



DG Di North & David

Welcome to the new Rotary year.

I have appended below a timely and inspiring message from our new Rotary International President, Mark Maloney.

“My dear friends, Rotary leaders, and Rotaract leaders:

A new Rotary year is upon us and, let us say one final thank you to former President Barry Rassin for his outstanding leadership. Barry, we will miss you, but we know and appreciate that you will continue to lead Rotary in important ways for years to come.

I have spoken for several months about how *Rotary Connects the World*, and the time has now arrived to put our words into action. We have an exciting year ahead of us, a year when we begin to implement the new Strategic Plan, what I call the Rotary Action Plan and when we will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter.

That anniversary will underscore the ties we have and goals we share with the United Nations. We will host five special events—UN Day in New York, three presidential conferences in Paris, Santiago, and Rome, and a final celebration just before the Convention in Honolulu. This will help us achieve the first Action Plan goal of increasing our impact by demonstrating that Rotary's influence in the world has only just begun.

The second Action Plan goal is expanding our reach. To achieve that, we need to grow Rotary – reaching out to new members, engaging current members, and creating more alternatives for membership for the next generation of Rotarians.

The third goal is enhanced participant engagement, making sure that Rotarians have experiences that are personally and professionally relevant and fulfilling. This is why I believe so strongly in building a more family-friendly Rotary -- one that welcomes children to our activities and that is considerate of families in our scheduling. Let us recommit to putting the needs, expectations, and growth of our participants at the centre of all we do.

The final priority of our new Action Plan is increasing our ability to adapt. New approaches to our organizing principles do not threaten our sense of who we are. That is why I believe that Rotary must respect professional commitments and not require Rotary leadership to be a full-time job. We need to respect the time and responsibilities of young people who are building careers.

Together, we will harness the power of connection just as our organization has been doing for more than 114 years. We have a long, proud heritage. And we will continue to thrive because we are not afraid of change.

I look forward to leading you in this important journey, as *Rotary Connects the World!*

Yours in Rotary,
Mark Daniel Maloney
President, Rotary International 2019-2020”

Thank you to all who attended our successful District Changeover on Sunday 30 June at Cronulla RSL at which 187 people attended. What a wonderful chance to celebrate the great year we have just had. **Immediate Past District Governor Sue** and her husband **Mike** were both presented with a PHF to recognise the work they accomplished during the year.

Sue also presented PHF recognitions to **Bruce Farquharson**, who chaired the District Training Team for a number of years, **Don Hutton**, who is stepping down as our District Insurance Officer after too many years to count, **Peter Townsend**, who is our District Webmaster and also to **Bill Salter** who is handing over the District Treasurer's role after a number of years.

Sue also presented the following club awards and my congratulations go to all these clubs:

- **PR & Marketing Perpetual Shield** - RC Wollongong
- **Vocational Service Perpetual Shield** - RC Sydney Darling Harbour
- **Best Youth Project 2019** - RC Wollondilly North
- **Best Local Project 2019** - RC Liverpool West
- **Best International Project 2019** - RC Kogarah
- **Best Overall Club Award 2019** - RC Caringbah

In my speech I thanked many people but one person in particular is a stand out. I must thank our District Trainer, Cheryl Deguara, who has restructured and developed new training for the Rotarians of our District. The training is invaluable and has been a great preparation for the 2019-20 Rotary year. This new approach to training that Cheryl has introduced has been well accepted and has made a great start to my District Governor year.

