulations to both Clubs for your organization and support for this project. I would also like to acknowledge the great work of PDG Brian Coffey – Chair, RAWCS Eastern and Carol Coffey who were part of this initiative.

Amanda and I are the DG and DGE Australian representatives on the Rotary Youth Exchange Australia Committee (RYEA) and we were part of a virtual conference held during October. Congratulations to the organizing committee for sourcing a variety of exceptional speakers from across the world.

As we come to the end of a calendar year I have included a short article concerning the formation of the incoming Board for your Club in 2021-22 please follow up with this process.

Congratulations to all Clubs who are investigating various online fund raising strategies inclusive of raffles, virtual dinners, dress up and trivia.



I would also like to commend those Clubs who organized activities and fund raisers for End Polio. One such event which Amanda and I had a great time at was the Mudgee Sunrise End Polio Now Trivia night.

Thanks to the Virtual Conference Committee for their efforts and organization as filming has now commenced as we work towards the **Virtual Do-Goodyery Conference** in May 2021.

A reminder to please send me any information or items you would like to go into this monthly DG Newsletter as I am happy to assist with promoting your Club and events.

Best wishes for the month ahead.

David Roach

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Rotary Newcastle to Dungog Charity Ride

On 26th September, 87 of the 108 registered bike riders participated in the 11th Annual Bike ride on a fine, sunny Saturday morning, coping with a westerly wind gusting to about 40km all of the 90 Kms to Dungog.

There was only 1 fall (only minor damage) and the rider continued after treatment by our First Aiders, Andrew and Rebecca Griffiths.

Our Sag Wagon operator Bill Anderson looked after the stragglers and watched them till the end of the ride at 1.00pm.

30 volunteers from the Club, friends of members and some Rotaractors were Site Marshalls and we could not have operated safely without them.

Pictured, l-r:
Signing on; Getting Ready; Nearing the 24km Mark; 24km Site Marshall.



We will make a fine contribution to HMRI and I will publish the actual amount in the next Weekly Wrap.

I would like to acknowledge and thank: John McNaughton, who arranged the Volunteer Marshalls who kept the morale of the riders up along the route; Graham Clark, who minded the money; and Chris Boswell, who managed the online promotion for the ride, which assisted in gathering the good number of riders on the day.

Chris and his Strategic Team also set up the No1 Water Stop and students from Newcastle High School set up the 2nd Water Stop with muffins and the like. Both stops were welcomed by the weary, windblown riders.

Ted Lewis, Bike Ride Registrar



Isda's Column

Mostly been staying close to my home kennel this past month, however I did get lucky and I got to meet up with Scooby in Scone. We hadn't seen each other for such a long time and we had a real good little bow wow. And thinking we could help sort out a few computer issues, we got caught out because someone forgot to put the sign up, "Wash your paws".

If you're having trouble with your Santa list because of this corona thingy, why not consider an online gift donation in your someone special's name? Remember to add "ROTARY" to the name to ensure this very much appreciated generosity is allocated to helping my mates. The lovely Katrina always has the details at the end of my column.



Isda & Scooby – Wash your paws first!

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...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.



Yarmings

A Conversation from "the other half"

Hello everyone

Another month has flown by, and what a whirlwind it has been! Many meetings, End Polio activities and the recommencement of BBQs with increased activities in our communities.

I have had the first of many meetings to come with some Rotarians who will form the core of our 2022 Conference – I am so grateful to those I have contacted so far who are willing to come on board for such a big event, as it will be the last Conference for D9670. I hope Clubs are seriously considering the adoption of my suggestion to have a history team to work on a product for this big event.

DG David's Virtual Conference production is well under-way and I am amazed at the creativity and

skill we are seeing in developing this alternative concept. Those involved should be very proud of the creative input, collaboration and co-operation across the District to make this possible.

In relation to the 2021 Conference, please don't forget that Sue Hooper's ISDA project is still open for donations. I know a few clubs have dedicated funds for this, however, have not yet deposited their money. This is such a worthwhile project which will make a difference to an emergency services or armed forces person who requires on-going emotional support after engagement in traumatic events.

