

DISTRICT 9710 NEWS

December 2017

ROTARY YEAR 2017-2018



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

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Register for District Conference

Rotary
in Canberra



TAKE ACTION: [d9710 website click here](#)

DG STEVE HILL



2017-18 DG
Steve Hill

Congratulations, this month goes to many Rotarians who have been working hard at District level, in particular the Vocational Training Team Committee and other Rotarians and families who hosted the 15 midwives from the Pacific Islands over a two-week period. This was the last time for the VTT of midwives – it has been a long journey of three years and extremely hard work. Approximately 250 thousand dollars was spent on this with the majority of that money coming from our Rotary Foundation.

The latest District Rotary Foundation newsletter has been distributed (it is also available on our district web site). You will see the great strides that the clubs have made towards donations this year to the Foundation with Annual giving up by 123% and Polio Plus giving up by 94% year to date by the end of October. We are well on our way to another record year of giving to the Foundation and my sincere thanks to all the hard working Rotarians within our clubs for this. It is a great shame that we have seen another case of Polio very recently but we are still winning this battle.

I attended another meeting of the new district transitioning team recently and things are progressing well towards 1 July 2020 when a new district will be formed. This is exciting times for Rotary in southern NSW and ACT as we are creating a new district with a blank canvas and it is time to set the future direction for Rotary in this area. I will be sending a personal email to all Rotarians in the District soon explaining where we are up to with this and looking for thoughts and ideas from Rotarians.

The Council on Legislation voted recently on resolutions that had been placed before it. Seventeen of those resolutions have been accepted and the results can be seen later in this newsletter. By using the link in the article you can read fully the resolutions and what each one means.

Don't forget that the earlybird registrations for RI President Ian Riseley's Peace Conference in Sydney close on 13th December. The conference is being held on 17 March 2018 at the Sydney Town Hall – to register click [here](#)

Our own conference is a week later and registrations are open. See the front page for a link to register now.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the work you have done in the past six months and to wish each of you and your families and loved ones a Merry Christmas and a rewarding and happy New Year.



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D9710 Group 11

Group 11 clubs had held their second joint club meeting on Monday evening 13 November, with the Rotary clubs of Canberra Weston Creek, Woden, and Woden Daybreak, and the Brindabella Rotaract in attendance. The first Joint club meeting was held earlier this year, and based on its success members of the G11 clubs voted to have joint meetings every 6 months or so, to be able to socialise with other club members and share experiences. The recent meeting was organised by President Peter Dinn of the Weston Creek club and held at the Irish Club in Weston Creek. The meeting was also attended by the visiting midwives from Fiji who had no difficulty getting into the spirit of things and having a great time.

The guest speaker for the evening, Dr. Ian Willis gave a most interesting talk on Malaria and particularly his recently published book, *The Unending War*, which documents the Australian Army's struggle against malaria between 1885-2015.

Assistant Governor for Group 11, Paul Roger, also spoke to the group on a few upcoming District events and the plans for the 90th Anniversary of Rotary in Canberra. In thanking President Peter for his organisation of the evening Paul said 'it is great to see the group's clubs coming together in this way socially and hopefully this will lead to us working more closely together on joint projects in support of the Canberra Community'. The Group are already starting plan their next joint club meeting for autumn 2018.

Cheers

Paul

Paul Roger, Assistant Governor 2015 -18, Jerrabomberra Rotary, Rotary District 9710, Tel: 0418786945
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MEDIA RELEASE

Rotaractors & Interactors Lift the Lid on Mental Illness

Yass Interact and Rotaract club members were on a mission last weekend to 'Lift the Lid on Mental Illness' raising money for mental health research as part of Mental Health Month.

Almost one in five Australians experience a mental illness every year, and nearly half of Australia will experience a mental illness at some stage in their lives. Lift the Lid on Mental Illness is a new mental health awareness initiative of Australian Rotary Health, that raises funds for mental health research to ultimately improve the lives of all Australians.

Yass Interact & Rotaract clubs held a Hat Day event at the Rotary Street Stall. Hat Day ribbons, pins and ever popular sausage sandwiches were on sale, and free information packs on mental health were distributed.

President of Yass Rotaract Lachlan Butler said that the Hat Day event followed close on the heels of the combined Interact & Rotaract local mental health initiative 'Project Reshape'. "Mental health is an issue that impacts on everyone and we 're committed to raising awareness and as well as funds. Hat Day is such an important event - it gets us talking about mental health and helps reduce stigma".

Yass Interact & Rotaract's mental health project – conducted over the past six months - culminated with Hat Day, and will see Australian Rotary Health receive a very healthy donation of \$700.

