

# Rotary



## South Pacific and Philippines Office



### Regional Bulletin August 2020

Seventy-five years ago this month, the United States dropped the atomic bombs in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, prompting Japan to surrender to the Allies on the 15<sup>th</sup> August. These horrific events serve as a reminder for nations to resolve issues peacefully without resorting to war.

I was blessed to have been able to visit the Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima last year and that left me with a feeling of both sadness and awe, realising that I was standing on ground zero of widespread destruction, death and suffering. While the end of the war saw the Allies declared as victors, humanity, paid such a huge price for it.

Differences have always been the root of all conflict and now more than ever, people are conscious about conflict that lies underneath the surface. An incident of a man's death in the hands of the Minneapolis police sparked a Black Lives Matter movement in the States calling for an end to racism. Protests in other parts of the globe echoed this call and adapted it to their own contexts, crossing out "black" and replacing it with "all". This asserts the feeling of exclusion that marginalized sectors of society have been feeling throughout the years. People who have felt "othered" over the course of time.

Recognising this way ahead of the most recent events, Rotary is directing a lot of its efforts toward Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and ensuring a heightened consciousness and resolution be adopted through its clubs spread out around the world. Again, this organisation aims to be at the forefront of this issue, facing it head on.

The RI Board passed the following DEI statement:

*As a global network that strives to build a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change, Rotary values diversity and celebrates the contributions of people of all backgrounds, regardless of their age, ethnicity, race, color, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.*

*Rotary will cultivate a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture in which people from underrepresented groups have greater opportunities to participate as members and leaders.*

The Board has also approved the creation of a DEI Task Force to ensure that this becomes everyone's responsibility – from Rotarians to staff at the Secretariat.

Walking the talk, the Board has nominated Jennifer Jones to be Rotary's first woman President for 2022-2023, recognising that she is the best *person* for the job. In support of the DEI statement, she says "*I believe that diversity, equity, and inclusion ... begins at the top and for us to realize growth in female membership and members under the age of forty – these demographics need to see their own reflection in leadership,*" Jones said. "*I will champion double-digit growth in both categories while never losing sight of our entire family.*"

With these developments, Membership, which is this month's theme, definitely has a huge potential for growth and even more important, to expand our reach even further and realise our vision of creating lasting change.

Best Regards,

*Grace*

Grace Ramirez  
Manager, International Office and Financial Services

# FINANCE

## JULY 2020 CLUB INVOICE

For clubs that have not opted out of paper, if clubs have not received these yet, they will be receiving this shortly. If payment has been sent through to this office or paid online prior to receipt, please ask clubs to disregard the invoice.

## DUES PAYMENT METHODS

There are many ways to pay the Club Invoice. Going into **MyRotary** is by far the best method as it provides you the Australian or New Zealand Dollar equivalent of your US Dollar Invoice. This eliminates any discrepancies that may remain outstanding especially in between months where there is a change in the exchange rates. Philippine Clubs can only pay in US Dollars.

**Electronic Funds Transfers and wire instructions** are also listed on the invoice. Please note that these accounts are *in local currency* i.e. Club Invoices of Australian Clubs lists down EFT details of our *Australian Dollar* account with St. George Bank. The USD amount on the invoice has to be converted to AUD using the prevailing RI Exchange rate. The same goes for the Club Invoices of New Zealand and Philippine Clubs. The bank accounts listed on the invoice are in NZ Dollars and Philippine Pesos respectively. Only PNG and Pacific Island Clubs are different in that the account details for wire transfers are in US Dollars. In all fund transfers, please email the Finance Coordinator for your region so that these will be accounted for appropriately.

Should further assistance be required, please contact the following Finance Coordinators for the respective countries:

Country/Zone	Finance Coordinator	Contact Details
Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands (Zone 8)	Sally Furto	<a href="mailto:Sally.Furto@rotary.org">Sally.Furto@rotary.org</a> T: 61288949832
Philippines (Zone 10A)	Rosalyn Ong	<a href="mailto:Rosalyn.Ong@rotary.org">Rosalyn.Ong@rotary.org</a> T: 61288949831 M: 61478939555

## TAX STATEMENTS FOR RECURRING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AUSTRALIAN ROTARY FOUNDATION TRUST (TARFT) IN FY2020

Tax Statements have been sent to all Rotary Direct enrollees. For queries and further assistance on tax receipts, please contact Melissa Asanza at [Melissa.Asanza@rotary.org](mailto:Melissa.Asanza@rotary.org).