Now, back to The Rotary Foundation, our own charity. As this is Foundation Month in the Rotary Calendar, please consider becoming more familiar with the core Focus areas and the good



work Rotary Clubs do across the world to support meeting the outcomes we wish to see. There are some fantastic short modules you can do in [The Learning Centre](#), as well as oodles of examples on the internet if you wish to browse. No doubt our own District Committee will be sending links to

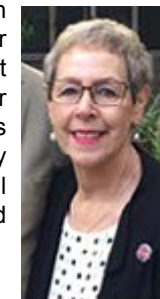
many projects (local and international) throughout this month. I believe that educating yourself and the public about the good work Rotary does in the world is essentially important.

What about the issue of funds for TRF? I know many Clubs and individuals give generously each year, and we have bequests becoming more popular too. Our District has rallied again for particular projects, such as End Polio Now; but are there other ways to help out on a smaller scale? RI has a target of US\$100 per year as a donation by every Rotarian throughout the world to be able to maintain our program effectiveness. This is less than a cup of coffee per week here in Australia! Have you thought about becoming an annual donor? Money donated can be directed to particular parts of the TRF program if this is your wish, including

the Endowment Fund which banks the initial donation, and the interest is directed to projects each year. There are so many easy and effective ways we can make our dollars count!

Enjoy November - Christmas is just around the corner and likely to be very different this year as we continue to consider COVID guidelines in how we operate. Many Christmas events and celebrations have already been cancelled or curtailed in some way. But don't let that dampen your enthusiasm for connecting the best way possible with your fellow Club members and your community – remember, we all need to feel valued and connected.

Cheers, Amanda



VALE Neville Leon Chant



It is with great sadness we inform all District Rotarians of the passing of our esteemed member Neville Chant from the Rotary Club of Waratah. Neville passed peacefully, 4 October 2020

aged 101 years and 9 months.

Neville was born to parents Joseph and Philomena on 14 December 1918 in West Maitland. Neville was the younger brother of twin boys and brother to four sisters. At the time of his 100th birthday celebration Neville remembered fondly his primary schooling in Lorn, and Maitland Boys' High School in 1931.

Neville and Pat were married in the Warrior's Chapel at Newcastle Cathedral on 15 April 1944 and lived in Tighes Hill before moving into their home at Waratah in 1948 which

remained Neville's home until his passing. Pat passed in 2010.

Neville's working life included a Clerk at BHP, and Company Secretary at Hely Brothers Pty Limited in Hamilton. Neville's standard of accounting was of the highest calibre and these attributes made him invaluable to management throughout his career. His memory and abilities with figures were unique. Neville went on to become a Director at Hely Brothers.

In April 1973 Neville was invited to join the Rotary Club of Waratah. He held the positions of President

(1979-1980), Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Bulletin Editor, and various Directorates. Neville and Pat took every opportunity to attend District Conferences over many years. He had a Paul Harris Fellowship plus three Sapphire recognition.

Since retiring in 1999, he enjoyed golfing, fishing, gardening, travel, and of course his Rotary.

Neville will be best remembered for his friendship, loyalty, honesty, and his respectful nature. He loved Rotary and enjoyed the times spent with his friends on a Monday night

over dinner. Neville was extremely generous and was very discrete in his giving. Each Rotary night Neville would greet our members at the door and set the mood for a night of fellowship. Neville remained an active and valued member of our club, even in the lockdown via Zoom on special occasions.

What an amazing life for an outstanding gentleman. He had our highest respect as a committed Rotarian and friend.

A Letter to D9685 from DG David Clark

My dear fellow Rotarians, Friends and all in the Rotary family

Why am I writing this letter you might ask? At the end of June 2019, we had 1,326 Rotary clubs in Zone 8 (Australia & New Zealand/Pacific) and 34,359 club members now, as of the end of August 2020 that number has dropped to 1,309 clubs, so 17 clubs have handed in their charter and 32,878 club members, which is 1,481 less members. Since the 30th June 2020, the zone has only inducted 33 new members and lost 136. Do you see a trend????

