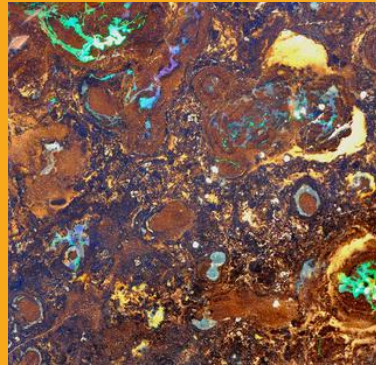




Spotlight

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22 July, 2026



**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**



Falls prevention
is everyone's
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Editorial Team Message

Welcome to Your District Newsletter

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Welcome and thank you for picking up this edition of your district newsletter.

This publication belongs to all of us. It exists to celebrate the extraordinary service happening across our district, to connect clubs and members, and to inspire the ideas and friendships that make Rotary so powerful.

We have listened to your feedback, and we are committed to bringing you a newsletter that is easy to read, beautifully presented, and genuinely worth your time. Every edition will be crafted with care with clear layouts, compelling stories, and news that matters to you and your club.

Whether you are a long-serving member or new to the Rotary family, we hope these pages remind you why our work matters and energise you for the service ahead.

We are always grateful to hear your stories, your milestones, and your ideas. This newsletter is at its best when it reflects the full richness of our district so please, reach out and share.

In Service,

The Editorial Team

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Each article has **two A4 pages of space to make your submission informative and amazing.**

We prefer all documents in PDF or Word format.

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'Rotary changes us and those we serve. I believe we can change the world one life at a time.' -Paul Harris

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Welcome to the spotlight

Hello to all, and thank you for the positive comments we've received about Spotlight.

I still think the weekend was a dream. It was two years in the making, and then, something happened! On 1 July, the emails increased, the meetings became more purposeful, and plans started to feel more meaningful. The work has certainly begun, and I hope PDG Evan is enjoying some retirement!

Can I encourage you to keep this magazine close, as there's so much information embedded in it, you'll find yourself referring to it often.

In the next few months, every Rotarian will be able to attend a face-to-face Showcase not too far from home. Our RCLs are now negotiating with their presidents to identify the needs of their clubs, the projects they undertake, and the learning they need, so that we can create opportunities to share, learn, and renew friendships together. These events will only be successful if lots of Rotarians and their friends participate.

Showcases.

Showcase in Raymond Terrace. RCLs Glenda Kociszewski, Stacy Jacobs, Lindy Hunt and Brian Beesley will be looking for your support and lots of information. We are planning NOW!

29 August 2026 - Armidale

Maybe some snow to make it more exciting? Clubs in this area will again have the chance to meet, promote Rotary, and learn more about it. We are planning NOW! Make sure you've contacted James Reilly, your RCL and tell him what you want. More information later in this edition. **Register now!**

These Showcases do not have borders. If you want to travel, please feel welcome to register. Find the poster and the QR code. Remember we are catering so we do need definite numbers to be fair to the venues.

Spreading the Word

While these Showcases will help us promote Rotary within our own networks, it's just as important that we're getting the message out to the wider community. That's exactly where our Public Image team and our members come in.

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Continued...

I was listening to the radio this morning, and the interview was about loneliness and what people could do to combat that feeling. A Rotarian rang in to promote Rotary as a good organisation to join. How does a non Rotarian know how to find us?

I also had a visit to the doctor this week so I could drive, and as we had been to the airport to say goodbye to Henrique, our exchange student, I wore my Rotary shirt.

I was asked by the nurse about Rotary, and after a few sentences about the End Polio program, I asked her if she was interested. Thank goodness I had one of my cards in my purse! I only got her first name because of privacy of information, but she certainly got all my details! I am waiting for her promised email!

I have had the pleasure already of attending many changeovers and meeting many dedicated Rotarians who are engaged in amazing projects. We need to share these pleasures by inviting other to join us.

I also want to welcome Meredyth Bell to the District Team as Membership Chair.

- The District Directory is now available.
- DacDb has contact details for all Rotarians.
- NYSF applications have been extended.
- RYPEN South applications are open
- Public Speaking Competition details are available.