## DONATIONS TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION IN AUSTRALIA

You can transfer your donations (*e.g. Centurion, PHF, EREY, Global Grants, Annual Fund, Polio Plus*) to the bank accounts below.

**IMPORTANT:** Please always email [risppo@rotary.org](mailto:risppo@rotary.org) on or before the transfer so that your donations can be identified.

### For Club and District donations:

St. George Bank  
Acct Name: The Rotary Foundation  
Acct No: 100345225  
BSB No: 332 084

### For individual and business donations (or Clubs that need a tax deductible receipt):

St. George Bank  
Acct Name: The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust  
Acct No: 551038195  
BSB No: 332 084

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION IN NEW ZEALAND

Please direct donations to The Rotary Foundation through the New Zealand Rotary Clubs Charitable Trust (NZRCCT). This is a trust that was founded in 1986 that has permission from the Inland Revenue Department to remit donations from New Zealand tax residents to TRF.

Rotary Oceania Operations (ROZOPS) has provided the bank account below to which donations can be transferred:

Account Name: ROZOPS Ltd  
Bank: ANZ  
Account Number: 06-0193-0905286-30

In order to assist in processing the deposit, please use the 3 Bank fields as follows:

**Particulars:** enter the payor Bank account name  
**Code:** enter the fund code here (APF, POLIO, GG, DR)  
**Reference:** either the name of the member or the Club

For District Rotary Foundation Administrators, please also continue to send your allocation and reconciliation information to [nzrcct@rotaryoceania.zone](mailto:nzrcct@rotaryoceania.zone).

ROZOps will be issuing tax receipts on behalf of NZRCCT based on the information that is provided. ROZOPS will be remitting the consolidated funds at the last business day of every month. Once our office is in receipt of these funds as well as the breakdown of contributions, this will then be processed and donor accounts are updated on Rotary's database. The RI exchange rate to be applied is the prevailing rate at the time the funds are wired to our office.

For further information, please contact [nzrcct@rotaryoceania.zone](mailto:nzrcct@rotaryoceania.zone).

## MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATES

The International Mileage reimbursement rates have now been updated. These are no longer posted on MyRotary as it seems the general public has access to this.

These are effective July 2020 so please use the following rates for any mileage reimbursement for travel made from 1 July 2020.

Australia (AUD\$/km)	0.72
New Zealand (NZD\$/km)	0.79
Philippines (Php/km)	20.13

## MEMBERSHIP

### HAPPY MEMBERSHIP AND NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

While membership attraction and engagement is everyone's responsibility year-round, August has been designated as a month to celebrate Rotary's greatest asset — you, our members! Thanks for all that you do and all you will do as Rotary leaders this year! Now is a perfect opportunity to show your appreciation and give thanks to your own members. You can also show that you are a proud member by downloading our [Rotary](#), [Rotaract](#), or [Interact](#) Facebook frames. You can enhance your experience by getting involved with the greater family of Rotary through various programs as outlined [here](#). You can also find out more about new club development in the [webinar series](#) hosted by Zone 8 membership leaders.



**NEW STYLE ROTARY CLUBS FORUM** Rotary Zone 8

**SESSION 1: Thursday 3 September 2020 6 - 7p.m. AEST**

- 3 years of Membership Growth Secrets Revealed!
- How We Started 4 New Clubs Tips & Trips
- New Rotary Generation Clubs (NRG) What is the Attraction?

