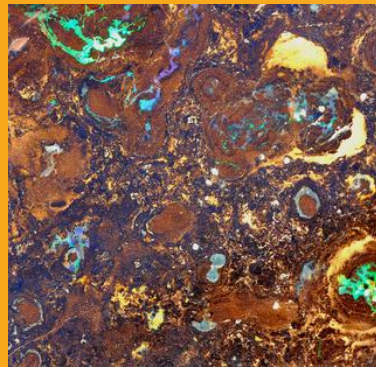




Spotlight

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12th August, 2026



**CREATE
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Falls prevention
is everyone's
business





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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

CONTENT SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

How to make a submission:

1. **EMAIL:** districtnewsletter@rotary9660.org.au
2. **SUBJECT:** [Club / Project] - [Article Title]
3. **BODY:** Article, links, images, and videos
4. and/or **ATTACHMENTS:** Article, images, and videos



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

We prefer all documents in PDF or Word format.

We prefer all video in MP4 format with a 2 minute maximum length.

We prefer all photos in PNG or JPG format

Please be mindful of appropriate angles.

How to use Heyzine

To find the Table of contents on Hezyine- in the bottom right corner you will find this:

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**International President for 2026-27,
Olayinka (Yinka) Babalola.
Nigeria**

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District Governor **Di Hall**



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One month into the role, and already inspired

Thank you to the team behind Spotlight, who take on the workload of producing a new edition every fortnight. Your work doesn't go unnoticed.

By the time this third edition reaches you, I will have completed my first month as District Governor. Since July 1, I've had the privilege of attending Changeover events for the Tamworth, Guyra, Paterson and Taree Rotary clubs, clubs, all have been different and all have showcased the amazing work they have done to bring to reality a huge variety of projects all which improve the lives of their community both at home and across the world. Between them have celebrated over 300 years of Rotary service to their communities. That figure alone speaks to the extraordinary commitment of Rotarians across our district. It leaves me wondering: if we could add up the service hours of every member who has ever passed through those clubs, how many service hours would the total be?

August Is Rotary Membership Month

August is the month we focus on welcoming new members into Rotary and Rotaract clubs.

The word "membership" can carry mixed associations in the modern world, and some people shy away from it. So let's shift the invitation: encourage people to join us in service work, where they can make a real difference in their own community.

It's through that experience, the friendship, the professional advice, the opportunities and the mentorship that people come to appreciate just how much Rotary offers them personally.

Would you invite someone to come to Rotary with you? If not, why not? When did you last extend that invitation? Perhaps it's worth asking whether a meeting or a dinner is still the most inviting entry point, particularly for younger generations. Take a look at your club and see what alternatives might open the door to more people becoming Rotarians.

Dates for Your Diary

Showcase in Armidale has been postponed. Raymond Terrace has been cancelled.

11 October 2026: Showcase in Sawtell. Contact your RCLs, Richie Goddard and/or Steve Towle, and tell them what you need.

21-22 November 2026: Showcase in Tamworth. This weekend also includes the AGM, so all clubs need to be represented.

These Showcases have no borders; if you're up for a trip, you're welcome to register at any of them. Look out for the poster and QR code, and please register with definite numbers, since catering depends on it and it's only fair to the venues.

Public Speaking. I hope every club has enjoyed the talents of our young people and encouraged their public speaking skills. Please notify your RCL of your club winner by 31 August 2026.

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Spreading the Word

RYPEN. The program for teenagers to give them the opportunity to experience leadership skills and team-building skills over a weekend. Let them experience working outside their comfort zones, making new friends and building skills for their future.

Youth Exchange. We're welcoming a new group of Exchange students from around the world into our district. I encourage every club to reach out to their nearest exchange student; invite them to speak, enjoy their company, and involve them in your service projects. You don't need to be a host club to invite them along, and it's a wonderful way to help build peace in the world, one person at a time.

