

DISTRICT 9710 NEWS

SEPT 2018

ROTARY YEAR 2018-2019

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DG Margaret 'Hass' Hassall sept 2018 LETTER



Most months of the year are busy for Rotary, but September has been an exciting month for Rotary in District 9710. I put a lot of it down to the fact that we almost hibernate in the winter months and then once there is a sign of spring, events pile one upon the other. A big pat on the back must go to Vicki Coleman for her inspiration in organising Rotary's participation in Floriade as a Charity Partner, and then her attention to detail as she produced a very large 'cake' and the massive birthday card to celebrate 90th birthday of Rotary in Canberra.

At last count we are nearing the target of over 6000. The atmosphere in the marquee was one of fun and passers-by found themselves drawn in to indicate their home town on the relevant map. Names and details were taken of anyone who expressed an interest in Rotary membership. It was obvious that Floriade attracts visitors from all over the world and they all heard of the great work that Rotarians do. Thank you also to Steve Hill for his foresight in engaging Three Sides Marketing last year, the group providing the large photos of individual Rotarians in the display. These photos showed a range of age and ethnic background of club members in the district.

Another meaningful event was the Peace Bell ceremony in Nara Park on World Peace Day 21 September. Located in a beautiful setting on the edge of the lake, the Peace Bell is a fitting place of reflection where we can unite in a plea for peace. The club of Canberra Burley Griffin has surely provided a lasting monument for everyone to enjoy. Keynote speaker was Robert Tickner AO, former minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Affairs.

At the ceremony, the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow for its work in promoting peace by non-violent means and political, economic and social justice for all.

The Zone Conference in Hobart attracted 600 Rotarians, a chance for old friends to catch up and for all of us to hear some amazing speakers. In attendance were our Immediate Past President, Ian Riseley and his wife, Juliet, our current International Director, Raffy Garcia, and Immediate Past International Director, Noel Trevaskis and his wife, Sue.

On the district dinner night, members of D9710 joined up with those of D9700, getting to know each better before becoming D9705 in 2020. Some awards for Foundation giving were presented during the conference, D9710 picking up the award for the district giving the most money from the District Designated Fund to Polio Plus. I was very proud to accept the award on behalf of the district.

A new project has been set up involving both D9700 and D9710 to access \$250,000 that have been given to the appeal by Channel Nine, Rotary and the National Farmers Federation. John Glassford, District Governor of D9700 is the project manager, the funds to be used for drought relief.

Of course, the **District Conference in Cooma on 6/7 October is a major event in the 2018-19 year** and I cannot describe how much hard work that the committee, chaired by John Clarke, has put into the preparations for the conference. A big thank you to the committee and I look forward to meeting as many Rotarians as possible on that weekend.

Don't forget to wear the colours of our logo, 'Be the Inspiration', to the dinner on the Saturday night.

Another acknowledgement – to Andrea Conti for agreeing to continuing her job in editing this newsletter. Thank you so much, Andrea.

Be the inspiration!
Yours in Rotary, Margaret (Hass) Hassall

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is presented a certificate of appreciation for its generous contribution of District Designated Funds to the End Polio Now: Countdown to History campaign. Together, we will fulfill our promise to the children of the world and eradicate polio.

Paul A. Netzel
Chair, The Rotary Foundation Trustees

Ian H.S. Riseley
President, Rotary International



Proud parents Ken & Jan and equally proud hubby Rex, toast Lynne for her well deserved OAM

The newest edition to the OAM brigade of Pambula Rotarians.

Pres. Lynne Koerbin joins fellow O.A.M. Rotarians - Murray Jarvis and Daryl Dobson and Honorary Rotarians, John Liston and Frank Holden.

Within District 9710, there also was OAM awarded to Sandra McCarthy from Gerringong Sunrise, Alison Russell-French from Canberra and Peter Wood from Batemans Bay.



Congratulations to all

KIAMA AUTO EXPO

SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 2018

KIAMA AND GERRINGONG ROTARY CLUBS FUNRAISING EVENT

Melanoma Research and Prevention

TO: CAR AND MOTORCYCLE CLUBS

The Rotary Clubs of Kiama and Gerringong are holding their annual Car/Auto show once again on Sunday 11 November 2018 at Kiama Showground. (formerly Kiama Car Spectacular)

A flyer is included with full details of the event . Please include this in your calendar of events.