Just a few things to do as well as club commitments! Let's get some more members to share the load.

Have fun!
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Upcoming Training Webinars

Free to all members • Online via Microsoft Teams • 4:00 to 5:00 pm

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4:00 to 5:00 pm • Teams

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Finalise existing grants and get help preparing a new application.

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Secretary duties, DACdb records, correspondence and reporting deadlines.

SUN
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SEP

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RSVP to any session at

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RSVP NOW

INCOMING CLUB PRESIDENTS

As we step into the 2026-27 Rotary year under the leadership of District Governor Di Hall, we extend a warm welcome to our club presidents who will lead our clubs across District 9660. From the coast to the western plains, each of you plays a vital role in bringing Rotary's mission to life in your community.

Your dedication, energy and vision will shape the year ahead. We encourage all Rotarians to support your club president and work together to create lasting impact. Thank you for stepping up to serve and here's to a great year ahead.

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Muswellbrook	Rod Scholes
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Nelson Bay	Geoffrey Robinson
Newcastle	William Anderson
Newcastle Enterprise	Julia Brougham
Newcastle Harbour	Kerry McLeish
Newcastle Sunrise	Eleanor Cunningham
North Lake Mac	Glenda Kociszewski



INCOMING CLUB PRESIDENTS

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Port Macquarie Sunrise	Peter Orford
Port Macquarie West	Michael Shulzer
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Raymond Terrace	John Chambers
Rutherford-Telarah	Louise Wightman
Rylstone-Kandos	Helen Fuller
Salamander Bay	Harry Parker
Sawtell	John Turner
Scone	Deborah Fisher
Singleton	Ian Bendall
Singleton On Hunter	Tony Janssen
Singleton Sunrise	Stephen Crane
South West Rocks	Arlana Cook
Tamworth	Sue Hansen
Tamworth Calala	James Levy
Tamworth First Light	Naomi Blakey
Tamworth Sunrise	Yvette Humphrys
Tamworth West	Gavin Hombsch
Taree	Anna Minett
Taree on Manning	Monika Hansen
Toronto	Katherine van Vloten
Toronto Sunrise	Pam Dean-Jones
Uralla	Clare Mailler
Walcha	Aurora Reilly
Wallsend-Maryland	Philip Gorton
Warialda	Peter Hancock
Warners Bay	Glenys Tomkins
Warren	Tony Smith
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Wingham	Robert Walsh
Woolgoolga	Roderick Mackenzie



MEET THE PUBLIC IMAGE TEAM

Meet the team behind District 9660's public image this year.

Every club in District 9660 has a story worth telling. A project that changed lives. A member who gives quietly and consistently. A community that's better because Rotary showed up. Our job is to help you tell those stories in a way that reaches people, builds your profile, and makes your community take notice.

We know that time is short, volunteers are stretched, and public image is rarely the loudest priority at a club board meeting. We get it. That's why we're not coming in with a checklist of things you're doing wrong. We're coming in with templates, training, tools, and a team that genuinely wants to see every club succeed.

Whether you need help setting up a Facebook page, creating a flyer in Canva, shooting a better photo at your next event, or producing a video highlight reel, we can help. No question is too basic.

Reach out anytime. We are here for the whole year and we want to hear from you.

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with Rotary District 9660



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As we begin the new Rotary year, we are investing in how we tell Rotary's story and celebrate the outstanding work of our clubs, members and communities.

Whether you are a Rotarian, a partner organisation, or a member of the community, these are the best ways to keep up with District news, projects and events, and to see the impact our members are making.



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Quirindi Rotary Club's Changeover

Night to Remember : Small club, Big heart

If you ever needed proof that Rotary fellowship has nothing to do with the size of a club's membership, you needed only to be at the Quirindi Jockey Club on Changeover night. With just ten members on its books, the Quirindi Rotary Club put on an evening so full of fun, community spirit and genuine friendship that it's hard to know where to begin.

The night kicked off under dark, chilly skies with the ground a little damp underfoot, but none of that stopped the action. Members and guests rugged up for an evening of horse races, cheering home their picks with prizes of vouchers generously donated by local Quirindi businesses. It set a cheerful, community-minded tone for the night that never let up.

