

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S CORNER

Well the Rotary year is fast coming to a close. This will be the last snippet from the current District Governor's corner of the study. I cannot believe that the Rotary year is ending and when this E News goes to electronic print it will be only 48 hours to go to "Ian who?"

Club Changeovers

The Club changeovers are in full swing and in past years I thought more Changeovers ran into July. This year we seem to have a large number occur in the 3rd and 4th weeks of June. Barbara and I have attended as many as we could get to in the time allowed but 6 changeovers on one night is difficult to cover.

They have all been different but very enjoyable and even those Clubs where the President was standing again still had some form of celebration of their year.

Barbara's Partners Program

With the final donations very gratefully being received Barbara looks certain to achieve her target of \$38,500 to fund the 3 ½ year PHD Cancer Research Scholarship in partnership with Australian Rotary Health.

A very grateful thank you to all the Clubs and individuals who generously donated to this special Cancer Research program. Cancer in some form or other has impacted all of us at some time.

The Highlights

People have asked me what the highlight of my year has been. A difficult question as there have been many highlights and indeed some challenges. I knew there would be some challenges but fortunately nothing too big we couldn't deal with quickly and with a minimum of fuss.

As to the highlights, I believe the "Official Club Visits" would be the most surprising and most inspiring part of the year. Barbara and I met many wonderful Rotarians just out there 'doing their thing' and not seeking any recognition.

The variety and diversity of the projects and fundraising ideas were also extremely interesting. One fundraising idea really appealed in that it did not seek 'money' from anyone merely asking for a donation of something that was being thrown away.

This was of course the 'dead' battery collection. How simple, hard and heavy work but collecting people's old used batteries, selling them and turning that money into defibrillators at sporting fields, CWA rooms, Men's Sheds and other sites where people gather with the view to perhaps saving a life.

There were of course many other great ideas and my sincere congratulations to all the Clubs for their innovative programs.

Important District Dates**1 July**

◇ District Changeover - Laurieton

31 July

◇ Rotary International President's Dinner - Port Macquarie

5 August

◇ Epiphanies - Musical Theatre Gala Concert Fundraising for Mental Health Research - Tamworth

18 November

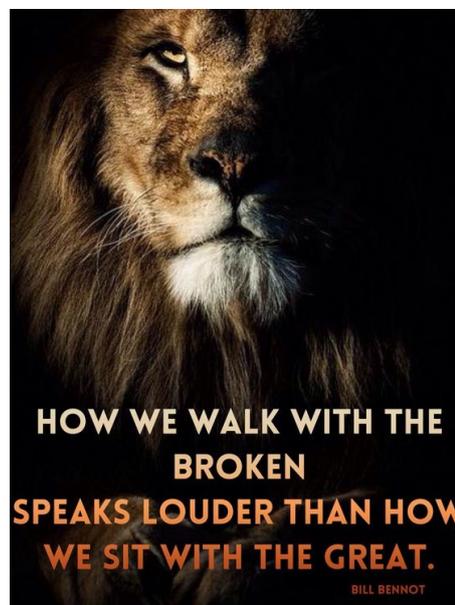
◇ Million Dollar Dinner - Port Macquarie

A final thank you to all the members of the "G Train", Assistant Governors, District Directors, Committee Chairs and committee members who committed hundreds of hours collectively this year to making this a great Rotary year.

Our success this year was through communication, cooperation and people just wanting to "do good in the world".

Barbara and I hope to see many of you at the District Changeover but we will certainly catch up during the year when we continue our Rotary Journey with the great Rotarians of District 9650.

Yours in Rotary
Ian Jackson
District Governor
2016-2017

Pin of the week

JUNE IS ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS MONTH

DISTRICT 9650 FOUNDATION CENTENARY PROJECT UPDATE

PDG Ken Hall writes:



On behalf of the District 9650 Foundation committee I would like to express our appreciation for the wonderful support from the Clubs in the District for the provision of clean, cooled water in some 80 schools in the Punjab region, District 3090 India

through the Centenary Global Grant of the Rotary Foundation.

Clubs in the District were asked to raise \$20,475 USD towards the grant of \$88,971 USD (\$120,110.85 AUD) and I am pleased to announce that this grant has now been paid and work has already commenced in India on the provision of these water supplies to some 88 schools.

The amount needed to be raised in Australian dollars was \$27,461.25 AUD and this amount was paid through the magnificent contributions of clubs and individuals on 19th June 2017.

Thanks to the following District 9650 Clubs and individuals (in alphabetical order);

Armidale AM; Armidale Central; Armidale North; Coffs Harbour; Coffs Harbour South; Coonabarabran; Coonamble; Dorrigo; Gloucester; Gunnedah; Gunnedah 2380; Laurieton; Nambucca Heads; Moree; Narrabri; Port Macquarie West; Rotary EClub of District 9650; Tamworth; Tamworth First Light; Tamworth Sunrise; Tamworth West; Taree North; Taree on Manning; Wauchope and Woolgoolga and two private donations - one in the memory of Don Roberts and the other from David Godden.

If I have missed contributions from any Clubs I do apologise and ask that you contact me immediately so that the work of the clubs can be correctly identified in their support for this great project.

ATTENTION CLUB LEADERS

Joe Roth, Rotary Club Central Product Owner, Member and Club Management, Rotary International writes:

We're excited to announce that a new and improved Rotary Club Central will debut in July. In response to your feedback, the updated platform will feature a fresh, modern interface and faster, easier navigation. Plus, you can access the new Rotary Club Central from a desktop or mobile device.

Rotary Club Central will continue to be an essential tool for planning and tracking membership initiatives, service activities, and Foundation giving, as well as completing Rotary Citation goals.

New features include:

- Inputting Rotary Foundation goals in local currency — no more conversions needed
- Easy-to-read charts and graphs to show past and current club data — great for succession planning and setting goals for the year

SAWTELL'S EXCHANGE STUDENT MAKES NEW FRIENDS



Lennart Piehl from Germany enjoyed his visit to Port Macquarie's Billabong Zoo.

- A simpler way to track service activities — to measure your club's local and global impact

All the information that's now in Rotary Club Central will automatically move to the new platform. Your club won't lose any past or current data because of the upgrade.

In mid-July, we'll notify you when Rotary Club Central becomes temporarily unavailable during the upgrade and again when it is back online.

Get more [information](#) about the new Rotary Club Central at My Rotary.

MY FINAL ENEWS

With the District Changeover two days away, this will be my final edition of E News. Thanks must go to the regular contributors, DG Ian, PDG Ken, PDG Jo, PDG Rob, James Levingston, Alan St Clair, Margaret Harrison, Alan Freedman and Di Hall.

The weekly publication of E News would not have been possible without the support of my wife, Bronwyn, who proofread every issue and found most of the "Pins" and "QI Facts".

Please support the new editor, PDG Jane Bradford by submitting stories, photos, information, details of projects, etc. Jane's email address is:

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47-year old Mark Inglis climbed Everest in 2006, despite having no legs and one of his prostheses snapping in half at 21,000 feet.