- The District Directory was distributed at the District Changeover with each club receiving six copies. You can also access a much more up to date District Directory on our District website. I must thank **Nerrie Lacey** who, every year, spends many hours putting together the directory and also keeps the online directory up to date. We were very fortunate this year to gain sponsorship for the directory. Thank you to **Anywhere Travel from Kingsford**. Please consider Anywhere Travel when you are next planning a trip.
- Assistant Governors are required to visit their clubs at least three times a year as well as the visit when accompanying the District Governor. These are all classified as Official Visits and it would be appreciated if clubs do not charge them for these visits.
- It is my intention to highlight Rotarians, Clubs and projects from our District in each of my monthly Bulletins. Please send me any articles/photographs/project reports you consider of interest to Rotarians within our District.
- With the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) interviews about to take place on 27 July, I thought it would be timely for our **District NYSF Chair Vera Liondas** (pictured right) to write a report, which is a separate attachment to this Bulletin.
- Our District **Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)** Chair, **Malcolm Brown** (pictured right) would like to share some information on some of the 37 RAWCS projects that our District currently undertakes. It is heartening to see many of the clubs in our District participating. Malcolm's report is also a separate attachment to this Bulletin.



- This month I would like to acknowledge **Marian Foulcher from Caringbah Rotary Club** (pictured to the right). Marian appeared on the Andrew Denton Interview program on 25 June so I thought we should acknowledge her amazing story, which is also part of the story of **Dr Munjed Al Muderis** as well.



Munjed has a bold approach to surgery which has helped many Australian amputees. He is a former refugee who fled Iraq and has a very heartwarming story to tell on how he arrived in Australia. You can read Munjed's story in his book "Going Back".

This is Marian's story.

On Saturday 24th November 2007, I was unloading the boot of my car whilst parked parallel on Georges River Road, Jannali. A motor vehicle careered out of control and impacted my car crushing my right leg between the two vehicles. The emergency services were called and I was rushed to St George Hospital's Emergency Department. The damage to my right leg was so severe; my right leg could not be saved. (DG Di with Dr Munjed Al Muderis – pictured to the right ).



I experienced great difficulties wearing a normal prosthesis where the stump went inside a socket. It was hot and sweaty, causing a rash but it was also extremely uncomfortable and not at all successful. I still had to use either a wheel chair or crutches.

In February 2014, I attended Norwest Private Hospital and underwent Osseointegration. Osseointegration involves inserting a prosthetic implant into the residual bone of the amputee, to which an external prosthesis can attach directly, thereby eliminating the need for a traditional socket-mounted prosthesis.

Prior to Osseointegration, I was totally reliant on a wheelchair and crutches to mobilise. It has been a long 11.5 year journey with a total of approximately 6 months in hospital and 19 operations later. I have been walking unaided now for the past 5.5 years and eternally grateful to Munjed Al Muderis, his team and his pioneering techniques.

If you missed the Andrew Denton interview, you can find it on this link: [Andrew Denton Interview](#)

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Rotary Club of Sydney – Peacebuilder Club

Congratulations to the **Rotary Club of Sydney**, which has just been accredited as a **Rotary Peacebuilder Club**. **Charles Allen** (pictured right) from the **Institute of Economics and Peace (IEP)** in Sydney has been one of the driving forces behind the Sydney Peacebuilding Group. **David Hirsch** is the Chair.



More information on Sydney Rotary Club's great initiative is provided below:

The **Rotary Club of Sydney (RCS)** now has the status of being of a **Peacebuilder Club**. RCS has been recognised by the **Rotarian Action Group for Peace (RAGFP)** for its commitment to the 'Promoting Peace' area of focus. The RCS is only the 2nd club in Australia to have this status with the only other club being District 9800 E-Club.

The RCS started a Peace Building Committee in 2014. It currently has 28 active members and is now called the Rotary Club of Sydney Peacebuilding Group (PBG). The PBG now includes two Rotary Peace Fellow alumni, four Institute for Economics and Peace Ambassadors and RAGFP members. They hold monthly meetings attended by usually 15 to 20 people, including Rotarians and non-Rotarians. The Chair is **David Hirsch**, who was formerly the Chair of the Sydney Peace Foundation, which awards the Sydney Peace Prize.

