

DISTRICT GOVERNOR NEWS



DG Pete, RI Pres Mark and Judy



District 9710
District Governor
Peter Ford

AUGUST 2019

From the District Governor...

The Rotary Year in District 9710 is Off and Running

I have spent the last few weeks visiting clubs in our District. So far, I have completed 20 visits out of 45 clubs in total. I have been fascinated by how differently clubs conduct their meetings and the wide variety of club venues. However, it is true to say that every combination works well, with some magnificent contributions made to our community. Keep it up.

I have been emphasising the Rotary cornerstones of Community Service and Friendship. After all, this was the original basis of Rotary when Paul Harris and his business associates rotated around each other's offices for their initial meetings. If you get the cornerstones right, everything else will follow.

I am interested in hearing more of your club objectives and goals, as I visit your clubs over the next few months. Please keep me in the loop with your Bulletins/ Newsletters.

Just a reminder that my wife's chosen charity for this year is St John's Care. I will be talking about this during my visits. However, please do not forget the Children's Emergency Medical Fund as a source of financial assistance for young people requiring medical help. Our District is holding a significant balance of money available for an appropriate case. Judy is also managing this fund and the contact details are in the District Contact Directory.

The planning for the District Conference, 6 to 8 March

Continued...

Calendar

September

Focus: Base Education & Literacy

- Sun 1 RYLA Applications open
- 7 - 10 Peace Scholars visit to Canberra
- Mon 9 Peace Scholars dinner - Canberra
- 13 - 15 RYEA Chairs' Conference, Christchurch NZ
- 16 - 19 Governor Elect Training Seminar, Christchurch NZ
- 20 - 22 Australia & NZ Rotary Conference, Christchurch
- Sat 21 World Peace Day
- TBA RYPEN Camp

October

Focus: Economic and Community Development

- Tue 1 RYLA early bird application closes
- 1 - 7 Rotary Alumni Week
- Sat 12 District Board and Finance meeting
- TBA YEP Inbound Students Tumut Weekend
- Thur 24 World Polio Day



If you have any events you would like added to this calendar please send them to jindeera@gmail.com



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2020 in Ulladulla, continues in earnest. The Rotary Club of Milton-Ulladulla has committed to assist with the planning and execution of the last conference for D9710. Please support this significant event. You will have fun as the Royal Military College Band joins us for the whole weekend.

Thank you to the Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise and other Rotarians for organising the very successful Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA), from 16 to 18 August 2019. It never ceases to amaze me how much talent we have in our young people. Hopefully, some are Rotarians of the future.

Looking forward to catching up with you in the coming weeks.

DG Pete



CENTURION PROGRAM



The Centurion Program is an Australia program to recognise donations of AUD100 to The Rotary Foundation. The donation can be made as a single payment or accumulated over the period of the Rotary year. Recognition is provided by the issuing of a Centurion pin the first year of achievement and by a certificate for ensuing years.

When a Rotarian qualifies as a Centurion, advice is provided to the District Centurion Chair who will arrange for the issuing of a pin. The only requirement is for the Club Secretary is to advise that the amount of AUD100 has been remitted to the Foundation.

To assist Rotarians to save and qualify as Centurions, a Centurion Collector is available from the District Chair at no cost.

To get more information or arrange for someone to come and speak at your club about this exciting program, contact District Chair Andrew Bevan 0412 211 504 or email

bevpaint@virtualcity.com.au

Becoming a Centurion is easy ...

Thank you
Andrew Bevan
D9710 Centurion Chair



'TRAINING TIP'

Resources to strengthen your year

From Rotary Training Talk, July 2019

On My Rotary, you can find training resources to help you meet all your goals, including:

- Trainers page - Find leader's guides and manuals to train Rotarians at all levels.
- Brand Center - Find Rotary logos, images, certificates, and templates to customize club and district promotional materials.
- Learning Center - Find role-based, topic-based, and general interest courses for members and new officers.

