

ROTARY DISTRICT 9650 INCORPORATED
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT OPAL COVE RESORT, COFFS HARBOUR
FRIDAY 28TH MARCH 2014

Past District Governor Harry Durey welcomed all present and declared the meeting opened at 2.10pm.

1. MEETING CHAIRMAN

- a) The meeting confirmed the appointment of PDG Harry Durey as Chairman for the meeting.
- b) Resolved that District Secretary Peter Paff be the minute Secretary
Moved PDG Ken Hall/Dr Ted Giblin **Carried**
Chairman Harry Durey then welcomed all to the meeting and sent the meetings best wishes to DG Rob Anderson's wife Kerry who was in hospital.

2. PRESENT

District Governor Rob Anderson, Chairman and District Treasurer PDG Harry Durey, District Secretary Peter Paff and 39 voting delegates representing 32 clubs, plus Rotarians and Rotary partners as observers.

APOLOGIES: Kerry Anderson; Great Lakes Rotary Club; Lightning Ridge Rotary Club and Macksville Rotary Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DG Rob announced that the District Delegate to Council on Legislation would be PDG Ken Hall Rotary Club of Tamworth and the Alternate delegate would be PDG Neville Parsons Rotary Club of Wauchope.

DG Rob asked for endorsement from those present and that was carried by acclamation.

DG Rob also advised that the District Governor Selection Panel had met that morning and he advised that Ian Jackson from the Rotary Club of Laurieton had been chosen as District Governor Nominee Designate for the year 2016-17.

3. WELCOME TO RI PRESIDENT'S REPRESENTATIVE

Chairman PDG Harry Durey welcomed RI President's personal representative PDG David Cook and Carolyn

Also welcomed DG Rob Anderson.

The meeting acknowledged the presence of PDG Harry Durey and Joyce who are acting as the aides to the RI President's personal representative David Cook and Carolyn.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES of 2013 AGM

Confirmation of the minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting of District 9650 Inc. held at Taree on Friday 12th April 2013

Moved PDG Jane Bradford/PDG Barry Hacker **Carried – no comments**

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING.

Confirmation of the minutes of the 2013 Special General Meeting of District 9650 Inc. held at Tamworth on Saturday 12th October 2013 to adopt the 2012-2013 Audited Financial Reports.

Moved PDG Ken Hall/PDG Brian Beesley Carried – no comments

6. RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were passed authorising RID John Boag to file a copy of the Financial Statements with the Office of Fair Trading.

1. That RID John Boag continue to act as Public Officer for the Incorporated association known as Rotary International District 9650 Incorporated and is authorised to sign the Form 12 required under the Associations Incorporation Act5 and Regulations in respect of the periods 2011-2012 and 2012-13
2. That the Financial Statements, as audited, and presented to this meeting, for the periods 2011-12 and 2012-13 be adopted and copies be attached to Form 12 for filing with the Office of Fair Trading (See resolution 1 above)

(NB 2011/12 figures were lodged with Office of Fair Trading, but OFT say they have not been received thus we have decided to re-lodge them)

Moved PDG Ian Dyball/PDG Brian Beesley Carried

7. ALLEGIANCE RESOLUTIONS

That this meeting record its:

- 7.1 Loyalty to the Queen
- 7.2 Loyalty to Rotary International
- 7.3 Respect to and appreciation of the service of Deceased Rotarians
- 7.4 Support and appreciation to the President of Rotary International Ron D Burton from the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, USA
- 7.5 Support for Rotary President-Elect Gary C K Huang from the Rotary Club of Taipei, Taiwan
- 7.6 Support for Rotary International Director John Boag from the Rotary Club of Tamworth North, NSW, Australia
- 7.7 Congratulations to Rotary International President-Nominee K R (Ravi) Ravindran from the Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 7.8 Appreciation of the attendance of Rotary International President's personal representative PDG David Cook,
- 7.9 Thanks to District Governor Rob Anderson and Kerry
- 7.10 Pledge of support to District Governor-Elect Greg Moran and Sue
- 7.11 Pledge of support to District Governor-Nominee Maurie Stack and Deidre