All enquiries and bookings can be made to:

Bob Waite Ph 02 42341336

Christine Waite Ph 02 42343033

or

Email; kiamaautoexpo@gmail.com



Rotary Kiama and Gerringong

KIAMA AUTO EXPO 2018

Proudly Sponsored by **Peoplcare**

Supporting the Rotary Melanoma and Skin Cancer Prevention Program

SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2018
9AM-2.30PM
AT KIAMA SHOWGROUNDS AND PAVILION KIAMA

ENTRY \$5 DONATION TO THE MELANOMA AND SKIN CANCER PREVENTION PROGRAM (UNDER 12s FREE)



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- DISPLAYS OF VINTAGE, VETERAN AND CLASSIC CARS AND BIKES
- DISPLAYS OF MOBILE HOMES AND LEISURE VEHICLES
- WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS ABOUT THINGS AUTOMOTIVE
- STALLS WITH AUTO SUPPLIES AND ACCESSORIES
- OFF ROAD REMOTE CAR EVENTS • CAR AND BIKE JUDGING
- CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINMENT • MUSICAL PERFORMANCES
- FOOD, REFRESHMENTS AND COFFEE AVAILABLE • RAFFLE DRAW
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We encourage Car and Bike Clubs to book early to secure a site for your club - no fee for display cars. Anyone wishing to have a stall site or display site also needs to book.
Contact Bob on 4234 1336 or
e mail kiamaautoexpo@gmail.com

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Bega Rotary's Noel Travaskis who had just completed his three year term as International Director of the Asian-Pacific area for Rotary International and his wife Sue, a nurse, travelled to the Purple House in Alice Springs to participate in the hand over of A 2WD hatch and a 4WD dual-cab, both vehicles are brand new and are replacing a 1959 Morris Minor used as the support vehicle by Western Desert Dialysis in Alice Springs. These vehicles came from donations by the Rotary Club of Bega and other Rotary Clubs around NSW, SA, NT and ACT together with generous deals from local motor dealers in Alice Springs. Working with the Australian Rotary World Community Service and its Dick Smith Community Grants "umbrella" the campaign eventually raised more than \$80,000. The 4wd vehicle will do bush runs to remote communities in the NT and WA. Rates of end-stage kidney disease are vastly greater among Indigenous people, especially in remote communities, with up to 50 times that of non-Indigenous people.



All members are encouraged to set aside time to attend the District Conference in Cooma on 5th – 7th October. A list for attendance will be circulated at our next meeting. This is a great opportunity for us to network with other Clubs and share what we are doing to make our community a better place.

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Celebrating 55 years



Rotary Club Canberra Burley Griffin



We celebrated World Peace Day on Friday 21 September on a warm, beautiful, sunny morning, overlooking Lake Burley Griffin. The Canberra Rotary Peace Bell sounded across the peaceful surroundings of Nara Park.

Guests attended from a broad section of the community. The date has become the occasion when the ACT Chief Minister's Peace Prize is announced. It was presented by Mr Michael Pettersson MLA Yerrabi to Dr Ludmilla Kwitko, ACT board representative for WILPF - the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

The keynote speaker was Robert Tickner, former politician, former CEO Australian Red Cross. Also present was Chris Woodthorpe, UN Director Canberra, to deliver the Peace Message from the Secretary General of the United Nations.

The Junior Concert Band from the ACT instrumental music programme rendered some beautiful tunes, the Canberra Women's Peace Choir sang songs for peace, ICAN members displayed their Nobel Peace Prize Medal, and the Rotary District Governor, Margaret Hassall gave a welcoming speech.

Greg Gibbs, President of the Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin, spoke on behalf of the club that built the Peace Bell with donations from many individuals, businesses and community organisations.

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INSPIRATION**



FLORIADE 2018

Its hard to believe that we have almost reached the halfway point of Floriade and thanks to the many clubs who are participating with gusto, the days are flying by for the organising committee!

So, how is it all going, you ask? Here is an update.

Potential new members

Good news—we *already* have 30 people expressing an interest in joining Rotary or Rotaract. If we keep up at this rate, we should double that number by the end of Floriade. District will send out all contacts to clubs after 14 October which is the last day of Floriade.

Record-breaking attempt—signing the card

This is also going gang-busters!

As all the clubs who have already been at Floriade will know, this has proved to be an excellent visitor attraction. At the time of going to press, we had surpassed Robert Downey Jr's record—and for those who don't know who he is, just Google 'Iron Man' and you will find out that he is *BIG* in the movie world. We will Facebook him and see if we get some international publicity.

By the way, congrats to the Rotary ESC Awards team, who headed by PDG Steve Hill got a massive 1155 signatures for the card in one day! Way to go team! Let's see if another club/team can beat them.

Other popular activities

After signing the card, we have been asking people to mark their hometown on one of our maps, and this simple activity has led to interesting conversations between Rotarians and visitors. We have had visitors from Finland to the tip of South Africa and as far away as the small island of American Samoa. Its been fascinating to talk to people about their homes.

Many of these conversations have resulted in

visitors staying longer in the marquee and donating money to Rotary.

Shelterbox has lived up to expectations and is an enlightening experience for visitors who have explored its interior and asked questions about this disaster aid initiative. Thank you to Fred Fawke for setting it up and being so generous in lending us the tent for the period.

NightFest

Our enthusiastic Rotaractors are creating a visual masterpiece at NightFest. A fluorescent mural is being painted by visitors in our marquee and its progress can be viewed on Rotaract's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/canberrarotract/>.