A Fashions on the Field competition added a splash of glamour to the cold evening and as the night wound down, a World Cup Soccer sweep had everyone in on the fun, tipping their fortunes for the tournament ahead.

Amid all the laughter and friendly competition, the formal business of the evening took place: the Changeover from outgoing President Gerard Smith to incoming President Ray Lamb. President Gerard used the occasion to reflect on a remarkable year, one that saw this small club punch well above its weight in service to the Quirindi community.

Under Gerard's leadership, the club's fingerprints were all over the town's calendar: support for local youth, the striking silo art project, and the much-loved Sounds of the Season Christmas music event, a street Christmas party complete with market stalls and the ever-popular Rotary chocolate wheel. It's an extraordinary list of achievements for a club of just ten, a real testament to what dedicated members can do when they pull together.

Incoming President Ray Lamb now takes the reins with a strong foundation to build on and a club culture clearly built on warmth, energy and genuine care for their community.

Just when you thought the night couldn't get any better, the evening closed with an impromptu performance from club member Steve Crane and local MP Kevin Anderson, who joined together for an unscripted musical moment that capped off the celebrations perfectly.



Congratulations to the Quirindi Rotary Club on a fantastic year, and best wishes to President Ray Lamb and the team for the year ahead. Also good luck to Savannah as she goes to Belgium with YEP in 2027. (Martha gate-crashed the night for fashions in the field!)



Nambucca Valley Rotary Club

Rotary fiji School project

A Promise Kept: Returning to Ami Chandra Memorial School After 21 Years

Denys and I were at a car cleaning business just up the road from Drasa Secondary School. While Denys was outside chatting with the owner and his son, I was inside talking with the owner's wife and their young daughter, who was still wearing her school uniform.

During our conversation, I discovered that she attended Ami Chandra Memorial School. I told her that, many years ago—before she was even born—we had helped establish a library and a computer lab at her school.

She shared a little about the school before asking, "Madam, would you please visit my school? The school needs a lot of help."

I promised her that I would.

During our final week in Fiji, after visiting all the other schools and completing most of our planned work, I said to Denys, "I have to go and visit Avani Chand in Class 7 at Ami Chandra Memorial School. I made a promise, and I need to keep it."

We arrived at the school unannounced. As we walked towards the office, a teacher stepped out of her classroom, greeted us with a warm smile and a handshake, and said, "Welcome to our school. How can I help you?" This is not a common occurrence in schools these days with tightened security and protocols for visitors.

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We met the Class 8 teacher Sunil, who is passionate about using information technology to support his teaching. He had resurrected a couple of old computers he had found in the storeroom. One was connected to a projector for classroom lessons, while the other was being used by a student with learning difficulties to access programs that supported his learning.



Fortunately, Denys still had a few computers "up his sleeve" as he likes to do as well as an interactive hub. These were all donated to the school the next day.

The teachers, Principal, School Manager, and students were overwhelmed by the unexpected donations. As we left, their smiles said it all.

Next year, we will return to Ami Chandra Memorial School to visit Avani, who will then be in Class 8, and to see how one chance meeting, one invitation, and one promise kept have helped create new learning opportunities for the students at her school.

Veena Tilly
Rotary Fiji Schools Project
June, 2026

DISTRICT CALENDAR

26 Jul 2026	RCL Meeting	Teams 7:00 pm
9 Aug 2026	Operations Meeting	Teams 7:00 pm
15 Aug 2026	Finance Committee Meeting	Teams 5:00 pm
25-27 August 2026	Science & Engineering Challenge NSW State Final	
29 Aug 2026	Showcase Mandatory Training / Showcase of Projects & Event	Armidale
30 Aug 2026	Board Meeting	Teams 7:00 pm
7-19 September 2026	Friendship Exchange	Brazil
11-13 September 2026	YEP Outbound Student Briefing	TBA
13-Sep-26	RCL Meeting	Teams 7:00 pm
3-4 October 2026	RYPEN	Newcastle
11 Oct 2026	Showcase Mandatory Training / Showcase of Projects & Event	Sawtell
18 Oct 2026	Operations Meeting	Teams 7:00 pm
24 Oct 2026	Finance Committee Meeting	Teams 5:00 pm
25 Oct 2026	Board Meeting	Teams 7:00 pm