**SESSION 2: Thursday 8 October 2020 6 - 7p.m. AEST**

- Starting a Club from Scratch A New Approach
- Innovation In Action The Rotary Social Impact Network

Speakers: Andy Rajapakse, Nick Courtney, Karen Purdon, Arlo Geertsels, Arden Erickson, Rebecca Fry

Buttons: REGISTER for Session 1, REGISTER for Session 2

### MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS AS AT 31 JULY 2020

#### Comparison to 1 July

[Worldwide](#)  
[Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands](#)  
[Philippines](#)

#### Demographics

[Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands](#)  
[Philippines](#)

## UPDATE! ROTARACT DATA INCLUDED IN MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

As we celebrate the expansion of Rotary membership to include Rotaract clubs, we want to make sure they are reflected in our membership reports. Therefore, Rotaract data has been added to many of the existing reports:

<b>DISTRICT</b>	
<b>Reports</b>	<b>Important Changes</b>
<b>Clubs and Members in Your District List</b>	Each tab of the report has data sectioned by club-type (Rotary or Rotaract Clubs) made explicit by a subheading
<b>Clubs in a District</b>	All clubs are displayed in a list by district, Rotaract clubs are listed with an asterisk sign * <i>Note: the report currently defaults to show totals for both Rotaractors and Rotarians in the district. You can toggle to choose club type but work is underway to update this report so that each club type and their membership counts are presented separately.</i>
<b>Listing of Sponsored and Satellite Clubs</b>	<u>Sponsored</u> Rotaract clubs appear in their own tab
<b>REGIONAL</b>	
<b>Reports</b>	<b>Important Changes</b>
<b>Clubs Member Count by Country and Geographic Area</b>	Rotaract data appears in a separate tab in the same manner Rotary data is presented
<b>Clubs Member Count by Zone and District</b>	As above
<b>Gender Count by Country and Geographic Area</b>	As above
<b>Gender Count by Zone and District</b>	As above

## NEW! WEBINAR ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) IN ROTARY

The COVID-19 pandemic and anti-racism demonstrations are calling out global inequities and the need for social justice. It's critical that Rotary be an organisation inclusive of all cultures, experiences and identities. Check out the recording of the recent webinar, [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Rotary: How are we Doing?](#) to hear from Rotarians at the forefront of change. You'll also learn about Rotary's DEI progress and be equipped with tools to create a more diverse, inclusive and equitable organisation. Share this link, watch the recording and discuss how they can enhance the DEI efforts.

## 1 JULY 2020 MEMBERSHIP START FIGURES AND REPORTS

The 1 July 2020 membership figures are now available. These figures are based on the membership data that clubs submitted to Rotary through 1 July 2020. Adjustments will not be made if clubs submitted membership information after that date. Please keep in mind, new members added on or before 30 June will count toward the prior Rotary year, while members added with 1 July effective dates will count toward the current Rotary year.

Now is a good time to review both club and district membership trends. The best way to do this is by signing into My Rotary and going to [Rotary Club Central](#). The dashboard defaults to your club's membership trends. Click on 'My District' for district trends. You can also view Zone and worldwide trends. For more detailed information, go to the Reports tab and run:

### Club

- Club Membership Profile (club overview including attraction, retention, demographics, reasons for leaving)
- Member Viability and Growth (retention)
- Membership Termination Profile (reasons for leaving)

### District

- District Membership Profile (district overview including attraction, retention, demographics, reasons for leaving)
- 5 Year History of Membership Start Figures
- Club Viability and Growth (new clubs, clubs retained and lost)
- Member Viability and Growth (retention)
- Membership Termination Profile (reasons for leaving)

## CLUB AND DISTRICT SUPPORT

### ZONE 8 DISTRICT TRAINERS FORUM / RLI FORUM

Given the enormous challenges in training delivery this year, Trudy Grice is coordinating a **Zone 8 District Trainers** forum who meet each 6 to 8 weeks to share new ideas, best practices and challenges across Zone 8 Districts. One of the actions from this group was to initiate a separate **RLI forum** which has just kicked off with a similar intent – to enable Rotarians who operate RLI in their Districts to share best practices around content and delivery, and to review how RLI can be shaped in the future. Please contact [Trudy.Grice@rotary.org](mailto:Trudy.Grice@rotary.org) for more information or if you are able to nominate Rotarians in your District who are operating the RLI program and who would like more visibility of the RLI Forum.