Your district team is here to help

A reminder that our district team is here to assist every club; you only have to ask. They bring deep Rotary knowledge and are keen to serve and advise you.

Keep an eye out for our online training sessions; new ones are being added regularly. It's been a genuinely successful initiative, and we'll keep it going throughout the year.

Have you learned something new today? I have! Rotary has offered me new learning experiences every day and even more so since I accepted this role! Every role you take on in Rotary will teach you new skills! We share our skills voluntarily – NO COST! – that doesn't happen in the professional world. It's so inspiring and invigorating to learn something new! Try it! Why wouldn't you join Rotary!

August is Membership Month. Let's induct some new members. Just one new member in every club gives our district another 90 members!

Redistricting –

- Have you voted
- One vote per club
- Yes – supports the formation of a new district which joins District 9660, 9685 and 9640 (in NSW)
- No – gives Rotary International the right to form the two districts in NSW without consideration of our proposal.

Closing date for voting in 30 August 2026. Each districting proposal includes certification that the majority of clubs in the district(s) did not reject the proposal.

Have fun! Enjoy Rotary! Make New friends! Visit another club!

Di Hall
District Governor

Continued...

Some documents to assist your discussion:

[rotary_redistricting_letter_to_members.cx](#)

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Q&A Zone 8

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Club list for new District

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Click on the 9660-9685 tab

Club Visits

Taree Rotary Club turns 89



All the Taree Presidents etc



PDG Ian Dyball



All the new PHF recipients with President Anna



RCL PDG Brian & Heather Beesley and PDG Ken Hall



Anne (c) and her Board at Paterson Rotary Club



Maitland Sunrise Rotary Club

STAY CONNECTED



with Rotary District 9660



<https://www.instagram.com/rotary9660/>



<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryDistrict9660>

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.



<https://www.tiktok.com/@rotary.d9660>



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District Grants now open!

Up to \$3,000
on offer

Apply via DACdb



Ready to make an even bigger impact in your community?

District Grants of up to \$3,000 are now available for your club's next project!

Whether you're planning a local environmental initiative, a youth program, peace pole or a community service project, The Rotary Foundation can help you bring those ideas to life via a District Grant.

Keen to know more: log in to DACdb Select MyDistrict and then the Grants logo

How to Apply: in DACdb, select the MyClub tab and then the Grants Logo and click on the 'New Club Grant Request' button in the top right.

Need help? Contact District Grant team members Glenda Briggs (0408 180 822) or Ken Hall (0419 613 982).

Timeline for 2026-27 grants

Wednesday 1st July 2026 Applications open on the District Grants tab on DACdb. To start, click on the "Club Grants View" on the left Grant navigation tab.

Sunday, August 16th, 4.00pm. An optional TEAMS information session to help clubs to finalise any existing grants before applying for a further grant and to help with new applications.

<https://support.rotary9660.org.au/event-rsvp>

Monday, September 21st, 2026. Applications close 5pm for District review.

Saturday 21st November 2026. Successful grants are announced.

Log in now and start your application to boost your club's meaningful work. ⚙️💙



Redistricting Rotary VOTE YES NOW!!

support.rotary9660.org.au/redistricting-vote

LEADERSHIP!

District Governor for 2028-29 Applications are open. It's an exciting time to lead our organisation and create a sustainable future with a lasting impact. For more information, please contact District Governor Di Hall di.hall@rotary9660.org.au 0411704654

Brittani first came across Rotary at RYLA back in 2015. She went on to help start the Port Macquarie Rotaract Club, then became a Rotarian, and she has now been part of the Rotary family for 11 years.

What keeps her here is pretty simple. She likes being around people who genuinely want to help, and she came in wanting to build projects that make a real difference to health and education, both at home and overseas.

The one she is proudest of is the chicken farming project in Chulthedada, Nepal. It started six years ago and now runs entirely on its own. It has given the local economy a real lift, and school attendance in the village has gone from around 13 per cent to more than 80 per cent. Some of the kids who were there at the start are now heading off to college.

