

DISTRICT 9710 NEWS

JUNE 2018

ROTARY YEAR 2017-2018



**ROTARY:
MAKING A
DIFFERENCE**

Register for District Changeover



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Rotary
in Canberra



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DG STEVE HILL



2017-18

DG Steve Hill

Well another Rotary year is just about over and we have started the club changeovers and the district one is only 4 weeks away. Thanks to the Presidents for 2017 – 18 for leading their clubs and making a difference in their communities. All undertook some magnificent work and projects. Rotary is still strong in 9710 and our communities need us even more so today and into the future.

June will see Canberra Club celebrating its 90th Anniversary of its charter date on the 16th and you are all invited to this event – further details can be found on page 4 but you need to book by the 10th June.

The Rotary Club of Moss Vale held their 70th Anniversary dinner on the 19th May. Congratulations to them on a long history. The evening was also a fund raiser for one of their major projects the club has been involved in over several years – The Queen Street Centre. You can read all about this on page 11.

The District has put a proposal into the organisers for Floriade to be the 2018 Charity partner. I hope that we will be successful because this means Rotary will have exposure up to half a million attendees and the marketing that goes along with Floriade. If successful, there will be an opportunity for all clubs in the district to be involved and to display their projects etc. We will be looking for Rotarians to operate the marquee during the 30 days of the event. Rotaractors in ACT are being involved as well and are looking forward to particularly working during Nightfest.

The Rotary Districts of NSW and ACT Emergency Service Awards presentation dinner was held on the 1st June at Bankstown. Again, this year we had finalists from within our district - see details on page 9 and 10.

This was the first year that the ACT emergency services were included and next year they will be separated from NSW. There are moves afoot to try and get every state involved in these awards with a national final also being held. I will be chairing the ACT Awards committee next Rotary year and am looking for a couple of Rotarians to help me. If you are interested, please contact me as soon as you can.

District 9710 ROMAC committee assisted by other Rotarians held a hugely successful ball on the 19th May at the Hellenic club. Congratulations to Sandra Mahlberg and Paul Roger for all their work – well done. Further details on pages 5 and 6.

To Margaret and her team for 2018-19 best wishes. I know she will make a great District Governor and she has gathered around her a group of Rotarians who will lead the district well. Please give her the support you have given me over the past two years. To the incoming Presidents, this will be your best year in Rotary so not only work hard but enjoy it as well.

Do not forget as we work our way toward a new District in 2020 – 2021 the transition team is still looking for comments and ideas from as many Rotarians as possible.

The 30th June also sees the end of Noel Trevaskis' two years as RI Director. Noel has been a great help to all of us over the past two years and it has been a privilege to not only have a Director from our District but to have one who has worked so hard for Rotarians in both Australia and New Zealand.

Thanks to everyone for Making a Difference over the past year and keep up the great work.



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In April 2021, Rotary marks a major point in our history of community service and achievement. The energy of 2 Rotarians from the RC of Halifax and Calgary led to the chartering of Melbourne, Wellington, Auckland and Sydney. Much is being planned to create a legacy and events that will truly reflect what we represent.

Much has been planned and many things already are underway. It is important that you get advance notice of that campaign. Here are some highlights:

- 1. An ambitious \$30million **youth vaccination program across 9 Pacific nations under the banner "Give Every Child a Future"** has been launched. Initiated by the 4 centenary clubs, RC Melbourne, Wellington, Auckland and Sydney, our partners are the Asian Development Bank and UNICEF. Soon we will invite Rotarians plus communities across many nations to participate, create scale and make a long lasting difference in the Pacific region.*
- 2. **The Canadians are coming!** New and convivial links have been created with our charter clubs, Calgary and Halifax. Books have been exchanged and an invitation to send representatives has been warmly received. In addition to a re-enactment and celebration, they are also keen to participate in the inaugural **Ralston-Davidson Golf Challenge Cup** honouring the 2 Rotarians that got the ball rolling for us.*
- 3. Schedules are being put in place for a **Commemorative Stamp and Coin** to be issued in 2021 by Australia Post and the Royal Mint. Imagine this; stamps and coins with related merchandise that present the Rotary message across the nation during the centenary year.*
- 4. **End Trachoma** is a project being adopted across Australian Districts that will lead into the centenary year. Supported strongly by RI President Ian Riseley and District Governors for several years ahead, this project has a clear focus on indigenous health. A unique malaise to Australia, it is treatable and beatable by the time we achieve 100 years of Service. How good will that legacy be?*
- 5. **Save The Date! Wednesday 21st April 2021** is the anniversary of the first Rotary meeting in Australia and NZ and we aim to attract 1000+ Rotarians, Friends of Rotary and community leaders to a celebration. They will meet the dignitaries and vice regal representatives that are already "pencilled in" for a Grand Event at a world class venue. Technology will also enable participation from anywhere across the 2 nations in addition to a rolling program of face-to-face events in multiple locations.*

