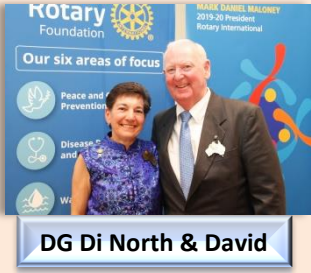


Welcome to the October edition of the District Governor's Bulletin.



It has been another exciting month with official club visits and many other club celebrations.

David and I along with the other 26 District Governors from Australia and New Zealand attended the Rotary International Australia and New Zealand Conference in Christchurch in September. The Theme of the conference was **“Regeneration”**.



It is amazing and inspiring to see how Christchurch has rebuilt after the devastating earthquakes in 2011. They are now suffering from lack of tourism. It is a beautiful city and it was lovely to see so many Rotarians in town doing their bit to help boost the economy. May I recommend that if you are considering visiting New Zealand that you make sure a visit to Christchurch is on your list?



After Christchurch we had the very great pleasure of having **RI President Mark Maloney** and his wife, **Gay**, in Sydney for one day only. Thank you to the **Rotary Club of Sydney Cove** for hosting Mark and Gay for the day. **President John King** and his club organised lunch at the Cruising Yacht Club and then a cruise on a yacht around the beautiful Sydney Harbour. It was wonderful to see nearly 300 Rotarians, partners and friends at dinner that night at the Deckhouse in Woolwich. Four Rotary Districts were represented by their District Governors – 9675, 9685, 9600 and 9670.



Both Mark and Gay spoke about their lives and aspirations for this Rotary year. They also spoke about their association with Sydney for the 2014 Rotary International Convention. Mark and Gay were both very generous with their time and freely made themselves available for photographs. Thank you to all the Rotarians who attended from our District. You helped make the night the huge success that it was.



PDG (D9780) Jessie Harman Appointed Zone 8 RI Director for 2021-2023

It has just been announced by Rotary International that Past District Governor (District 9780), Jessie Harman, will be confirmed on 1st December as our Zone 8 Rotary International Director 2021-23, following the mandatory appeal period. Jessie is a member of the Rotary Club of Wendouree Breakfast in Ballarat, Victoria.

Jessie has been active at club, district and international levels. She is a past club secretary, president and was district governor in 2010-2011. More recently she has served as Rotary coordinator (2013-2016) and project lead for the Regional Membership Plan for Australia and New Zealand (2013-2017). She has been a member of the national training team, as well as training leader and seminar trainer at Rotary's International Assembly in San Diego (2014, 2015, 2017 & 2018). Currently, she is chair of the Membership Committee for Rotary International and a member of the Honolulu 2020 Convention committee.



Jessie Harman and husband Andrew

50th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Mt Druitt

Another great celebration this month was the **50th anniversary of Rotary Club of Mt Druitt** having chartered in August 1969, sponsored by the **Rotary Club of St Marys**. **President Jo-Anne Taylor** opened the meeting welcoming everyone for coming to help celebrate 50 years of community work and friendships. Everyone enjoyed the slideshow and looking at the photos around room.

PDG Phil Lacey stated that in 1969 RI President James F Conway's theme was Review and Renew, the Rotary Club of Mt Druitt was still part of District 268 and the District Governor was Thomas Howieson. The End Polio project had not yet started. Matching grants and Group Study Exchange had started and Rotary was doing good in the world.

President Jo-Anne and long-standing member **Peter Armstrong** (both pictured right) cut the birthday cake whilst members sang Happy Birthday.



Bob White mentioned that in the 1970s the major project was the installation of playground equipment in 26 of 28 local parks. The **Rotary Club also took up a petition for a community swimming pool**.

The Rotary Club of Mt Druitt is a small but active club enjoying friendships. Their activities and fundraisers include an annual golf day, Rotary park, the clock monument near Mt Druitt Hospital, Christmas trailer raffle (since 1974 approximately \$700,000 has been raised), Senior Citizens Christmas lunch providing meals for 200-300, monthly Bunnings BBQs, Medieval Fayre BBQ over 2 days, Ray Robinson trivia night, Ken Hall car rally, Frank Mintoff Memorial euchre night, 10 Pin family fun day, white elephant stall, annual Police Officer of the Year Awards night and Pride of Workmanship Awards.