Next up is Niem Nursing, a project to sponsor young women to train as nurses. The idea is to give them an education, a job and some financial independence, and in doing so help push back against poverty, child marriage and the risk of trafficking.

Away from Rotary, Brittani is a neonatal nurse on the Mid North Coast and is studying nursing leadership and management. The rest of her time goes to her family, the garden, baking, writing, and a bit of public speaking that she is hoping to do more of this year.

Her advice for anyone thinking about joining? "Do it. Rotarians have a way of making you feel welcome wherever you go. It gives you a real sense of belonging."

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ROTARIAN SPOTLIGHT

Brittani Michelle

Rotary Club of Wauchope

I love surrounding myself with people who are committed to making the world a better place.

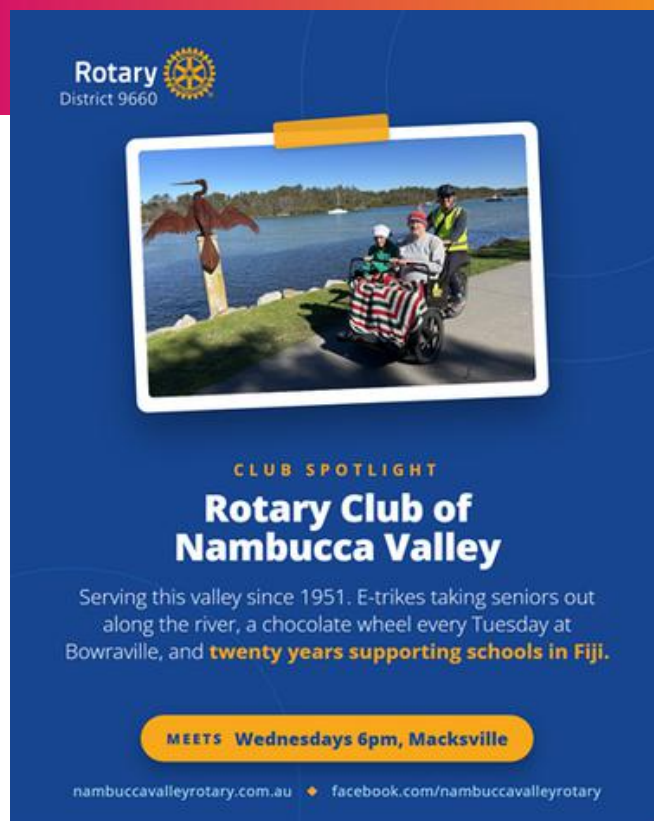
IN ROTARY SINCE 2015



Featured RCL Area 4

Steve Towle

My career was as an Advanced Life Support Paramedic and Duty Operations Manager with NSW Ambulance Service. I've worked in most of regional New South Wales. For the last forty plus years we've lived in the Hastings Valley centred on Port Macquarie. Currently we live in Wauchope and I'm a member of the Rotary Club of Wauchope, Community Services Director. Previously I was a long term member of the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West holding Directorships in most except for Secretary and Treasurer. Mainly though in Community Service. I am also involved in the 9660 Rawcs and Foundation District committees. My RCL area is the LGA (local government areas of the Macleay Valley Based on Kempsey and the Hastings Valley. I am spoilt in that I have a good working relationship with most clubs and the clubs which are new to me and I to them are looking forward to the future of Rotary.



People of Action are not always a big crowd. Sometimes they are a small club that simply refuses to slow down.

Meet the Rotary Club of Nambucca Valley. Rotary has been part of this valley since 1951, when the Nambucca Heads club was chartered, with Macksville following in 1953. The two came together in 2020 to form the club that serves the valley today.

Ask what they are known for and you get three answers. The club runs two e-trikes that take seniors out along the river for a ride and some fresh air. Every Tuesday evening the Rotary chocolate wheel turns at the Bowraville Sports Hub, raising money for local people and groups who need a hand. And for twenty years now a club member has led a Fiji schools project through RAWCS, sending IT gear, books and school supplies, with a team travelling over each year to work alongside the schools.

