



## Calendar

Rotary District 9675



### Greetings from the District Governor

Good morning to all our Rotarians, Rotaractors and Friends of Rotary

In this past month Mike and I have been on the road, visiting clubs, getting to know you and learning about your club's particular achievements. It's been a remarkable insight into the wide range of activities that we undertake in support of others. Thank you to each club we have visited for your warmth and hospitality. We've been amazed and inspired by the range of projects and the creativity and passion that each club has for helping others.

The one thing that has been obvious is that everyone is aware of the drought and wants to help. There are several ways you can donate to assist our rural communities in this most severe and stressful time. Please see details below for how you can do this.

This edition has some information about other projects you might consider. Please visit the District website for complete details on some of the information below.

Here's the link. <https://rotarydistrict9675.org/>

Regards

DG Sue Hayward

**August**  
Membership  
& Extension  
Month



**September -**  
New  
Generations  
Month



### DG Visits

[DG Visit RC Shellharbour City](#)

Aug 08, 2018 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

[DG Visit RC Kiama Rotary Club](#)

Aug 13, 2018 6:30 PM – 8.30 PM

[DG Visit RC Wetherill Park](#)

Aug 14, 2018 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

[DG Visit RC Macarthur Sunrise](#)

Aug 15, 2018 7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

[DG Visit RC Sutherland and Como J.](#)

Aug 15, 2018 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

[DG Visit RC K Cross & Sydney IW.](#)

Aug 20, 2018 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

[DG Visit RC Liverpool West](#)

Aug 21, 2018 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

[DG Visit RC Northern Illawarra](#)

Aug 22, 2018 6:45 PM – 9:00 PM

[DG Visit RC Sydney Cove](#)

Aug 24, 2018 7.30AM – 8.30 AM

[DG Visit RC Burwood & Concord](#)

Aug 27, 2018 6.30PM - 8.00 PM

[DG Visit RC Rose Bay](#)

Aug 28, 2018 6.30PM - 8.00PM

[DG Visit RC Wollondilly North](#)

Aug 29, 2018 7.30 PM – 8.30 PM

## The Drought

One of the things that has become very obvious during our club visits that nearly every club is aware of the dire straits that our country cousins are in due to the drought. It's heartening to know that we in the city have genuine concern for those who are struggling through this really difficult time and are taking active steps to assist. The best way to help is not to send clothes or food, but to send money. Money can provide shopping vouchers to be used in local businesses, thereby keeping them going during this difficult time. It can also be directed towards buying feed and water for livestock.

This is a very important issue and like all things topical, can become 'trendy' with lots of players entering the market but not staying for the duration. I'm providing information below on four options, as I know the money will be directed in the right way, but you may know of other pathways. Feel free if your club has direct links with regional clubs in drought affected areas, to work directly with them.

### Option 1

#### Burrumbuttock Hay Run (BHR)



Over the past five years, the RC Sydney (RCS) has been providing support to the BHR by managing their donations, as the BHR is not a registered charity.

The work of the Hay Runners and, of course, the RCS is done wholly by volunteers. Very occasionally they contract someone to do a delivery but on the major Runs they only cover the cost of fuel; the drivers time and their trucks are donated.

It is important to know the operational side and the fundraising is coordinated by the Hay Runners led by Brendan Farrell, Rotary provides support and financial management.

You will see that the BHR takes hay all the way up through NSW and into southern Queensland. They stop on the way and deliver hay to those most in need. If you visit their website, you'll see that they do more than deliver hay, but animal fodder is their main focus. It's an inspiring story and we need to say thank you to RCS who have been in there from the

beginning as a partner. Now we can all support them. Here's the link to the BHR Facebook page <http://hayrunners.com/>

### Option 2

#### **RAWCS Project – Drought Relief NSW**

Rotary D9650 DG Lorraine Coffey has set up a special RAWCS project to assist the communities in her district which covers the areas around Armidale and the mid north. These are her words to our DG Class...

*'In an endeavour for our District to respond, I have registered a project with RAWCS, which will provide a simple way for people to donate. As a District project, Rotary Australia Compassionate Grants (RACG) will match all donations on a dollar for dollar basis, up to \$15,000. Just go to [www.rotary.org.au/project-search](http://www.rotary.org.au/project-search). Click on "Project Search" then in the left of the window, click on "District" & type/select 9650. The project is titled "Drought Relief NSW". Then click on the "Donate" button. All donations are tax deductible, which should make it attractive to corporate donors.'*

### Option 3

The third way of donating is through the collaboration between Rotary, Channel 9 and the National Farmers' Federation.

The link for the donation page for the project is: <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/17-2018-19>

The RAWCS website home page has the link also: <http://rawcs.org.au/>

It is worth noting that this RAWCS a/c is classified as a 'private ancillary fund', therefore \$\$s can only go to organisations registered as having DGR status.