District Governor Dianne presented to President Jo-Anne a certificate honouring the Club's 50 Years of Membership from Rotary International President Mark Maloney.

Jim Friend told the story that in 1969 his father was a charter member and assisted with the installation of the playground equipment. Jim joined Blacktown Rotaract to meet the fairer sex and married a Rotaractor, Kim. In 1979 when Jim's father took Jim to a Rotary meeting he knew everyone so he joined the Club.

During the evening 17 Rotary Clubs were represented from two Districts (9675 and 9685) to enjoy the celebrations.

80th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Hurstville

As announced in last month's DG Bulletin, I have pleasure in giving you some more information and photos from the Rotary Club of Hurstville's 80th Anniversary celebrations.



Hurstville was the fourth club in our District to be chartered after Sydney, Parramatta and Wollongong. The Rotary Club of Hurstville began on 2nd September, 1939 – the day before World War II was declared and Australia's involvement was announced by Prime Minister Menzies. Hurstville Rotary Club was chartered by the Rotary Club of Sydney. Its first president was a local well-known businessman, Charles Barter (serving two terms in this role). The first meeting of the provisional club was held in Jolleys Arcade whilst the Charter Dinner was held at the Hurstville Masonic Hall. Because of the war, activities were limited. Subsequently, however, Hurstville Rotary has been prominent and in many cases has initiated many community projects that have added substantially to the fabric of Hurstville and its environs. Early projects included assistance to the local Scout Troup, a Flower Festival to assist Legacy, the sponsorship of a British Family from Wales to settle locally in Australia and a car to assist the local Home Nursing Service.

The story has continued over time with the Club changing venues for their meetings but still continuing with its valuable assistance to the community such as the "Meals on Wheels" project which continues today; the purchase of the St George Life Education Caravan which after 30 years still services some 12,000 Primary School Children in the Georges River Electorate bringing its message about healthy living and abstinence from drugs and similar issues; to our present project "Kids at Play" which has upgraded the Children's Ward at St George Hospital substantially and is a tribute to the effort of Hurstville Rotary in its 80th Year of service. Three stages have been undertaken with the "Fairy Garden" and "Children's Emergency" to be completed in the very near future.

As well as major projects they have supported overseas projects with uniforms for children obtained from a local school, sent 1000 knitted Beanies to our troops in Afghanistan, continued supporting Rotary projects such as RYLA, RYPEN and many years were very active in Youth Exchange sending students, and accepting students from Germany, South Africa, Japan, Norway, Sweden and France.



The Club's 80th Anniversary "Diamonds & Pearls" event attracted many local leaders from various community organisations as well as 20 past Presidents and a number of former members, many of whom travelled from interstate and distant towns in NSW. The Club's "pièce de résistance" for the evening was having the granddaughter of longstanding member and **Past President Ken Ford, Julie-Lea Goodwin** from the Australian Opera Company (pictured left with **Marion Smith – chair of the 80th organising committee**) as the guest performer. We are looking forward to Hurstville Rotary Club continuing their active support in the years to come.

Annual Rotary Youth Vocational Awards

At the 23rd Annual Rotary Youth Vocational Awards held on the 10th September, the **Rotary Club of Padstow** joined with High Schools in the Bankstown area to recognise the performance and achievements of Year 11 and 12 students who participate in Vocational Education and Training studies.

Vocational Education and Training courses are focused on linking students to employment and work placements are part of the structured training program with several learning outcomes. The assessment is competency based and students are assessed on their own achievements.

These community awards seek to recognise and acknowledge students' achievements in vocational studies in preparation for their future career paths.

Eighteen High Schools participated in this year's awards with forty five students recognised and acknowledged for their efforts and achievements. The event is hosted by schools on a rotational basis and this year's awards were held at Bankstown Girls High School. Catering and entertainment were provided by the school's students. (Pictured right: DG Di with the Principal of Bankstown Girls High School, Suada Bilali).

A highlight was keynote speaker Maxine Colligan (pictured right), a car spray painter and a finalist in the WorldSkills competition held in Kazan, Russia winning three awards:

1. Silver in 'Sustainability';
2. Third place overall for 'car painting'; and
3. Best in Nation Award for leading the Australian team's results.