DISTRICT CALENDAR

30 October – 1 November 2026	Zone Conference	Melbourne
21–22 November 2026	Showcase & AGM / Mandatory Training / Showcase of Projects & Event	Tamworth
28–30 November 2026	YEP Outbound Students Final Briefing	TBA
7 Feb 2027	Operations Meeting	Teams 7:00 pm
13 Feb 2027	Finance Committee Meeting	Teams 5:00 pm
20–21 February 2027	Training (Peter Comino Team)	Tamworth
28 Feb 2027	Board Meeting	Teams 7:00 pm
12–14 March 2027	District 9685 Conference	Mudgee
20–21 March 2027	Showcase & AGM / Mandatory Training / Showcase of Projects & Event	Dubbo
28 Mar 2027	RCL Meeting	Teams 7:00 pm
15 May 2027	Finance Committee Meeting	Teams 5:00 pm
16 May 2027	Operations Meeting	Teams 7:00 pm
May 28th–June 5th 2027	RYLA	Grassy Head
30 May 2027	Board Meeting (Combined)	Teams 7:00 pm
12–14 June 2027	RYPEN	Bonny Hills
26–30 June 2027	International Convention	Barcelona
30 Jun 2027	District Changeover	TBC



Say No To Domestic Violence



Creating Lasting Impact Across District 9660

One of my key projects for the current Rotary year is to encourage every Rotary Club in District 9660 to promote the **Say No to Domestic Violence** program in their own community.

Domestic Violence is a program that began with the **Ballina Rotary Club**, and it is fast becoming a national initiative. Last November, I represented our district at Parliament House in Canberra, where Rotary promoted this program directly to politicians. Our advocacy was successful, evidenced by a grant from the State Government to help financially support the program's continued growth.

This cause is close to my heart. Several years ago, my husband Ken and I visited Canberra for a Peace Pole event and ended up spontaneously attending another Rotary event nearby. There is a Peace Bell in Canberra, and we each had the honour of striking the bell to recognise a woman or child who had been murdered in a domestic violence situation. It was a deeply moving ceremony, and we were shocked at the high number of victims at the time.

This program is needed in **every community** across the country. It is not okay that anyone loses their life to violence, yet so much of this suffering happens behind closed doors, hidden from view. While there are other programs working to address this blight on our communities, the power of Rotary has been proven time and again. When Rotary gets involved, the effect is vast and far-reaching.

District 9660 is the largest district in Zone 8, which means the impact we can have here is significant and lasting. If every club works together with a clear, planned approach to implementation, Rotary will truly **Create Lasting Impact**.

I encourage every club in our district to get involved and help bring this vital program to your own community.

TAKE ACTION!



STOP *the* VIOLENCE END *the* SILENCE

SAY NO TO DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE

CREATE LASTING IMPACT



Welcome to a New Rotary Year

As we begin the **2026–2027 Rotary year**, I would like to congratulate District Governor Di Hall and every Rotarian who has stepped into a leadership role. It is an honor to serve as your District International Service Chair, and I look forward to working alongside clubs across District 9660.

International Service is one of Rotary's Five Avenues of Service. Yet whenever I visit clubs, I often hear the same comment:

"We'd love to do an international project... we just don't know where to start."

The good news is you don't have to start from scratch.

Whether your club is interested in partnering with an overseas Rotary club, applying for a District or Global Grant, supporting an existing humanitarian project, or simply exploring what's possible, I'm here to help.

This year, my goal is simple: to help more District 9660 clubs experience the power of International Service.

Rotary's greatest strength is partnership. When clubs work together across borders, we don't just donate money we share skills, build friendships, strengthen communities and create sustainable change.

Across our District there is enormous potential to become involved in projects that improve maternal and child health, provide clean water, strengthen education, grow local economies, protect the environment and promote peace. Some exciting new projects are already seeking Australian Rotary partners, while others can be developed around your club's own interests and passions.