Another amazing gift to RAWCS

Fellow Rotarians,

Fantastic news everyone. Yesterday afternoon (Wed 7th Aug) Dick Smith generously presented a second cheque for a million dollars to National RAWCS Chair John McLaren at the UBS Centre, Sydney.

In making the presentation Dick said he was, absolutely stoked by the diversity of the RACC (Rotary Australia Compassionate Grants) projects and was extremely impressed that his funds were matched \$1.50 to \$1.00 rather than the agreed figure of \$1.00 to \$1.00. This meant that RAWCS achieved a total benefit of \$2.5million for Dick Smith's donation. Dick was also delighted that there was a good mix of "Do it and fix it projects" and "Ongoing community support projects". He was also pleased by the regular feedback provided by RAWCS's management for the distribution of the funds.

We will shortly provide information about how to apply for funds from the second generous donation from Dick Smith but in the meantime start thinking about projects that will bring benefits to Australian communities and individuals.

Yours in Rotary

Brian Goldstraw
RAWCS Secretary Eastern Region
(2017-20)



Information about changes to donating to drought affected people

Prior to this year, Rotary club donations to a RAWCS overseas or national project was exempt from the 2.75% service fee that RAWCS Ltd applied to individuals, private companies and non-Rotary Foundations for tax deductible donations.

However, the national administration body of RAWCS is now charging this fee on all (including Rotary club) donations. This decision was made to cover the increased costs involved in administering the increasing number of projects now registered with RAWCS. It is important to note that RAWCS Limited has the lowest service charges of all charity groups in Australia. Some charity groups have service fees in excess of 30%.

As most Rotary Clubs do not need tax deductibility for donations to the Drought Fund and to avoid any reduction of donation amounts it is now recommended that those Rotary clubs wanting to support drought affected people should donate funds directly to where they're required and not through the RAWCS Project 38 2018/2019 D9700/9710 Drought Fund. This may be achieved by working together (twinning) with a Club operating in a drought area.

Individuals or private companies wanting to obtain tax deductibility for their donations to the Drought Fund should continue to use RAWCS Project 38 as the recipient for distributing assistance to drought victims.

John Mercer
District RAWCS Chair on behalf of
Joint District Drought Committee

DID YOU KNOW...

that in the year 1905 when Paul Harris and three of his friends started the first Rotary Club in Chicago, Ill., USA, the first motion picture theatre - a "nickleodeon" - opened in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, USA with the showing of *The Great Train Robbery*.

VALE ANGELA NEWMAN

25TH August, 1927 – 5th July, 2019.



Wearing her treasured hat she wore to a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace Possibly in the 1950's.

Angela became involved with Rotary when her husband Hugh joined the Berry Rotary Club many years ago. Hugh became President of the Berry Rotary Club and was District Governor during 1986-87. During these years women were unable to join Rotary but were active behind the scenes supporting their husbands in whatever projects they were taking part in. Berry Rotary sponsored the Gerringong Rotary Club which was chartered on 25th June 2003. At age 76 Angela was delighted to be one of Gerringong's charter members. Angela was Youth Director in 2005-2006 and she was bulletin editor for many years until 2011-2012. Angela was continually thinking up fundraising ideas for the club. One of her first ideas was for the club's International project - to knit squares for rugs for people in need overseas.

In District Governor Anne Louttit's Newsletter dated December 2003 she remarked that 'she likes to support club fundraising initiatives - when they can get her into it'. The article is accompanied by a photo of her and Angela with a rug she said was her first attempt at knitting in ten years. The newly chartered Rotary Club of Gerringong Sunrise's first international project was a knit-a-thon organised by Rotarian Angela Newman

This project has been an ongoing effort since then, by members of our club and our local community. This year we have donated 39 rugs and 59 beanies to SCARF, a refugee charity in the Illawarra. A few of the rugs were crocheted by Angela. After she reluctantly resigned from Rotary aged 91 Angela continued to crochet rugs (she thought she could not do anything else at her age) - continuing to make herself useful and helping others. Angela was still crocheting until 2 months before she died.

