



Rotary District 9675

District Governor's Newsletter July 2017



Welcome to the new Rotary Year

I am Stephen Britten, your new District Governor and as such my first duty is to congratulate Stephen Humphreys on a great job. He has worked tirelessly and left the District in a good state. Stephen has made many improvements and I hope that as a relatively new combined District that we now feel that we are one. Thank you Stephen and Judith for what you have done. Judith has been beside him all the way.

A little about me.

I am a member of the Rotary Club of Breakfast Point. I was a charter member of that Club. I have been a past president and held many positions on the Club Board. My family has been associated with the Rotary Club of Holroyd most of my life. I have been a District Secretary, Assistant Governor for a number of years and I have sat on the Governance Committee from its formation. I am married to Jane and we have two children Christopher and Stephanie. Jane is a TAFE Head Teacher and I am a Solicitor working within Local Government.

We have a plan for the District that we will follow this year. The Clubs have all been sent that document. I intend to implement it and use it as a guide to follow for the year.



Calendar

July 2017

1 July — Start of new Rotary officers' year of service

August 2017

Membership and New Club Development Month

September 2017

Basic Education and Literacy Month

October 2017

Economic and Community Development Month

2 - 8 October — Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week

24 October — Rotary's World Polio Day Livestream Event

30 October - 5 November — World Interact Week

November 2017

Rotary Foundation Month

1 November — Service Award for a Polio-Free World nominations are due

1 November — Service Above Self Award nominations are due

11 November — Rotary Day at the UN

December 2017

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

15 December — early registration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention

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I look forward to working with DGE Sue Hayward and DGN Di North. I am a supporter of ensuring the District has some continuity as we go forward.

So what are we about this year – “Rotary Making a Difference”.

I have inducted a new leadership team. Please call on them as we work together to be “people of action” doing good in the world.

I have been visiting the Clubs for their Changeovers. I am amazed at just what you all do. You give so much to your communities, it is amazing. The foundation is our charity and it is what helps us to do good in the world. The fight against polio is a amazing fight and we are so close.

The six area of focus that:

- Promoting peace
- Fighting disease
- Providing clean water, sanitation and hygiene
- Saving mothers and children
- Supporting education
- Growing local economies

There are so many stories to tell in this area.

The first week in December I want to declare as Family Week. You as Rotarians could not do what you do without your families. I would like you to hold a Club event to recognise your families and friends and get them involved and on the first week I would like there to be a Rotary Picnic to recognise and engage with your families. Family is important to me and I ask that you get behind this.

You may wish to theme your year around these.

[The Presidential Theme and Citation \(Click here to view\)](#). I want the Clubs to be recognised for their work. Please consider the document. If you do no more than to run to this you will have a successful year. The Conference Organisation in Mudgee is going well. **The web site is live at www.cultivatorotary.com** Registrations will open by September 1.



Two of Jane's projects I want to promote here are the Inspiration Youth Recognition and Support for Youth Mental Health.

INSPIRATIONAL YOUTH AWARDS

Helping Youth to Achieve

Many young people have the talent to make the world a better place, but not all have the opportunity.

In 2017-18 we ask the clubs to nominate an individual from their area, or young people they become aware of who exhibit the spark to make a difference but are held back by their circumstances. Some youth do not have the opportunity to shine because they do not have the privileges that others have so we ask Clubs to identify those individuals and forward them to myself as the District Governors Partner.

The criteria for the awards are:

- Age categories; 14 – 16 years & 17 – 19 years
- Applicants from; Community Groups, Youth Groups & all Educational Organisations
- Their Socio- economic situation
- Contribution to communities
- Their ability to “make the world a better place”
- Commitment and enthusiasm to a cause

Nominee applications will open 1st September 2017 and close 16th March 2018
(Download available on District Website: www.rotarydistrict9675.org)

Let's *make a difference* in 2017-18 and provide young people with an opportunity to make the world a better place.

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YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

One of the most significant barriers to improving Mental Illness prevention and treatment is the low priority given to **Youth Mental Health** research.

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Every year, 1 in 5 Australians will experience some form of **MENTAL ILLNESS**



District Governor Stephen Britten's wife Jane, Partner Project will be raising funds for **Australian Rotary Health**.

- For \$33,000, a **Scholarship** worth \$87,000 can be achieved
- Please direct funds to support a PhD Scholarship researching **Youth Mental Health**

Australian Rotary Health has been able to secure some fine young researchers researching in the areas of Mental Health over many years. They will be working with our District to secure another fine student for us.

Please support

ROTARY DISTRICT 9675

Funding Partner
PhD Scholarship
investigating
Youth
Mental Health



www.austriarotaryhealth.org.au

World President from Ian Risely

As you are aware, World President Ian Risely has declared "Rotary: Making a Difference" the theme for this Rotary year, 2017/18.

In his speech to you all, at the District Governors training in January, he mentioned the desire for a tree to be planted for each Rotarian around the world, so that we could all make a difference to the worlds climate.