There is more behind that. The club supports polio eradication and Youth Exchange, backs Year 11 students to attend the National Youth Science Forum, and turns out for the Rotary River Run and the barbecue at the Jacks Ridge bike trail. Like a lot of clubs, Nambucca Valley is working hard on membership. It has not slowed them down.

The club meets Wednesdays, 6pm for a 6.30 start, at the Macksville Ex-Services Club. Visitors are welcome.

nambuccavalleyrotary.com.au

facebook.com/nambuccavalleyrotary.

Clubs can send their own Club Spotlight to publicimage@rotary9660.org.au.



SARAH HERMS

2026/2027 PRESIDENT & DISTRICT
ROTARACT REPRESENTATIVE



HOW ROTARIANS CAN HELP THE DRR

A few practical things every club
can do:

- Invite Sarah, and invite Rotaractors. Ask Sarah or a local Rotaractor to speak at your club. A Rotarian who has actually met a Rotaractor becomes an advocate in rooms they are not in.
- Sponsor, mentor, or simply turn up. Rotaract clubs benefit enormously from a Rotary club that answers the phone, and from Rotarians willing to mentor rather than direct.
- Ask, do not assume. Rotaract clubs are independent clubs with their own boards, constitutions and priorities.

CONTACT

E-mail DRR@rotary9660.org.au

WHAT A DISTRICT ROTARACT REPRESENTATIVE ACTUALLY IS

The Rotary Code of Policies (section 12.080.2) states that a district with two or more Rotaract clubs must elect a District Rotaract Representative from among their membership. District 9660 has three Rotaract clubs: Greater Hunter Rotaract, Narrabri Rotaract and Wee Waa Rotaract.

- Represents every Rotaractor in the district
- Communicates with the District Governor and district leadership
- Brings the district's Rotaract clubs together for service and fellowship
- Promotes Rotaract to Rotary clubs and to the wider community
- Acts as the district's Rotaract liaison to Rotary International
- Supports clubs running projects, and coordinates joint Rotary and Rotaract activity
- Helps organise training for incoming Rotaract club officers

How the DRR can help your club

If your club has ever wondered how to connect with younger members, or how to contact Rotaract, Sarah is the person to ask. She can help with:

- Connecting your Rotary club with a Rotaract club for a joint project, a shared social or a speaker
- Advice on sponsoring or chartering a new Rotaract club in your area
- Getting a Rotaractor along to your meeting, or getting your members along to theirs
- Anything you want raised at district level on behalf of Rotaract
- Anything Rotaract related where you simply do not know who to ask

DISTRICT CALENDAR

15 Aug 2026	Finance Committee Meeting	Teams 5:00 pm
25–27 August 2026	Science & Engineering Challenge NSW State Final	
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
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

DISTRICT CALENDAR

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



Venezuela Update - as of 20 July 2026

Following the most powerful earthquake sequence to strike Venezuela in over 125 years, ShelterBox is visiting affected areas and talking to people who have lost their homes to find out how we can best support them. Many families are living in temporary shelters like schools, churches and stadiums.

Aid is being moved from warehouses in Barbados and Panama to Venezuela by sea and air. Items include tents, shelter kits and household items including mosquito nets, blankets, sleeping mats, solar lights and kitchen sets.

ShelterBox is working closely with Rotary in Venezuela who are providing expertise and support, including local logistics insights, helping to navigate complex customs processes, and scope different potential project routes.

“The situation on the ground reveals a reality for which no one could ever be fully prepared ... a reality that calls on all of us to act in solidarity and provide meaningful support.” Miguel Dos Santos, Rotaract District Representative D4370

Philippines Update - as of 20 July 2026

Our highly experienced ShelterBox Philippines team alongside our local partners IRDT and the Rotary Club of Metro Dadiangas, spoke to families and carried out assessments to understand what communities needed.