Australian Rotary Health CEO Joy Gillett OAM congratulated all involved and hopes this fresh new campaign encourages everyone to support mental health research." Everyone knows someone who has been affected by mental illness in some point during their lives. Our research has already focussed on areas such as anxiety and depression, substance abuse and self-harm and suicide. But there is so much more we can do with your help."



A GREAT OUTCOME FOR YOUTHCARE CANBERRA



The proceeds of a most successful 2017 Trivia Night, conducted by the Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise, were handed over to YouthCare Canberra at a recent Club meeting. Conducted at the Hellenic Club and, with the generous support of some 175 people who attended, the night raised \$12,000.

The Club's focus is on the disabled and youth in its local community. YouthCare Canberra was therefore an ideal recipient given that it provides a unique outreach program that is focused on improving the lives of alienated and excluded street youth in the Canberra region.

Pictured receiving the cheque from organising committee leader Michelle Dare and Club President Rosemary Everett is YouthCare Board Chair Paul Kane.

Rotary Districts of Australia



THANKS!



#LiftTheLid

www.hatday.com.au

#HatDay17

Australian Rotary Health would like to thank all supporters of **Lift the Lid on Mental Illness** during Mental Health Month.

Your contribution will lead us one step closer to improving the lives of the 1 in 5 Australians who suffer a mental illness every year, and provide vital funding for research.



Our mailing address is:

Australian Rotary Health
P0 Box 3455
Parramatta, NSW 2124

While Mental Health Month may be over, our Lift the Lid on Mental Illness campaign will run all year, which includes our "Adopt a Scientist" initiative

ADOPT A SCIENTIST

Report on awards received by Rotary Club of Bombala

The Rotary Club of Bombala received two awards from Deputy Premier Mr John Barilaro MP recently. The first award presented was to the Market Organising Committee, Geraldine Dyer, Shirley Badewitz, Helen Stevenson & Tanya Ingram. The second award was presented to the Rotary Club of Bombala.

The presentations were made at a luncheon in Cooma where Mr Barilaro presented the Monaro Service Award for extraordinary contributions to the ladies who organised the very successful bi-annual Rotary Market day.

The first market in February 2017 had 78 stallholders but the September market attracted 130 stallholders. These market days have drawn the small town of Bombala together whilst creating a real buzz throughout the community. Mr Barilaro then presented Club President Michael Dyer with the Outstanding Community Group award for Rotary's part in bringing the community together. Bombala Rotary members were delighted to receive the award.



Above: left to right: Mr John Barilaro, Geraldine Dyer, Helen Stevenson, Shirley Badewitz & Bronnie Taylor, absent Tanya Ingram

Below: left to right: Mr John Barilaro, Michael Dyer, Geraldine Dyer & Bronnie Taylor.



Lunchtime during district board meeting



New Initiative by Rotary Club of Ginninderra

The Rotary Club of Ginninderra has undertaken a new community service initiative this Rotary year by donating funds to the Calvary Public Hospital Bruce.

The donation of \$8,000 has been used to provide new furniture in “quiet areas” located in convenient spaces around the hospital. This meets a need identified by the hospital as being important to patients, their families and medical staff, but which can’t be financed from government funding.

The CEO of the Calvary Public Hospital Bruce, Shelley Castree-Croad, and Ginninderra Rotarian, PDG Monica Garrett, representing President Michael Malone, unveiled a plaque acknowledging the donation at a ceremony on 16 November.

District Governor Steve Hill and Assistant Governor Leo Farrelly attended the ceremony, with DG Steve speaking on behalf of the District.

“We are pleased the Calvary Community Advisory Council turned to Rotary to meet this need, and the Club looks forward to continuing this relationship,” commented PDG Monica.




Council on Resolutions - Results

The Council on Resolutions meets online each year. Representatives from all of Rotary's districts vote on resolutions that clubs, districts, the RI Board, and the General Council or Conference of RIBI have proposed. The RI Board of Directors will consider all resolutions that the Council adopts.

Voting was finalised on 15 November and the following list shows those resolutions that **were approved** by a majority.