Angela continued to be very interested in our youth. For several years she would spend a day each week at the local public school with year 5/6 children who needed extra attention with their reading. Angela was concerned that these children should have the best possible start at high school. She was always very generous if funds were needed to help a young person or indeed anyone else.

Angela encouraged other members of our club to give blood regularly. Those who gave blood were treated once a month to a lunch of fish and chips at the Werri Beach Fish Shop.

PolioPlus became her passion. She was proud of the fact that this global effort was the brainchild of a fellow Australia Rotarian, Sir Clem Renouf, when he was RI President in 1979. There were more ideas for raising money for PolioPlus - inventing games to encourage people to throw in their loose coins. Every cent counted.

Every year on the anniversary of the death of her husband, Angela made a sizable donation to Rotary International. And we have lost count of how many PHF's she has.

Angela quietly went about helping others in our community in ways others did not think of.

We know Angela was a member of Rotary from 2003 to 2017 - 14 years, but we can only guess that she must have been associated with and working for Rotary for about 35 years all together.

Angela was the true embodiment of a Rotarian, fulfilling our motto 'Service Above Self' every day. She is a great example to us all - Rotarians never retire, they just keep helping others!

To honour Hugh and Angela's commitment and contribution to Rotary, The Gerringong Rotary Club has created The Hugh & Angela Newman Fund. The Fund will be a reminder of their years of faithful and devoted service and will be dedicated to children with disabilities, their siblings and/ or youth, causes close to Angela's heart.

Val Cuthbertson
Past President Gerringong Rotary Club.
7th August, 2019.



The Rotary Club of Woden Daybreak is having a Mango Fundraiser again this year. The Club will donate the profits to a TEAR and Care and Share Nepal project which aims to prevent Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery.

You, and your family, friends, neighbours and colleagues, are invited to support this healthy fundraiser.

Each tray of mangoes costs \$24 and has approximately 7kg of excellent quality mangoes. The number varies according to the size of the mangoes and could be 12 large, 23 small or a mixture. It all depends on the crop and the weather. There isn't a choice of mango size.

Deliveries are expected early to mid-December. You will need to collect the mangoes from Holder, ACT. Details will be emailed to you mid-November.

The latest date we can accept orders and payment is Tuesday 22 October.

HOW TO ORDER

Payment is required when orders are placed.

1. Please deposit the correct money into the Club's Bank Account via Electronic Funds transfer (EFT). Please ensure you enter all of the details below when transferring funds.

BSB: 325 185

Account No.: 03753417

Account Holder Name: Rotary Club Woden Daybreak

Reference: surname and number of trays (example: Taylor x4)

2. Then email the Club at wodendaybreak@outlook.com with the subject line 'Mango Order' and include your name, phone number, the number of trays ordered and the amount and date deposited via EFT.

If you take orders for other people, you can use the order form below to keep track of your orders. You can also request an electronic version of the order form by emailing the club address.

Father Norton woke up Sunday morning and, realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just had to play golf. So he told the Associate Priest that he was feeling sick and persuaded him to say Mass for him that day.

As soon as the Associate Priest left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away. This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish.

When he arrived at the first tee, he was alone; after all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church!

At about this same time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?"

The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not."

Just then, Father Norton hit the ball. It shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole. **IT WAS A 420-YARD HOLE IN ONE!**

St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?"

The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"

Celebrating the Community's Unsung Heroes

There are many people in our community doing a great job that enhances the place in which we live. These people generally go about their work not seeking recognition but go the “extra mile” to assist local organisations in achieving great success. Unsung heroes serve our community in many areas making an outstanding contribution to community life, the environment, youth and seniors.

The Club is proud to celebrate selfless individuals who give their time and talents to make our community a better place. The Rotary Club of Woden Daybreak is pleased to announce the presentation of awards to two unsung heroes, Mr Bob Garrett and Mr Gary Pettigrove.