Chairman PDG Harry Durey sought permission to combine all items in 7 as one motion

Moved Ashley Hickman/PDG Neville Parsons Carried

A motion of loyalty, support, congratulations, and appreciation of the service of deceased Rotarians and a pledge of support was passed

Moved Joyce Durey/PDG Ken Hall Carried

8. RESOLUTIONS TO AMEND CODE OF POLICIES OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9650 INCORPORATED

Resolutions (*inclusions underlined, exclusions struck through*):

8.01 Proposed by the District Management Committee

Moved: DG Rob Anderson

Seconded: DGE Greg Moran

1. ***That the Code of Policies of Rotary International District 9650 Incorporated be amended as follows (to accommodate Council on Legislation changes, TRF Changes, the chartering of a new club and club name changes):***

1. **PREAMBLE**

- ARTICLE 2 MEETINGS**

- 2.01 District Training assembly

- ARTICLE 4 District Officers**

- 4.06 Vacancy in the Office of Governor

- ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS**

District Management Committee

The Committee appointed by the Annual General Meeting to administer the District for one year from 1st July next after the conclusion of the annual general meeting as presented to the Annual General Meeting by the District Governor that will preside over the District Management Committee comprising the District Executive Committee, the immediate Past District Governor, the Foundation Chairman, the Public Relations Director, Membership Director and 2 Service Projects Directors Vocational & ~~New Generations~~ Youth Services Director) and International & Community Services Director), 2 representatives from the Assistant Governors and up to two (2) additional members. The District Governor Nominee is also the Club Administration Director. Should any position be held by the holder of another named position the additional members may be appointed to a maximum number of 15 members of the District Management Committee. Other members so appointed will be members of the District Management Team.

Governor:

The **Governor** of RI District 9650 Incorporated. (~~ARTICLE 1(4)~~ (5))

RI

Rotary International (~~ARTICLE 1(6)~~ (7))

Year: The twelve month period which begins on 1 July (~~ARTICLE 1(8)~~ (10))

- ARTICLE 2. MEETINGS**

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- 2.01 **District Training assembly (ARTICLE 15.020)**

- 2.01.1 **A district training assembly, which may be a multidistrict training assembly, shall be held annually, preferably either in March, April or May, to develop Rotary club leaders who have the necessary skills, knowledge and motivation to:**

- 2.01.2 **The governor-elect shall be responsible for the district training assembly**

- 2.01.3 **The district training assembly shall be planned and conducted under the direction and supervision of the governor-elect.**

- 2.01.4 **In special circumstances, the board may authorise the holding of a district training assembly at a date other than provided herein.**

- 2.02 **Presidents Elect Training Seminar (ARTICLE 15.030)**

- 2.02.2 **The PETS shall be held annually, preferably in either February or March.**

- 2.03 **District Management Team Training Seminar**

- 2.03.2.1 Incoming Secretary, Incoming Treasurer, District Governor Nominee, Incoming assistant governors, incoming district directors and incoming district committee chairs for the following committees – Community, International, ~~New Generations~~ Youth and Vocational

- 2.04 **District Conference (ARTICLE 15.040)**

- 2.04.1.4 **Further, the district may hold a district resolutions meeting at a time and place determined by the governor, provided twenty-one (21) days notice is given to all clubs in the district.**

- 2.04.3 **Conference and District Resolutions Meeting actions (ARTICLE 15.040.3)**

- 2.04.3.1 **The district conference and district resolutions meeting may adopt recommendations upon matters of importance in the district, provided such action shall be in accordance with the constitution and by-laws and in keeping with the spirit and principles of Rotary.**

2.04.3.2 The district conference and district resolutions meeting shall consider and act upon all matters submitted to it for consideration by the Board and may adopt resolution therein.