To see further information regarding these resolutions and those that were rejected click [here](#)

1. To request the RI Board to consider recommending that each club have a strategic planning committee
2. To request the RI Board to consider retaining original membership information for returning members
3. To request the RI Board to consider that terminated clubs secure endorsement from the district
4. To request the RI Board to consider researching the impact of club flexibility
5. To request the RI Board to consider releasing information on the pilot programs
6. To request the RI Board to consider reaffirming the Object of Rotary
7. To request the RI Board to consider proposing legislation to a future Council adding core values and mission of Rotary
8. To request the RI Board to consider supporting ecologically-sustainable initiatives
9. To request the Trustees to consider adding sustainable development and environmental protection as an area of focus
10. To request the RI Board to consider revising the Rotaract club certification form
11. To request the Trustees to consider including a water project application template in the global grant application
12. To request the RI Board to consider disclosing its deliberative process on enactments that are referred to the RI Board
13. To request the RI Board to consider sending the five-year financial forecast prior to the Council
14. To request the RI Board to consider not increasing Rotary's per capita dues at the 2019 Council
15. To request the RI Board to consider adding editorial marks to updated versions of the Rotary Code of Policies
16. To request the RI Board to consider publishing the annual presidential theme in Hindi
17. To request the RI Board to consider training Council representatives on how to use voting equipment

 **ARBONNE.** Rotarian and Rotaractor Emma Bell, is embracing the Christmas spirit and will be donating 50% off her profits from all of her Arbonne sales this holiday period to End Polio. If you would like to do some last minute Christmas shopping or organise a holiday pamper for you and your loved ones, please contact Emma on 0417 825 068 or emmabell94@hotmail.com

Rotary



ROTARY CONVENTION TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA 23-27 JUNE 2018

Dear fellow Rotarians,

We look forward to welcoming you to the 109th Rotary International Convention in Toronto, where you'll find inspiration around every corner. The convention is an incredible opportunity to meet fellow Rotarians from around the world, exchange ideas, and learn from each other. It's the best way there is to celebrate a year of successful service and renew our energies for the year to come.

As a global center of business, finance, arts, and culture, Toronto is vibrant, friendly, and diverse — just like Rotary. And like Rotary, Canada's largest city offers something for everyone: museums, restaurants and shopping, stunning architecture, and easy access to the natural beauty for which Canada is justly famous.

This year will mark the 50th anniversary of Rotaract. From its beginnings as a small youth program in North Carolina, USA, Rotaract has blossomed into one of Rotary's largest programs, offering opportunities for service, friendship, and growth to more than 291,000 young people in over 9,500 clubs globally. We look forward to welcoming Rotaractors to Toronto and celebrating this milestone anniversary with them.

All through the year, as we serve in our clubs, we know that we are not alone, that we are part of a global organization that reaches nearly every country of the world. Our annual convention is a wonderful opportunity, the closest we can come to meeting them all — the 1.2 million men and women in *Rotary: Making a Difference*.

Sincerely,

Ian H.S. Riseley
2017-18 RI President



riconvention.org



Program highlights

- **World-renowned speakers** — Speakers will include world leaders, philanthropists, and celebrities.
- **Preconvention events** — Experience dynamic programs like the Young Leaders Summit, Rotaract Preconvention, International Institute, and more.
- **House of Friendship** — The Rotary world comes together here to proudly exchange ideas and project successes.
- **Breakout sessions** — Dig deeper into the topics that interest you through in-depth seminars, workshops, and discussions. With over 50 breakout sessions, we have something for everyone.



TORONTO 2018

REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!

Our convenient online system makes registering easy for all Rotary members, Rotoractors, and Rotary Club and District employees

Deadlines

Deadline	Fee (US\$)	
	15 December 2017	\$345
31 March 2018	\$420	\$100
After 31 March 2018	\$495	\$130

Low Cost Shelters, Heather Kinross Village, Bangladesh A Project of the Rotary Club of Hamilton Inc. (Qld.)

A Brief History

Preamble

PRIP Glen Kinross, during his Presidency in 1997-98, initiated the funding and building of low cost houses/shelters to house some of the least fortunate and homeless people worldwide. In that year and in a few subsequent years, over 10,000 low cost shelters were constructed in many countries around the world. Some of these shelters were constructed in Bangladesh and other countries of the sub-continent.

The Project Revival

In 2007, the Rotary Club of Hamilton Inc. (Qld) decided to recognise the tenth anniversary of Glen's Presidency by funding as many shelters as possible for construction in Bangladesh. Forty two Low Cost Shelters were built between 2007 and 2010 in the Heather Kinross Village. Upon completion, they were opened on 10th March, 2010, by Kalyan Banerjee the RI President Nominee and RI President in 2011-12. The construction of the shelters was supervised by PDG M. Jamaluddin (Jamal) and the Rotary Club of Narayanganj Midtown of RID-3281 Bangladesh.

PDG Jamal and his Club have continued to play a major role in the project by supervising the design and construction of the shelters and in administering the contracts and generally being available to resolve any issues that may have arisen.