### Option 4

The fourth way of donating is through a separate RAWCS project being set up by Rotary Australia. This is a general fund being established to receive donations which will be used to support farmers in all the drought affected areas. I don't have the details yet, but information will be sent out through our District Secretary's newsletter as soon as it comes to hand. This fund will be able to allocate \$\$s to communities and individuals.

All the above options are legitimate ways of directing donations. It's up to you as a club or individual to decide which option suits you best. The most important thing is that we take action at every opportunity, when we have contact with the public, to promote the fact that we are supporting drought affected people who need our help.

Ensure you meet the Rotary branding guidelines, by having the Rotary wheel, plus the name of your club, on any buckets used for collections. Go to the brand centre in My Rotary to customise your labels.

Here's the link: <https://my.rotary.org/en> Go to News & Features, then Brand Centre to get the logos which you can customise for print, presentations or other uses. Don't have a My Rotary account? Talk to your Secretary who will tell you how to set one up.

Your signs/labels should look something like this....

Remember you should not use the Rotary + wheel symbol without your club/district name added to it.



## QUIZ



*So, what do you really know?*

So, you've been in Rotary for many years and you know all the answers...or maybe you're a new Rotarian. Take the quiz and see how up to date your Rotary knowledge really is. Don't know all the answers? RLI is for you! Don't know what RLI is? Did you really read my newsletter last month?? It's on the District website...

- How do we get the money we give out as District grants?
- What's the closing date for grant applications and who should they go to?
- What is the District Directory and where can I find it?

*Answers to the Quiz are at the end of the newsletter.*

## Citation for Rotary Clubs

To be successful, we need to work towards our goals. RI has some set goals for the 2018-19 year. They are the destination.... how you get there is up to you as an individual club. Club goals are the progressive points on the map that keep us on the path towards our destination. Look at your club goals and set some individual goals which will ensure your club reaches its destination with lots of fellowship, fun and satisfaction along the way. Clubs that achieve the stated goals by the end of the Rotary year, will earn a Rotary Citation.

The goals are here in the [citation brochure](#).

The Citations for the last Rotary year will be awarded at the next Presidents' meeting on 17 August at Bankstown Sports Club by PDG Stephen Britten.

## ANZ Rotary Conference



The 'Zone Institute' has been renamed the 'ANZ Conference' and will be held in Australia and New Zealand in the future. In 2018, the venue is Hobart from Friday 14 – Sunday 16 September. This is terrific event...a bridge between our local conference and the Rotary International Convention. Remember that inspired feeling we have when we've been to one of those events?

Register now for a great line up of speakers and information. Here's ...

- the programme <http://www.rotaryinstitute.org.au/program.html>
- the latest newsletter [www.rotaryinstitute.org.au](http://www.rotaryinstitute.org.au) and
- the registration link <http://www.rotaryinstitute.org.au/registration.html>

Please let me know if you will be there, as I'm arranging a D9675 dinner on the Saturday at The Ball & Chain Pub.

## RI MONTHLY THEME

**August:** Membership and New Club Development month

August is Membership and New Club Development Month, and that's the perfect time to celebrate you - the pillar of Rotary. You continue to show the world that Rotary members are people of action - people who are doing good in communities all over the world. For that, thank you.

Welcome new members to your club with the New Member Welcome Kit. Rotary Basics, a guide to all things Rotary, and Connect for Good, which explains all kinds of ways to get involved, are included in the kit.

Help your club stay relevant by conducting an annual Club Health Check. The health check helps you identify problem areas and suggests remedies. Find tips for boosting your membership in Strengthening Your Membership: Creating Your Membership Plan.

Younger professionals can bring new ideas and energy to a club. Explore Engaging Younger Professionals, is a new online toolkit that will help you understand this audience, enhance your club's culture, and engage emerging leaders.

Finally, Rotary has a series of membership courses available in the new on-line Learning Center. From building a diverse club to practicing flexibility and innovation, each course includes a variety of materials, including self-guided learning modules that allow you to explore real-life scenarios similar to those you may experience in your club. Visit the Learning Center today! All membership courses are highlighted in purple.

All these resources and more can be found at [rotary.org/membership](http://rotary.org/membership).

## Graffiti Removal Day

The graphic features a man and a woman smiling. The man is holding a white roller. The woman is making a heart shape with her hands. The background is blue with the text 'graffiti REMOVAL DAY' and 'Love where we live!'. Below this is a yellow and red paintbrush graphic with the text 'Sunday 21 Oct 2018'. At the bottom, there are three blue arrows pointing right with the text 'Volunteer', 'Nominate a Site', and 'Promote the Day'. To the right of these arrows, there is contact information: 'For more information call 1300 665 310 or visit [graffitiremovalday.org.au](http://graffitiremovalday.org.au)'. Below that, it says 'Follow us on' with icons for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, and the hashtags '#GRD18' and '#LoveWhereWeLive'.