2.04.6 Conference and District Resolutions Meeting Voting (ARTICLE 15.050)
2.04.6.1 Electors (ARTICLE 15.050.1)

Each club in the district shall select, certify and send to the annual district conference and district resolutions meeting (if one is held), at least one elector. Any club with a membership of more than 25 shall be entitled to one additional elector for each additional 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. That is, a club with a membership of up to 37 members is entitled to one elector, a club with 38 to 62 members is entitled to two electors, a club with 63 to 87 members is entitled to three electors and so on. Such membership shall be determined by the number of members in the club as of the date of the most recent semi-annual payment proceeding the date on which the vote is to be held. However, any club whose membership in RI has been suspended by the board shall not be entitled to any electors. Each elector shall be a member of the club. An elector must be present at the district conference or district resolutions meeting, to vote.

2.04.6.2 Conference and District Resolutions Meeting, Voting Procedures (ARTICLE 15.040.2)

Every member in good standing of a club in the district present at the district conference or district resolution meeting, shall be entitled to vote on all matters submitted to a vote at such conference or district resolutions meeting, except for the selection of a governor-nominee, election of a member and alternate member of the nominating committee for director, composition and terms of reference of the nominating committee for governor, election of the club representative and alternate representative of the district to the council on legislation and the decision as to the amount of the per capita levy. However, any elector shall have the right to demand a poll upon any matter presented to the conference or district resolutions meeting. In such cases, voting shall be restricted to electors. When voting on the selection of the governor-nominee, all votes from a club with more than one vote shall be cast for the same candidate.

ARTICLE 3 FINANCES, FEES AND DUES

3.02 Approval of Levy (ARTICLE 15.060.2)

3.02.1 The district training assembly after the approval of three-fourths of incoming club presidents present, provided that where a president-elect is excused from attending the district training assembly by the governor-elect in accordance with Article 9 10, section 5(c) of the standard club constitution, the designated representative of the president-elect shall be entitled to vote in the president-elect's place.

3.02.3 At the option of the district, the district presidents-elect training seminar after the approval of three-fourths of the incoming club presidents present, provided that where a president-elect is excused from attending by the governor-elect in accordance with article 9 10, section 5(c) of the standard club constitution, the designated representative of the president-elect shall be entitled to vote in the president-elect's place.

ARTICLE 4. DISTRICT OFFICERS

4.01 Qualifications of a Governor-nominee (ARTICLE 15.070)

4.01.3 Rotarian's Qualified as Past President of Club. (ARTICLE 15.070.4~~3~~)

4.01.4 Rotarian's Ability to fulfil Duties of Governor. (ARTICLE 15.070.5~~4~~)

4.01.5 Rotarian's Certification of Qualifications. (ARTICLE 15.070.6~~5~~)

4.03 Duties of a Governor. (ARTICLE 15.090)

4.03.5 Promoting cordial relations ~~between~~ among the clubs and between the clubs and RI;

- 4.03.7 4.03.7.4 Ensuring that the constitution and bylaws of Clubs comply with the constitutional documents, especially following council on legislation; and
- 4.03.7 4-5 Personally recognising the outstanding contributions of Rotarians in the district.

4.3.10 Supplying the governor-elect, as soon as possible after his/her election, and prior to the international assembly, full information as to the condition of clubs with recommended action for strengthening clubs;

4.04 Selection of a Governor-Nominee (ARTICLE 13.010)

The district shall select a nominee for governor not more than 38 months, but not less than 24 months, prior to the day of taking office. The nominee shall assume the title of governor-nominee-designate upon selection and shall assume the title of governor-nominee on 1 July two years prior to assuming office as governor. The board shall have the authority to extend the date under section for good and sufficient reasons. The nominee will be elected at the RI convention held immediately preceding the year in which such nominee is to be trained at the international assembly. The nominee so elected shall serve a one-year term as governor-elect and assume office on 1 July in the calendar year following election.