We all think OUR club is the best club in the District, but I am asking you to look at it through the eyes of someone who has just been asked to join, knows nothing about Rotary, is time poor but wants to do something to help the community - whether local or further afield? Are you confident of impressing them when you invite them to come to one of your meetings?

We all agree that we need to grow Rotary, but sometimes we get caught up in the numbers game and lose sight of the bigger picture. After all, an increase in membership is meaningless if next year, those new members or other members in your club leave and never return. This article is to get you thinking about growing Rotary sustainably. Rotary's flexible options for participation will engage members and show the community how we are different from other clubs. Let us celebrate that we (Rotary) is now less about rules and more about joining together in a variety of ways besides traditional meetings.

It really does not matter if the person is male or female, old or young - the following article still applies as most people today do not want to waste their time with commitments that doesn't interest them! The big market area

that successful, growing clubs tap into is women, young business people and millennials.

To attract them, **clubs need to get rid of their twentieth century baggage of the seven deadly sins:**

1. Too much bling

If your President wears his/her collar at meetings, if your club has a dated picture of HM the Queen and displays the Australian flag; these are all signs your club is still living in the 20th century and will not appeal to most people under 60 - especially millennials - as potential members. Your club will die with your current members. One concession is to bring out the collar for the changeovers and I am glad to see that this tradition is less prevalent than it used to be.

2. The National Anthem

While your members may be loyal citizens and feel such observances are a measure of respect. You may have noticed that not all people now stand for the national anthem at some public functions and sporting events. Again, millennials see such practice as a tradition that should be assigned to the past. Australia as a culture, thinks Australia Day should be celebrated with family and friends at the beach, on the river or by the lake or a pool. Today's Australians are not into salutes and military parades but enjoy citizenship ceremonies reinforcing our multiculturalism around the barbie.

3. The invocation/Grace or whatever you want to call it.

Rotary International states it is not a religious organisation and across the world it has hundreds of different religions and sects amongst its membership. Inserting a Christian grace into a meeting no longer reflects the views of many Australians and forms

an immediate barrier to non-Christian potential members. And I ask you how many of you say grace before you eat a meal at home these days?

4. The Toast

While many clubs have modified the toast to the Queen and Australia or just Australia, most people and especially Millennials still find this a quaint custom. If you are of Aboriginal decent you might find this practice disrespectful. One concession is to have a toast to Rotary International or to a sister club in another country where you could promote information on the work of Rotary at the same time.

5. The top table

Again, if your club maintains a top table you are showing deference to your leadership that is no longer necessary in today's Australian egalitarian society. Effective Rotary leaders demonstrate they are part of the club by sitting with the members and then getting up to speak on the stage or the front of the gathering as required

6. The Sergeant

This is probably the most controversial sin, but it is a real turn-off to most women and Millennials. The number of women who have told me that they find the Sergeant humiliating and a complete waste of time, is countless. Some clubs may have good Sergeants who bring a sense of fun to the club but most, unfortunately do not, and the inside jokes on members (even if it is funny) is missed on most visitors. It can be easily replaced by Happy Dollars when individual Rotarians stand up and announce why they are happy this week to donate a dollar to the Foundation or whatever you decide. Only an exceedingly small number of clubs do the Sergeants session well.

7. Meetings, bloody meetings

If you are still meeting weekly, you are likely to be meeting too often. Most people and especially Millennials who join Rotary don't want to attend meetings just for fellowship and networking. They don't want to waste 2 to 3 hours a week having a (not always) good meal, and listening to a (not always) good guest speaker. They want to do good in the world and only want to meet as necessary to assist them implement their projects. You don't have to attend meetings to be a Rotarian - you are only required to work 12 hours in every six months on projects. Meetings are expensive - four times the cost of District and RI Fees, (if clubs meet every week).

Young people struggling to gain full-time work find Rotary awfully expensive. It is not just District and RI dues, it is meal costs, raffle tickets, fines and other associated hidden costs. If you can eliminate cost from meetings you can be a Rotarian for \$20 a month. This is the way Rotary membership should be sold. In this time of COVID-19 and zoom meetings many have told me that they enjoy the mix of zoom and in-person meeting more now than ever before.