This column **Rotary Without Borders** will become a regular feature in our District Newsletter. Each edition will include:

- A spotlight on a District 9660 club's international project
- New international partnership opportunities
- Global Grant tips and practical advice
- Projects seeking Rotary club sponsors
- Stories of friendship, service and Rotary connections around the world

I'd also love to showcase your club.

If your club has an international project whether it's large or small or if you're looking for a meaningful overseas project to support, I'd love to hear from you. Together we can inspire more clubs to think globally while continuing to serve locally.

Rotary reminds us that Service Above Self knows no borders.

Let's make this a year of new friendships, stronger partnerships and lives changed together.

**Have an international project to share?
Looking for an overseas partner? Need advice on a District or Global Grant?**

Email: rotary9660.international@gmail.com



Dr Grace Maano
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2026–2027
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BEYOND OUR Borders

A regular **International Service** update
from Rotary District 9660

**"In a world where
you can be anything,
be kind and make
a difference."**
— Rotary International

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ROTARY'S FIVE AVENUES OF SERVICE



CLUB SERVICE

Strengthening fellowship
and leadership in our clubs.



VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Using our skills and
expertise to serve others.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Improving lives and
strengthening communities.



INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Building relationships and
creating hope across borders.



YOUTH SERVICE

Empowering the next generation
through opportunities and guidance.

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PUBLIC IMAGE TIPS

Happy New Rotary Year from the incoming Public Image Committee!

This year we're here to help every club tell their stories, lift their profile, and make 2026-27 our most visible year yet. A sincere thank you to Nicole Shanks and the outgoing PI team, and to PDG Evan Burrell for his service as District Governor.

What's on for 2026-27

- **District Newsletter:** fortnightly via Heyzine from July, landing on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month.
- **Social media:** coordinated district presence plus practical help for clubs.
- **M365 and IT support:** tools, accounts, and training for clubs and committees.
- **PI support:** Canva templates, branding, storytelling, and photography.
- **In-person training:** we'll come to you. Just get in touch.

Three things we're asking from every club

1. Confirm your PI Officer and update DACdb (email support@rotary9660.org.au if you're struggling!).
2. Send us your website and Facebook links, as well as subscribe publicimage@rotary9660.org.au to your mailing lists, so we can amplify what you're doing.

ROTARY BRAND CENTRE



Everything your club needs to look the part is at

brandcenter.rotary.org.

Official logos, templates, photography, and brand guidelines, all free.

Stop guessing what's current and go straight to the source.

YOU'RE READING THE DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT

Welcome to the first edition of the District 9660 Newsletter, now delivered as an interactive flipbook via Heyzine. Same district news, better experience.

From August, the Spotlight lands fortnightly on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month.

If your club has a story worth sharing, we want to hear it.

Head back to PAGE 2 for details on how to submit your articles!

HAVE YOUR SAY: PUBLIC IMAGE SURVEY

A big thank you to the 63 Rotarians who completed the District 9660 Public Image Survey. Your feedback has directly shaped our priorities for the year ahead.

If your club hasn't had a chance yet, the survey is still open. The more clubs we hear from, the better the picture we can build for the whole district.

[CLICK HERE TO FILL SURVEY](#)

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Newcastle Enterprise

Invites you to join us to celebrate

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

In support of

Rotary



**END
POLIO
NOW**

Friday 31 July 2026, 6 pm for 6:30 pm

Hunter Wetlands Centre

1 Wetlands Place, Shortland, 2307

\$60 per person

**Roast turkey, Roast pork with crackling, Mixed vegetables
Sticky date pudding, Hot apple crumble
Drinks can be purchased at the venue**

Prizes for best Christmas costume – raffles, music, fun

**RSVP by Tuesday 28 July including dietary limitations to
Howard Bridgman: habrotary@gmail.com or 0425 281 387**

**Payment to RCNE: BSB 650 000 Account 968828109
Reference: your surname followed by RPD**

Rotary
District 9660



YOU HAVE A VOICE

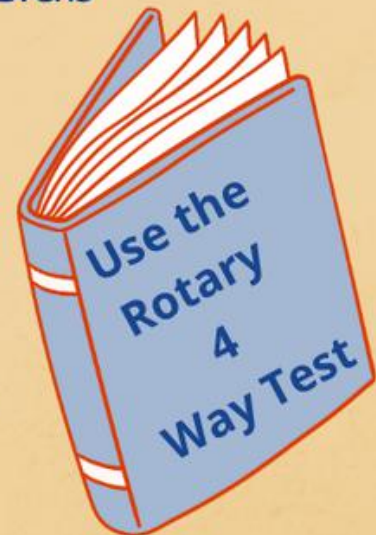
Rotary Public Speaking Competition

Contact your Rotary Club

NOW!!