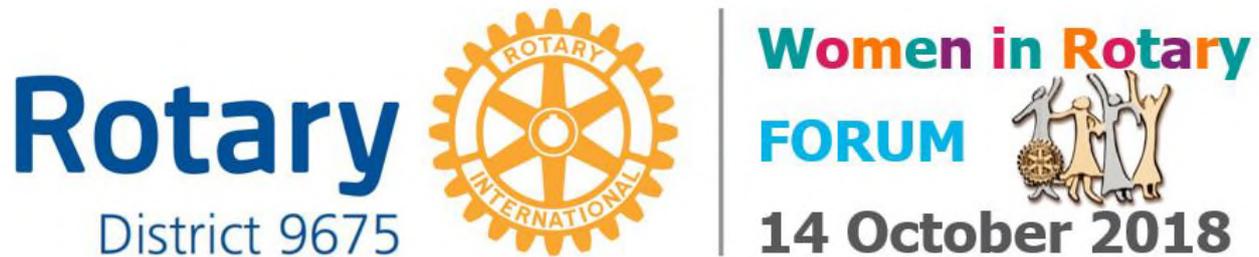
Love where you live? Want some fun, fellowship and friendship? Get involved in Graffiti Removal Day (GRD).

The aim of GRD is to highlight the problem of graffiti across NSW and encourage people to volunteer to remove and prevent graffiti. Graffiti vandalism costs the NSW Government and residents more than \$300 million every year. Here are some other facts:

- Since its inception in 2012, the number of GRD volunteers has increased from 597 to over 1800 in 2017
- In its first year, 100 sites were nominated. In 2017 volunteers removed graffiti from 428 nominated sites.
- Overall, roughly 120,000sqm of graffiti has been removed by GRD volunteers since the inception of the event. That equals a community service value of about \$8.8 million value in savings for private owners and the Government.

To find out more, click here [WEBSITE WITH MORE INFORMATION](#) and contact Barry Antees at [barry.antees@gmail.com](mailto:barry.antees@gmail.com) or 0413 880 267.

## Women in Rotary (WIR)



Did you know that only 27.8% of our district membership is female? Is this a problem, or a great opportunity?

This year our district has initiated a new strategy on membership development, with the focus on Women in Rotary. Bharathi Rajan has been appointed our WIR Coordinator. Please remember that this is not an issue for the women in Rotary to address, but something that all Rotarians should be actioning.

Even though a general increase in membership is one of the prime areas of focus in all clubs, the purpose of the WIR initiative is to:

- Assist clubs in developing and implementing strategies for recruiting women into Rotary
- Identify the groups of women who could be invited to join
- Develop messages which can be used to influence current Rotarians to approach women re membership
- Identify strategies for inducting, welcoming and retaining members.

WIR Forum: The first event, a WIR Forum, is scheduled on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 2018. The purpose of this forum is to connect and interact with other Rotarians and their friends who are interested in increasing the number of women in Rotary. This will be a half day event filled with fun, fellowship, food for thought and a lot more. More details about the Forum will follow. Save the date for this absolutely unique event.

Here are the links for booking:

Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/women-in-rotary-forum-tickets-48756955366>

Or Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/XJSO>

Thanks to all who have shown their interest in this area. Bharathi will be in touch with you about joining her WIR team. Bharathi's contact details are in the District Directory on the District webpage (link provided on pp1).

## SOLAR LIGHTS



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In mid-July, Rotary Solar Lights sent 240 lights to the YWAM ship in Townsville. They will now take these to PNG to assist with their medical work and then to distribute Rotary Lights to remote villages without power. This is a great start to the 2018-19 Rotary year. Thanks to the following clubs in our district who contributed:

Maroubra: 20, Sydney Darling Harbour: 40, Wetherill Park: 48, General Donations: 7 and Kenthurst (D9685): 125. A great multi-club effort!

The last YWAM trip to PNG left in October 2017. Here is a short report from the volunteers. 'On our most recent trip to Papua New Guinea, the crew of YWAM ship distributed Rotary Solar lights to a village called Red Soil on Woodlark Island. This village was very small, with just several houses and families. There was no electricity and their only way of transportation was to paddle in a canoe to their neighbouring villages. Providing these solar lights into this small community will be a great benefit to them so they were very grateful for this gift of light. Thank you for donating these solar lights to YWAM Medical Ships Australia and to the people of Papua New Guinea!'

To find out more information or to book a presentation for your Rotary club, please visit [www.rotarysolarlights.com](http://www.rotarysolarlights.com) or call Jay on 0488 228 882. There are so many clubs in D9675 involved in Rotary Solar Lights. Will your club be next to help us share the light?