Aimen Jeffery, East Hills Boys High, with Tony Luck of Padstow Rotary Club & DG Di



In Maxine's own words:

"Spending the last two weeks in Kazan, Russia, to compete in the 45th International WorldSkills Competition has opened my eyes as to what is really possible with vocational education and training. Picking up a trade just after high school was hands down the best decision I've made in my life so far. I have learnt so many things and improved my skills to a level that I never would have thought possible".

RLI 1 – A learning course for new Rotarians.

Rotary District 9675 will be holding an **RLI 1 seminar on 23 November 2019** with registrations from 8.45am for a 9.00am start at Camden Golf Club, Lodges Rd, Narellan.

In our District this seminar is run as a half day event and we invite new Rotary members and their mentor to come along and learn some of the basic information on Rotary. New Rotary members will also get the opportunity to ask questions that they have not felt comfortable asking within their own club. The purpose of this orientation is to have new members more acquainted with Rotary (i.e. on local, district and international levels) without overwhelming them. Hopefully, they will have made new friends by the end of meeting and feel more connected to their Rotary Club.

Please note that booking is essential via this [trybooking](#) link.

Past District Governor Phil Lacey Awarded the Australian Rotary Health Medal

I would like to congratulate **PDG Phil Lacey** on being awarded the **Australian Rotary Health Medal**.



Phil (pictured left with his wife, **Nerrie Lacey**, and **DG Di**), is a past Rotaractor who joined Rotary in 1991. He was District Governor in 2001-02 and has held various positions in his Rotary club, RYPEN Chairman and Assistant Governor. Phil has attended many conferences, international conventions and Institutes (chairman in 2009 and he's been recognised for his work with a PHF (2 rubies). He started the renovation of Port Vila hospital in Vanuatu which led to other projects. Phil has also been a district and club trainer, an RLI facilitator, ARH director and vice chairman, alternate and delegate to the Council of Legislation, zone and club webmaster. Phil previously received a meritorious service award from RDU.

Phil is very well known for his work in conducting the Audio-Visuals at RDU DGEs briefing weekends and multi district PETs, and at district conferences (including for other districts). Phil received the Penrith Council Local Appreciation Award for his community work. He was a volunteer at Sydney RI convention in 2014. Phil has also served as a clubs representative on the Committee of the Association. Phil is a member of Humanitarian Grants Cadre and has served as the RI Institute Registrar. Phil received the Service Above Self award and has performed volunteer work for Salvation Army Red Shield appeal. Phil is a very worthy recipient of this award from Australian Rotary Health.

This month is Economic and Community Development Month

Clubs in our District have many projects that do exactly that. I would like to highlight **Ingleburn Rotary Club's Emai Island Project**.

For the last 12 or so years, The **Rotary Club of Ingleburn's** International Project has been the development and upgrading of school buildings at Nofo School on the small island of Emae in Vanuatu. Emae has a population of 750 - 800 residents of which approximately 450 – 500 are children.



To date the **Rotary Club of Ingleburn** has transformed, or helped to transform, four buildings from rough local timber and thatch buildings that were not weatherproof to very solid cyclone proof concrete buildings. This has provided a much better learning environment for the local children. The buildings completed so far consist of an administration/ library/ storeroom block and three additional double classrooms.

Funds are raised from the many events **RC Ingleburn** participate in along with grants from Rotary, District and RAWCS.

To get the materials required to the island the Club liaises with the local builder, Nicolas. Nicolas advises the quantities required which are then purchased from the local hardware store in Port Vila who arranges to have the items shipped on the next vessel heading to Emae. This is the most frustrating part of the exercise as there is only one ship that can get in close enough to Emae to unload; with ship repairs, bad weather or even backlog in deliveries, this can take many months to happen.



RC Ingleburn is completing a fifth building, a double classroom which will be used as a science block. In July the Club received photos showing work done on the floors, the first coat of painting and fitting door jams.



The last shot (see below) is from the back ... is impressive and shows the length of the two sets of buildings virtually attached as they are so close. Impressive is our contribution as there are now three sets of double classroom buildings in a row, all funded by RC Ingleburn's own funds and grants.



