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ROTARY DISTRICT 9790

9790 DISTRICT ROTARY RAMBLINGS

District Governor Neta Kirby
Tatura Rotary

DECEMBER 2023

DG Neta

Here we all are in December and the last 6 months since I came in as District Governor has flown by very quickly.

I have had a fantastic time visiting the different Clubs of District 9790. They all have different cultures and it is wonderful that the grass roots ideas of Rotary abound in every Rotarian and club. The Assistant Governors (AG's) with our District Secretary have organised the visits and that at times has been challenging for them when we all have busy calendars.

The Governor Team (GTeam) of myself, Stephen O'Connell (DGE) and Emma Davis (DGN) meet regularly and discuss many Rotary items pertinent to D9790 and the wider Rotary community. (continues on page 3)



HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH

Cover: "Each year I have my very own, creative Christmas Tree. It sits on my table with no great fanfare except I get to see it. I am the only one to see it and admire it. So I put it out on social media with a special message fro family and friends. So be creative, be supportive, volunteer for a few or numerous events but do not just keep it to yourself. Let the world know what you, what Rotary can do.

So here is my tree that I share with you and as a fellow Rotarian who cares, I say thank you"

DG Neta



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DG Neta (continued)

Recently the GTeam meet with the Regionalisation Steering Committee executives and several other individuals who have some connection to the Regionalisation Pilot. As a result of the meeting, the Chair of the Steering Committee said we could keep our 10 AG's only they would be known as Community Leaders and we could keep our geographical area. As a result of this offer, I called a meeting of AG's and Committee of Management and this is the correspondence that I sent to Neville Parsons (Chair of the Steering Committee):

'As a result of the meeting that was held on the 14th December 2023 the D9790 Governor Team took your proposal to our Committee of Management and our Assistant Governors. As a result of our meeting last night the following motion was adopted. It is our intention that as there is a steering group meeting today you will have received this motion in time to record and deal with it today.

The Motion is...

"That District 9790 acknowledges the offer aligning our current Assistant Governor structure with the Regionalisation Pilot but, this does not however change our members 86.2% audited revote in September 2023 to leave the Pilot. As such D9790 would be prepared to assist the Pilot by being a control group and request acceptance of this motion by the 31st January, 2024".'

I would like to say on behalf of Stehen and Emma congratulations to you all in D9790 for the commitment you have shown in this continued situation.

A big thank you to those who have already donated to Life's Little Treasures Foundation. I have been overwhelmed by your interest in supporting the D9790 Family Partners' Project.

It is time to take a break and no matter what your situation is, I hope that you keep well and safe and that you all have a Merry Christmas.

Love and Peace and Respect,
Neta



CALLING ALL PRESIDENTS-ELECT AND CLUB OFFICERS OF DISTRICT 9790



Calling all Presidents-Elect and Club Officers of District 9790,

Prepare for your leadership journey at our exclusive training events!

Mark your calendars for February 17-18 in Shepparton, where formal training meets entertainment, partners are welcome, and a weekend of personal growth awaits.

Picture it: insightful sessions, Saturday's post-lunch training, and a memorable dinner with fellow Presidents-Elect and partners. Sunday morning's learning sets the tone for a future of impactful leadership.

Unite with likeminded club members on March 24 in Benalla at the District Assembly – a day packed with learning, networking, and preparation for the year ahead. Make your mark, seize opportunities, and build lasting connections. Your time is now.

DGE Stephen O'Connell



Rotary Foundation Australia

The Rotary Foundation is Rotary International's global philanthropy organisation. It transforms gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. The Rotary Foundation has eleven affiliate bodies around the world and Rotary Foundation Australia is one of these. Rotary Foundation Australia enables people and organisations in Australia to make contributions that are tax deductible in Australia.

Rotary Foundation Australia connects generous corporations, philanthropies and individuals with Rotary projects that make a significant difference for Australian communities.