When these young people were asked (despite their enthusiasm for Rotary), why they don't join a Rotary club. It was a familiar litany: high costs, inconvenient meeting times, unreasonable demands, and expectations on young professionals with new careers and young families, so this clearly shows there are issues that have to be addressed.

So, I know there are many of you out there who will say but I like all the Bling, toasts, singing grace, the National Anthem and so on. If that is the case, good for you. But I am asking you to look and see just how many members you have brought into your club and

retained over the last five years. If you have not increased your membership by 10 to 20%, you are probably not going to be around in the next five to ten years. Most of our members in our District are over 65 years of age and many clubs continue to lose more members than they bring in each year.

Please know that I am not saying you have to do anything, but if you don't want to change your club, start thinking about creating a new (satellite or standard) club, made up of members (younger, female, or just different demographic) who are different and can't, or don't want to, join your Club! Standard rules and by-laws have changed in recent years and members can build the club that suits them.

At no time in our Rotary existence is it more important to accept the opportunities that are opening up for us in this COVID-19 times. Let us build on this new momentum and seize the opportunity to embrace change so that Rotary keeps thriving.

SHARE ROTARY—INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN

And Remember, If it stops being fun stop doing it.

David Clark JP

Rotary 9685 District Governor 2020/21



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Month of Club Charter

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

The following clubs were Chartered in October:

Rotary Club Of Mudgee Sunrise

We were chartered on 4 November with 25 members. The first President was Shirley Stanley, a Mudgee Accountant. Members were from various professions and most of the members were women. Shirley had a particular focus on mental health.

We have been focussed on the End Polio Now campaign from the beginning.

Another early project was the Mudgee Passport a fundraising opportunity designed to increase visitors and locals to attractions and businesses in the region.

We have had Relay for Life Teams to support the Cancer Council.

Some beneficiaries of funds have included the Mudgee Scouts, Barnardos, Pioneer House and Kanandah Aged Care homes in Mudgee, We Care Shop, Look Good, Feel Better Program.

In early days there was an Art Show organised and held in the Catholic Church Hall. A Variety Show was held one year.

Programs for children and young people have been wide and varied with Youth Exchange Programs most years with exchanges between New Zealand and with many countries

Newcastle Harbour – 2 October 1957

Kurri Kurri – 10 October 1956

Mudgee Sunrise – 18 October 1995

around the world. Careers expos have been organised by the Club for local schools.

MUNA – Model United Nations – where local schools' debating teams represented organisations from the country they were representing.

There has been regular support for the PCYC and more recently the Mudgee Pre School has received funds for various projects. A maths challenge was held at St Matthews School facilitated by our Club.

With the help of TAFE construction students, a shelter for travellers was built on the Sydney Road.

The Sandy Smith Scholarship was established in memory of a valued member and to assist TAFE students in their studies.

Group study exchanges have received high priority in the past.

Our Club has always worked closely with the other club in Mudgee in ventures such as the Bowel Scan program, and more recently the running of the Town Hall Movies and we regularly have social get-togethers.

A community garden was built at the Presbyterian Church to provide a meaningful activity for people suffering with mental health.

A Christmas Carols Choir visited the aged care homes in Mudgee for several years.

Pride of Workmanship has been a part of the Club's calendar since 1997.

Our Club achieved 100% attendance at one of the District Conferences.

Our Breakfast meetings often have interesting guest speakers from a wide variety of professions and interests. A highlight of meetings is the Joker Jackpot draw.

The Clock Awards were started 10 years ago by our Club and have become a highlight of the Mudgee Business Calendar. We have worked closely with the Mudgee Business Chamber in more recent years and winners are now able to progress to the Regional and State Business Awards. We receive fantastic sponsorship from the business community and our sponsors are thanked and acknowledged at a Sponsors' Breakfast.

Melbourne Cup Trifecta Ticket sales have been a successful fundraiser since the project was begun in 2006,

particularly in some years where the winning ticket remained unclaimed!

