

February has proved to be another busy month for our District with most clubs getting back to the grindstone after the holidays.

DGE John Lane held his PEPS and District Team Training Day on the 19th and from my observation the change of format seemed to work quite well.

During the month the returning youth exchange students attended their debrief and graduation dinner, as usual they had some great stories of their experiences of the past 12 months. We wish them all the best as they move into the next stages of their lives.



Also during February the next class of Peace Scholars arrived at UQ, the 10 students from class 15 come from many countries including Honduras, Thailand, Pakistan, Canada and the United States.

The students are hosted by clubs from both Districts 9630 and 9600 and I really thank the five clubs from 9600 that are hosting these students.



#### DISTRICT GIVING TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION:

I have just received advice from Parramatta that our District is currently sitting at the top of this years giving to The Rotary Foundation, congratulations to our Foundation Chair Darryl Iseppi and his team, this is a great result.

#### CONFERENCE UPDATE:

The Conference is fast approaching with a little less than 4 weeks till we kick off and the conference committee have advised we are all set to go.

All speakers are now in place and the showcase of 32 displays are all full. Just to confirm on the Saturday night we have the School of Hard Knocks Musical Theatre group performing before dinner, this is not to be missed. After dinner we have Tucker and Chop from Kingaroy to entertain with song and dance. The current presidents will remember these are the two who performed for us at our PETS in Kingaroy, should prove to be a great night.

As a reminder there will be no cost to attend the conference, however to attend you will still need to register. All meals including morning teas, etc, do attract a cost and the committee has done everything in its power to keep those costs to an affordable amount. Registrations are now open on the district website [rotary9600.org](http://rotary9600.org).

A separate flyer will be posted promoting this event.

I especially wish to thank Conference Chair Ian Barnett and his team for putting this together.

#### POLIO UPDATE:

The latest update I have received indicates the total for 2016 was the previously reported 37 with Pakistan reporting 20 cases last year, Afghanistan 13 and Nigeria 4.

Year to date in 2017 we have had reported 3 cases, 1 in Pakistan and 2 in Afghanistan.

I am still hopeful we will see the last case during this Rotary year.

#### REPORT FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR ELECT JOHN LANE

In January Bo and I travelled to San Diego for the 2017 International Assembly.

This is the culmination of the three year training programme that all District Governors go through prior to their year.

With the other 20 members of the 2017-18 class of Australian Governors we had been through our first session in November 2015 in Melbourne, the second in Penrith in September 2016 when we were joined with the six New Zealand DGs and now the final where all 539 District Governors Elect met with our President Ian Riseley over a week at the Manchester Grand Hyatt in San Diego.

The Assembly started on the Sunday Evening with a welcoming dinner preceded by a Parade of Nations with all the various countries entering the room in national costume. No, we did not wear singlet, shorts and thongs, more sedate white shirt, scarves, etc. led by two members in surf life-saving gear.

On Monday the actual Assembly itself started with Ian Riseley announcing his theme 'Rotary: Making a Difference' as part of his opening address.



DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
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Serve Humanity"  
24 - 26 March 2017



For that day and the next four days we started with a plenary session followed by a breakout session and a further plenary session and breakout after lunch.

The breakout sessions were a group of 16 DGEs reviewing the content of the plenary session with a facilitator working up to goals across the various areas of focus (every day we had a different group of DGEs).

Along the way we heard from a variety of Past Rotary International Presidents (there were 20 of the 25 surviving Past Presidents there), Evanston Staff and other eminent speakers.

Ian shared not only his theme but his request for all Rotary Clubs to plant a tree for each of their members, advised that from 1 July 2017 Clubs would be able to take part in a self-funded Cultural Exchange programme (more details to follow) and our need for diversity in our clubs, whilst noting that it had taken 28 years to get to just over 20% female membership and at that rate it would take another 30 years to reach parity.

Ian is a great supporter of the Peace Centres and the 2017-18 District Governors joined Ian in raising over \$1.2 million US by purchasing special Polo shirts and other fund-raising measures towards sponsoring a Peace Fellow at the University of Queensland.

We left San Diego with lots of ideas, enhanced knowledge and many more friends from the wide world of Rotary to help us in 'Making a Difference'.

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### ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS - (RYLA):

Opposite is a notice from RYLA Chair Colleen Caruana updating where they are at with this years event.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

During March not only do we have the Conference but this coming weekend we have the Interact and Earlyact assembly at St Columban's.

Prior to the conference DGE John will be holding the annual International PETs at Bribie Island from the 20th to the 23rd, on the evening of the 23rd Bribie Island club will be also holding the annual International Dinner, this is always a great night.

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### DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR 2019/20:

Rotary never stops and as part of the succession planning we at district, elect each year, a future Governor.

This year the nominating committee has elected PP Darryl Iseppi from the Rotary Club of New Farm as our District's Governor for 2019/20.

We congratulate District Governor Nominee Designate Darryl on his election.



Finally I look forward to catching up with as many of our Rotarians as possible at our conference between the 24th and 26th March, a little over 3 weeks away.