Rotary Solar Lights is a project of the Rotary Club of Sutherland. RAWCS Project 36/2011-12

## WORLD POLIO DAY – ALL ABOARD THE ‘END POLIO’ EXPRESS ...

### **Promote World Polio Day – October 24**

The Rotary World abounds with novel and unique END POLIO fundraising projects but the idea just launched by Past President Mark Anderson and his son Dave will capture the imagination of Rotarians and community leaders everywhere ... On Friday, September 28, the Anderson 'boys' will ride the Sydney trains network visiting ALL 187 railway stations – to raise funds for the END POLIO NOW campaign.

Pictured: Mark and Dave Anderson – resplendent in their END POLIO NOW t-shirts - check out one of the Sydney trains.



With strong support from District Governors Susan Wakefield (9685) and Sue Hayward (9675) this unique project involves 134 Rotary Clubs throughout the two Districts – from the Blue Mountains to Wollongong and the Central Coast of NSW – and most have close access to a Sydney rail network station.,

There are more than 3,500 Rotarians in the two Districts and they are urged to join the ride and bring their families and friends.

Rotary clubs are urged to build their own promotion/public relations event around the “Train Challenge’ and point to World Polio Day on October 24.

Rotarians may purchase the bright red END POLIO NOW shirts from Rotary Down Under Merchandise, hand out leaflets to promote Rotary’s Polio campaign, stage a ‘sausage sizzle’ outside the train stations, have members ‘painting pinkies purple’, and share the Polio message via pull up banners and posters. Members and families are encouraged to ride the trains with Mark and Dave for several stations and help share information with the public.

Rotary Club leaders are requested to commence planning financial support for the project now.

- Personal donations based on \$1 per station - \$187.
- Club donations based on \$10 per station - \$1,870 - which is sufficient to cover RI’s requested donation from clubs this Rotary year.
- Canvas corporate donors to contribute \$100 per station - \$18,700 – and remember personal and corporate donations are tax deductible through The Australia Rotary Foundation Trust (ABN 55 218 421 934).
- Encourage local Mayors, Councillors and politicians to take part in this very visible public relations exercise.

Photographs will be taken of Club Presidents presenting club cheques to Mark and Dave along the ride. They are encouraged to join the train at their local station, ride it for a couple of stops, then catch a return train back to their home station.

Mark and Dave will operate their collection point from the fourth carriage from the front, adjacent to the rear door.

Go to ‘ideas.rotary.org’ to search for further novel ideas to highlight the day – and contact Mark Anderson on 0408 622 698 ([mark.anderson@rotary.org](mailto:mark.anderson@rotary.org)) for further discussions.

### Answers to the Quiz.

- How do we get the money we give out as District grants?  
**50% of the money donated by clubs to TRF is returned to the District three years later. 50% of that amount is exclusively allocated for District grants. This year there is \$48,000 available for distribution.**
- What’s the closing date for grant applications and who should they go to?  
**26 August 2018. Send applications to Jeremy Wright at [jeremyw@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jeremyw@optusnet.com.au) Jeremy’s details are also in the District Directory.**
- What is the District Directory and where can I find it?  
**This is the essential list of information about our District. It includes all information about:**

- Clubs - when and where they meet, names and contact details of Club Executives
- District Leadership Team – names of the G Train, Assistant Governors, District Executive Team, Committee chairs.
- Information about Interact and Rotaract.
- Rotary monthly themes. So, what is the theme for April?

Three hard copies have been provided to the Executive team of every club.

You can buy extra hard copies at a cost of \$7 each from Nerrie Lacey [pnlacey2@bigpond.com](mailto:pnlacey2@bigpond.com).

The directory is also on-line at the D9675 Website. <https://rotarydistrict9675.org/>

## Foundation Dinner

Our Immediate Past Rotary International President, Ian Riseley, is inviting us to attend the next Rotary Foundation dinner. Please save the date. Booking information will follow.



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President, 2017-18

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July 2018

To my Rotary friends in and around Sydney,

Our Rotary Foundation is a very important part of Rotary, and is vitally important to much of our significant project work. I was very pleased to serve on the Trustees from 2011 to 2015, and I hope to do so again soon.

Australian Rotary clubs and districts, as well as individual Rotarians, are excellent contributors to the Rotary Foundation, and we are most grateful for their support.

On 26<sup>th</sup> November, as part of the celebrations for Rotary Foundation month, Districts 9675 and 9685 are holding a special dinner, and I am pleased to be speaking at that event. Please come and show your support for our Rotary Foundation.

I hope to see you there.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ian".

Until next time...

**District Governor  
Sue Hayward & Mike**

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