The Town Hall Movies has been a wonderful success story for our club and the whole community. Unfortunately, due to COVID, the movies have been suspended. After several years with no movie theatre in the town, the two Mudgee clubs entered into an agreement with the local Council. The Council provided the venue – the Town Hall Theatre – and the sound and projector equipment and the Rotary Clubs provide the volunteers to run the movies, over 8 sessions, one weekend a month. Rotary volunteers organise the roster, vote to pick which movies, ingest the movies, work in the ticket booth, the candy bar (providing fresh popcorn), they are ushers, cleaners, supervisors. It is a wonderful community facility, great fun for both clubs to be involved and a good fundraiser.

Rotary
Club of Mudgee Sunrise



Rotary Zone 8 Regionalization Update

The **Rotary International Board** meets in November 2020 and will consider a proposal by the *Shaping Rotary's Future* committee to move toward Regionalization. Governance would move from the current 527 Districts to 20-40 Regions. This would allow more Regional autonomy and provide more support for Clubs, Rotarians and Rotaractors.

In Jan 2019, the RI Board approved a petition from the District Governors of Zone 8 (Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands) to propose a Regional structure and approach to halt membership decline, provide a stronger Rotary voice and better partnerships with government, business and communities. Our work since receiving that approval means we are well placed to modernize Rotary in our Region, if the RI Board votes to proceed toward Regionalization. There have been articles covering this in Rotary Down Under (Nov 2019, April and Sept 2020). Formal approval to establish Regional Pilots will be required at the next Council on Legislation in April 2022. The earliest implementation in our Region would be for the 2023-24 Rotary year.

If you would like to receive a copy of the submission by our Region or have any questions, please email the project team at rotaryregionalpilot@gmail.com

Ingrid Waugh D9920 and Peter Frueh D9800, Co-Chairs Planning Group for Zone 8 Regional Pilot Structure

Lake Mac Autumn Fayre – 1 May 2021

Sometimes, like the crab with one huge claw, things grow in unexpected ways. When Warners Bay Rotary Club was looking for ways to rejuvenate the annual bike ride, one idea was to “do more in the park” on the day.

In the event, for a number of reasons, the annual LOOP ride had to be abandoned in 2021, but the idea of having an event in the park grew and flourished.

Hence the **“Lake Mac Autumn Fayre”**, a new Rotary event that we are really excited about. The great thing about a Fete or Fair, is it is an ideal way to involve a lot of people, or in this case a lot of Rotary Clubs without needing a large, difficult to manage, infrastructure. Pretty much each Club can do their own thing.

What we envisage is an all-day event with games; displays; competitions; food; music and entertainment and also some commercial attractions as well.

We have partnered with RC Cardiff and RC Toronto Sunrise to provide a management structure, but then invited all the other 11 Clubs from Lake Macquarie and Newcastle to participate as well. Frankly, there is really no reason for other Clubs from around our District not to get involved

as well. We are only limited by the number of ideas we can have for different stalls and competitions.

The aims are four-fold:

- To provide a community service to entertain and amuse families, and adults from around the local area and commutable region;
- To raise the profile of Rotary in the area, with displays showing Rotary ideals and projects;
- To encourage new members; and
- To raise funds for Rotary projects and supported charities.

Each Rotary Club can sign up to run as many stalls or activities as they feel they can manage. They keep the money earned from each stall or activity, so each is really a mini-project in its own right.

Some ideas on the table are: Floating duck fishing; Catch the Rat (Cloth Rat in a pipe); Coconut shy; Apple bobbing; Balloon Darts; Chocolate Wheel; Skittles; Quoits; Cart Rides; Raffle; Books and DVDS for sale; Face Painting; Fortune Teller; a Kids bike course; egg and spoon race, sack race; tug-o-war; boat rides on the Lake etc.



All these activities will be supplemented by food and drink stalls; Rotary exhibits, such as ShelterBox and the End Polio trailer; commercial attractions such as a bouncy castle and animal displays and rides; musical and dancing items.

There is really as much space in Speers Point Park as we want to take, so it can be as big as the number of participating stalls and events we can come up with.

