



District 9700 2019 District Conference

[Revision #17 March 21st 2018]

VENUE: Griffith Regional Theatre and Memorial Park.

DATES: *Friday 29th March-Sunday 31st March 2019*

1. THEME WOMEN IN ROTARY BE THE INSPIRATION

2. IDEAS

{These are some ideas that we can discuss and make decisions on as we grow the committees.}

DEVELOP A FRAMEWORK & BUDGET

FRIDAY MARCH 29th

MORNING Invite all 40 clubs to set up their showcase in tents with the following to participate:

Griffith Business Houses

D9700 & D9710 Rotary Clubs booths showcase their work.

Farmers Markets Fresh Food Stalls

Griffith Produce Hot Food Stalls

Rotary Booths some ideas:

- Australian Rotary Health
- ROMAC
- RAWCS
- RDU Supplies
- The Rotary Foundation Parramatta
- Join Rotary Membership Booth
- Legacy Australia
- **Invite District 9710 Clubs to participate.**
- Speakers Booths e.g. Seven Women, John Mac Foundation.

ROTARY FAIR AND GRIFFITH SHOWCASE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

TWILIGHT ROTARY FAIR AND GRIFFITH SHOWCASE 4-9.00pm.

Venue Griffith City Council Car Park.

REGISTRATION OPEN. *1.00PM -6.00PM Griffith Regional Theatre*

****5.00pm ARRIVAL OF POLIO PLUS RELAY BIKE TEAM.***

WELCOME BBQ 4.00pm start. Yenda Rotary Club.

Venue Griffith Memorial Park, Banna Avenue Griffith.

OFFICIAL OPENING of CONFERENCE 2019 6.30 pm.

Venue: Griffith Regional Theatre Open to the public.

M.C. EVAN BURRELL. (Invitation sent and accepted).

Venue Griffith Regional Theatre.

Welcome to Wiradjuri country

Welcome to Griffith by the Mayor of Griffith

Message from Rotary International President Barry Rassin read out by the R. I. President's Personal Representative.

Recognition of new members and first time conference goes.

Smart Casual.

7.00PM KEY NOTE SPEAKER:

Stephanie Woollard, Founder of Seven Women

Subject: Glass Ceilings in Rotary, There is a crack in everything (the ceiling) & that is how the light gets in. (Leonard Cohen).

Prizes awarded for best exhibits at the Rotary Showcase and Fair.

8.00PM CLOSE OF OPENING SESSION.

SATURDAY MARCH 30th

MORNING

All sessions to be opened and closed with the Rotary Bell.

REGISTRATION CONTINUES. 7.30AM -9.00AM

FIRST PLENARY SESSION 9.00-10.00am

VENUE: *Griffith Regional Theatre.*

FLAG CEREMONY by the 40 Club Presidents D9700.

Introduction of RIP Rep and Official Party. Chair and MC

National Anthems of host country Australia and RIP Rep's Country.

DG's Welcome Address. 5 minutes

RIP Rep's Opening remarks. 15 minutes

Conference Chair and MC House Keeping and programme outline.

10.00-10.30am Morning Tea/Coffee & FELLOWSHIP.

SECOND PLENARY SESSION 10.30am-12.00pm

MEMBERSHIP SESSION. Moderator **PDG Michael Milston**

I. STRENGTHENING MEMBERSHIP

Key Note Speaker T.B.A. {Invitation sent to **Bimal Kantaria**}**

- Fellowships the Hidden Gem of Rotary
- Membership Retention
- How to revitalise and strengthen your club
- Orienting and engaging new members to become loyal members.

****PDG Bimal Katarina from D9212 was my original choice for the RIPPR. However the very sad passing of RIPE Sam Owori has now put that in doubt. However I will still be asking Bimal to be the key note speaker on Membership.**

II. DEVELOPING LEADERS

Key Note Speaker T.B.A. {Invitations to be sent to Amanda Wendt, Simone Collins and Jane Pavitt young Rotary leaders.}

- My Rotary Moment Youth Exchange, RYLA, RYPEN & Rotaract.

12.00-1.30pm Lunch

THIRD PLENARY SESSION 1.30pm-3.00pm

PROMOTING ROTARY Moderator PDG David Kennedy

I. SERVICE PROJECTS

Key Note Speaker T.B.A. {Invitation sent to Dr. William Fowlds South Africa accepted subject to sponsorship air fares etc.}

- Rotary Action Groups. Six Areas of Focus the Rotary Foundation.
 - ✚ RAGES Endangered Species
 - ✚ RFHA Health and AIDS
 - ✚ WASRAG Water and Sanitation

II. PROMOTING ROTARY

Key Note Speaker Evan Burrell.

- ✓ Ambassadors at Large
- ✓ Rotary International Conventions
- ✓ The Internet and Social Media

3.00pm-3.30pm Afternoon Tea/Coffee & FELLOWSHIP.

3.30-4.30 AWARDS PRESENTATIONS.

{Two hours allowed for delegates to get ready for Saturday night with buses to get them to their motel and then to the Ex-Services}

SATURDAY EVENING DINNER DANCE CELEBRATE ROTARY

Venue: Griffith Ex Services Club

6.30 for 7.00pm Start.

Themed dinner dance. Suggested Theme Centenary of ANZAC WWI

Australian Army Military Band Kapooka Major L. Mee (invited).

Glen Miller style music, swing/jazz/jive/Charleston. Dress 1920s. Prizes for various fun competitions such as the best Charleston dancer the best twenties outfit couple single club etc.