Communication: *A comprehensive communications plan is now being formulated to reach multiple groups in smart ways and in a timely manner. Our goals are to **raise Awareness, stimulate Engagement and galvanise a Call To Action** across Australia and New Zealand. Leading up to the Centenary year, you can expect to hear more about what is taking place and the help available to facilitate local celebrations and centenary projects you might want to launch in your District.*

This will be an exciting time and a chance for Rotary to shine.

You are invited to the 90 Birthday of Rotary in Canberra Ringing of the Rotary Peace Bell ceremony. You can also bring family and friends.

Event: 90 Birthday RC Canberra Ringing of the Rotary Peace Bell <https://canberrapeacebell.org/>

Date: Jun 16, 2018 11:00AM - Jun 16, 2018 12:00 PM

Fee: Nil


Nara Park, Flynn Drive, Yarralumla

Location: CANBERRA, A.C.T. Australia
2600

90th Birthday Ringing of the Peace Bell Ceremony

Details: The Rotary Club of Canberra celebrates 90 years with the ringing of the Canberra Rotary Peace Bell at 11am. The Rotary Club of Canberra celebrates with fellow Rotary Clubs and our sister club from Nara. 14 members are joining us and look forward to a great celebration of peace and fellowship as part of our Birthday Celebrations.


Please book via email to Meredith Hayes – mhayes@ozemail.com.au



THE ROTARY CLUB OF CANBERRA

90TH

BIRTHDAY DINNER



Presentation of Charter to The Rotary Club of Canberra. Dinner, with the ladies, Hotel Canberra August 1928.

16 June 6:30pm for 7pm dinner
The Hyatt Hotel Canberra

Black Tie 1920s theme
\$95 per person

RSVP before 10 June
michelewhitters1@gmail.com

Enquiries to Michele 0428302909
Payment: BSB 012-950, account 232936633, noting surname, 90th

ROMAC Gala Ball held on Saturday 19th May at the Hellenic Club.

Planning commenced in September 2017 to hold an event to celebrate the 510 children helped by ROMAC from around Oceania region over the last 30 years. Our committee decided it was very important to raise much needed funds for the children's treatment and share the ROMAC story.

What a wonderfully committed committee we had, a real team effort!

Great leadership, encouragement and direction from **Paul Rogers** (Jerrabomberra) using his expertise in organising events, the Gala Ball just would not have happened.

Right hand man **Robert Chilman** (Chilly) (Jerrabomberra) as our solid supporter in organising the Live Auction, Silent Auction and the Raffle on the night, it was very well planned and a great success on the night.

Andrew Giumelli (UC Rotaract) our amazing Rotaract member who ran the Facebook page to publicise this event and encouraging fellow Rotaractors to attend. He was so eager to do his bit in making the evening a success.

Yvonne Robson (Hall) was instrumental in obtaining raffle prizes, filling up seats and encouraging her club to making a substantial donation to ROMAC on the night.

Viola Kalokerinos (Woden) had so many connections with the Greek community and able to fill a number of tables let alone separate donations to ROMAC from family and friends unable to attend the Ball.

Helen Moore (Canberra) who provided connections and experience in what makes a quality event and also donating auction items.

Sandra Mahlberg (Gungahlin) as District chair of ROMAC with connections with the Hospital and medical staff, previous ROMAC carer families and the ROMAC Board who attended on the night.

Amazing what can be achieved when Rotarians with a passion to supporting the children through ROMAC get together in organising an event like the ROMAC Gala Ball. The evening was a great success not only with 163 people attending it was also lots of fun with good entertainment and dancing with music from the Smooth Ops Band. A special Piper even joined us during the evening.