We will have a ticket stall where multiple tickets can be bought for a discount, and then spent at the various stalls. Apart from the cost of setting up their stalls or events, and a small contribution to marketing and safety costs, the event is largely cost free to the participating Clubs.

So to summarise, assuming we can pull it off, and the dreaded Covid doesn't come back and shut us down, this is a great chance for Rotary to work together, to be seen, and to showcase what we are all about. And if it works, it will be a simple matter to bring out the same stalls again next year and to make it an annual event - which can grow and blossom.

Barry Knowles
President, RC Warners Bay



Singleton Rotary Club Fund Raising

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81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

The 100 Club or Club 100 is relatively simple.

You ask members or others to purchase a ticket in the 100 Club (100 tickets) and when they are sold you simply draw out 3 winners who receive the following percentage of the prize pool. 1st = 40%, 2nd = 10% and 3rd = 5%. Members can pick their numbers if they are available so it is better than a straight out raffle

These percentages can be changed to suit but this is a typical split.

Potential issues:

1. Not clear what the purpose of the funds is for.
2. If they are for Club purposes, is it appropriate to sell to the public (perhaps other than family)
3. The pricing of the tickets, too high may make it hard to sell the ticket (ours were \$25 and we struggled for the last 10 to 15), too low the return on the time investment maybe not enough.
4. Have a clear expectation when the tickets will be drawn and what to do

should there be a shortfall of ticket sales (perhaps the Club needs to buy the spare tickets back or the 100 Club runs until a minimum number are sold??)

5. Need to be very careful with the administration to make sure that all tickets are accounted for and there are no double-ups, lost deposits, etc.

6. Need a random number generator (plenty of apps available) to draw the tickets or you use stubs from a raffle book and draw out the old fashion way.

7. Best to draw the tickets in public with an adjudicator who has nothing to gain.

8. Can be done with cash or direct deposit but must be able to account for the purchases.

Advantage, no prizes to try to find or manage, simply show me the money!!!

Ideally, the whole Club or at least a few dedicated workers should try to sell, especially if it is to the public.

Neil White – President Singleton RC

Dubbo West Rotary Club Online Raffle

As I am sure you appreciate that Covid 19 made it almost impossible to have face to face ticket selling this year.

In July we still didn't know what the level of restrictions were going to be with Covid 19 during the latter part of 2020 and once we set up our usual trailer and prizes in early August, we would be locked into the raffle, whether we sold all our tickets or not. The risk of not being able to cover our costs, forced the Club to look at alternatives.

We approached two organisations that run online raffles and ended up utilising Rafflelink, Queensland.

Rafflelink organise the tickets and manage the sale process completely online.

They continually forward details of all sales with the purchasers details, dollars spent and ticket numbers.

For this they take a small administration fee per individual sale. We are using the selling system of tickets being purchased on a sliding scale with one ticket for \$5.00, two tickets for \$10.00, three tickets for \$15.00, four tickets for \$20.00, eight tickets for \$30.00, fifteen tickets \$50.00 and 25 tickets for \$75.00, or \$3.00 per ticket.

Rafflelink recommend this system and to compensate for the loss in dollars

per ticket, the number of tickets available increases to 14,415 tickets, based on a prize pool of \$8,649.00.

We have had some very generous sponsorship for the first prize of a \$5,000.00 spending spree at JB HiFi Dubbo, donated by Custom Steel, Dubbo and third prize of a \$1200 Makita Power Tools Package donated by Astley's Plumbing and Hardware. Second prize of a Honda Generator and Engel Fridge / Freezer was funded by our club for \$2,449.00.

With relatively low ticket sales at this stage, our biggest challenge is getting our message out to prospective ticket purchases.

Currently we are using emails, Facebook, advertising stands at the local malls in Dubbo, posters in shop fronts and advertisements in a local newspaper.

Our posters have a QR Scan barcode, so once entered into a smart device, all raffle details automatically are listed, allowing for easy purchasing of tickets using a credit / debit card.

Our raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 23rd December 2020. Any assistance in getting our message out in the Rotary heartland would be greatly appreciated.