One example of a Foundation funded project appears below but for others, go to:
<https://www.rotaryfoundationaustralia.org.au/projects>



IMPROVING LITERACY AND NUMERACY IN INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Several Rotary Clubs and Districts in Australia and the USA came together to help improve the exposure to reading and counting in the home environment of pre-school children in Yarrabah, Far North Queensland

FOUNDATION MOMENTS

Quick insights into *your* charity — The Rotary Foundation

WHAT IS SHARE?

The SHARE system is how The Rotary Foundation distributes funds to districts. When you contribute to Annual Fund-SHARE, the first 5% is deducted for operational costs. The remainder of the contribution is divided between the World Fund and District Designated Funds (DDF). The Trustees of the Rotary Foundation allocate money from the World Fund, and your district allocates DDF to the programs that people in your area want to support.

The name defines what the system does because contributions are shared throughout the world.



You can help our district and support meaningful projects by giving to the Annual Fund-SHARE!

< Visit my.rotary.org/donate





YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH PROGRAMS CONTACTS

International University Student
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National Youth Science Forum
(NYSF) – Nigel Liggins, M 0400 694
618, Email:
nigelligins@bigpond.com

Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) –
Meredith Miegel, M 0417 246 546,
Email: chairperson@rye9790.org.au

Rotary Youth Leadership Award
(RYLA) – Kerry Jones, Secretary M
0414 861 557, Email:
info@ryla9790.org.au

Rotary Youth Program of
ENrichment (RYPEN) – Contact
Sally West, M 0402 361 551,
email sallywestrotary@gmail.com
or rypen@rotary9790.org.au

Rotex – Contact Rotex by email:
rotex9790@gmail.com, see the
Rotex District 9790 Facebook page.

Albury North – Rotary Youth
Program of ENrichment (RYPEN) –
Contact Albury North Rotary Email:
alburynorthsecretary@hotmail.com

Youth Volunteer Management –
Contact Bruce McIntyre, M 0427
623 142, Email
bruce.mcintyre1@bigpond.com

If you would like further information please contact Youth Programs Chair
Nathan Stuart on 0412707770 or msgnathans@gmail.com

CONFERENCE UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2023



EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION has been extended until Friday January 19, 2024 at 5 pm. Time to recover from Christmas and New Year celebrations and start to get planning for 2024.

trybooking.com.au/CLHOZ or



VALE

Celebrating our Rotarians who have passed on to Higher Service. Include Rotarians from March, 2022 until February 2024 (there was no conference this year to celebrate members).

Part 1 – Basic Details to be displayed during the Conference Program- - example below

***PHOTO**

***Rotarian Fred Flintstone, 1010 – 1095**

***Member or RC of Flintwood 1040-1090**

***PHF, President 1054, Board member 20 years**

***Special interest in Monthly Market and Supporting Youth**

Part 2 – Prepare your own Presentation detailing your Past Rotarian involvement and contribution to Rotary. Maximum size is an A4 sheet that will be displayed in a Folder for Rotarian to peruse at their leisure.

SEND details of both Part 1 and Part 2 (if you choose to complete) to: Rhonda.rose1@bigpond.com

Due date: February 30, 2024

Full details in the previous Rotary Ramblings on November 30, 2023.

SHOWCASE (House of Friendship)

Celebrate your SPECIAL PROJECTS in our “Showcase” display area.

Contact Marg Oldfield at oldfield.margaret.a@gmail.com by January 31, 2024

Indicate your Project and any specific requirements. Marg will contact you with details soon after.



Classics 60's, 70's, 80's

DISTRICT 9790 CONFERENCE 2024 DINNER DANCE

Venue:

The GV Hotel
223 High St
Shepparton. Vic. 3630
Ph: 58 219 822

Date:

Saturday, 20th April, 2024

Time:

6:30pm - Fellowship
7:00pm - Seated/main meal served

Drinks:

Drinks at bar prices
An extensive selection of wine/spirits/beer and soft drinks available

Meal:

Two course, alternate drop
Main and Dessert
Dietary requirements catered for - request at booking

Cost:

\$70.00 per person

Band:

'Under The Radar'

Attire:

Dress to the 'Classics Theme, 60's, 70's, 80's
Dance the night away!
or -Semi-formal dinner attire

Peter Toomey Police Officer of the Year Award



The Peter Toomey Police Officer of the Year Award is granted each Rotary year to a Victorian or NSW police officer in District 9790 who shows an exemplary commitment to their local community. It is named in honour of the late Peter Toomey, a distinguished Rotarian and long serving police officer, who helped establish this award at both his local club of Pascoe Vale as well as at the district level.