In the Presidential citation document he refers to the goals below, amongst a range of other goals:

1. "Partnering with the Rotary Foundation to sponsor at least one project funded by a District Grant or Global Grant" And
2. "Include the Rotary Family by sponsoring a sustainable project"

To this end, Food Plant Solutions Rotary Action Group, has put together a document to assist you with both of these goals. The document: "Potentially Important Trees for all Countries of the World" is attached but it can also be downloaded from our website. <http://foodplantsolutions.org/potentially-important-trees-for-all-countries-of-the-world/>

In speaking with World President Ian, it is important that these trees are not just planted and left to take in Co2 , but that they also be useful in areas in the world where malnutrition rates are high. The recommended trees are useful for both these things - nutritionally sound and a CO2 sink as can be seen by the document.

Perhaps groups of clubs in your district could partner in a global grant, with Clubs in a country most in need , to fulfill this goal. Food Plant Solutions RAG could connect your clubs with clubs in an area of need, or perhaps a club could gain some land in their own town or city, to plant some trees which would be useful in aiding the nutrition levels in their city, as well as a fundraiser for the Foundation. E.g. fruit or nut trees

As I write this note to you I am aware that "30,000 children died last night of starvation or diseases related to malnutrition." The opportunity that Food Plant Solutions Rotary Action Group offers you all , can make a difference to this statistic. Please see www.foodplantsolutions.com

Please email Jane or myself of a message of what you do in the community, how you tell your story and can 'Make a Difference' in your community.

By District 9630 Membership Director Tim Keeler. Article provided by ARC PDG Wendy Scarlett

The Rotary Club of Kangaroo Point, despite being one of the smallest clubs in District 9630, they certainly have the enthusiasm and drive of a lot of larger clubs.

They have embarked on developing a **Membership Strategy to attract more members** and their key concepts are:

- Clubs who are well organised attract members
- Clubs who communicate well attract members
- Clubs who develop strategic partnerships attract members
- Clubs who understand that their 'clients' are their community attract members
- Clubs who know their demographics attract members
- Clubs who listen to their members and respond to their interests attract members
- Clubs who have a great Public Relations /Marketing team attract member

Polio News from Bob Aitken

This month, global health leaders pledged US\$1.2 billion in new funding to support the global polio eradication effort. The importance of this global commitment to finishing the job is underscored outbreaks of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus in Syria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Strong leadership and adequate resources will continue to play an invaluable role as the world closes in on eradication.

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Global Health leaders commit US\$ 1.2 billion to polio eradication (#H1) • Circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus confirmed in Syria and DRC (#H2) • Dr Margaret Chan: Champion for polio eradication (#H3).

For further Polio updates please refer to the attached documents.

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Learn more about the ways you can strengthen Rotary by participating in these membership focused webinars. Hear how other clubs have adopted new club structures, increased membership, raised diversity, enhanced member satisfaction and raised the profile of Rotary in their communities. And understand more about the resources available to support you in your efforts to strengthen Rotary.

Each webinar features guest panellists with direct experience, as well as a host of useful ideas and tips for Rotarians. Webinars last forty minutes, and are recorded for wider distribution. No special software is required to participate in a webinar; you simply need to register via the link provided.

PAST WEBINAR RECORDINGS

Considering corporate membership? Monday 26 September 2016

You can view the recording of this webinar by clicking on the following link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/2718752883965873411>

Focusing on retention: Strategies to enhance member satisfaction, Tuesday, 22 November 2016

View the recording: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/7804330614327514882>

RI Director's Update, RI Director Noel Trevaskis, Thursday 8 December 2016

View the recording: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/5750036074915231745>

Attracting the next generation of Rotarians, Wednesday 22 February 2017

View the recording: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/9104599873239003649>

Using technology to strengthen Rotary: online meetings, e-clubs and other things, Thursday, 27 April 2017

View the recording: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/2654063122056872449>

UPCOMING WEBINARS, 5 and 8 June 2017

Trends in volunteering: Opportunities for membership and your club. Monday 5 June 2017, 5.00 pm (AEST)

The nature of volunteering is changing. Busy modern lifestyles and changing demographics mean that people are seeking more flexibility in the way they volunteer, and more meaningful volunteering roles. In this webinar, Jessie Harman will describe the changes affecting volunteering, and showcase the successful ways that some clubs are responding to these changes. Register:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4753329881136224258>

Telling our story: Communicating about Rotary in the community. Thursday 8 June 2017, 8.15 am (AEST)

A strong brand and high levels of community awareness and understanding are critical to the future of Rotary. In this very exciting webinar event, we feature David Alexander, Chief Communications Officer for Rotary International, based in Evanston. David will focus on 'telling our Rotary story' and Rotary's latest 'People of Action' campaign.

Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1455062179133675523>

From Rotary Down Under Facebook page, Like This Page · February 28

With the assistance of Tom Colless OAM and his company Colless Foods, Katoomba, the Rotary Club of Central Blue Mountains, NSW, has established what might be a "first" in Australia – a mobile billboard that promotes Rotary and urges people to join our community of leaders and take action at home and around the world. The massive signage on each side of the truck is 30 feet long and nine feet tall – it can't be missed! The truck travels the Great Western Highway and into Greater Sydney four days a week. It's estimated life span is 10 years.

Give the driver a wave next time you see it!



I look forward to seeing you all as we commence our Club Visits.

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