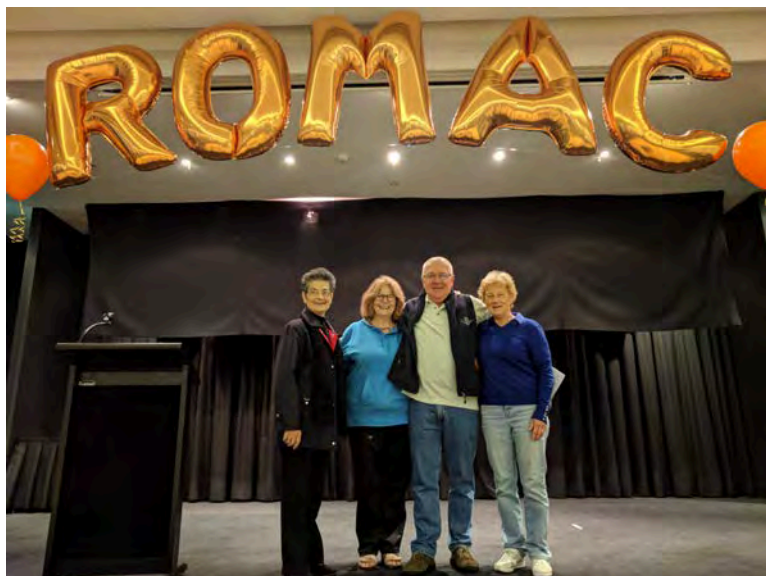
Our committee was pleased that we were able to raise around \$20,000 for ROMAC. Thank you to all the Rotarians and Clubs in the District, we could not have achieved these results for ROMAC without your support.

The MC on the night was Chris Jocelyne, ROMAC Chair Rob Wilkinson explained ROMAC and set the scene for former patient Rosie Lotawa to tell her life story and the miracle ROMAC provided her.

A PowerPoint presentation during the evening highlighted the involvement of 20 children, their families, carer families and Rotary Clubs in Canberra over the past 12 years. Many carer families were present, still supporting ROMAC and enjoying seeing photos of their ROMAC children on the screen.

Canberra Hospital had a table of operating theatre staff. Prof David Croaker and his wife Helen attended. Prof Croaker has operated on most of the ROMAC children in Canberra. Liz Chatham, Director of the Women's and Children's Hospital, and her husband also attended. Liz has been very supportive of ROMAC since 2010.

Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Hall for their most generous donation to ROMAC on the night.



Viola, Yvonne, Chilly and Sandra setting up in the morning, Andrew was studying for uni exams and he still came to the Ball.

Paul and Helen were unable to attend the Ball after all their hard work on our committee.

Our Special ROMAC guest Rosie with Sandra



Rotary wins Best Nonprofit Act for its polio eradication work

Rotary's commitment to eradicating polio worldwide won Best Nonprofit Act in the [Hero Awards](#) of the One Billion Acts of Peace campaign, an international global citizens' movement to tackle the world's most important issues.

The campaign is an initiative of [PeaceJam Foundation](#) and is led by 14 Nobel Peace Prize laureates, including the Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, and Rigoberta Menchú Tum, with the ambitious goal of inspiring a billion acts of peace by 2020.

Each year, the campaign picks two finalists in each of six categories for their work to make a measurable impact in one of the 10 areas considered most important by the Nobel laureates. Winners are chosen by people from around the world.

Rotary and Mercy Corps were the two finalists in the Best Nonprofit Act category. Rotary and the five [other winners](#) will be recognized at a ceremony on June in Monaco. Betty Williams, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977 for her advocacy for peace in Northern Ireland, will present the award.



DGE Margaret Hassall and President Yvonne Robson at the Emergency Services Dinner

Paul Harris once said,

“Perhaps dreaming is not so bad if one dreams good dreams and makes them come true.” In Rotary, we make dreams a reality through extraordinary projects and activities here at home and around the world. These projects would not be possible without the generous support of Rotarians and friends of our Foundation. The Rotary Foundation recognizes those individuals who become Major donors to the Foundation.

Paul Harris Society gifts enable Rotary’s worldwide network of dedicated humanitarians to implement projects that address pressing needs in communities around the world. Because of these contributions:

- Children are vaccinated against polio and other diseases
- Adults and children alike can learn to read and write
- Women are given microloans and vocational training that enable them to support themselves and their families in a healthy and dignified way
- Teachers and schoolchildren have access to toilet facilities and clean drinking water
- Scholars are able to study ways to prevent maternal and child mortality
- Professionals from around the world convene to discuss strategies for resolving conflict and fostering peace.