Bruce Furnell Club Service Director



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Early Notification Interested in leading the New District 9660 Expressions of Interest will come out soon for the DG position 2023 -2024

Rotarians

Are you interested in being the second DG of our new District?

Please feel free to contact me to discuss this role and the opportunities it offers. Confidentiality will be maintained if you wish to discuss this role with the current G-Train members.

The following is an extract from RI bylaws setting out the requirements for a DG:

16.010. Qualifications of a Governor-nominee.

Unless excused by the board, the person selected as a governor-nominee shall at the time of selection:

- (a) be a member in good standing of a functioning club in the district;
- (b) have served as club president for a full term or as charter president for at least six months;
- (c) demonstrate willingness, commitment, and ability to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of a governor in section 16.030.;
- (d) demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of governor as prescribed in the bylaws; and
- (e) submit to RI a statement that the Rotarian understands those qualifications, duties, and responsibilities, is qualified for the office of governor, and is willing and able to assume and faithfully perform those duties and responsibilities.

Please give this opportunity some consideration and I await your call.

David Roach
DG 2020-21
D9670



Mini Twilight Bike Rides

Warners Bay Rotary Club is hosting a **Mini Cycle Ride** every Thursday at 5.30pm.

The rides begin at the covered area at Speers Point Park. They are mostly along footpaths and quiet roads and take routes which showcase Lake Macquarie and Cockle Creek.

Each ride takes about 45 minutes to go out and back, and we have an optional soft drink and biscuit or cake at the end and a bit of a chat.

The rides are proving popular with some of our more active members and we are looking forward to building the uptake with the locals once word gets around a bit more.

None of the (4) rides involve a lot of hill work, so they are suitable for novice riders and families. We can go at whatever pace is appropriate, and we tend to stop and discuss a few of the local landmarks and points

of interest. For example, we have learned about SQIDS (Stormwater Quality Improvement Devices), the history of Awaba House, and what "Coal Treatment" really means.

The idea is not really about making money, although we do collect a gold coin donation. It is much more about generating a community activity, getting a bit fitter and making people a bit more aware of Rotary in the area, but we are nothing if not inclusive!

Even if you aren't a bike rider, come along to join the non-riders for a chat and to enjoy our beautiful lake.

So, if you can get to Speers Point Park by 5.30 on a Thursday, please come along, the more the merrier. Just drop me a text to **0428 259769** on the day so we know to look out for you.

Barry Knowles
President, RC Warners Bay



Rotary Themes: November & December



November - Rotary Foundation Month

Clubs and Districts call attention to the programs of The Rotary Foundation and frequently cultivate additional financial support for the Foundation by promoting contributions for Paul Harris Fellows and Sustaining Members.



December - Disease Prevention and Treatment

This month also includes: *World AIDS Day* on the 1st and *International Day of Disabled Persons* on the 3rd of December

- Organise Medical Camp - Health Awareness for Eye Care / Dental Care
- Providing equipment such as Artificial Limbs, Wheel Chairs and Calipers to the Physically Challenged Peoples i.e. Polio Sufferers



- Provide low-income, underinsured or underinsured Persons with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities to improve their diet, physical activity and other life habits to prevent, delay, or control, chronic diseases
- Initiate Actions to Prevent and control Diabetes, Heart Diseases, Obesity and Associated Risk Factors

Election of President-Elect & Incoming Board for 2021-22

It is now time to start the process of electing the incoming President and Club Board for the 2021-22 Rotary year.

President and Club Board positions for the upcoming year will be hotly contested, I'm sure, as these positions will be the last for our current District before we become D9660.

Once your Board has been finalized could you please upload the details in Clubrunner as this information is important to our District and Rotary International.

If you require assistance with this process please make contact with me.

Please note that if current Presidents are in their second year of office they are ineligible to stand again next year. A ruling from RI prohibits Presidents for holding office for more than two consecutive years. This restriction is limited to Presidents only and does not impact upon other Board positions.

Good luck with the selection of a President Elect and new Club Board.