The PBG see one of their responsibilities to build awareness and understanding about peace. They encourage Rotarians to take the on-line learning through the [Rotary Peace Academy](#). They are active at Club, District and International presentations on the Promoting Peace area of focus. The RCS peace projects vary from local community projects to international projects. They hosted the 2017 Presidential Peace Conference in Sydney. The RCS' active Peacebuilding committee and its ongoing commitment to Promoting Peace area of focus projects qualified the RCS for Peacebuilder club status.

The PBG also see their role as supporting District 9765 clubs to build their understanding around peace. [PBG is available for:-](#)

1. **Club and District presentations**
2. **Guidance on becoming a Peacebuilder club**
3. **Advice on Rotary Peace Fellow recruitment and applications (Acknowledging and in support of Pam Pritchard the District Chair for Peace Fellowship)**
4. **Support in understanding and establishing Promoting Peace projects**

The PBG is supported by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), Director of Partnerships, **Charles Allen** APM. IEP is a partner organisation with Rotary and signed its second MOU at this year's Hamburg International Convention. Rotary has committed to using the IEP Positive Peace workshop model as an approach for Rotarians to activate peace projects within their local communities or internationally. [Charles](#) is also a [Rotary Peace fellow alumnus](#) with a long association of peacebuilding with and within Rotary. *Please contact Charles if you would like advice or support:*

Email: - callen@economicsandpeace.org or Mobile: +61 457 504 495

Part of Rotary's foundations is as a peacebuilding organisation and yet the Promoting Peace area of focus is the most underspent area for Foundation funds. Rotary is looking to increase its commitment to peace and see this as not only critical to Rotary continuing to flourish but also the planet being able to flourish as it faces the global challenges that are upon us.

If you would like to know more about the **Rotary Action Group For Peace (RAGFP)**, their website can be located [HERE](#).

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Report from our District Foundation Chair Graham Wilson

Graham Wilson's report, *which is a separate attachment to this Bulletin*, contains the latest polio statistics, information on applying for a District Grant and information on World Polio Day on 24th October.

Have you applied for a District Grant yet?

If you don't have a project or don't know how to fill out the form, contact DG Di so that she can assist you. Our District has over \$90,000 to hand out for District Grants and we would like to see it all used for the benefit of our communities.

Applications close on 31 July.

**If your club has had a special story to tell about an event or a club member,
please let Di North know so that we can all join in your success.
Di would like us to all share our stories.**

A message from Rotary International:

With PDG Bruce Allen's retirement, we thought it best to retain the current structure of the RI South Pacific & Philippines Office's TRF team but with more delineated areas and scope of responsibilities.

Mark Anderson (Mark.Anderson@rotary.org; +61 (2) 88949841) will be focusing on Major Donor (MD) and Arch Klumph Society (AKS) Fund Development in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands.

Rob Byrne (Robert.Byrne@rotary.org; +61 (2) 88949843) will be focusing on the general Rotarian donor base from Australia, NZ, Pacific Islands and the Philippines.

Krissy Aure-Canson (Krissy.Aure-Canson@rotary.org; +61 (2) 88949842) will continue to be responsible for recognition points transfers and the dispatch of Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) certificates and regalia.

We realise that Mark has already established his relationships with the ANZ Rotarian leadership. However, in order for Mark to focus on MD and AKS fund development, Rob will be taking the lead role in areas relating to PHS, Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY), sustaining member contributions programs, and providing district foundation status reviews.

Rob has been with this regional office for a year now, has been a Rotarian since 2002 and is passionate about the Foundation. He is looking forward to working closely with all of you going forward.

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Save the date – 23 September 2019

Rotary International President Mark Maloney will be in Sydney for one night only.

Mark Maloney will be on his way home to the USA after attending the Australian New Zealand Conference in Christchurch. We are therefore planning a **Tri-District Dinner** (with Districts 9675, 9685 and 9670) at The Deckhouse, Woolwich, 6.30 for 7PM. Tickets are \$70pp. Bookings are strictly limited to the first 300 people.

(Full details are included in the attached flyer).