Pop in the Park Day—30 September

Rotary had a very special guest - author Jack Heath onsite at the Rotary marquee on Sunday 30 September. Jack Heath is the popular author of more than 20 books for adults and children including the *Hangman* and *Liars* series and was happy to lend his star power to our day.

Floriade visitors visited our marquee to meet Jack, purchase one of his latest books and had it signed between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm -a great Christmas present for that hard-to-buy-for teenager.

We have provided interactive frames for people to take group photos using our unique border.

Your enthusiasm and participation at Floriade is what makes Rotary such a great organisation.

Vicki Coleman
Project Manager, Rotary@Floriade.



Rotary Club Woden Canberra

Rotary Rides Canberra Five Peaks Challenge bike ride
28 April 2019

A non-competitive cyclo-sportive supported bike riding event provides a great challenge to ride the six peaks of Canberra and/or to ride around them on the flat

www.rotaryrides.org.au

Woden Rotary 50th Birthday dinner-dance

29 May 2019

Hellenic Club, Woden ACT



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ROTARY AT A GLANCE

Rotarians: 1,201,005 in 35,705 clubs in 545 Districts in 220 countries/geographic areas.

Rotaractors: 257,853* in 11,211 clubs in 532 districts in 184 countries/geographic areas.

Interactors: 528,885* in 22,995 clubs in 498 districts in 161 countries/geographic areas.

Rotary Community Corps members: 204,194* in 9942 clubs in 235 districts in 90 countries/geographic areas.

Down Under there are 29,326 Rotarians in 1107 clubs in 21 districts in Australia and 8471 Rotarians in 267 clubs in six districts in New Zealand and the Pacific. Australian and New Zealand districts include Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu, where there are 734 Rotarians in 44 clubs.

OBJECT OF ROTARY

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

- 1** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- 2** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- 3** The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business and community life;
- 4** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Sushil Kumar Gupta selected to be 2020-21 Rotary president

By **Teresa Schmedding**

Sushil Kumar Gupta, of the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest, Delhi, India, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2020-21. He will be declared the president-nominee on 1 October if no challenging candidates have been suggested. Gupta wants to increase Rotary's humanitarian impact as well as the diversity of its membership.

"As individuals, we can only do so much," Gupta said in a statement. "But when 1.2 million Rotarians work together, there is no limit to what we can achieve, and in the process, we can truly change the world."

Gupta has been a Rotarian since 1977 and has served Rotary as district governor, training leader, and resource group adviser, and as a member, vice chair, or chair of several committees.

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He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science degree by the IIS University, Jaipur, in recognition of his contributions to water conservation.

He has also received the coveted Padma Shri Award, the fourth-highest civilian award in India, conferred by the president of India for distinguished service to tourism and social work. Gupta has also received the Distinguished Service Award from The Rotary Foundation for his support of its humanitarian and educational programs. He and his wife, Vinita, are Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation and members of the Arch Klumph Society.

Gupta is chair and managing director of Asian Hotels (West) Ltd., and owner of Hyatt Regency Mumbai and JW Marriott Hotel New Delhi Aerocity.

He has served as president of the Federation of Hotel and Restaurant Associations of India and on the board of directors of Tourism Finance Corporation of India Ltd. He is the president of Experience India Society, a public-private partnership between the tourism industry and the government of India that promotes India as a tourist destination. He is also vice chair of the

Himalayan Environment Trust and serves on the board of Operation Eyesight Universal in India.

The members of the Nominating Committee for the 2020-21 President of Rotary International are Kazuhiko Ozawa, Rotary Club of Yokosuka, Kanagawa, Japan; Manoj D. Desai, Rotary Club of Baroda Metro, Gujarat, India; Shekhar Mehta, Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India; **John G. Thorne, Rotary Club of North Hobart, Tasmania, Australia**; Guiller E. Tumangan, Rotary Club of Makati West, Makati City, Philippines; Juin Park, Rotary Club of Suncheon, Jeonnam, Korea; Elio Cerini, Rotary Club of Milano Duomo, Italy; Gideon M. Peiper, Rotary Club of Ramat Hasharon, Israel; Per Høyen, Rotary Club of Aarup, Denmark; Paul Knijff, Rotary Club of Weesp (Vechtstreek-Noord), Netherlands; Sam Okudzeto, Rotary Club of Accra, Ghana; José Ubiracy Silva, Rotary Club of Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil; Bradford R. Howard, Rotary Club of Oakland Uptown, California, USA; Michael D. McCullough, Rotary Club of Trenton, Michigan, USA; Karen K. Wentz, Rotary Club of Maryville, Tennessee, USA; Michael K. McGovern, Rotary Club of South Portland-Cape Elizabeth, Maine, USA; and John C. Smarge, Rotary Club of Naples, Florida, USA.

To learn more about Sushil Gupta, read this [interview](#) and [vision statement](#) outlining his goals for Rotary.



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25 September at 17:43 ·

Word of the day: LETHONOMIA - the inability to remember someone's name