Own topic



Cash Prizes

5 minute prepared speech
2 minute Impromptu



NEW ENGLAND SHOWCASE

**THIS IS AN
OPPORTUNITY FOR
AREA 6 CLUBS TO:**

- Showcase projects
- Create plans
- Participate in training
- Have input into the future of Rotary

**CREATE
LASTING
IMPACT**

**Sat 29th
August**

9:30am - 4:00pm

**Armidale City
Bowling Club**

92-96 Dumaresq
Street, Armidale,
NSW 2350

Cost: \$55

Lunch + refreshments
provided

Accommodation

Only required if
travelling

Contact

James Reilly
RCL Area 6
(RC of Walcha)
0428 771 488



RSVP 2 weeks prior

REGISTER NOW

<https://www.trybooking.com/DNXKW>

Join us in Mudgee!

2027 ROTARY DISTRICT 9685 CONFERENCE

Friday, 12 March - Sunday, 14 March 2027

PARKLANDS RESORT, MUDGEE

— Conference Highlights —



FRIDAY— CONNECT

Reconnect with fellow Rotarians and friends.



SATURDAY – COLLABORATE

A full day of ideas, learning and shared experiences.



SATURDAY AFTERNOON – COUNTRY FAIR

Enjoy local artisans, food and wine in a relaxed country setting.



EVENING BUSH DANCE

Prizes for the best decorated table, plus a Boot Decorating Competition.



SUNDAY – CELEBRATE

Celebrate Rotary, friendships and the year ahead.