Following the decision made in 2007, fund raising commenced and the Rotary Club of Hamilton received support from several Rotary clubs in Australia and beyond, and generous donations came from quite a few individual Rotarians.

A further 21 shelters were constructed between November 2010 and February 2011, and another 10 were completed by December 2012. Then another 8 were constructed in the 2013-14 year. Two more were built in the 2015-16 year with the help of a District Grant from D9600, the total constructed since 2007 is now 83.

The land on which the shelters are built was donated by the father of PDG Jamal and is known as the Heather Kinross Village. Currently there is space available in the Village for an additional 20 shelters or that is 10 duplex (twin) units.

A Past President of the Rotary Club of Hamilton, Mr Harold Sutcliffe, so eloquently stated in a Rotary publication, "*the value of the scheme goes far beyond the acquisition of buildings. It is a life-changing experience for some of the world's most underprivileged people*".

The Goal

The goal now is to build as many shelters as possible (up to 20 maximum) in the land available and to fund the construction with donations, club contributions, district designated fund contributions and with a Global Grant from the Rotary Foundation. The recent cost per shelter was approximately US\$3,000. Small allowances within the rules for Rotary Global Grants should be made for contingencies and project management costs. The preliminary project cost estimate is therefore in the range US\$55,200 (say 16 shelters) to US\$69,000 (20 shelters) allowing for contingencies of 10% and assuming project management costs can be kept to 5% max of the basic project cost.

The Rotary Club of Hamilton in Rotary District 9600 in Queensland, Australia, is looking for Rotary Clubs, Rotary Districts and individual donors within Australia and abroad to partner with us to raise sufficient funds to obtain a Rotary Foundation Global Grant to allow us to achieve our goal to build the last 20 shelters in the Heather Kinross Village in Bangladesh. At present all we need is a pledge for a donation amount.

Thank you for considering our request.

John Leddy PDG 2015-16

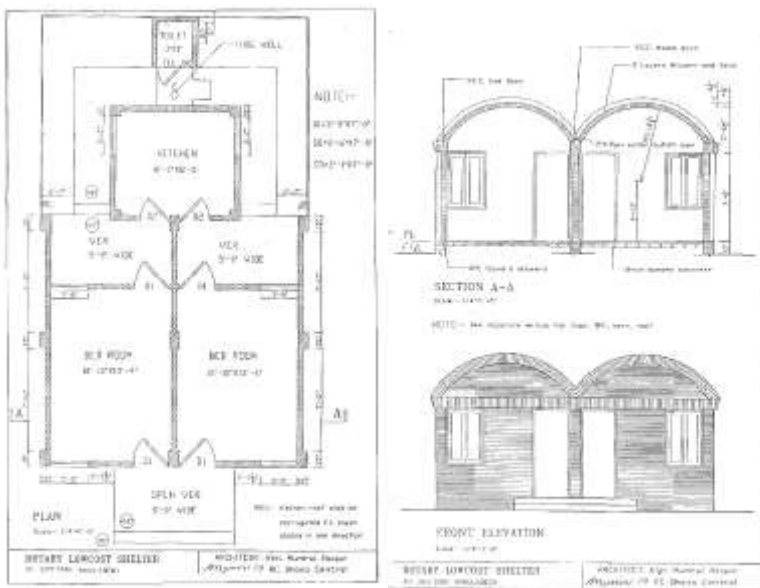
*International Service Director,
Rotary Club of Hamilton, D9600*



Shelters completed in the Rotary 2015-16 year, in the Heather Kinross Village, Bangladesh.



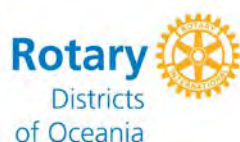
Twin shelters built in the Heather Kinross Village in Bangladesh circa 2011-12.



Floor Plan & Elevation of Twin Shelters.

Note shared kitchen and toilet facility at rear.

The brick arch roof shown on the early architectural drawings was replaced with arched galvanised steel lightweight roof from 2007 because Bangladesh is in an earthquake zone.



ROMAC GALA BALL Saturday 19 May 2018

Would you like to help save children's lives? If yes, read on...

The highlight for 2018 Canberra Ball season will be the ROMAC Gala Ball to be held at the Hellenic Club in Woden ACT.

So, **Wear Red for ROMAC** and come along for a great night of entertainment and dancing, and most importantly, help support the charity that literally gives life back to children.

Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC), is an Australian/New Zealand Rotary program which provides specialist and urgent treatment for children from developing countries in our Pacific Region. The surgery can be lifesaving or life changing, and is not accessible in the children's home countries. ROMAC started in 1988 and is giving hope and transforming lives to around 50 children every year. For more information on this wonderful program, visit the website www.romac.org.au

Help us celebrate ROMAC's 30th birthday by attending the Ball and **Wearing Red for ROMAC** in whichever way you choose. Enjoy a deluxe three-course meal, good wine and excellent company, with the opportunity to win great raffle prizes and successfully bid for excellent auction items. Remember to put on your dancing shoes as one of Canberra's top bands, **Smooth Ops**, will keep you dancing and a Latin American Dance demonstration will entertain you while you are dining.

**Date: Saturday 19
May 2018**

**Venue: Hellenic
Club Woden ACT**

**Time: 6.30 for
7.00pm**

**Dress: Black tie
(with a hint of red)**

Cost: \$135.00 per person

Tickets will be available by registering through District Website in early 2018. Alternatively, if you would like to offer support to the Ball and ROMAC, by purchasing a table of 10, or tables, provide a sponsorship, or donate please talk to us.

Enquiries and early reservations can be made by calling: 0418 786 945

Your support will help ROMAC to restore dignity and save the lives of children in our region. This benefits not only the lives of the children, but has a positive impact on their community as well.

ROMAC is run entirely by Rotarian volunteers; surgeons donate their expertise, hospitals often reduce costs and overheads are kept to a minimum - no office, no paid staff, etc – ensuring the children gain optimal benefit from every dollar donated.

ROMAC - Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children

"To provide medical treatment for children from developing countries in the form of life-saving and/or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country"

ROMAC Gala Ball

Celebrating 30 years of ROMAC



Saturday, 19th May 2018

6.30pm until 11pm

Olympus Room

Hellenic Club

Woden

\$135pp

Tickets available online
in early 2018

For enquires and
advance reservations
phone 0418786945

**Wear red for ROMAC
...or just a hint**

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Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children

www.romac.org.au

District Calendar

December

2	District Team Training for 2018-19
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January 18 2017 VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

1	Semi Annual District Fees due
2	NYSF First Session begins in Canberra
13-19	RYLA - Greenhills Camp Centre
9	NYSF Brisbane Session begins
10-13	2017 YEP Outbound Students return
14-15	2018 YEP Outbound Students depart
14-20	International Assembly, San Diego
16	NYSF Second Session begins in Canberra

February PEACE & CONFLICT PREVENTION / RESOLUTION

1	Rotary District 9710 Global Grant Scholarship applications open
2	YEP applications open for travel in 2018
2-4	YEP Rebounders debrief weekend
3	Foundation Seminar - Canberra
10	District Board Meeting
14-16	YEP Inbound Students Surf Camp
14-16	YEP Inbound Students - South Nowra
25-26	District Presidents Elect Training (PETS)
23	Rotary International Anniversary

March FOCUS: WATER and SANITATION

1	NYSF Applications Open for 2019
2	District Governor nominations close
3	Foundation Seminar - Bomaderry
9	District Governor Interviews
23-25	District Conference – Mittagong

April FOCUS: MATERNAL and CHILD HEALTH

1	NYSF applications open
2	Rotary District 9710 Global Grant Scholarship selection process starts-Cbr
7	District Board Meeting
15-16	District Training Assembly
15	YEP - Applications for Outbound 2019 close with club

May YOUTH SERVICES MONTH

1	Bowelcare commences
5 - 12	Rotary Adventure in Citizenship
18-20	RYPEN Camp at Mogo
31	MUNA 2018 applications close
31	NYSF applications close for 2019

June ROTARY FELLOWSHIP MONTH

2	District Board and Finance Committee Meeting
23-27	Rotary International Convention - Toronto
24	Bowelcare concludes
30	NYSF applications sponsored by clubs to NYSF District Chair
30	Closing date for Presidential Citation
July 1st	District Changeover

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It would be wonderful when you submit your newsletters etc. to the editor, if you were to highlight (or add) what significant information you would like to see included in this district publication.

**ELSE I JUST PICK OUT WHAT I
FIND INTERESTING**

-editor

Find us on 

[click here](#)

Rotary
District 9710



website, [click here](#)

QI - Quite Interesting

Beckets n.
**The little loops on
a pair of trousers or a raincoat**

QI 1,227 FACTS to Blow Your Socks Off, 2012, page 179

OTHER USEFUL INFO

Encourage everyone to use My Rotary and keep their information up-to-date. Then each club can have its membership information all in one place. You can download into spreadsheets on demand.

The MyRotary site also has an excellent Brand Centre for all you logo, brochure and design needs – check it out.

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