



Rotary District 9675



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JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH



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Greetings to all our Rotarians, Rotaractors and Friends of Rotary

Well, who would believe that a year has flown by since stepping up as District Governor in June last year? It's been an amazing experience and a great privilege serving the District and getting to know so much about the clubs, the projects and the people that make this Rotary District so special.

I've learnt lots along the way and feel all the richer for that. We have had some special moments this year which has had a strong focus on Polio and the importance of maintaining our efforts until the job is done.

I have had a wonderful team of people to work with and I want to thank all members of the District team, from the COTA, to the Assistant Governors, and Chairs of the various committees and projects as well as the other people who quietly work in the background.

Do come along to the District Changeover where I will present some of the highlights of the year and will be able to say thank you to our team. The link to bookings is <https://rotarydistrict9675.org/>

Finally, people have been asking me what I will do once I finish my term as DG. Well, I intend retuning to my role of Funeral Celebrant and Emcee. I will of course remain active in the District and I'm sure will see you at various functions.

Regards

DG Sue Hayward

JUNE – ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH



OUR FELLOWSHIPS

Do you have a particular passion, or area of interest, outside of Rotary? Are you interested in a particular subject? How about a house exchange with someone from the other side of the world or learning Esperanto? Do you realise that there is a myriad of Rotary Fellowships that you can join? I'm listing them below. Click on the name to find out more. They can be found on the RI website and operate all over the world.

<u>4x4 vehicles</u> <u>Amateur Radio</u> <u>Antique</u> <u>Automobiles</u> <u>Beer</u> <u>Bird Watching</u> <u>Bowling</u> <u>Canoeing</u> <u>Caravanning</u> <u>Chess</u> <u>Computer Users</u> <u>Convention Goers</u> <u>Corporate Social Responsibility</u> <u>Cricket</u> <u>Cruising</u> <u>Curling</u> <u>Cycling</u> <u>Doctors</u>	<u>Fishing</u> <u>Flying</u> <u>Genealogists</u> <u>Go</u> <u>Golf</u> <u>Gourmet Cooking</u> <u>Hiking</u> <u>Home Exchange</u> <u>Honorary Consuls</u> <u>Horseback Riding</u> <u>Internet</u> <u>Italian Culture</u> <u>Jazz</u> <u>Latin Culture</u> <u>Lawyers</u> <u>LGBT</u> <u>Magicians</u> <u>Magna Graecia</u> <u>Marathon Running</u>	<u>Recreational Vehicles</u> <u>Rotary Heritage and History</u> <u>Rotary Means Business</u> <u>Rotary on Pins</u> <u>Rotary Global History</u> <u>Rotary on Stamps</u> <u>Rowing</u> <u>Russian Culture</u> <u>Scouting</u> <u>Shooting Sport</u> <u>Singles</u> <u>Skiing</u> <u>Social Networks</u> <u>Surfing</u> <u>Table Tennis</u> <u>Tennis</u>
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<u>Doll Lovers</u> <u>Draughts (Checkers)</u> <u>E-Clubs</u> <u>Educators</u> <u>Environment</u> <u>Esperanto</u> <u>Ethics</u> <u>European</u> <u>Philosophy</u> <u>Fishing</u>	<u>Metalhead</u> <u>Military Veterans</u> <u>Motorcycling</u> <u>Music</u> <u>Old and Rare Books</u> <u>Past District Governors</u> <u>Photographers</u> <u>Police and Law</u> <u>Enforcement</u> <u>Quilters and Fiber Artists</u> <u>Railroads</u>	<u>Total Quality</u> <u>Management</u> <u>Travel and Hosting</u> <u>Water Polo</u> <u>Wellness and Fitness</u> <u>Whisk(e)y</u> <u>Wine</u> <u>Yachting</u> <u>Yoga</u> <u>Young Rotarians</u>
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THE QUIZ



So, what do you really know?

- What is the COTA?
- Who is on the COTA?
- How are Rotarians appointed to the COTA?
- What does the COTA do?

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

PROTOCOLS - ROTARY DISTRICT GOVERNOR FIRST

Over the year, I've attended many functions and have always been happy to speak and generally support clubs in any way. Now that my year is ending, I feel comfortable mentioning that, at a Rotary function, when recognising the VIPs, the protocol is usually for the DG to be recognised first, then other District representatives, followed by VIPs from other agencies.

The exception from this is when The Governor of Australia or NSW is present and, of course, they take precedent, or perhaps when we are being hosted by the Premier or an MP. I have felt on some occasions, that everyone else takes precedent and the Rotary VIPs are an afterthought in the line-up. The order should be DG, DGE, DGN, PDGs.

The world won't end if this doesn't occur, but I've had people look at me at functions as though to say... "oh, so you're here too, are you?!" I thought that, as this won't affect me going forward, I would communicate this. It's not the sort of thing that you can look up somewhere.

CLIMBING LADDERS

Did you know that men falling off ladders is one of the biggest causes of accidents, and deaths, in men aged over 60 in Australia? Gentlemen, have someone with you to hold that ladder. They will also call the ambulance when you fall off!

ZONE 8 ROTARY CONFERENCE

In September the Zone 8 Rotary Conference will be held in Christchurch New Zealand from 20 – 22 September 2019. The Zone conference is a highlight of the year in our zone and could be described as a bridge between our local conference and the international convention. Many of us couldn't take the opportunity to go to Hamburg, but this event is much more accessible both in terms of time and money.

