



One of the great privileges of being District Governor is the opportunity to make official visit to Clubs. District 9455 is geographically vast. I am writing this as I watch the sun rise over Kununurra for another stunning day in the Kimberley's after a wonderful official visit to the Rotary Club of Kununurra. This is an ancient awesome land yet a place that has a remarkable sense of possibility and vision for the future. A major part of the possibility and future vision for Rotary is young people. September is New Generations month and is very much about possibility and future vision that is generated through the Rotary Youth Programs.

I am yet to visit and find a club that does not place a strong and enthusiastic emphasis on their youth programs. Clubs are all involved in many formal Rotary Programs including Rotary Youth Exchange, Rotary Youth Leadership (RYLA), Rotary WA Young Drivers Education, National Youth Science Forum, Four Way Speaking Test, Science Experience, Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN), Interact, Rotaract and the School Link Program. Each provides young people with leadership skill, mentoring and access to a vision for a better world. If any of these programs are new to you I encourage further investigation and think about how you Club could be involved.

Being with young people is very energising. Over the last month I have spent time with the 40 in/out bound Youth Exchange students at their weekend camp, the nominees at the national Youth Science Forum selection day, the Combined Rotaract Clubs and will soon be attending the Rotary Driver Awareness Program.

All of our programs only run because of the amazing dedication of Rotarians. At a recent planning day under the leadership of Youth Director, PDG Hank de Smit we discussed every youth program in the District. You very quickly become aware of how many Rotarians at a District Committee and Club level are passionately involved in the delivery of the programs. I would like to acknowledge and thank every Rotarian who is committed to developing our New Generations in the family of Rotary.

Young people are part of our Family of Rotary. Let us build the new generations as together we Light Up Rotary.

DG Angus Buchanan

ROTARY AWARDS

(1) AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING ROTARIANS AND CLUBS

(2) DISTRICT AWARDS

Rotary International provides a number of Awards to Rotarians and Clubs who have actively engaged in a number of areas where their service has merit of recognition.

The following is a list of these awards. The nomination form is available on the RI website: [rotary.org awards for Rotarians](http://rotary.org/awards-for-Rotarians). The eligibility, criteria and selection procedure is contained in the nomination form.

1. RI AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING ROTARIANS AND CLUBS

Avenues of Service Citation – nomination ongoing

Honours a club member who participates in the 5 avenues of service

Nominated by Club President

Club Builder Award – nomination by 31 March, 2015

Present a Certificate to deserving Rotarians who have strengthened Club membership

Nominated by District Governor (10 for District)

New Member Sponsor Recognition Form – nomination ongoing

Recognise Rotarians who have sponsored new members. Rotarians

can nominate.

The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service – nomination by 30th June 2015

(a pre requisite for nomination for TRF Distinguished Service Award)

Honours Rotarians who have supported TRF Projects

Nominated by District Governor

The Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award – nomination by 30th June, 2015

Nomination by District Governor

On going award for 4years service to Citation for Meritorious Service

Rotary International SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD – nomination by 1st September, 2015

Recognises 150 Rotarians world wide who demonstrate to helping

others

Service Award for a Polio-Free World – nomination by 1st November, 2014

Recognises outstanding contributions to our polio eradication efforts

Nominations by Rotarians

Vocational Service Leadership Award – nomination by 1st November, 2014

Recognises Rotarians who have used their occupation to make an

impact on the community

Nomination by District Governors

CLUB RECOGNITION

Membership Development and Extension Award – nomination by 31 March, 2015

RI recognises clubs who have achieved highest membership growth

Presidential Citation – nomination by 31 March, 2015

Clubs who are growing stronger, creating positive change in our

communities and enhancing our public image deserve recognition

Nomination by District Governors

Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives – nomination ongoing

Recognises clubs that find creative ways to attract and engage

Members

Nomination by District Governors

Significant Achievement Award – nomination by 15 March, 2015

Recognises a club whose project has addressed a problem or a need

in your district

RECOGNISE OUR PARTNERS IN SERVICE

Family and Community Service Award – nomination ongoing

Recognises individuals or organisations that are helping families in your community as well as Rotarian families members who make a positive contribution to your club

Nomination by Club Presidents

Presidential Citation for Rotaract and Interact Clubs – nomination by 31

March, 2015

Honour Interact and Rotaract Clubs who are meeting RI Presidents challenge to be active and engaged

Nomination by District Governors

Rotaract Outstanding Project Award – nomination by 1st February, 2015

Recognises clubs that are making an impact through their exceptional community or international projects

Nomination by Rotaractors

Rotarian spouse/partner Service Award – nomination by 1st March, 2015

Honours spouses/partners of club members for showing their commitment to Rotary through exemplary humanitarian service

Nomination by District Governors

The Rotary Foundation Alumni Association of the Year – nomination by 30th June, 2015

Recognises one outstanding Alumni Association each year that has increased awareness of our alumni's impact on our organisation

The Rotary Foundation Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award – nomination by 30th June, 2015

Recognises one outstanding Foundation alumni each year whose humanitarian service or professional achievements demonstrate the impact on the Foundation's programmes

World Interact Week Recognition – during week of 5 November, 2014

Recognises club activities/projects working with Rotary clubs to invite potential members to a club meeting or project

Nomination by sponsoring Rotary Club or District Chair

World Rotaract Week Recognition – during week of 23 March, 2015

Recognises Rotaract Clubs whose activities can range from partnering with an International Rotaract Club to publicise Rotaract in your local media

Nomination by sponsoring Rotary Club or District Chair

2. DISTRICT 9455 AWARDS

Best Club Communication Award – Club Bulletin – Website – Facebook ***

Highest per capita contribution to the Rotary Foundation

Most Improved club membership

Best attendance at District Conference

Best Club

Rotarian of the Year

Indigenous Service Award

***** The Criteria for this Award will be published in September 2014**

The committee appointed to consider the awards is:-

PDG Bill Benbow (Chair)

PDG Ian Hutton

DGE Jerry Pilcher

PP Darren Meakins

And is available to assist you with any nomination

All nomination forms should be sent to:

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Registration for the District 9455 Conference is now open. The theme is Looking Forward: 2022 Vision. An excellent program is being developed which includes The Friday night opening at the Floreat Surf Club, Saturday at the Perth Town Hall and the District Ball at the Hyatt Regency. The full registration cost is excellent value at \$195. Places will be limited so it is advised to book early to guarantee your seat! CLICK HERE: <http://www.rotarydistrict9455.org.au/event/8563/district-9455-conference-2015>

The Rotary Club of Mosman Park established the Mosman Park Community Mens Shed in December 2012 after Three years Planning and fund raising. The project cost \$960,000 of which the club contributed \$92,000 in cash plus \$30,000 in kind. The shed has been running for 18 months and now has 286 members and produced many community and private benefits.

One project was to build a vintage car from a pile of rusty parts that arrived on a trailer.

Rotarian Past President Brett Pollock coordinated the restoration of this pile of parts into a 1928 Model A Ford ute with the help of everyone he could find, one of the helpers was Merv Ward a retired Rotarian from Mosman Park. At a naming ceremony in July this year Brett thanked all his helpers and named the ute MERV after this enthusiastic restorer.

The ute and Brett are now heading across Australia on the National Bash for Variety WA raising over \$20,000 for this great Kids charity. Merv is also used to promote Rotary and Men's Sheds and Service Above Self.

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