Victoria Police and NSW Police units within the District encourage their members to become involved within their local community and Rotary Clubs can acknowledge this great work through their own local award as well as through the Peter Toomey Award. It is a win - win for both Rotary and the police.

From a Rotary Club perspective, running your own local club award is a rewarding program with relatively low cost.

You can make your own club award and nominate for the district award or you can nominate directly by **Wednesday 31 January 2024**

The Pascoe Post
Newsletter of the Rotary Club of Pascoe Vale – June 15, 2023
The Club meets at the Pascoe Vale RSL each Thursday night at 6.30pm. We have some great speakers. Visitors* - Please join us for dinner – our shout! Contact the editor for more details

Last week, we were indeed privileged at Pascoe Vale, to host the presentation of the Peter Toomey Police Officer of the Year Award, fittingly, named after Past President Peter Toomey, an esteemed member of Pascoe Vale.

This award is presented by District 9790 in recognition of the great work that our Police do to keep us and our community safe. The award ceremony is normally held at District Conference but as this year was cancelled, it was presented at our club, as the nominator of the awardee, to Senior Constable Brooke Drady. Brooke was nominated due to being the recipient of our clubs "Community Policing/Stephen Bull Memorial Award in 2022.



David Redfearn, Chair of the District Committee was in attendance to present to Brooke. Also in attendance were Brookes sons Henry and Ethan as well as Honorary Rotarian, Acting Inspector Lorna McCarthy.

Brooke is a first responder to a range of critical incidents and has a passion for member welfare, and performs the role of peer support for the local members. Brooke was nominated for the award by PP Bob Taylor.

Congratulations Brooke, well done, and thank you.

Pascoe Vale
Rotary

THIS WEEK

This week, Prez Bruno will give us a review of the content of the International Convention. The Prez was very busy meeting and socialising with people from all over the world. He will share his stories and thoughts from the convention.

Join us online!

ZOOM meeting details
(available every week)
Click on the link to join our meetings, everyone is welcome.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83436294008?pwd=ZjdMMMDgvaKpUoVHJlUjRjZDkwcZao9>

Meeting ID: 834 3670 4008
Passcode: 796649

David Redfearn OAM
Coordinator, Peter Toomey Police Officer of the Year Award.

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The 2022-23 winner was Senior Constable Brooke Drady of Fawkner Police (nominated by Pascoe Vale Rotary)



Dates for RESCA Awards 2024

Nominations will commence **1st March** and
close **30th April 2024**.

Judging will occur with announcements made
in **June 2024**

The RESCA Victoria Awards Dinner will be held
in **August 2024**- (*date TBC*)

The RESCA National event will be held in
October 2024.

For further information, go to:
<https://www.vic.rescawards.org.au/>



Event

Contact

District Conference, Shepparton
19-21 April, 2024
Eastbank, 70 Welsford Street, Shepparton