David Roach, DG 2020-21



Zone C Area Governor Report

Zone C – Chris Walmsley

During the past four weeks, I have been able to travel across Zone C to participate in face to face and / or zoom meetings to learn more about how our Rotary Clubs have been able to adapt to changing times and circumstances.

Joining Maitland Rotary Club at Maitland City Bowling Club was a most enjoyable evening, where I was able to overview my role as an Area Governor and share information about the 2022 District merger. Although the Club has had to curtail their normal fundraising activities during Covid, they have adapted their meeting style by utilising zoom technology to ensure club member participation and planning.

A small but successful zoom meeting was conducted with Paterson Rotary Club and District Governor David. Although the Club does not regularly

utilise zoom technology they were very happy to zoom in to discuss future Club projects and further their knowledge and understanding of District programs.

In early October, I was invited to join the members of Williamtown Rotary to share information about my role as an Area Governor and welcome their new member Brooke Vitnell. The Club was also looking forward to reactivating their fundraising program by catering at the Medowie Dressage events over 2 weekends under strict Covid guidelines.

The following morning, DG David and I zoomed in with Greenhills Rotary where we were able to overview their plans for 2020-21. The Club's Board had diligently analysed the Club's strengths and areas for development with a focus on member inclusivity, attendance and community service. I applaud their energy and enthusiasm!

On Saturday 10th, Maitland Sunrise Rotary undertook the visioning process with the great assistance of the District Vision Team. Approximately 75% of members were able to participate in beginning to determine the Club's future vision and planning. A sub-committee was formed to transform these ideas into a strategic plan for further Club discussion.

A visit to Nelson Bay Rotary is always a positive way to spend a Thursday evening. President Liz and PP Kathy have recently compiled the Member Satisfaction Survey which covered diverse areas of Club culture, Club service projects, Club communication and engagement as well as membership expenses. Small group workshops will be held over coming meetings to transfer these findings into future Club plans and directions. Well done!

Chris Walmsley



Zone D Area Governor Report

Zone D – Craig Henningham

Since the last report, I have managed to get around a few Clubs (mainly by Zoom) and been in touch with others for various reasons.

It is good to see Clubs getting their constitutions and by-laws up to date. It is also pleasing to be receiving Club planning and strategic plan documents.

I was able to join DG David and DGE Amanda (via Zoom) at the Charlestown DG visit, at which we heard about how the Club is still managing to engage with the community, with difficulties because of, but in spite of COVID. Like most other Clubs they are finding it difficult to fundraise but are giving it a solid shot anyway.

I zoomed into Morisset and Belmont Club meetings to discuss the Autumn Fair being arranged by Warners Bay, Cardiff and Toronto Sunrise Clubs. The idea is being well received and it is hoped that most Clubs in the zone will be involved in some way.

I was pleased to have been involved with Cardiff Club's Hat Night, which incorporated the *Leckie Poetry* competition (between Cardiff, Charlestown and Warners Bay Clubs). This event has been going for some years and all the entries on the night were most excellent. There can, however, only be one winner and Eleanor Cunningham from RC Cardiff relieved RC Charlestown of the trophy.

A visit to RC Waratah proved to be most interesting, as they explained their Headphone Project (music for medicine) and how music is being used to help dementia patients in residential care. It is proving to be very successful.

The main reason for the visit, though, was to hear from their guest speaker, Magistrate Nell Skinner and Jeremy Gilroy who spoke to us about the *Voices Project for the Broadmeadow Children's Court*. This project evolved from another that wasn't able to go ahead but it would seem that this is more sustainable and of long-term benefit to troubled youth. Several young, repeat-offenders were interviewed (in a darkened environment for anonymity) and spoke about their experiences for the benefit of young people taking a wrong path and making bad decisions. It was most inspiring and it can only be of benefit in the long run. The Project has been produced with the financial input of several Rotary Clubs – Magistrate Nell thanked the members of the Rotary Clubs of Cardiff, East Maitland, Greenhills Maitland, Maitland Sunrise, Newcastle Enterprise, Waratah, Warners Bay and Williamtown. Each video clipped is titled with the acknowledgements, with Rotary Clubs topping the bill.

I look forward to catching up with more of you soon.

Craig Henningham.