Building typically comes in waves these days, as work is dictated by the block availability of Nicolas, the Builder. No word yet on a time expected to finish, and this is customary, as time is always "island time". It might stop at any time, and be taken up at any time.



As the classrooms come into use, it seems that the people there must be pinching themselves to have such a lovely looking school, so bright and fresh, with gardens etc. Sure, there are only some pit toilets for the kids (the boys often go in the bush), but the school once was a grubby, peeling paint, dark grey inside place, only 2 buildings. It was a sad place.

The transformation certainly has had a profound effect on the "can do" community feeling on Emae, they have taken ownership of the project and are self-motivated and don't wait for visits and support to get the work done.

An amazing outcome for the Emae Island community and the **Rotary Club of Ingleburn**.

World Polio Day – 24 October

If you are you hosting a **World Polio Day** event in your community please let Rotary International know about it.

Every year, on 24th October, we celebrate our progress toward eradicating polio. Clubs around the world raise awareness in their communities and spread the word that the fight to end polio is not over.

Here are some Rotary clubs that already registered their World Polio Day events:

- In Italy, the Rotary clubs in Reggio Calabria organised a concert at Mediterranean University to raise funds for PolioPlus.
- In Honduras, the Rotary Club of San Pedro Sula held a breakfast with local media to publicise Rotary's progress toward ending polio.
- In Hong Kong, the Rotary Club of Channel Islands is using social media to spread the word about World Polio Day.
- In Sydney, the District Governors from Rotary Districts 9675, 9685, 9980 and other Rotarians will be riding the Sydney train system – all 195 stations – starting at 4.33AM at Cronulla and finishing at 10.52PM at Tallawong. They will be spreading the word about Polio Eradication as well as collecting donations from Rotary Clubs along the way, hoping to raise over \$250,000.

Download the World Polio Day [planning resources](#) to help you organize your club's event.

[Register my event](#)

United Nations – 75th Birthday in 2020

The **United Nations** will be celebrating its 75th birthday in 2020. To celebrate this enduring, collaborative relationship **RI President Mark Maloney** has convened five special events at key UN offices around the world. These events will feature engaging speakers, informative general sessions and hands on workshops. There are many parallels with our two organisations with Rotary's areas of focus and the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. Our relationship is an example of how, together, we can serve the world. The events are:

- ❖ 9 November – Rotary Day at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City USA. The theme will be Connecting For Good
- ❖ 28 February – Rotary Day at the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago, Chile. The theme will be Sustainable Cities and Communities
- ❖ 28 March – Rotary Day at UNESCO, Paris, France. The theme will be Towards Peaceful Societies.
- ❖ 7 to 8 May – Rotary Day at the Food and Agriculture Organisation, Rome, Italy. The theme will be Uniting for Global Impact
- ❖ 5 June - Rotary and UN celebration, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. The theme will be Celebrating 75 years of connecting to do good in the world.

This last one will be at the **Rotary International Convention**.

Have you registered yet?

Why go to RI Convention?

Because it's in Hawaii!!

Attending the RI Convention provides us with the opportunity to meet our fellow Rotarians from all over the world. We get to appreciate the global nature of this wonderful organisation, when we are rubbing shoulders with up to 30,000 Rotarians, many of whom are in their national dress throughout the event. We get to hear inspirational speakers and there are breakout sessions offering something for everyone – with the opportunity to learn more about what Rotary, and Rotarians, have done in the world. It's a great time to make new friends and to collect wonderful memories.



Further details about the RI Convention in Honolulu can be found [HERE](#).

Rotary International Convention

“Aloha Rotary”

Honolulu 6-10 June 2020



Have you registered yet for Conference 2020 to be held in Wollongong at the Wollongong Entertainment Centre (WEC) from 20th to 22nd March 2020?

[Click here to register for CONFERENCE 2020 in Wollongong](#)

The Early Bird Rate is \$240 and will continue until 31st December 2019.

We have some great guest speakers lined up for you – Turia Pitt, Rebecca Tolstoy, Rob Edwards, Kaye Green, Mark Huddleston, James Knight, Amanda Wendt, Prof. Munjed Al Muderis and John Shipp.

The Gala Dinner on Saturday night will have the theme “The Roaring Twenties” and the music will be performed by the Blues Brothers Band.