— Join Us —



DISTRICT 9685 GOVERNOR
MICHELE ELLERY
AND HUSBAND DAVID

Book Now



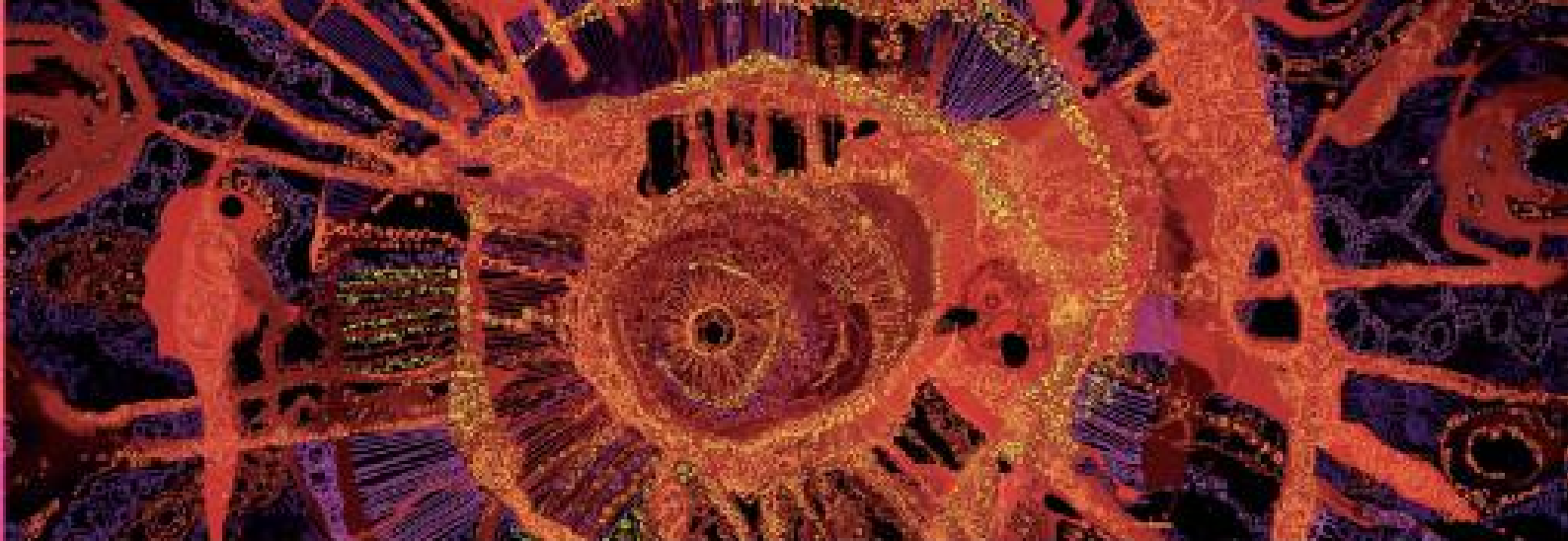
TICKETS AND PRICING

Early Bird Conference - \$345
Available until 30 September 2026

Full Conference - \$395
Available until 28 February 2027

For accommodation options and special deals, visit the conference website:
rotarydistrict9685.org.au/page/conference





AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH

THE DEADLY 10

Ten clubs. Ten new Indigenous health scholars. \$5,000 each. Unlimited possibilities.

Since 2003, Rotary clubs have helped Australian Rotary Health back 640 Indigenous Health Scholars - future doctors, nurses, paramedics and healers. This NAIDOC month, we are asking ten new Rotary clubs to back the next ten scholars. If you are a club looking for a reason to start supporting ARH in 2026, or wishing to increase your support, this is your moment.

WHY IT MATTERS

A \$5,000 scholarship is the smallest part of what it gives. It tells a student who has been quietly told they do not belong that they do. It turns "maybe one day" into "I start this year." And it builds a bridge, from a kid who has never met an Indigenous doctor to the doctor the next kid grows up seeing.

"It's an opportunity to redefine what it means to be Indigenous in a modern context, and to inspire others in my community to pursue their own dreams, no matter how ambitious."

MAYA BENVENGA - INDIGENOUS HEALTH SCHOLAR, FUNDED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROSEBUD-RYE

WHAT YOUR \$5,000 DOES

- One Indigenous health scholar, backed for a year.
- Your club named as their sponsor.
- A direct connection to the scholar you fund.
- Updates on their study and story to share with members.
- A place on the Deadly 10 honour roll for ARH 2026-2027.

HOW IT WORKS

01

Say yes

Decide your club will back one new Indigenous Health Scholar for \$5,000.

02

Scan and send

Scan the QR to open a ready-to-go email, add your details, and send. About 30 seconds.

03

We match you

Australian Rotary Health pairs your club with a new scholar for 2026/2027.

04

Connect with your scholar

Your club is named as their sponsor and follows their journey.

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AUSTRALIAN
ROTARY
HEALTH

All donations are fully tax deductible. Australian Rotary Health, the health charity Rotary clubs and Rotarians power.

JOIN THE DEADLY 10
Scan to pledge in 30
seconds.



RIPEN

SOUTH CAMP
2026

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

A long weekend of team building, connection, and leadership.

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3rd - 5th
Oct 2026

TGABC
Tea
Gardens



- ✓ Step outside your **comfort zone**
- ✓ Build confidence & **teambuilding** skills
- ✓ **Strengthen** connections and friendships
- ✓ Learn new skills with **hands-on** activities
- ✓ Discover your **leadership potential**
- ✓ Build confidence, resilience & **problem-solving** skills



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!

<https://forms.office.com/r/8rFnk6qbGp>

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You're Invited

TO THE COFFS CITY ROTARY CLUB'S
40TH ANNIVERSARY & CHANGEOVER DINNER

Saturday, 22nd August 2026

6:00 PM Start

Pacific Bay Resort Restaurant, Coffs Harbour

Purchase tickets by 10th August

*Three-course dinner included +
40th Anniversary Commemorative Club History Book*

\$80 per person

\$20 for the club history book

Coffs City Rotary 



**BOOK
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Maternal & Child Health