Bob Garrett has volunteered with TADACT for 27 years to build specialised equipment to help people with disabilities and older people. Bob works about half a day a week, bringing specialised skills to carry out a variety of tasks including building special customised bikes for children with disabilities, which allows them to be more mobile and experience the sort of freedom that other children enjoy.

Gary Pettigrove has been a surf lifesaving volunteer for 45 years and has been instrumental in raising over \$40,000 for the Broulee community through a fundraising swimming event over 8 years. In 1997 Gary was awarded the Victorian Life Saver of the Year award and spent several years training aspiring lifesavers in the Bronze Medallion.

Gary moved to Canberra in 2000 and since then has volunteered continuously in surf lifesaving, surf boat racing, junior sport, and school activities. Gary has coached several junior basketball teams over a period of 17 years and has been involved in organising a school disco for students of the Arawang Primary School for 8 years.



Pictured above: Bob Garrett receiving his Award from the Club's Co-President Mark Schipp. On the left is Graham Waite who nominated Mr Garrett for the award.



Pictured above: Gary Pettigrove receiving his award from Club member and former President Barry Welsby.

More further information, please contact wodendaybreak@outlook.com
or phone Karen on 0417 482 360.

Rotary Connections

For the month of July, the Rotary Club of Ginninderra, prompted by their Programme Director Donald Thomas, decided to shift every meeting in July to another location in order to mix and connect with other Rotarians.

Since most of our members had decided to 'Go North for the Winter' the handful of us that were left in Wintery Canberra decided to shift our weekly meetings to those clubs in our immediate area that also met on a Tuesday evening. This resulted in us meeting up with the Rotary Club of Hall, the Rotary Club of Canberra City, the Rotary Club of Queanbeyan West and the Rotary Club of Tuggeranong.

Our first meeting away at RC Hall found us mixing with approximately 16 members where we joined in with a Rotary Toast, were enlightened by current projects and had various interesting conversations over a hot buffet style meal supplied by an associated local restaurant. The permanent clubhouse was adorned with various pennants from Rotary Clubs all over the world which provided a great background to the nights' speaker from the GO Foundation. The meeting was warm and friendly and it was great catching up with old and new friends alike as RC Hall is a member of Group 5 administered by Assistant District Governor Leo Farrelly of which RC Ginninderra is also a member.

Our next meeting found us enjoying the hospitality of RC Canberra City at the Pavilion on Northbourne. Here we joined 12 members in a fully catered meal, a raffle; a trivia based fine session and a guest speaker as provided by one of their own members. It turns out that they too were down in numbers as the winter took its toll but it was also comforting to hear that

their club numbers had similarly declined in recent years and that we were not alone in our struggles with membership.

RC Canberra City

Before we travelled south east to visit RC Queanbeyan West we held a Christmas in July party at The Link at Ginninderry estate where we invited each of these clubs plus others in the surrounding area to join us. With the help of Golden Roast we entertained 53 Rotarians, their partners and our honored guests for the night with a representation of six different rotary clubs including RC Belconnen, RC Woden and RC Canberra Sunrise to name a few. It was a wonderful night that ended with all in attendance singing Christmas carols before heading home.

At RC Queanbeyan West we found a club very similar in size to our own at just 17 members and not too coincidentally having similar issues with filling board positions and declining memberships. As it was a club assembly night we were able to observe and participate in their proceedings after enjoying the meal and some fellowship.



RC Queanbeyan West

Our final destination for the month was RC Tuggeranong who meets at the Vikings Club in Tuggeranong. Here we were welcomed at the door and presented with some modern technology to pay for our pre-ordered meal – an iPad and a square reader – to take credit card payments. We could of course still pay with cash but the added convenience I found refreshing.

The meeting was opened by President Georgie with an Acknowledgment of Country and after few reports, some fine food and a cheeky fine session was concluded with Dr Doug Lee speaking on how to have a happy work place and passively deal with bullies.



RC Tuggeranong

All in all it was a great month of July that allowed us to connect with our fellow Rotarians and make some great new friends.

