**News from Presidents’ meeting**

**District Conference** - Friday dinner 18 March and Saturday 19 March. Fantastic Speakers.

There are still vacancies.

**District Newsletter** – The **“CLUB BUZZ”** column advertises District Events.

**RAWCS Tonga Appeal -** Sponsor is RAWCS National – No: 42-2021-22. Click on the [RAWCS@rotary.org.au](mailto:RAWCS@rotary.org.au) Click on Search, Projects All – the second one listed.

DG Lindsay advises to donate to this appeal. On-going support will be needed for many years.

**Australia Day Honours - Order of Australia Awards – Congratulations to:**

* Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons AO – Honorary Member from RC Berowra.
* Sue O’Neill OAM – RC Brisbane Water, RAWCS Eastern Region Projects co-ordinator, and Rotary Foundation Committee member.

**Regionalisation Update**

Our new Zone has a smaller number of people that the Council on Legislation allows to be automatically in the pilot for the new zoning, therefore, a vote is required. If the vote is positive, we will be in the pilot automatically, but if the vote is negative, we will not be included, and we will have to pay for it. It is hoped that a Club vote will be before July. RI will vote in February, and the Council on Legislation will vote in April.

**District & Global Grants**

All District Grant funds have been awarded. Barbara Parkin’s District Grant has been acquitted.

14 Global Grants have been approved to date this year, with more in progress, thanks to David Dean.

**Youth Programs**

* **RYLA -** The deposit has been moved to 2023. 75 were registered and processed. The candidates will be checked in August to see if they are still available for January. If not, they will be replaced by another candidate. The age limit does not apply if they go over by next January if they were already accepted this year to be a candidate.
* **RYPEN -** Summer RYPEN cancelled, deposit advanced to 2023. Winter RYPEN was cancelled.
* **Youth Exchange** - Carlingford - was held on-line on 4 February.

Youth Exchange planned for Jan 2023 Japan, Brazil & Chile. Nominations sought from March 2022.

* **MUNA** – May 28 – 29 Kingswood High School.
* **NSW Youth Advisory Council**

Nominations open for 12 – 14 years. Close 13 March. Information in 4 Feb 2022 District Newsletter.

**DGN Designate for 2024 - 25**

Calls for nominations are NOW OPEN. An information pack is available, and an interest meeting on 20 February. Nominations CLOSE March 30. For details, contact Kalma McLellan 0417 696 156

**DGs Updates:**

* The District has 77 registered RAWCS projects. 16 belong to the E-Club, with the 17th being registered.
* Club visits – 62 done with 4 to go.
* Club websites – Public image high take up
* DG’s news - Readability appears to be quite low. The news of the District – including events are advertised in a column on the LHS which is called **“Club Buzz”.**
* Stallholder Insurance - Ad-ons are illegal. That is, one day stalls. A Certificate of Currency is required. There are several options. NB Rotary does not “sell” insurance.

**Train Ride** Service Delayed due to Covid restrictions. It may be a virtual train ride to 189 Sydney Stations. Encouraged to participate, and also go to your local station to take a selfie. **Watch the Club Buzz**.

**Membership**

* On 1 July 2021 = 1,679

15 December 2021 = 1,720 - +41

5 February 2022 = 1,698 - +19

* ClubRunner fully reconciles with RI
* Secretaries are asked to put Classifications in ClubRunner, as they assist in obtaining particular skills for District positions.
* Also. Date of Birth otherwise, the member does not appear in My Rotary. If a fake one or under 18 years of age, the person cannot be contacted.
* At 17 January, there were 362 Centurions in the District who had paid AUD$100 for the year. We are invited to pay AUD$100 each semester when our dues are requested.

**Awards**

* **RESCA** – Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards for NSW - nominations are open on 15 March and close on 19 May. NSW Ambulance, Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW State Emergency Service, Marine Recue NSW, NSW Rural Fire Service, Surf Lifesaving NSW, NSW State Emergency Service, NSW Volunteer Rescue Association.
* **RIWA –** Rotary Inspirational Women’s Awards – Nominations open 28 April & close 9 June.
* **Police Officer of the Year Awards** – Dates TBC – 2021 Presentation 29 April 2021. 2022 Presentation night 4 November 2022.
* **Avenues of Service at District Level** – nomination period all year.

**Australia Day Grants**

Canva. Grants are available. Request the full amount of $20k. They give $16k initially for an Australia Day activity. It pays to use it, or the next year it will be reduced to $16. An example of an event was a BBQ with T-Shirts, caps and tablecloths to showcase the Club.

**District Treasurer**

* Treasurer’s Guidelines for 2021 – The Club Treasurer’s Manual is in the District Directory – there have been a lot of changes.
* Charitable Collections Act – Updates in legislation.

In addition to the A12-T2 an authority to raise funds is required. The changes allow Clubs that do not require Clubs that raise A$15k to have a licence. However, it is advisable for all Clubs to get one, as during the year, there may suddenly be an event that does raise more than A$15k, and will someone remember?

Record each year if required to raise funds or choose NOT to have a licence. Need to minute it. It takes about two weeks to get a licence, and if not obtained in time, you are non-compliant and not covered by insurance. If applying for a grant, and you do NOT have a licence, you may be disqualified. Grants are registered under the Australian Charities and Not-For-Profit Commission (ACNC).

Reminder: send Annual Return A12-T2 to NSW Fair Trading within 30 days of AGM, or a penalty.