### ROTARY CITATIONS FOR 2019-20

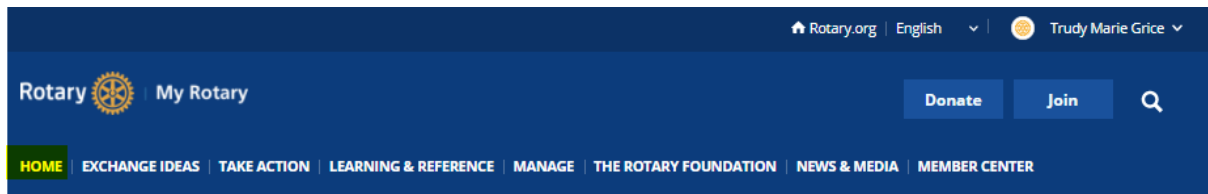
The deadline for submitting nominations for Rotaract and Interact Club Citations has been extended to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August.

Rotary Citation for Rotaract clubs - [online nomination form](#)  
Rotary Citations for Interact clubs - [online nomination form](#)

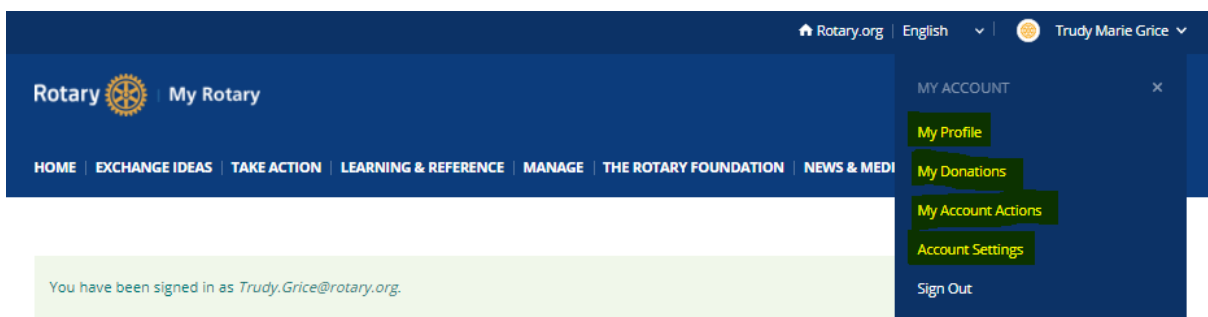
This year, the 2019-2020 Rotary Citation certificates will be emailed directly to Club presidents in September.

## THE MY ROTARY UPGRADE HAS ARRIVED! WHAT HAS CHANGED?

There is a new “Home” item on the navigation bar. This provides access to details about your Home Club, including the full member list which makes it easy to locate other members in your club.



The Profile and Account Settings functions have relocated – just hit the dropdown arrow next to your name at the top right. *Encourage Rotarians to visit and update their profile page* – this will control how much information is displayed in the club membership listing in the “Home” menu.

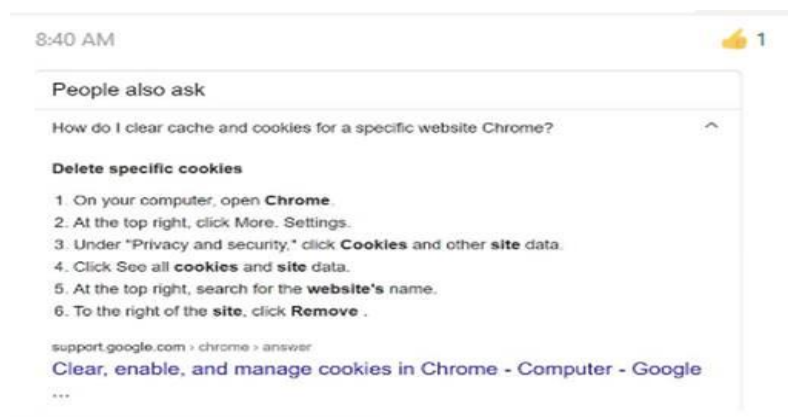


A number of functions for adding new members and advising club officers have been updated in the “Manage” menu. *New resource guides* for these functions are available for download in our [RISPPO Online Resource Guide for Club Officers](#)

*Still experiencing log in problems?*

We have found that clearing the cookies in your cache seems to resolve the issue. Below we have the following instructions to clear the cache in Google Chrome.