4.05 Nominating Procedure for Governor (ARTICLE 13.020)

4.05.1 Nominating Committee for Governor

4.05.1.3 Failure to Adopt Nominating Committee Procedure

If the district has adopted the nominating procedure for the selection of governor-nominee but fails to select members of a nominating committee as required in section 13.020.2 of the bylaws of RI it shall utilize the five most recent past governors who are still members of a club in the district as its nominating committee. The committee so constituted shall function in accordance with section 13.020 of the bylaws of RI. Where five past governors are not available, the president of RI shall appoint additional suitable persons from the district so that the committee contains five members. (ARTICLE 13.020.2 3)

4.06 Vacancy in the Office of Governor

4.06.1 Vice-Governor

The nominating committee for governor will select one available past governor to be named vice-governor. The role of the vice-governor will be to replace the governor in case of temporary or permanent inability to continue in the performance of the governor's duties (ARTICLE 6.120.1)

4.06 Appointment of Assistant Governor

4.06 7.1 The governor, on the advice of the District Executive committee, shall appoint assistant governors and shall allocate their duties at the time of appointment.

4.06 7.2 Assistant governors shall be appointed yearly, provided an assistant governor shall not serve for more than three years in total.

4.06 7.3 Assistant governors are not officers of RI.

4.07 8 Qualifications of Assistant Governors

4.07 8.1 Membership, other than honorary, in good standing in a club in the district for at least three years

4.07 8.2 Service as president of a club for a full term.

4.07 8.3 Willingness and ability to accept the responsibilities of assistant governor.

4.07 8.4 Demonstrated outstanding performance at the district level.

4.07 8.5 Potential for future leadership in the district.

4.08 9 Duties of Assistant Governors

The duties of the assistant governors shall be to:-

4.08 9.1 Attend the management team training seminar for the district and other management team organisational meetings.

4.08 9.2 Attend and participate in the presidents' elect training seminar and the district training assembly.

4.08 9.3 Work with the governor to develop goals for the district.

4.08 9.4 Advise the incoming governor on subcommittee selections.

4.08 9.5 Meet and assist the incoming presidents of the clubs in their group before the Rotary year to discuss the clubs' goals and to review the "Summary of Plans and Objectives".

- 4.08 9.6 Visit each club in their group regularly with a minimum of one visit each quarter of the Rotary year
- 4.08 9.7 Conduct a meeting with the club board mainly to review the club's "Summary of Plans and Objectives".
- 4.08 9.8 Maintain regular contact with club presidents and secretaries within their cluster and where possible hold a regular meeting with them to discuss matters of interest or concern.
- 4.08 9.9 Plan for the visit of the governor to each club in the area.
- 4.08 9.10 Inform the governor of the progress of the clubs.
- 4.08 9.11 Encourage the clubs to follow through on requests and recommendations of the governor.
- 4.08 9.12 Attend and promote attendance at the district conference and other district meetings.
- 4.08 9.13 Participate in The Rotary Foundation programs.
- 4.08 9.14 Monitor each club's performance with service projects.

ARTICLE 5 COMMITTEES

5.05

Other Committees

5.05.1 ~~Group Study Exchange~~ Vocational Training Team Committee

- 5.05.1.1 A district ~~Group Study Exchange~~ Vocational Training Team committee should be appointed for such period as may be necessary to arrange for both the receiving and sending of teams involved in a particular ~~exchange vocation activity~~;
- 5.05.1.2 In the event that a future ~~Group Study Exchange~~ Vocational Training Team award is to be applied for, prior to completion of an exchange under an award already granted, the committee appointed to arrange the new activity should include at least three members of the existing committee, to ensure continuity;
- 5.05.1.3 The governor's representative to lead a ~~Group Study Exchange~~ Vocational Training Team should be chosen by the governor, after consultation with the district ~~Group Study Exchange~~ Vocational Training Team committee, and after considering any recommendation made by them. If possible the governor should be present at interviews with candidates and should act as a member of the committee for the purpose of this selection;
- 5.05.1.4 The governor's representative so chosen should be present at final selection of the ~~Group Study Exchange~~ Vocational Training Team, but shall not have a deliberate vote on the selection; and
- 5.05.1.5 The ~~Group Study Exchange~~ Vocational Training Team program of The Rotary Foundation of RI be continued in the district and that the governor be authorised to seek participation in the program.