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The Purple House



I am working with my fellow District Governors around Australia and New Zealand to help our indigenous communities. After discussions with Sarah Brown at the Purple House, we are seeking to have a volunteer program that will maintain a continuous flow of Rotarians and friends of Rotary travelling through to South Australia, Western Australia and Northern Territory, under an organised program of assistance to help with the Purple House.

Just look at the neglected state of our indigenous people and the need for Rotary "to work with them", to aid them with their needs. Our indigenous people are, sadly, victims of our way and style of life. They are being forced to live in a foreign society they know little about and to consume foreign food and drink that is poisoning them, because their DNA cannot break down adequately our western foods.



Sarah is seeking from us:

1. *People who would like to volunteer at the Purple House in Alice Springs for a few days when coming through Alice Springs.*
2. *Unskilled volunteers who might want to get out bush and help out. It's important they have at least a day in Alice for orientation before they go out to a remote community, so that they get to learn some cultural protocols.*
3. *Skilled volunteers... the list at the moment would focus on: architects, engineers, builders, plumbers, electricians, landscapers and horticulturalists.*

And the projects being actively pursued at present are...

- ❖ *Cooper Pedy (SA)*
- ❖ *Jilkminggan (NT)*
- ❖ *Balgo (WA)*

If you would like to be a Rotary volunteer who wants to work on these projects, please advise our District Secretary of your willingness to participate, your details, together with dates you will be in any of the towns listed and what qualifications you have.

This is a Rotary volunteer project adopted by all Australian Rotary Districts. It is also be open to friends of Rotary.

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The **Australia and New Zealand South Pacific Rotary Conference** will be held in Christchurch from 20 to 22 September 2019. It is open to all Rotarians. If you would like to attend please register [HERE](#).

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Global Scholars

I am very pleased to announce that this year we will be sponsoring two Global Scholars. The calibre of the applicants was so high it was impossible to separate the two.

I would like to congratulate **William Mitchell** (pictured right), who is a doctor and will be studying a course on disease prevention and treatment at Harvard University to enable him to work in the indigenous communities in Central Australia.



Clare Skinner will be studying at Columbia Law School in New York City for a Master of Laws. Her area of focus is peace and conflict resolution. Clare will be studying transitional justice, human rights and lawyer leadership. Clare is particularly passionate about the potential of non-adversarial forms of conflict resolution.

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Volunteer Hours

The special report prepared for Rotary International by the **Johns Hopkins Centre for Civil Society Studies** found that Rotary members had volunteered a total of 5.8 million hours within a four-week survey period. Extrapolating those results over an entire year, the report gave a conservative estimate of nearly 47 million hours of volunteer effort generated by Rotary members in a typical year.

The report then analysed the economic impact of all those hours and estimated the value conservatively at \$850 million a year, if communities had to pay for the services that Rotary volunteers provide.

Rotary, with the help of Johns Hopkins University, is the first global service organization to conduct an empirical analysis of its volunteers' impact using an internationally sanctioned definition of volunteer work. The authors of the report noted in their conclusion that the analysis had chosen the most conservative estimates.

"This makes the results reported here all the more remarkable," the authors noted. "Translated into economic terms, ***Rotary is annually generating a scale of social and economic problem-solving effort that is worth nearly nine times more than it costs the organization to produce.***"

Rotary General Secretary John Hewko said the figure doesn't even include the in-kind contributions and the money that Rotary clubs and the Rotary Foundation raise every year. In addition, the figure doesn't include the volunteer work of the many relatives and friends of Rotary that members often involve in a project, or that of members of Rotaract, Interact, or the Community Corps, that would easily double the estimate of Rotary's economic impact.

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The Centenary of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand is happening in 2021

A campaign is underway to raise awareness, inspire engagement and create a call to action.

- ❖ You may want to showcase and celebrate our first 100 years of community service.
- ❖ Clubs can also launch projects that will take us into the next 100 years.
- ❖ Rally Rotarians to build new communities, inspire new members to become People of Action and share the fellowship that bind us together.

Please watch a short video to assist clubs with planning [HERE](#).