Next year we might just do it all again!

Paul Webster

President

Ginninderra Rotary.

Have a great story for the DG News?

The DG News will be published in the third week of the month. A list of closing dates for articles is below.

If you have a story, article or advertisement that you would like included in the newsletter please send it to jjindeera@gmail.com.

If you have photos to be included please attach these as separate files, not placed in the body of the email.

I will not be going through everyone's club bulletins looking for articles to use. It is up to you to decide what you would like published.

Closing dates for 2019:

Fri 21 September

Fri 18 October

Fri 22 November

Fri 20 December

Ed.

The Science and Engineering Challenge

The University of Newcastle with, Program Partner, NSW Office of the Chief Scientist and Engineer, presented the Southern Tablelands Science and Engineering Challenge in Goulburn on Friday, 2nd Aug.

The Challenge involved eight selected, hands on, activities for Year 10 students at the Veolia Arena.

This year there were students from six High Schools in the Goulburn area, which included Crookwell and Yass along with Emmaus Christian School from Canberra participating.

The activities, designed by the University of Newcastle, are not normally experienced in schools.

The benefits of the event are that the students are encouraged to work as a team, discussing, designing, constructing, testing their activity and operating it to obtain a point score. Each activity is scored as per The University of Newcastle.

This event is designed to promote an interest in science and engineering within the students and to follow an education pathway, which includes mathematics and the sciences, STEM, that may give career pathways in those fields.

About 180 students participated in the activities on the day.

Assistance to the presenters from The University of Newcastle was given by volunteers from the three Rotary Clubs in Goulburn, along with Crookwell and Yass Rotary Clubs.

Rotarians were involved in the setting up and packing up of the activities and during the day at each activity, presented, demonstrated and collated the points scores.

Each high school was presented with a Certificate of Participation.

Emmaus Christian School Canberra students took out the Champion School Trophy and were presented with the Southern Tablelands Science and Engineering Challenge Trophy.

They were invited to participate in the NSW Science and Engineering Regional Challenge culminating in the National S&E Challenge.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the volunteers from the Rotary Club of Goulburn, Rotary Club of Goulburn Mulwaree, Rotary Club of Goulburn

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The Science and Engineering Challenge



Bob Morgan RC Goulburn Mulwaree guiding students to design an efficient code to send messages along fibre optic rods using only pulses of coloured light.



Trev Ruting. The students are required to design fingers for a bionic hand that will give independence back to patients who have lost a hand through injury or illness. Specifically, developing the fingers and thumb (digits) for this artificial hand.



Greame Neil RC Goulburn Mulwaree checking the height of the model the students are designing and constructing as they build an earthquake-proof apartment block using only a small amount of commonly available materials.



Sam Bucknell RC Yass advising students with constructing their Mars rover vehicle which requires independent suspension to negotiate the difficult terrain.



Ken Leach RC Crookwell guiding students as they develop transport networks to join a series of towns in the most efficient way possible.



Ian Radford RC Goulburn checking with students on the parameters of the model furniture they are designing prior to construction, which were tested by their weight bearing capabilities.



ADG Mike Walsh visited the all the activities. He is talking with Ken Leach and John Van Der Nieuwenhuizen RC Crookwell.



This event cannot proceed without the valuable assistance of the Rotarians and friends of Rotary volunteers



Defence Force Recruiting presented Certificates of Participation to all the schools.



Deputy Mayor Peter Walker RC Goulburn presented the Champion School Trophy to Emmaus Christian School Canberra



The Champion School for 2019.

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Argyle, Rotary Club of Crookwell, Rotary Club of Yass and other volunteers. We would like to thank those Rotary Clubs, Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Veolia Mulwaree Trust, Defence Force Recruiting, Engineers Australia, Southern Region Land Engineering and The Institute of Surveyors NSW Inc for their sponsorship enabling the event to occur.

Goulburn's Wollondilly Walkway scores heritage signs



Past presidents of Goulburn Rotary Club Justin Kell and Neil Penning were busy installing one of the river signs on Friday morning.