Distributions of aid have now begun despite delays due to bad weather conditions.

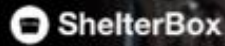
Nearly 500 families across seven villages have received shelter toolkits and plans are in place to reach another 1300 households by 21 July.

ShelterBox is supporting families with emergency shelter and essential aid items, including shelter toolkits, tarpaulins, typhoon straps, kitchen sets, blankets, mosquito nets, solar lights, water containers, and basic hygiene items. A small amount of cash assistance per family to meet additional shelter needs is also being provided. Click here for our response [Philippines response](#)

Disasters Explained and what comes after

Biologist, presenter and podcaster, Gillian Burke discovers the impact earthquakes have on communities and what happens after as they rebuild their homes.

[click this link to view](#)



**CAMP OUT
FOR 24 HOURS
IN THE NAME
OF DISASTER
RELIEF**

*Go #OffTheGrid between
20th June - 19th August.*

*Power down for a purpose.
Turn off your phones, lights,
Wi-Fi or social media and
do good.*

Off The Grid

This fundraising campaign kicked off on 20 June (World Refugee Day) through to 19 August (World Humanitarian Day). The concept is simple: Get together with friends, family, colleagues etc, camp out and power down for a purpose for 24 hours – experience what life is like for so many without the comforts of (what we know as) home. It's not too late to register and you can do this as a team or an individual by clicking on this link [Off The Grid](#)

If you're not into the camping out part of it, you can still contribute by sponsoring someone who is. Don't know who to sponsor? Go to [Off The Grid](#) A donation to the ShelterBox Australia Conference Team (see below) would be most welcome.

ShelterBox Australia Conference

The annual ShelterBox Conference is happening later this month on the Gold Coast. Volunteers and Board Members will be attending from across Australia. Some attendees will be camping out in tents as part of the [Off The Grid](#) fundraising campaign. (See above.)

Trek4shelter

Are you someone who enjoys the company of others while out on a hike and enjoying the fresh air? This is something for those with a sense of adventure for a purpose - a 4-day hike, 15-18 October. Trek along Stage One of the iconic Hume and Hovell Track in South-Eastern NSW. Your participation will be raising much needed funds to support displaced people around the world following disaster and conflict. Spaces are filling up fast! You can find out more here: [2026 Hume and Hovell Track](#)



THANK YOU!

ShelterBox Australia wishes to thank individuals, Rotary Clubs and others for their very generous donations throughout the 2025-2026 financial year. Across Australia, \$1,421,414 which included two generous bequests, was raised. This is such an achievement given the current challenging financial climate, but will have a lasting impact on the lives of people recovering from disaster or conflict by providing emergency shelter.

On behalf of those we help, THANK YOU!

ShelterBox and Rotary International are official partners in disaster relief

ShelterBox is a charity independent of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation

Contact: Sue Hooper | hoopergs@gmail.com | | Website: <https://shelterboxaustralia.org.au/>



Say No To Domestic Violence



A District 9660 focus for this year and we are working on a plan.



David Harmon from Ballina on Richmond Rotary Club has offered to be a guest speaker for your club meeting. He and his wife, Robyn, have built this program from the grassroots and are very happy to share information with clubs.

Some of our clubs are well on the way with their plans to promote this program and Pam Dean-Jones and Lindy Hunt are doing amazing work. Talk to your Rotary Community Leader as they are joining the leadership of this program.

To get the guru of Say NO to Domestic Violence to speak with your club contact David on ddharmon22361@gmail.com or Mobile 0401 956 996



Scone Rotary Club raised \$10,000 in one night to fund this program! Rotarians doing INCREDIBLE things for their community!!