Previously known as the Zone Institute, this Zone 8 Conference is open to all Rotarians to attend and participate in. You will be able to meet and make new friends and learn more about the amazing work of Rotary. This will also be an opportunity show your support for the people of Christchurch especially after the earthquake, and the recent tragic events that impacted so many people. It will be a time to see how Christchurch has been reinvigorated and what it is continuing to do after the earthquake.

The Organising Committee have done an excellent job in getting together a fantastic programme of presenters who you will find inspiring and challenging. The breakout groups on Saturday afternoon will also be very special. The then President of Rotary International, Mark Maloney and his wife Gay, will be present and Mark will be talking about his vision for the future of Rotary.

It promises to be a great weekend. I would urge you to attend, below are the links to register. By attending you are supporting not just Rotary but the people of Christchurch who have had some challenging times over the last few years.

[Rotary Zone 8 Conference](#) or www.rotaryoceania.zone/page/rotaryzone8conference.

If you have never been to a Zone Conference before, I would highly recommend it. See you there!

THANKS TO MY TEAM

The role of District Governor could not happen without a strong team to provide support and guidance throughout the year. I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge those Rotarians who have stepped up into leading District roles this year.

The 'DG Train', including the Immediate Past District Governor- Di North, Warwick Richardson, Jeremy Wright, PDG Stephen Britten
The District Treasurer – PDG Bill Salter
The District Secretary – Janice Hall

The COTA – The 'DG Train' plus David Burrows, Vera Liondas, Simon Rez

The Rotary Foundation Chair – PDG Graham Wilson

Assistant Governors – Hilary Lloyd, Margaret Favelle, Frank Pezzimenti, Peter Rixon, Anita Robinson, Edei Ledet, Rick Vosila, Chris Bennecke, Allan Petersen, Renga Rajan

Committee Chairs

- Community – Liz MacKintosh
- International – PDG Stephen Humphreys
- New Generations – Cheryl Deguara
- Vocational – Charles Mille
- Membership & Community Awareness – Stephen Knightley
- Training – Bruce Farquharson

These people were ably supported by their committee members and my thanks go to those not named.

Special thanks also to our Webmaster – Peter Townsend, who lives up north and to Tony Benner, our Social Media Officer.

WORLD BLOOD DONOR DAY

This is a message from the Red Cross Blood Service who are doing some special things to celebrate World Blood Donor Day tomorrow. You may not be able to donate blood tomorrow, but you could follow up with donating in the future. It's almost certain that the life of someone you know was saved by a blood donation. Roll up your sleeves and call 13 14 95 to enquire. If you think I'm passionate about this, then you are right! I worked for the ARCBS for 8 years and I've donated more than 110 whole blood donations. Please join me in saving people's lives.

BLOODY GREAT FRIDAY

13-14 June 2019

We want *every* Aussie to feel good this World Blood Donor Day – from the donors we see every day to the patients we're helping.

That's why we're staying open all night in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane.

You'll have more chances to change more lives.

We're making a bit of a fuss: we'll be serving up all sorts of deliciousness, from meals by celebrity chefs (who will be popping in too), to Messina gelato (in a unique flavour), and even our soon-to-be-famous Donor Kebabs.

[Make an appointment](#) at a time that suits you and join the fun!

Can't make it to one of these cities? Head to your nearest blood donor centre and have a great Friday anyway.

What's on?

- Couples' Date Night 7pm-9pm Thursday
- The Bloody Great Friday 'Donor' kebab 10pm-3am Thursday/Friday
- Celebrity chefs 12pm-3pm Friday
- Music and entertainment 3pm-6pm Friday
- Sweet treats, caricatures, and much more - all day and all night long!

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

- **What is the COTA?**
COTA is the acronym for the District's Committee of the Association. The District is an Incorporated Association (as are most clubs) and the governing body is not named a 'Board' but is a 'Committee'.
- **Who is on the COTA?**
THE COTA comprises the following persons:
The District Governor (DG), The District Governor Elect (DGE), The District Governor Nominee (DGN), The Past District Governor (PDG), The District Treasurer, The District Secretary and three (3) Rotarians representing the Clubs in the District.
- **How are Rotarians appointed to the COTA?**
The District Governor 'Train' ie. DG, DGE, DGN join the COTA as they are appointed. The District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND), once identified in March, joins the COTA as an ex-officio member until that person becomes DGN on 1 July. The PDG joins in July after leaving office as DG.
Rotarians, representing each of the District's three regions, are elected for three (3) year terms which expire at different times to ensure there is some continuity of experience on the COTA. These representatives are voted in by the Presidents of the clubs at the District's Presidents' meetings, as their terms expire, and they need replacing.
- **What does the COTA do?**
The COTA makes decisions in relation to activities that occur in the District. It does not make decisions for what happens within individual clubs. Having said that, if it comes to the attention of the COTA that a club, or an individual Rotarian, is not acting within the RI guidelines or in line with the 'Four Way Test', then the COTA can step in and take action. The COTA also takes advice from various committees and officers appointed by the DG. Eg, the Governance Committee or the Chairs of the Programme areas such as Community, International, Vocational and Youth Committees. The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Chair can also advise the DG and the COTA on issues relating to The Foundation, such as Scholarships, Grants etc.

FAREWELL AS DG AND SEE YOU AROUND

Finally, can I say that it's been a great year out of my life (more like 2, actually) where Rotary has been my sole focus. People have asked why DGs aren't appointed for longer than one year. I now understand why that's the case. It's so intense that it's hard to believe that you could do this for more than a year.

I will never forget this experience and wish DGE Di all the best for her year starting on 1 July.

It's time for me to pick up my other pursuits and contribute as an ordinary Rotarian, one of the many doing extraordinary things.



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