At step 5, people can search for Rotary and remove/bin any cookies for Rotary websites.



Not using Chrome? There is a handy guide on [“How to Delete Cookies in Every Major Browser”](#) to help you through.

## DG FUNDING FOR 2021-22

District Governors-elect will shortly receive an email from our office to kick-start the budget process for 2021-22. We will be seeking completion of your Travel Estimate Spreadsheet as the first input. Please keep an eye on your Inbox for our email!

## INTERNATIONAL ASSEMBLY 2021

An email for event registration is expected to be issued to District Governors-elect on 20<sup>th</sup> August (USA time). This will provide an option for all DGEs globally to advise of their ability to attend in person or virtually.

## PETS AND DISTRICT ASSEMBLY FOR 2020-21

Rotary International has published a [Guide to Online Content for PETS and District Assembly](#).

## ZONE 8 CONFERENCE

The Rotary Zone 8 Conference will be held virtually on 19 – 20 September, 2020.

For more information and to register please visit:

<https://mailchi.mp/rotarydownunder/zone8-conference-link-update?e=d48da16ff5>

Please send any enquiries to [rotaryzone8@gmail.com](mailto:rotaryzone8@gmail.com).





# FOUNDATION

## TIMING OF DISTRICT GRANT PAYMENTS TO CLUBS

We've had some enquiries recently regarding when districts can make district grant payments to clubs.

Here's how it works:

- the district applies for a block of district grant funding from TRF, providing details of the projects to be funded; for this Rotary year, 2021, this application can be submitted any time from January 2020 to May 2021
- the projects included in the district's application cannot include "activities for which the expense has already been incurred"
- clubs **can** incur expenses for their 2021 project before they receive the funds, but **only after** TRF has approved the activity as eligible.



Once the district has received the block payment from TRF, the timing of disbursement of district grant funds to the clubs varies from one district to another:

- some districts pay the full amount of the approved grant to the club up front – this is OK and has the advantage that the club isn't out of pocket
- many districts make the payment to the club *after* the club has completed the project – this has the advantage that districts sometimes find it difficult to:
  - recover unused funds from clubs and
  - get final reports from clubs
- other districts provide 50% up front and the balance on completion/reporting.