STOP *the* VIOLENCE END *the* SILENCE

SAY NO TO DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE



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August 2026 | Club Spotlight

Rotary Club of Taree: From Rural Australia to Saving Mothers' Lives Across Continents

One of Rotary's greatest strengths is that even a regional club can make a global impact. Over the past several years, the Rotary Club of Taree has developed strong international partnerships spanning the Philippines and the Democratic Republic of Congo, bringing together Rotary clubs, governments, hospitals and healthcare professionals with one shared purpose—to improve maternal and newborn health and reduce preventable maternal deaths



In **Quezon Province, Philippines**, the club recently celebrated the successful implementation of **The Rotary Foundation Global Grant GG2689595 – Wheels for Life: Saving Moms & Babies in Quezon Province**. Working alongside the Rotary Club of Lucena, the Provincial Government of Quezon, the Quezon Provincial Health Office and Quezon Medical Center, the project has delivered approximately **PHP 6.8 million (USD 119,742)** worth of life-saving medical equipment to strengthen maternal, newborn and neonatal services throughout the province.

https://youtu.be/7p_tlMeEYfE?si=6QdVqIOESDsyNbw9

This achievement builds on an earlier Balwyn Centenary Grant that equipped the province's Mobile Women's Health Van and supported emergency obstetric services. Together, these complementary projects demonstrate Rotary's commitment to creating sustainable healthcare systems—not simply donating equipment, but strengthening local capacity for years to come.



Meanwhile, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rotary Club of Taree has helped establish a Train the Trainer in Obstetric Emergencies program. Rather than providing one-off education, local doctors and midwives are trained to become educators themselves, creating a sustainable model that continues to multiply skills and save lives long after the initial training has concluded

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These projects demonstrate that International Service is about far more than fundraising. It is about building trusted partnerships, sharing knowledge, empowering local communities and creating lasting impact.

Project Opportunity

Uganda seeks an Australian Rotary partner. Following the success of the Train the Trainer program in the Democratic Republic of Congo, healthcare leaders in Uganda have approached Rotary seeking support to establish a similar program.

We are currently looking for a District 9660 Rotary club interested in becoming the Australian partner for this exciting humanitarian initiative. If your club is looking for a meaningful international project with sustainable, measurable outcomes, I'd love to hear from you. Email international.chair@rotary9660.org.au

Global Grant Corner

Start with partnerships—not paperwork. Successful Global Grants begin with strong relationships and genuine community needs. Before discussing budgets or completing applications:

- Build a relationship with your host Rotary club.
- Listen to the community's priorities.
- Design a sustainable project together.
- Then develop the grant application.

The strongest Global Grants are built on trust, collaboration and shared ownership.

Friendship Across Borders

International Service is also about friendships. This September, a delegation of eight members and friends of Rotary Club of Taree will travel to the Philippines to visit our humanitarian projects, meet local Rotarians and witness first-hand the impact of Rotary's support.

The journey will continue to Japan, where we'll celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our sister club, Rotary Club of Okayama Chuo—a wonderful reminder that Rotary friendships often become lifelong friendships.

Could Your Club Be Our Next Spotlight?

Every club has a story worth sharing.

Has your club:

- completed an international project?
- partnered with an overseas Rotary club?
- hosted an international friendship exchange?
- started planning a Global Grant?
- developed an innovative humanitarian initiative?

I'd love to feature your club in a future edition of Rotary Without Borders.

By sharing our stories, we inspire other clubs to think globally while continuing to serve locally. Feature Your Club in the Next Edition of Rotary Without Borders

Have an international project to share?

Looking for an overseas partner?

Need advice on a District or Global Grant?

✉ international.chair@rotary9660.org.au



Dr Grace Maano
District International Service Chair
2026-2027
rotary9660.international@gmail.com

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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IN MEMORIAM



Information Wanted



Have you lost a Rotarian in the past 12 months. Please don't assume I will remember, please send me the following information.