Mr. Deng Adut One speaker: TBA. Deng has been invited.

One Presentation to Legacy Australia.

SUNDAY MARCH 31st

7.30-8.30am. Breakfast recovery and a talk on the Bike Relay Ride for Polio Plus and our Rotary Foundation from Griffith to Griffith in 4 weeks around District 9700.

FOURTH PLENARY SESSION

9.00-10.30am

WOMEN IN ROTARY Moderator PDG Irene Jones

Key Note Speakers: {Invitation sent to Tracy Monica Ochieng Kenya, has accepted. Request sent to PRID John C. Smarge {Aide to the President 2018-2019, to appoint PRIVP Anne L. Matthews as the RIPPR}.

Subject Rotary Cares: My Rotary Moments.

10.30-11.00am Morning Tea/coffee

FIFTH PLENARY SESSION

11.00-12.00 pm

GROWING ROTARY Moderator PDG Fred Loneragan

Panel Discussion with RIPPR, PDG Bimal Kantaria, PDG Irene Jones & the DG.

12.00-1.00pm CLOSING CEREMONY

{Under wraps.}

THE CLOSING CEREMONY

The idea is for the closing ceremony to be something special and memorable. The song Time to Say Goodbye Plus others e.g. Maori Farewell.

FLASH MOB: <https://youtu.be/PzJTSh7jZw0>

- Joined with individual delegates who happen to be in the Wagga Wagga men's and women's choirs as well as any other voices from our fellow Rotarians or their partners.
- This will take the shape of a Flash Mob as in the attached video.

• 1.00pm LUNCH IN THE PARK

• Dream Cricket Display

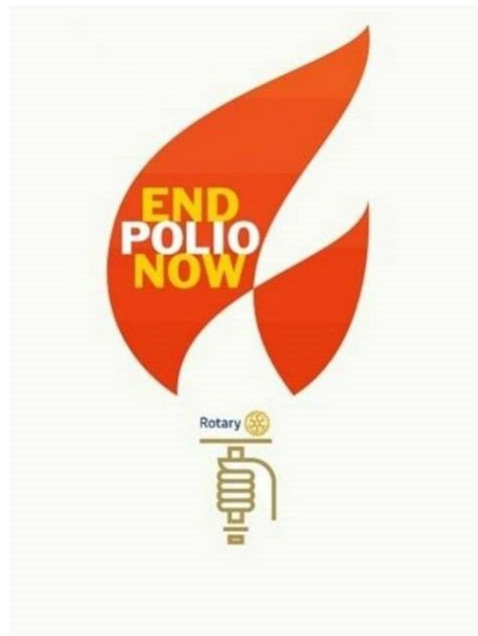


APPENDIX TO 2019 DISCON PLANS

1. POLIO PLUS BIKE TORCH RELAY



Andrew Best from the RI Parramatta office 3rd from right will join us.



I have an idea for 2018-2019 which has been done before, maybe, but in a different way to the idea that I have. PolioPlus Relay Ride in D9700 to culminate at the Griffith DISCON on the Friday Afternoon, March 29th 2019.

I contracted Poliomyelitis in 1952 as an 8yo in Kenya my home for 21 years. I was lucky to survive intact.

The germ of the idea is basically to create awareness and raise funds in D9700 for PolioPlus and the fact that by 2019 it should be eradicated or close to it, will help. With 21 new cases of wild polio virus confirmed so far up to December 31st 2017. I have my doubts that the declaration of the end of polio will happen for a while yet. There still has to be 3 clear years before it can be declared extinct by WHO.

Then there is the deficit with the GPEI figures showing:

"As of 1 April 2016, with the inclusion of all confirmed and pledged funding, the overall best-case funding gap for the 2013-2019 period is US\$ 1.3 billion (Figure 6) against the US\$ 7.0 billion budget. The pledged funding represents donor commitments for which no signed agreement or cash payments have been received. The confirmed funding constitutes funds that have been received and are available for programme use."

Atlanta June 2017 Today in Atlanta Rotary President John Germ and Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, announced a commitment of up to \$450 million to support the eradication of polio. And with other who donors the total pledged is to contribute US\$1.2 billion total to the GPEI for polio eradication efforts. The government funding—also announced today at the Rotary Convention—will substantially help to close the US\$1.5 billion funding gap, allowing partners to immunize 450 million children every year

So I expect that PolioPlus will still be going and I have invited John Hewko and other luminaries to join the relay from Oberon to Griffith via all the cities and towns that have a Rotary presence in D9700. I have no idea how long that would take and in what form or how far BUT I feel it may just work and get Rotary some great publicity and funds for PolioPlus.



Taken in Kampala by myself November 2011

2. 2018-2019 & LEGACY AUSTRALIA.

One idea that I have is to support our Rotary Foundation's Area of Focus on Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution. As 2018 will mark several important ANZAC Centennial commemorations, I would like to embark on looking at the feasibility of the following idea.

Centennial of Armistice Day November 11th 2018.

- Centennial Time Capsule to mark Armistice Day.
- Invite the public to create a digital record of relatives who served in WW1. Raising funds for Legacy by the relatives paying for their record.
- Presentation to Legacy Australia at the 2019 DISCON in Griffith.
- Bury the time capsule in each Rotary Peace City or town in D9700*.
- The ceremony to occur immediately after the Armistice Day Service.
- The capsule to be opened on Armistice Day 2118.

{*Hopefully this could expand to every city/town where we have a Rotary presence in D9700}.