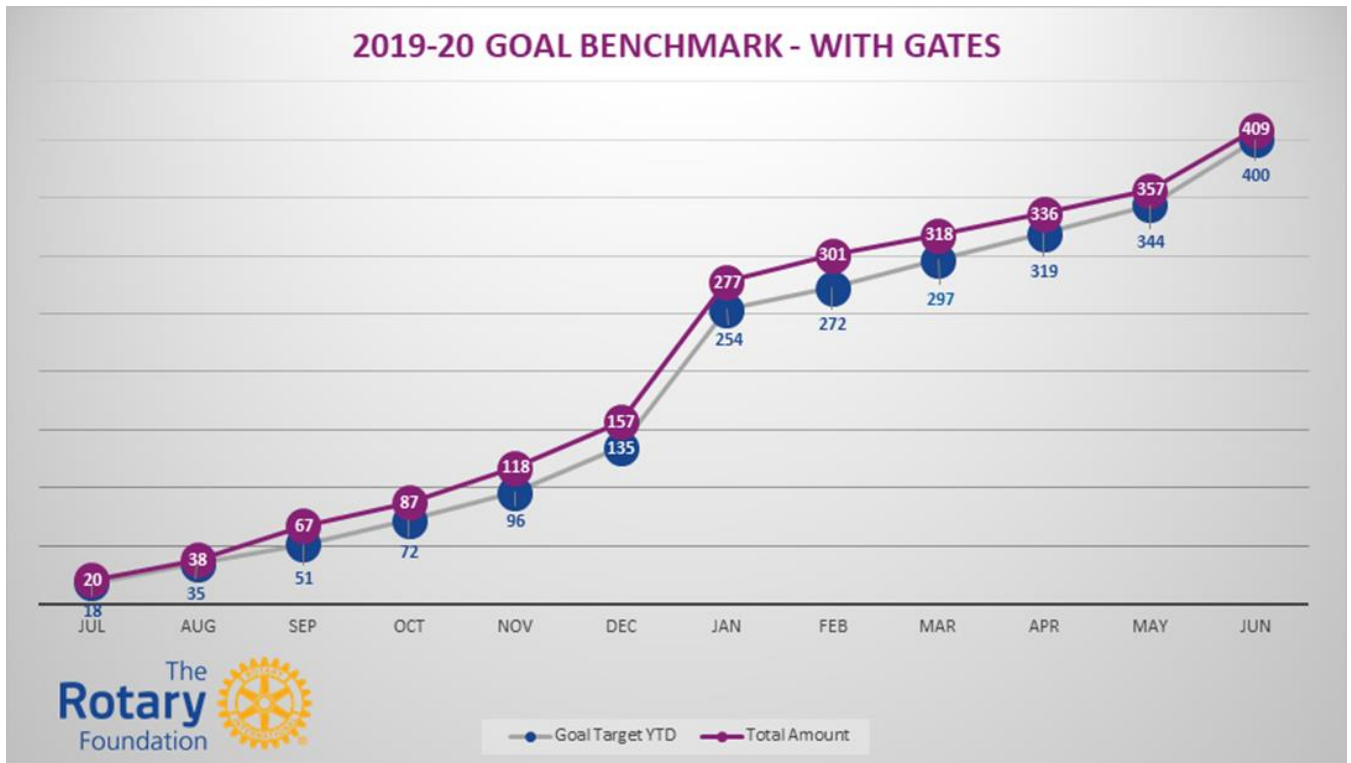


Don't forget to like us [@risppo](#) and keep up to date with the RISPPPO office.

## GLOBAL TRF RESULTS FOR 2019/20

We have some *preliminary, unaudited* results for The Rotary Foundation for the full 2019/20 year—so please bear in mind that the figures may change.

Considering the extraordinary headwinds faced by charities around the world in 2020, it is extremely pleasing that the Foundation has **exceeded** our goals. Overall, the result was US\$408.6mil against a target of US\$400mil.



Both the **Endowment Fund** and **Other** funds (such as global grants) exceeded goal by about 23% (\$27mil ahead of goal in total) and the **Polio Fund** reached 99.7% of its \$50mil goal. However, the **Annual Fund** was almost 12% below our goal, at about \$124mil, and this will have an impact on district funds available in 2022/23.

The Foundation is extremely grateful to all our donors for their wonderful generosity during such difficult times. As we've said in recent newsletters, the world's need for Rotary, and the Foundation, has perhaps never been greater.

# COMMUNICATIONS

## AUSSIE PEACE WALK

In celebration of 100 years of Rotary service in Australia and New Zealand, 12 Rotary Clubs will stage the inaugural Rotary Aussie Peace Walk in Canberra from March 26 to 28, 2021.

The festival-like event will enable people of all ages and backgrounds, to share a weekend of healthy family fun. Along the way, they will encourage participants to 'Come Say G'day' and strike up conversations with each other as they walk.

Unlike typical events, the Rotary Aussie Peace Walk is not a race, it is a challenge. If you are racing, they will disqualify you.

There will be seven walks held over the weekend. The shortest will be 6km. There will two of around 14km, two 21km and a 42.2km marathon. The walking festival will kick off with a Peace Bell ceremony on Friday. A black-tie Peace Dinner will be held on the Saturday evening.

For all the details, please visit: [aussiepeacewalk.com.au](http://aussiepeacewalk.com.au)

### Early Bird Offer

Add your details to the [EarlyBird mailing list](#) and you will be sent a discount offer BEFORE entries are open to the public.

PLUS if you are on the list, you'll be in the draw for two VIP tickets to the Aussie Peace Dinner on Saturday 27 March 2021.

The black-tie Peace Dinner will be a highlight with special guest, His Excellency, the Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia (and maybe you!).