At the forthcoming Zone Conference at the end of October 2026, I have been asked to provide information to acknowledge members of District 9660 who have passed away since last year's conference. Could you please provide us with the following information for those who have passed:

- Name
- District number
- Rotary Club
- Month in which the person passed away
- Please identify if they were a Past District Governor

I would appreciate your input by end of August to allow time for our AV team to prepare the slide content. Please send it directly to me. di.hall@rotary9660.org.au

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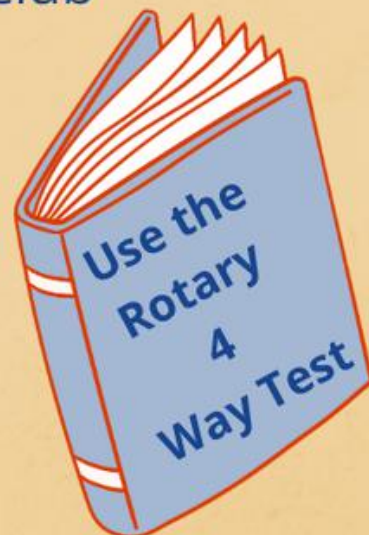
Rotary Public Speaking Competition

Contact your Rotary Club

NOW!!



Own topic



Cash Prizes

5 minute prepared speech
2 minute Impromptu





Hosted by
The Rotary Club
of Cessnock



YOU ARE INVITED TO

Picnic at TIFFANY'S

A stylish evening inspired by Audrey Hepburn

If you have been to one of our previous picnics and loved it or you saw our photos and wished you had been there – don't miss out on our next picnic at Tiffany's!



THE HISTORIC GARDENS OF MARTHAVILLE
200 Wollombi Rd, Cessnock NSW 2325



SATURDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER



5.00PM

Ladies, it's time to get dressed up in your favourite black dress and pearls. Add a touch of Audrey elegance with a large brimmed hat, sunglasses, long black gloves or your hair swept up in style.

Gentlemen, please wear smart casual.

As with our previous picnics, there will be a prize for Best Dressed!

TICKETS

\$25 PER PERSON

Bring your own picnic
food and beverages

\$55 PER PERSON

Picnic hamper provided
(please bring your own beverages)

Your ticket includes:



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Are you interested? Ready to Travel?

Friendship Exchange District 9660 and District 4845

Resistencia Oeste in Argentina
Proposed Date: October/November 2027

Search Resistencia Argentina for more
information

Express your interest by following the
link below:



Rotary Friendship Exchange – Fill out form

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**NEW ENGLAND
SHOWCASE**

**Sat 29th
August**

9:30am - 4:00pm

**Armidale City
Bowling Club**

12-90 Dumasessy
Street, Armidale,
NSW 2350

Cost: \$5

Lunch + refreshments
provided

Accommodation

Only required if
travelling

Contact

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

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

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



RSVP 2 weeks prior

REGISTER NOW

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

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
HERE!**

Rotary
Club of Sawtell



FRI SEP 4TH 2026

TRIVIA FUNDRAISER

6.30PM ARRIVAL FOR 7.30PM SHARP START

**TO BENEFIT:
ROTARY'S YOUTH &
LITERACY PROGRAMS**

**SAWTELL R.S.L
PRINCESS ROOM
\$20 PER PERSON ENTRY
BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!**

**8-12 PLAYERS PER TABLE
BISTRO OPENS AT 5.00PM**

**PAYMENTS: ROTARY ACC:
BSB 533-000 ACC:32813836**



**CONTACT ALAN FREEDMAN
ALAN.L.FREEDMAN@BIGPOND.COM | PHONE 0419 357 864**

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!

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SAWTELL SHOWCASE

11TH OCTOBER,
SAWTELL RSL

A day of inspiration, connection and celebration

Showcase, Training,
Fellowship, & Planning

\$35

This is an opportunity for clubs to showcase the projects you are proud of, create plans for the year ahead, take part in practical training and have real input into the future of Rotary.

It is a day built around the people who do the work, with time to learn from each other, compare what is working and enjoy the fellowship that keeps clubs strong.

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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



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AUGUST

Membership & New Club Development