If only the river could talk, the stories it would tell.

Scores of people stretch their legs on the Wollondilly River walkway every day, not necessarily thinking about the points of interest along the way.

All that will change thanks to an initiative by the city's three Rotary Clubs - Goulburn, Goulburn Mulwaree and Goulburn Argyle to install signs detailing the area's history along the ever growing track.

Goulburn Rotary past presidents Neil Penning and Justin Kell addressed councillors about the idea at their meeting on Tuesday.

Six one-metre high aluminium frames will be installed at six points along the walkway. These are, in order of progression: Marsden Weir; 'Harvey's hole,' at the end of Albert Street, Kerr's Market Garden (near Albert Street); the site of the old Gibson Street tannery; 'The Rock' - an old swimming hole near Bellevue Street; and Goodhew Street, acknowledging the contribution of former Goulburn mayor Arthur Goodhew.

Mr Penning said the concept had been three years in the planning and involved a great deal of research, ably assisted by Goulburn Library's local studies officer, Fran O'Flynn.

"We saw it as a terrific project," Mr Penning said.

"Everywhere you go (around town) there's signage

for points of interest so this just complements that work.

"...It will get people interested in our history and maybe asking a few questions and arguing. Rivers associated with early history are always interesting and there's so much (heritage) associated with the Wollondilly."

Like Arthur Goodhew for instance. The former Goulburn Mayor (1927-29 and 1944) donated land to the city for nearby Goodhew Park. Mr Penning described the Englishman as a

"super shrewd" person who moved to Goulburn and established a wholesale nursery in Goodhew Street. Remnants of two of his unique Japanese trees with sweeping foliage are visible near the walkway.

Goodhew met an untimely death in 1950 after being hit by a car while crossing Auburn Street to attend a council meeting at the old Town Hall.

Then there was Gillespie's Tannery, opened in 1918 to churn out leather for Gillespie's Boot factory in Auburn Street. It closed in 1926 and the building became a wool store. The structure was demolished in the early 2000s.

At 'The Rock,' people like accomplished local swimmer Brian Mills trained and hundreds of others cooled off in summer. A little further along, 'Harvey's hole' was another popular swimming spot. It was named after Henry Harvey who had one of several market gardens along the riverbank. Goulburn man John Kerr also had one until supermarkets drove him out.

The clubs have spent \$3000 on the signs, crafted by Studio 4. They will be installed by the end of August. More are planned as the walkway is extended.

"We see it as an ongoing project for the community and tourists. It will be a memorable walk for people," Mr Kell said.

Mayor Bob Kirk praised it as a marvellous project, while Cr Leah Ferrara hoped the signs wouldn't be defaced.



Thank you

to

Rotary District 9710

For the donation of

\$5,000

Your generosity will enable the equivalent of:

**200 homes to have mirrors,
70 kids to have their own face washer
and 25 EzyWash washing machines!**

A most sincere **THANK YOU** from the
EndTrachoma **by 2020** Team.

Date: 28th June 2019



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Overview

2021 marks the centenary of Rotary in Australasia and provides a unique opportunity to celebrate Rotary's achievements over the last 100 years.

To do this, Rotarians in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, in collaboration with UNICEF, plan to vaccinate 100,000 of the most disadvantaged children and adolescent girls across the Pacific to prevent:

- In women, cervical cancer
- In children, severe diarrhoea caused by rotavirus and meningitis, blood infections and pneumonias caused by pneumococcal disease

Context

While there have been improvements in immunisation services many children still miss out on vaccines. Three times more women die from cervical cancer in the Pacific than in Australia and every year, 1 in 18 children die before their fifth birthday in Kiribati.

Many of these lives could be saved by vaccines.

The project

Rotary will work with UNICEF to introduce three life-saving vaccines across nine Pacific Island countries; the Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Samoa, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

The Asian Development Bank is financing the introduction of these vaccines into four of the countries (Vanuatu, Tonga, Samoa and Tuvalu) while Rotary will fund regional and other supporting activities in those four countries and fully fund the programme in the other five countries.