\*The winner will be drawn on Saturday 12th December 2020 and announced via an email to this email list.



## NSW INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN'S AWARDS 2020

Vice-Regal Patron, Her Excellency, The Hon. Margaret Beazley AO QC, Governor of NSW has announced the call for nominations for the NSW Inspirational Women's Awards 2020 – RIWA.

While individual organisations have specific internal awards, RIWA recognises service to the community across all sectors in each of the geographical areas of New South Wales.

The NSW Inspirational Women's Awards is an initiative of the combined efforts of a group of passionate Women Rotarians in the Greater Sydney and Illawarra Clubs. In keeping with Rotary's motto of 'Service Above Self', the purpose of the Awards is to acknowledge and celebrate community service performed by women through their vocations, selfless gifts of their skills, their time in various activities and endeavours. The Awards recognise the work done by women, the "quiet achievers", whose actions inspire others and make a real difference in their communities.

**The Awards are open to all women above the age of 18 years of age across NSW and Rotary members and the public are encouraged to submit online nominations at [www.riwa.com.au](http://www.riwa.com.au)**

NSW Minister for Women Bronnie Taylor said the Rotary Women's Awards recognise individuals who have made outstanding contributions to their community.

"These awards are a fantastic way of shining a light on some of the brilliant women who dedicate themselves to making life better for people across NSW every day," Ms Taylor said.

The Awards are divided into three categories – geographically, urban and rural.

- Young Inspirational Woman of the Year – 18-30 years of age
- Inspirational Woman of the Year - 30+ years of age
- Inspirational 2020 Health worker – 18-30 years of age and 30+ years of age

Nominations close on 23 September 2020 and finalists will be announced on 7 October 2020.



 Helping communities: 2019 Rotary Inspirational Women Award winners Hannah Bede, Eleanor Drury, Harinda Kaur and Pia Winberg.

## FIRST LGBTIQ+ ROTARACT CLUB IN THE WORLD

Ros Kelly and Craig Bowen and members of Rotary Club of Woolloongabba have their finger on the pulse regarding the needs of their local communities and international visitors and is the first Rotary club in the world to sponsor a *Rotaract Pride Club*, focused on LGBTIQ+ members and allies.

For several years now the Rotary Club of Woolloongabba has been working with organisations such as Queensland Aids Council and Open Doors Youth Service that provides support to young people with diverse genders, sex and sexualities and leading LGBTIQ+ youth homelessness service, working with young people who are at risk of/are disengaging with community and are at risk of experiencing homelessness.

The Club is open to anybody, from any background and sexual orientation, and currently the club has eight members across Queensland and Victoria with a further 14 new members set to join in the next two weeks. Due to Covid-19 all international students on Rotary's Youth Exchange Program have had to travel back home and will join the club from the other side of the globe.

"Our job isn't done yet. Rotary sees a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change in our communities," Craig Bowen said.

Rotary member, Craig Bowen who himself came out as gay several years ago believes the new club is reflecting Rotary's diversity and inclusivity of its community in which they operate. The top priority is growing and diversifying its membership to make sure it reflects the communities they serve and are inclusive of all cultures, experiences, and identities.

"I work at many different fundraising events across Queensland and late last year at a fundraising event during Pride Week I wearing my Rotary badge. Many young people were curious to know about Rotary and after letting them know a little they wanted to join and make a difference. By the end of the day I had a group of young passionate people who wanted to create a Rotaract Club," Craig Bowen said.

*Rotaract Pride Club* is already working on three major projects:

- Working with Rainbow Hub to help create a safe and supportive environment for international students in Brisbane who identify as LGBTIQ and help them connect with local services and their community.
- Creating a youth program to educate younger people on health and wellbeing.
- Fundraising for Open Doors Youth Service so they can continue to help their community find accommodation, providing mediation with parents, schools and other family members as well as advocacy and providing referrals and links to safe and supportive services.

To learn more contact Craig Bowen at [cdbowen83@gmail.com](mailto:cdbowen83@gmail.com)



Pictured: Tom Phillips, Hussain Jamshed, Ross Kelly, Kim Kerslake, Craig Bowen, Darren Ong and Mia Seth