

NEWSLETTER

Rotary Club of Kippa-Ring North Lakes

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President's Message



October: Economic and Community Development

October's Rotary International theme, *Economic and Community Development*, reminds us of the importance of helping communities build a better future through opportunity, education and sustainable development.

As Dr Seuss wisely expressed:

"To the world you may be one person; but to one person you may be the world."

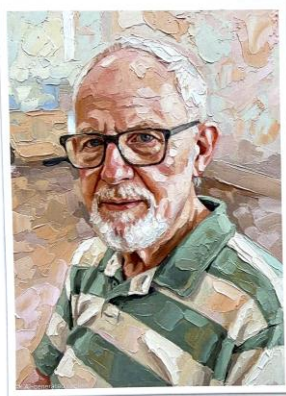


This sentiment reflects the spirit of Rotary and the difference we can make in people's lives through service.

International community service has been a longstanding focus of our Club. We are particularly fortunate to be part of Rotary District 9620, which extends beyond Australia to include Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Nauru. This gives our Club a unique opportunity to support international community service projects within our own District, working alongside local communities and fellow Rotarians to address identified needs.

Whether through education, health, infrastructure or community development, even a modest contribution can make a meaningful and lasting difference. By working together and applying Rotary's principle of *Service Above Self*, we can help create opportunities, strengthen communities and improve lives beyond our own shores.

Celebration of Life



Jerome Grover Smith

BORN 2ND JULY 1945
PASSED THROUGH DEATH TO LIFE
2ND OCTOBER 2026

In Memoriam – Past President Jerome (Jerry) Smith

Our Club has received the very sad news of the passing of our Past President, Jerome (Jerry) Smith.

Jerry was a valued former member of the Rotary Club of Kippa-Ring North Lakes and served as Club President. He will be remembered as a quiet achiever who made a positive difference through his service to Rotary and his community.

Jerry was also an admired educator, respected for his contributions both professionally and personally. His dedication, character and commitment to others reflect the values we hold dear as Rotarians.

On behalf of our Club, we extend our heartfelt condolences to Jerry's wife, Dianne, and his family and friends during this difficult time. Jerry will be remembered with respect and affection by those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Elder Abuse Prevention Campaign

Meanwhile, the rollout of our **Elder Abuse Prevention campaign** has continued.

Elder abuse can take many forms and is often experienced within relationships of trust, including with family members, carers or others in positions of influence. It may include emotional or psychological abuse, financial abuse, physical or sexual abuse, neglect, social isolation or abandonment.



Friendship Park, North Lakes Peace Pole Project

The image above provides an example of the **Peace Pole** our Club is proposing to have installed at **Friendship Park, North Lakes**, as a lasting symbol of peace, hope and unity within our local community.

Students from Jamboree Heights State School in Lorikeet Park reading the Peace Pole message: **May Peace Prevail on Earth** – in English, Vietnamese, Afrikaans, Mandarin, Hindi, Arabic, Japanese and Māori, which are the eight languages on the Pole.

The Peace Pole will provide a permanent community focal point at Friendship Park, North Lakes and reflect Rotary's commitment to **Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution**.

CLUB NEWS

- Distributing Emergency Medical Information Books.
- Completion of the 'Yarning Circle' Deception Bay State School.
- The Club is engaging a marketing professional through a voluntary back-to-work Work Cover program.

PEOPLE OF ACTION

- Elder Abuse Prevention
- Calendar Fundraiser
- STEM Youth Exchange; Interact ShelterBox Fundraiser
- Friendship Park, North Lakes Peace Pole

Feature Story



International Service – Supporting Healthcare in Cambodia

Our Club had the pleasure of welcoming Dr Pat Naidoo from the Rotary E-Club of Outback Australia, who delivered an informative presentation on an important medical facilities project in Cambodia.

The project focuses on providing an X-ray machine for the Siem Reap Health Clinic, helping to address the limited availability of diagnostic imaging facilities in the region.

Access to X-ray services is particularly important in the early detection and diagnosis of tuberculosis (TB), a significant public health concern in Cambodia. Improved access to diagnostic equipment would assist healthcare professionals in identifying suspected cases and facilitating timely treatment.

This initiative highlights how Rotary's international service projects can help address critical healthcare needs and improve access to essential medical services. By supporting projects such as this, Rotarians can make a meaningful contribution to the health and wellbeing of communities beyond our own borders.

Upcoming Events & Dates

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
25/10/2026	Calendar Fundraiser Sales	Newsagent: nextra Margate Margate Shopping Village
26/10/2026	Zoom Club Board Meeting	6:00pm
28/10/2026	Club Forum	"Bring your best ideas"
07/11/2026	Club meeting	TBA
Week beginning 28 th October 2026	Christmas Trailer Raffle Ticket Sales	Ashley & Deb/ volunteers required

Member Spotlight

[PHOTO] Next Month

[Member Name]

We invite all members to share a little about themselves, their Rotary journey, interests or experiences so we can get to know one another better and feature you in an upcoming Club newsletter.

Rotary in Our Community

October has been a month to reflect on the values that unite us as Rotarians: *Service Above Self* and a commitment to making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

This month's Rotary International theme, **Economic and Community Development**, highlights the importance of creating opportunities and building stronger, more sustainable communities. As members of Rotary District 9620, we are fortunate to have opportunities to support international service initiatives within our own District, including Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Nauru.

We also welcomed Dr Pat Naidoo from the Rotary E-Club of Outback Australia, who presented an important healthcare initiative to provide an X-ray machine for the Siem Reap Health Clinic in Cambodia. This project aims to improve access to essential diagnostic services, particularly for tuberculosis, demonstrating how Rotary partnerships can help address critical community health needs.

On a sadder note, our Club mourns the passing of Past President Jerome (Jerry) Smith. Jerry will be remembered as a quiet achiever, a valued former Rotarian and an admired educator who made a positive contribution to his community. We extend our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Dianne, and his family.

These stories remind us that Rotary's impact extends well beyond our own Club. Through fellowship, community partnerships and international service, we continue to put our Rotary values into action and make a difference where it matters most.

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“Service Above Self”