ARTICLE 7 SCHEDULES

7.02

Clubs

Armidale, Armidale AM, Armidale Central, Armidale North, Barraba, Bellingen, Boggabri, Coffs Harbour, Coffs Harbour City, Coffs Harbour Daybreak, Coffs Harbour South, Coonabarabran, Coonamble, Dorrigo, Forster-on-Wallis, Gloucester, Great Lakes, Gunnedah, Gunnedah West, Gunnedah 2380, Guyra, Inverell, Inverell East, Kempsey, Kempsey West, Laurieton, Lightning Ridge, Macksville, Manilla, Moree, Moree-on-Gwydir, Nambucca Heads, ~~Old Bar~~, Port Macquarie, Port Macquarie Sunrise, Port Macquarie West, Quirindi, Sawtell, South West Rocks, Tamworth, Tamworth First Light, Tamworth North (known as eClub9650 Rotary Club) Tamworth-on-Peel (known as Calala Rotary), Tamworth Sunrise, Tamworth West, Taree, Taree North, Taree-on-Manning, Tuncurry Forster, Uralla, Walcha, Warialda, Wauchope, Wee Waa, Wingham, Woolgoolga.

It is agreed that any changes to the clubs as approved by RI be altered in this policy with approval of the management committee and by reporting by the District Governor to the club presidents.

7.03

Clusters and Member Clubs

Cluster 1 COFFS COAST: Dorrigo, Sawtell, Coffs Harbour, Coffs Harbour City, Coffs Harbour South, Coffs Harbour Daybreak, and Woolgoolga.

Cluster 2 NAMBUCCA-MACLEAY: Bellingen, Nambucca Heads, Macksville, Kempsey, Kempsey West, and South West Rocks.

Cluster 3 PORT MACQUARIE-HASTINGS: Laurieton, Port Macquarie, Port Macquarie Sunrise, Port Macquarie West, and Wauchope.

Cluster 4 MANNING-GREAT LAKES: Wingham, Taree, Taree North, Taree-on-Manning, Tuncurry Forster, Great Lakes, Gloucester, Old Bar, and Forster-on-Wallis.

Cluster 5 NEW ENGLAND: Armidale, Armidale Central, Armidale North, Armidale AM, Walcha, Uralla, and Guyra.

Cluster 6 TAMWORTH REGION: Manilla, Tamworth, Tamworth North (known as eClub9650 Rotary Club), Tamworth-on-Pell (known as Calala Rotary), Tamworth Sunrise, Tamworth West, Tamworth First Light, and Quirindi.

Cluster 7 COONABARABRAN-LIVERPOOL PLAINS: Coonabarabran, Boggabri, Gunnedah, Gunnedah West, and Gunnedah 2380.

Cluster 8 MOREE-GWYDIR: Moree, Moree-on-Gwydir, Warialda Inverell, Inverell East, and Barraba.

Cluster 9 NAMOI: Coonamble, Lightning Ridge, Narrabri, and Wee Waa.

2 That the Rules of Rotary International District 9650 Incorporated be amended as follows:

ARTICLE 5 MEETINGS

5.10 Voting

5.10.5 Apart from the provisions of these rules applicable to voting in person, all decisions and elections that the constitutional documents specify are to occur at a District conference or district training assembly may be made by the clubs of the District by a ballot-by-mail shall follow as near as possible the procedures in ARTICLE XIII Section 13.050 of the by-laws of RI.