Accommodation at Conference Rates is available at the Sage Hotel and the Novotel North Beach, but please hurry and book to avoid disappointment.

The closest caravan park is the Surf Leisure Resort at Fairy Meadow. The free bus is available for transport into the Wollongong Entertainment Centre for the Conference.

Home Hosting is also available. You can stay with a friendly Illawarra Rotarian. Please contact Jim Christiansen 0417 660 526 or email jimhaakon@hotmail.com

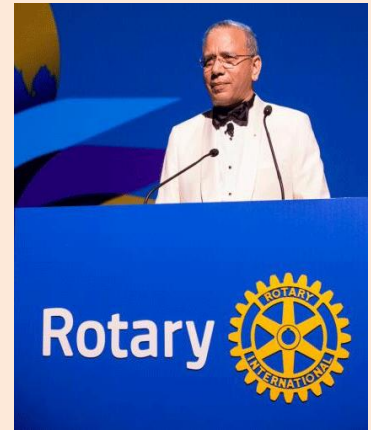
Annual Rotary Foundation Dinner – 11 November

You are invited to join your friends from **District 9675 and District 9685** to celebrate **Our Foundation** at the Annual Dinner being held on 11 November 2019. Please book your place [HERE](#).

The venue is:

The Waterview Function Centre, Bicentennial Drive, Sydney Olympic Park at 6.30pm for 7pm start.

Our guest speaker will be **Past RI President and incoming Foundation Chair, RAVI RAVINDRAN.**



Ravi is a dynamic presenter who will inform and entertain you.

You will receive information on the achievements of Our Foundation, the progress being made to End Polio and Ravi's plans to continue our good work.

You will have the opportunity to win the Raffle!

Every good Rotary Dinner needs a good raffle!

The Raffle prizes are:

First Prize: A luxury quilt and matching pillows, with a certificate of valuation

Second Prize: An impressive jewellery piece



A two course meal will be served, with drinks at bar prices. The price is \$75/head or \$700 for a table of 10.

Please book by clicking on the following hyperlink: [The Rotary Foundation Dinner](#)

Come along and have some fun with fellow like-minded Rotarians.

We look forward to sharing the night with you.

Bruce Lakin

District 9685 TRF Chair

Graham Wilson

District 9675 TRF Chair

Learning and Development

Did you know that The Learning Center on the Rotary International website ([Click HERE](#)) has more than 450 courses for members and club and district officers? Here is a sample of some of the many courses available. Click on the link to view each course.

- [Grant Management Seminar](#)
- [Rotary Foundation Basics](#)
- [Membership courses](#)
- [Club President Basics](#)
- [Club Secretary Basics](#)
- [Club Treasurer Basics](#)
- [Leadership in Action Leader's Guide](#)
- [Presidents-elect Training Seminar Leader's Guide](#)
- [Leadership in Action Leader's Guide](#)
- [Presidents-elect Training Seminar Leader's Guide](#)
- [Preventing and Addressing Harassment](#)
- [Essentials of Understanding Conflict](#)

The club officer courses in English now reflect the recent Council on Legislation (COL) changes. For a full list of courses, see the Learning Center [course catalogue](#).

Some helpful direct links to important websites...

Conference 2020 Registration	Conference 2020 Registration
District Directory	District Directory - Login
District Website	Rotary District 9675 Home Page
District Speaker List	District 9675 Speaker List
Rotary International	Rotary International Home Page
RI South Pacific & Philippines Office	Resource Guide for Club Officers

Important dates for your diary...

24 October 2019	World Polio Day – Train Ride
27 October 2019	Graffiti Removal Day
8 November 2019	NSW Police Officer of the Year
9 November 2019	NYSF (National Youth Science Forum) Orientation Day
11 November 2019	The Rotary Foundation Dinner
15 November 2019	Presidents' Meeting/AGM
23 November 2019	Blacktown Rotary Club – Anita Cobby Dinner
23 November 2019	Rotary Leadership Institute 1 – Camden Golf Club
24 November 2019	Liverpool Rotary Club's 70 th Birthday
5-11 January 2020	RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)
17 February 2020	Maroubra Rotary Club's 60 th Anniversary
21 February 2020	Presidents' Meeting

Yours in Rotary – Connecting the World

Di

Dianne North
District Governor