Impact

Rotary and UNICEF are aiming to vaccinate 100,000 children over four years but this is just the beginning. This project will help strengthen the Pacific's broader health systems and ensure the sustainable delivery of these vaccines into the future. Generations

will continue to benefit from this project. A truly inspiring Rotary legacy.

Vaccines



Human Papillomavirus (HPV) against cervical cancers



Pneumococcal vaccine against pneumonias, meningitis and blood infections



Rotavirus vaccine against severe diarrhoea

Funds will support



Vaccines Procurement



Supplies Including cold chain equipment, storage and logistics



Education Healthcare workers, communities and partners



Technical support Policy, management and systems strengthening

To donate and for more information: everychildafuture.com

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED APPLYING FOR A GLOBAL GRANT?

Article by Euan Miller, Secretary and Director, Partnerships, Rotary Club of Norwood Inc

One of the greatest experiences of being a Rotarian, as we do good in the world, is to participate in a Global Grant.

Most clubs never experience the delights and rewards of a Rotary Foundation Global Grant because it is beyond their experience or beyond their budget.

However great opportunities are now available to do this. The millennial generation is now making up almost 50% of the workforce and what's more, is joining Rotary. Millennials are passionate about Rotary because it enables them to do overseas projects. Furthermore the Foundation is flush with money, some of it you would have donated, so why not use it?

So here are the six easy steps to make it happen.

1. Find a project Look at your club members and links they might have with developing countries. A personal link makes it even more rewarding for your club and easier to manage if it goes slightly awry. If you can't make a link see if there is one in a neighbouring club that you may be able to share.

2. Find USD 15,000 from club funds This is the minimum dollar amount for a project and a seemingly insurmountable barrier especially for smaller clubs. Sharing the fundraising with other clubs is an immediate solution. If you get enough clubs you can easily build a project with as little as \$1000 each. Corporate or private foundation support is another way to build your corpus because they get tax deductions and you can add it to your funds, as long as the money goes through your club's books.

3. Magically multiply your \$15,000 by 3.5 times Through matches from both your district (and other districts) as well as the Rotary Foundation you can make \$15,000 become \$52,500 with the stroke of a pen.

4. Write your submission This is done online and Rotary has tried to make this as simple as possible. If you have had no experience in writing grant submissions it will still seem a struggle. Get somebody in the club who has such experience to write it or get help from your District Foundation Committee. RI has just appointed cadres this year to help as well Cadre@rotary.org

5. Three key submission points

a. Your project must fit one of the six Areas of Focus www.rotary.org/en/our-causes It may fit into more

than one but just choose one – it will be processed by RI much more quickly. It will take around 6 weeks for approval and another 4 for the grant to arrive in your account.

b. It must be sustainable – you need to ensure that it will continue to be self-funding or otherwise continue, after your grant runs out.

c. You need a partner club in the developing country to help with local management

6. When things go wrong One of the great learnings from a Global Grant project is how things work differently in a completely different culture. Don't get frustrated by this; just accept it as part of your expanding life experiences. If you find things difficult with paperwork and bureaucracy, you can bet it will be much more so for your partner club especially if they don't speak English or their communication systems are poor. On the ground management and reporting may not be up to the standard you would normally expect either. There inevitably will be things that go wrong where your club will use its skills to fix. There is provision in the grant to fund travel for your club to monitor the project. It is a good idea to include this in the budget. Whatever does go wrong can be fixed. Every club has the wit and skills of its members to do this. My club and I have a lifetime of stories to prove it, and so will you!



CONFERENCE UPDATE

Venue: Dunn Lewis Centre Ulladulla

Saturday Night: Roaring 20s dancing to the Royal Military Band from Duntroon

Keynote speakers include:

Sarah Brown from the Purple House

Mark Huddleston, International speaker and author of controversial book "Creatures of Habit"

6 - 8 March 2020