ARTICLE 6 THE COMMITTEES

6.02 Constitution and Membership

6.02.1 Subject in the case of the first members of the committee to section 21 of the Act, the committee is to consist of:

6.02.1.1

The office-bearers of the District; and the immediate Past District Governor, the Foundation Chairman, the Public Relations Director, Membership Director, 2 Service Projects Directors (being Vocational & ~~New Generations~~ Youth Services Director and International & Community Services Director) and Club Administration Director (being the District Governor Nominee), 2 representatives from the Assistant Governors and up to two (2) additional members. Should any position be held by the holder of another named position then additional members may be appointed to a maximum number of 15 members of the District Management Committee. Other members so appointed will be members of the District Management Team as defined in the definition section of the Code of Policies of Rotary International District 9650 Incorporated each of whom with the exception of the governor, the governor-elect and the governor-nominee is to be elected at the annual general meeting of the District pursuant to rule 6.03.

Chairman Harry then walked us through the Summary below:

Summary of Resolution – AGM D9650 Conference 28 March 2014

Council on Legislation 2013

13-69	The enactment changed the name of Fifth Avenue of Service from New Generations to Youth – Vote was 308 to 205 . The RI Board has been unable to define New Generations
13-58	The enactment changed the term district assembly to district training assembly . The name change sought to clarify the purpose of this district activity. The vote was 288 to 226 . PDG Monica Saville from Australia objected strongly to the original name proposed – Club Leadership Training Seminar. She said that Rotary has a habit of using ACROYMS and CLTS is not appropriate.

13-138	The enactment introduced district resolutions meetings . The argument was that it is not always timely to hold resolutions meeting at District Conferences and that a ballot-by-mail does not encourage discussion. This proposal was to create a district resolution meeting which can be held at any time. Passed overwhelmingly on a show of cards.
13-86	The enactment includes an extra responsibility in the duties of the governor – ensuring that the constitution and bylaws of the clubs comply with the constitutional documents, especially following councils of legislation.
13-100	The amendment sought to provide an arrangement when a vacancy in the office of governor occurs. It created the position of Vice-Governor. The enactment was passed 306 to 209 . The nominating committee for governor will select one available past governor to be named vice-governor. The role of the vice-governor will be to replace the governor in case of temporary or permanent inability to continue in the performance of the governor's duties. If there is no vice-governor the board is authorised to fill the vacancy. The District has been advised (DGE Greg Moran) that it cannot prescribe that the immediate past governor automatically be the vice-governor.
	Some exercises in semantics have been highlighted.
	As a result of additions to the Constitutional documents (and the District Code of Policies and Rules) renumbering of Articles, Sections and Item have occurred

The Rotary Foundation

Vocational Training Team	VTT is a new program introduced under the Future Vision Program.
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Chartering of a new Club

The Rotary Club of Old Bar has been chartered in November 2013
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Change of Club Name:

1.	Rather than chartering an eclub (a new club requires 20 charter members) the Rotary Club of Tamworth North will be known as eClub 9650 Rotary Club .
2.	The Rotary Club of Tamworth-on-Peel is now known as Rotary Calala to differentiate it by location from the other Tamworth Clubs.

The **Adoption** of the above Resolutions was put to the assembly and **carried** without dissent.

A **Question** was raised from the floor by PDG Jo Wilkin regarding the selection of Vice Governor for 2014/15 and it was decided that the selection committee meet immediately following the AGM.

Moved Dr Ted Giblin/Jay Clowes **Carried**

9. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

To confirm the appointment of the following Office Bearers of District 9650 being the Management Team for 2014-2015 who will take office on and from 1 July 2014:

D9650 Office Held	Rotarian	Rotary Club of:
District Governor	Greg Moran	Inverell
District Governor-Elect	Maurie Stack	Taree on Manning
District Governor-Nominee	Ian Jackson	Laurieton
District Secretary	Annette Mackay	Tamworth on Peel
District Treasurer	Ian Witherdin	Inverell
Immediate Past District Governor	PDG Rob Anderson	Coffs Harbour
The Rotary Foundation Director	PDG Ken Hall	Tamworth
Public Relations Director	John Goldsmith	Inverell
Membership Director	Nick Wright	Dorrigo
Community Service Director	Barry Mason	Inverell East
International Service Director	Bob Ryan	Armidale North
Club Administration Director	Ian Jackson	Laurieton
Youth Director	Diana Christian	Bellingen
Vocational Service Director	Joyce Durey	Armidale North
Assistant Governor Cluster 1	Neale Parmenter	Coffs Harbour
Assistant Governor Cluster 2	James Christian	Bellingen
Assistant Governor Cluster 3	Ian Jackson	Laurieton
Assistant Governor Cluster 4	Bruce Moy	Taree
Assistant Governor Cluster 5	Vicki Kembery	Armidale
Assistant Governor Cluster 6	Phillip Lyon	Tamworth First Light
Assistant Governor Cluster 7	Hugh Raadgever	Coonabarabran
Assistant Governor Cluster 8	Gary Russell	Inverell East
Assistant Governor Cluster 9	Wayne Madden	Narrabri
District Trainer	PDG Jo Wilkin	Coonabarabran
Vice-Governor	TBA	TBA

The appointments were confirmed by acclamation.

10. CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

To confirm the appointment of RID John Boag as Public Officer of Rotary International District 9650 Inc. for 2014-15.

Moved DGND Ian Jackson/Paul Froome **Carried**

11. ELECTION

Election was carried out for District 9650 representative on the Nominating Committee for Zone 8 RI Director. The gathering was advised that PDG Ken Hall had been the only nomination as Zone 8 RI Director **Carried by acclamation**

12. REPORT BY DISTRICT GOVERNOR ROB ANDERSON

Full report attached

13. ADDRESS BY ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Rotary President's Personal Representative PDG David Cook addressed the AGM briefly and commented on the efficiency and preparedness of the Chairman and the way the AGM had been carried out. He also thanked the District for welcoming him and Carolyn in such a friendly manner.

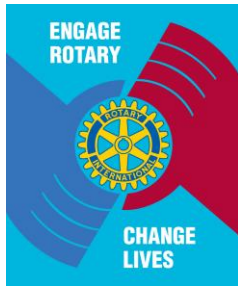
14. GENERAL BUSINESS

General Business: Any late items of General Business would require the consent of the meeting before being accepted for discussion and consideration by the meeting. **None received.**

15. THANKYOU

Chairman Harry expressed his appreciation to all present and to his team on the Resolutions Committee namely **Bob Ryan**, President Rotary Club of Armidale North and **Peter Davies** Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour Daybreak.

16. MEETING CLOSED 3.04 PM



Report to District 9650 Annual General Meeting.

It is with great pleasure that I present my report to Rotary District 9650 at the ¾ point of my Governors year. It is far from over I assure you.

As at the date of our Conference, we have a membership of 1577 members (3rd highest in Zone 8) spread across 57 Rotary Clubs, divided as you are aware, into 9 Clusters.

We have successfully chartered the Rotary Club of Old Bar this year. This club is the culmination of a lot of hard work by Taree North Rotarians and whilst I was the Governor was lucky enough to present the charter to the club, it was Immediate Past District Governor Brian Beesley who got the ball rolling and momentum built under his watch. PP Bill Griffiths was appointed as the DG Special representative and did so in style, thanks Bill & Brian.

In other things membership we have a District focussed E Club underway. With the work of PDG Ken Hall and AG Phil Lyon the club has a constitution, a Facebook presence and a website under construction which will launch in the not too distant future. The club will be a transformation of the Rotary Club of Tamworth North and helps us in that we don't have to undergo the whole charter process, allowing us to build from a small base and still be a functioning Rotary Club. Thanks to you 2 as well.

The conclusion of the 2013/2014 Rotary year will also see the conclusion of RI Director John Boag's tenure as a Director of Rotary International. I want to acknowledge the commitment John has made to our organisation and the dedication to the task he has displayed. In District 9650 we are fortunate that one of our own has aspired to attain such office and give our thanks to you and Diana for all of your hard work.

Kerry and I have visited and addressed all 57 Rotary clubs across the District using a variety of methods. Some areas have combined to do a joint visit where others have required a visit on their own. Each has their merits but I tend to think that regardless of the style of meeting, we have been able to relay RI President Ron's theme and message of Engage Rotary, Change lives.