Rotary Club of Mooroopna
Contact: PP Laurie Fagan
E: laurie.fagan@bigpond.com

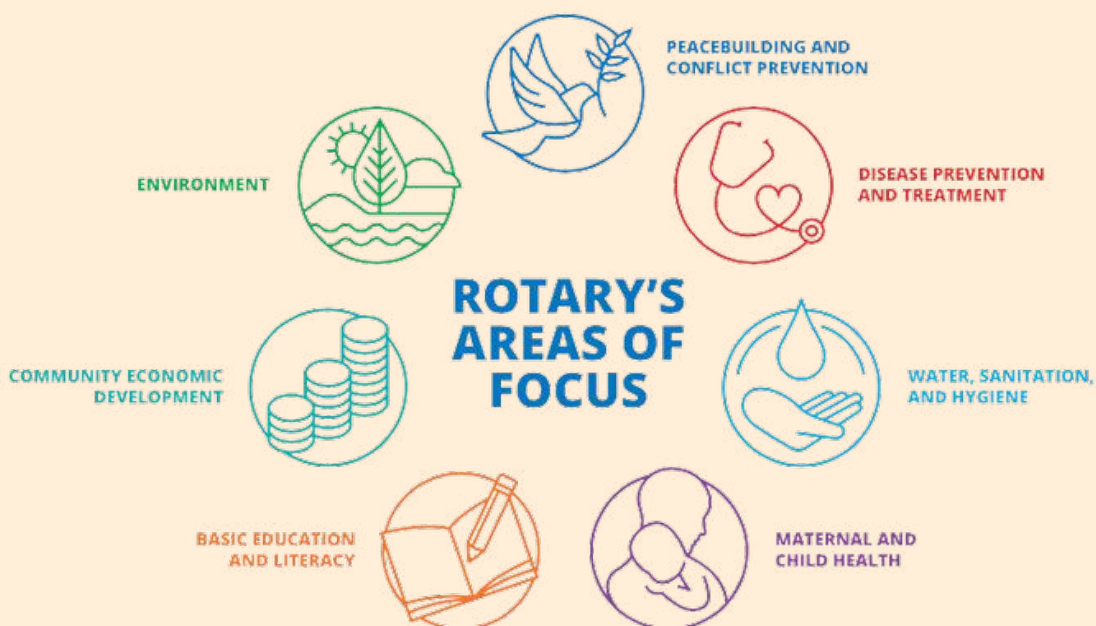
Deadlines

District 9790 Peter Toomey Police Award
Nominations due: Wednesday 31 January 2024
(see page 18)

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Coordinator
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E: dredfearn@vtown.com.au

Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards
(RESCA)
Nominations open 1 March 2024 and close 30 April
2024 (see page 4)

www.vic.rescawards.org.au
or email Lorraine Greenwood
on
l.greenwood53@bigpond.com



ROTARY CALENDAR

Visit this calendar throughout the year to find award nomination due dates and convention and event information. Develop meeting agendas, projects, or public image campaigns based on these special occasions. All dates are subject to change.

December 2023

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

15 December – Last day for early registration discount for the Rotary International Convention

January 2024

Vocational Service Month

7-11 January – Rotary International Assembly, Orlando, Florida, USA

February 2024

Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month

23 February – Rotary's anniversary

March 2024

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

11-17 March – World Rotaract Week

31 March – Preregistration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention

April 2024

Environmental Month

30 April – Rotary International Convention registrations and ticket cancellations are due

May 2024

Youth Service Month

25-29 May – Rotary International Convention, Singapore

June 2024

Rotary Fellowships Month

30 June – Rotary Citation for Rotary Clubs Award nominations are due

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District 9790

2024 DISTRICT CONFERENCE



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FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

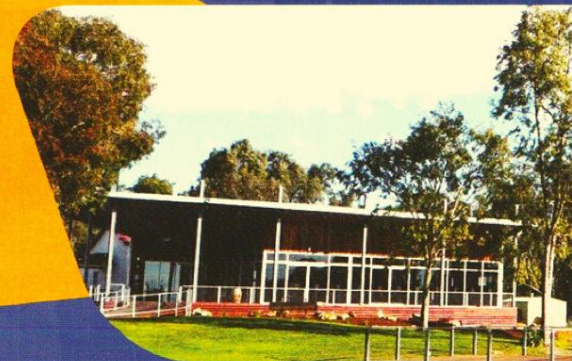
- Golf and Lawn Bowls
- Shepparton Art Museum tour
- Museum of Vehicle Evolution tour
- Painting/Drawing/Photography beside the Goulburn River
- Indigenous Heritage walk and cycling

FRIDAY EVENING

- Opening Ceremony and Cocktail Party at the Woolshed

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER DANCE THEME

- "CLASSICS THEME - 60s, 70s, 80s" - Goulburn Valley Hotel



APRIL 19, 20 & 21

VENUE: Eastbank, 70 Welsford Street, Shepparton