Remember too:

- One in 16 children dies before the age of five in nine Pacific nations. The vaccination program **“Give Every Child A Future”** has been launched and initiated by four Centenary Clubs, the **Rotary Clubs of Melbourne, Wellington, Auckland and Sydney along with UNICEF**.
- **Two Canadian Rotary Clubs were our Charter Clubs: Calgary and Halifax**. They have been invited to celebrate the Centenary and participate in the inaugural Ralston-Davidson Golf Challenge, honouring the two Canadians who got the ball rolling for us.
- **A commemorative stamp will be issued in 2021 by Australia Post**. This is an exciting way to present the Rotary brand across the nation in 2021. Plans are underway for a commemorative coin to be issued as well.

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Did you know that Rotary helped in the formation of the United Nations in 1945?

Every year to celebrate that relationship the United Nations has a Rotary Day. This year it will be held on 9 November and they will be honouring **“Rotary People of Action: Connectors Beyond Borders”**.

Next year, in 2020, it will be the United Nations’ 75th birthday and I would like to challenge our Rotary clubs to come up with an idea to celebrate that relationship with a United Nations Day. I have enlisted the help of **Joshua Karras** from the United Nations Association Australia. He can help with ideas and contacts for a project. Contact Joshua either via email on joshua.karras@unaa.org.au or M. **0432 592 469**.

Perhaps groups of clubs can work together on larger projects. Joshua also has details of a Diploma Course for students wanting to work within the United Nations organisation. Your club might like to offer a \$1700 scholarship for an indigenous or a financially disadvantaged student. **RI President Mark Maloney** has asked us to focus on this special relationship between Rotary and the United nations, so Joshua would love the opportunity to come and talk to your club about the possibilities of celebrating this relationship.

Important dates for your diary...

26 July 2019	Presidents Meeting at Bankstown Sports Club
2 August 2019	RESCA at Bankstown Sports Club
3 August 2019	Corrimal Rotary Club Trivia Night
7 August 2019	Sylvania Rotary Club Dinner Miranda RSL
9 August 2019	Ferragosto Ball Aqua Luna Drummoyne
11 August 2019	Sydney City2Surf
12 August 2019	Parramatta POOTYA
31 August 2019	Cronulla Rotary Club High Tea Cronulla RSL
2 September 2019	Hurstville Rotary Club 80 th birthday
20 to 22 September 2019	ANZ Conference Christchurch
23 September 2019	Mark Maloney Dinner The Deckhouse Woolwich
25 September 2019	Mt Druitt Rotary Club 50 th birthday
27 October 2019	Graffiti Removal Day
11 November 2019	The Rotary Foundation Dinner

Some of the highlights of our recent District changeover...

The 2019-2020 District Team



DG Di & PDG Sue



DG Di, David & family



PDG Sue & Michael – PHF recognitions



2018-2019 Rotary Club of the Year
Rotary Club of Caringbah



West Wollongong
Home of the 2019-2020 DG



Warwick, Jeremy & DG Di

Yours in Rotary – Connecting the World

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Dianne North
District Governor



Dinner with Rotary International President Mark Daniel Maloney

Rotarians and friends in Districts 9670, 9675 & 9685 are invited to join us for a special dinner with Rotary International President for 2019-2020, Mark Daniel Maloney

Monday, 23 September 2019



- VENUE:** The Deckhouse, The Dock, End of Clarke Road, Woolwich
(A 5-Star venue on beautiful Sydney harbour which is part of the Dedes Group of Venues)
- DATE:** Monday, 23rd September 2019
- TIME:** 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm
- COST:** \$70 pp - two course meal & welcome drink on arrival
- DRESS:** Business Attire
- REGISTRATION:** www.trybooking.com/523543
Registrations close 15 September
Seating is Limited—book early!



This is a rare opportunity for Rotarians and guests from our three Districts to meet and be inspired by our International leader whilst enjoying the location, hospitality and catering of one of Sydney's premier venues.

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