Yours in Rotary Service  
DG Alan

## NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM (NYSF)



Twenty six students have graduated from the two sessions of the NYSF held in Canberra this year, and as their parents will tell you, there has been a marked change between the child they sent to Canberra and the one that returned. If your club sponsored a student in 2017, make sure you invite him/her back to tell you of their adventurous story. If

your club did not sponsor one and you would like to know more about it, contact me and I will put you in touch with the nearest student.

NEWS! NEWS! NEWS! The National Youth Science Forum will be held over 3 sessions next January. This is a big step because it means 200 more of our talented students will be able to attend this great programme.

- Session A will run from 2nd to 13th January,
- Session B from 9th to 20th January and
- Session C from 16th to 27th January.

Sessions A and C will be held in Canberra, and the University of Queensland will be the location of Session B. Applications for NYSF 2018 will open on 1st March and close on 31st May. I encourage all clubs to be involved in sponsoring a student to the NYSF because this is an investment in the future of Australia.

Professor Tanya Munro, Deputy Vice Chancellor at the University of South Australia and founding chair of the Institute of Photonics, SA Australian of the Year 2011, and now Patron of the NYSF, is a shining example of the Forum's success.

There will be a stall at the District Conference, so do come and say hello.

*Tino Babao*

*District 9600 NYSF Chair*

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## ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS - SEMINAR

Hi everyone

How quick has this year gone already! RYLA is just around the corner and the committee has had a huge response from clubs all promising to send their applications and fees in.



We are ready, willing and excited to welcome your Rylarians!

- Program is set – speakers, presenters and activities all booked/confirmed
- Leaders ready to go (their training starts 4/3/17). They have been spreading the word
- Club presentations well underway (let us know if you want us to visit your club soon)
- Enquiries are coming in via Facebook

For all info and forms - [http://rotary9600.org/rotarycms/modules/view\\_wysiwyg/index.php?pagenum=45](http://rotary9600.org/rotarycms/modules/view_wysiwyg/index.php?pagenum=45)  
RYLA applications close on 25th March, 2017 - we look forward to receiving them!

*Yours in Rotary Service*  
*Colleen Caruana*  
*RYLA Chairman*  
*0412 744 038*

# Rotary District 9600 CLUB DEVELOPMENT Report for JANUARY 2017

CLUB NAME	01-07-16	31-01-17	Late Feb.*	CLUB NAME	01-07-16	31-01-17	Late Feb.*
Albany Creek	31	33	33	Nambour	27	22	22
Albion	8	8	8	Nambour 76	16	14	14
Alexandra Headland	20	26	27	New Farm	20	14	14
Ashgrove/The Gap	33	35	37	Noosa	22	21	17
Aspley	32	34	34	Noosa Daybreak	23	24	26
Bribie Island	31	33	32	Noosa Heads	21	22	22
Brisbane	31	30	30	Nundah	13	14	14
Brisbane Airport	21	21	23	Pine Rivers	27	30	32
Brisbane High-Rise	58	57	58	Pine Rivers Daybreak	21	21	21
Brisbane Mid-City	34	28	28	Redcliffe City	35	37	32
Brisbane Inner North	24	24	24	Redcliffe – Sunrise	18	16	16
Brisbane Planetarium	44	36	35	Samford Valley	14	14	14
Brookfield	12	11	10	Taabinga	19	22	23
Buderim	22	19	19	Toowong	45	38	38
Caboolture	25	30	30	Woombye Palmwoods	14	16	15
Caloundra	30	42	40	<i>The above covers the Australian Club list – <b>N.B.</b> RC Sandgate have relinquished their Charter – other D9600 Clubs are:-</i>			
Caloundra Pacific	44	46	46				
Cooroy	19	21	21	<b>Papua New Guinea</b>			
Eumundi	25	26	23	Boroko	26	26	20
Fortitude Valley	43	35	35	Buka	16	31	10
Geebung	10	10	10	Bulolo-Wau	12	11	11
Glasshouse Mountains	8	9	9	Goroka	9	9	9
Gympie	35	30	31	Kavieng	7	7	7
Gympie-Cooloola	37	35	35	Kimbe	14	12	12
Hamilton	32	31	31	Kokopo	9	9	9
Karana Downs	17	16	15	Lae – Houn Gulf	21	24	25
Kawana Waters	14	13	14	Madang	21	18	18
Kenmore	34	37	36	Mount Hagen	7	5	5
Kingaroy	30	34	32	Nondugi	28	17	9
Kippa Ring/North Lakes	9	14	15	Port Moresby	26	19	19
Maleny	23	24	24	<b>Solomon Islands</b>			
Maroochydore	21	24	24	Gizo	6	7	7
Mitchelton	10	11	9	Honiara	37	28	26
Mooloolaba	50	46	42	<b>Nauru</b>			
Murgon	18	15	15	Nauru	5	5	5
TOTAL Members for July 2016 = <b>1,519</b> , for January 2017 it was, <b>1497</b> , and for late FEBRUARY* it was <b>1447</b>							
<span style="margin-right: 20px;">QLD Aust.</span> <span style="margin-right: 20px;">Papua New Guinea</span> <span style="margin-right: 20px;">Solomon Islands</span> <span>Nauru</span>							

**COMMENTS:** Welcome to Rotary's NEWEST MEMBER at this Club:-

**GRAHAM LINDSAY ENGEMAN      Gympie**

Graham, this Club has a fine history, so I'm confident you'll fit in well.