We have travelled quite extensively as a consequence of the visits, requiring several overnight stays. These have been conducted in a variety of ways. WE have enjoyed home stays in many parts of the District and appreciate the fact that our members have opened their homes to us and accommodated us in a wonderful manner, full of friendship. I have also stayed in more than a few motels along the way as well, enjoying great fellowship along the way.

The opportunity to undertake these visits has required the support of many people, not the least of which was my Assistant Governors. Thanks go to each of you for your support. Whilst I am handing out thanks in conduct of my visits I need to acknowledge my Employers, Coffs Harbour Support Services. As many of you know, I still work full time and John Costello, our CEO has been most supportive of my role in our District and this has been an amazing thing.

The staff at work got used to me disappearing mid-afternoon, returning mid-morning after a night away on the tablelands somewhere.

Of course the mainstay of every Governor's year is their partner. I am blessed in the fact that I had Kerry by my side for most of the 27,000kms we have done so far this year. Whether it is someone to ensure a drink is there when required or someone to keep me awake late at night on the way home from a meeting along the coast, Kerry has been an immense support to me in this year.

I have been humbled by the level of support that her project has raised during the year to date and the good will she has felt as Kerry outlined her adventurous goals.

You will notice that Kerry is not joining us this weekend. Kerry underwent surgery yesterday to correct a nerve disorder that has seen her undertake our visits to the clubs often in some discomfort and certainly not completely herself. That she was able to give her presentation at all some days is amazing.

Equally amazing is the work of each of the Clubs in our District. The overwhelming message I get from seeing and hearing about the projects being undertaken right across our District is that Clubs are engaged with their communities, delivering great value for their residents.

I have always been relived to roll into a town and find a Rotary Loo or a park or some such tangible sign that Rotary is active in some way or another. I was approached at Coonabarabran by agent from Blaze Aid who told me of the value of the efforts put in out there by the Club.

Good work abound wherever I went and that is fantastic.

Of course we also have many great and wonderful things happening overseas as well, under the auspices of various Rotary causes or banners.

2013/2014 has seen a significant change to our Foundation as we launched the future vision for the grants system, now known as Rotary Grants.

We have had confirmation this week that our District Grant had been paid after some delays that were down to the Stewardship or compliance/administration of grants. The system works well as long as the paperwork is done when required. This has been the main cause of our delays this year.

The system works when we each complete our role diligently, however when we don't it blocks the next lot.

I bring this up because some feel the new system is not what it was advertised as. It is and it will be – we have some teething troubles is all.

Our VTT is currently in Louisiana District 6200 and from all reports enjoying themselves. Our Inbound team are joining us this weekend and we should get a brief connection to the 6200 Conference over the weekend.

This has been funded in part by District Grants, the balance by District 9650 itself.

At the risk of rambling on, I wish to pay tribute to the work of the District Management Team, or Team Bear as we are known.

I especially thank District Secretary Peter and District Treasurer Harry for the completion of their executive duties.

I have great praise for the diligence that they have approached their portfolios this year and appreciate the work that has gone in to support the clubs as they seek to do what they do.

I have had a lot of fun with the whole Team Bear thing this year and the branding and identity has been a novel way to put a stamp on the year.

Finally the G-Train has made my transition to Governor a little easier and I hope Greg finds the same with Maurie learning the same way. Thanks Gents.

The opportunity to serve as the Governor for this District has been a great honour and one I truly appreciate.


I am proud to lead a group of Rotary Clubs who are committed to the ideals of Rotary, the 4 way test and the doing of good in the world. As I have said many times the communities in which we operate would be the poorer if not for their existence.

This job has been amazing and it's been a year that has absolutely flown by. It has been full of wonderful experiences as well as a few challenges; none of which I would trade for anything.

I look forward to handing the keys to the shop over to Greg Moran at the end of June so he can write the next chapter of our great District. I have enjoyed writing mine.

Thanks for the opportunity to serve.



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