On 17th May 2018, District Governor Steve Hill recognized John and Helen Grant from Rotary Club Canberra Burley Griffin as a Major Donor.



GENETICS IN MEDICINE

The Science, Application and Issues

Questacon – 18 June 2018 – 5:30pm – 8pm

Join us for an exciting public forum addressing “Genetics in Medicine – The Science, Application and Issues”. The forum will involve comment from a range of eminent speakers on the subject, followed by audience and panel discussion.

Specialist speakers are from the ANU’s prestigious John Curtin School of Medical Research.

Date: Monday 18 June 2018.

Time: Refreshments 5:30 pm, Forum 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Where: Questacon - The National Science and Technology Centre, King Edward Terrace, Parkes ACT.

Speakers: **Professor Matthew Cook**, Leader, The Centre for Personalised Immunology, JCSMR.

Dr Nathalie Dehorter, Leader, The Dehorter Group - Neuronal Development, JCSMR.

Dr Julia Ellyard, Judith Whitworth Fellow, The Vinuesa Group - Humoral Immunity & Autoimmunity, JCSMR.

Dr Ameer George, Manager, Target and Drug Discovery Platform, The ACRF Biomolecular Resource Facility, JCSMR.

Dr Gaétan Burgio, Leader, The Burgio Group - Genome and Genetics of Host-Pathogens Interactions, JCSMR.

Editing

Dr Bobby Cerini, Acting Deputy Director Questacon, General Manager – Science and Learning

Tickets \$10 each, Children (U13) \$5

This is a Rotary fund raiser to assist an outstanding ACT science student who has been selected to attend the London International Youth Science Forum in July.

Bookings can be made via the link below, as well as donations by those who are unable to attend on the evening.

All ticket and donation money will be used to assist the student to attend the London Forum.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/385405





Bzzzzzz. There was much excited buzzing at the Rotary Club of Hall meeting on 22 May. The guest speaker was Her Excellency Helena Drnovsek Zorko, Ambassador for Slovenia.

Slovenia was responsible for the inaugural celebration of World Bee Day on 20 May. Seven years ago, Slovenia approached the United Nations with a proposal to recognise the importance of bees worldwide. ...finally, the celebration is locked in annual calendars worldwide!

The Rotary Club of Hall was proud to offer support to the Slovenian Embassy to promote World Bee Day through the Capital Region Farmers Market (CRFM). The Market is run by the Hall Rotary Club and is a very popular mecca for Canberrans each Saturday morning, attracting an average of 8,000 shoppers. The Embassy had an open day on the 20 May where honey breakfasts were handed out, face painting, bee keeping information sessions and bee popular plants were sold. The Embassy was packed out with bee loving visitors covered in the sticky yummy honey.

Her Excellency was delighted to join the Hall Rotary meeting for a relaxing evening with fellow bee lovers. A Friend of Hall Rotary provided outstanding bee themed cakes for dessert and another made lovely little bee brooches for club members to adorn ourselves. Even the fines were bee themed, busy bees, B s in names.

PS Slovenia is the only country in the world with **Slovenia** in its name.



ACT Ambulance Services – 2018 Finalists

MICHAEL BOHUN – Intensive Care Paramedic – Belconnen

Michael is an Intensive care paramedic with ACT Ambulance Service and has dedicated his career of more than 20 years to helping people, not just with their medical emergencies but with their state of mind. Respectful of both patients and fellow workers, he has helped morale by doing small things round the station, like taking away rubbish, and by telling jokes, listening to problems, giving retirement advice, even buying food and drinks. He has been in the habit of “having patients laughing and momentarily forgetting their problems”, according to his nominee. Anyone can conduct himself like that for a while, but it is pointed out that Michael has done it for more than 20 years without complaining or being much rewarded.

ANDY FRANCEY – Intensive Care Paramedic – Belconnen

Andrew Francey has worked in different areas of the Emergency Services for over 25 years. He joined ACT Ambulance Service in 2007 as an Intensive Care Paramedic, and has been volunteering with the Rural Fire service since 2014.

Andrew is very community minded and is always putting his hand up for school visits and local events. He also likes to take up a challenge especially for charity; he has run a marathon for a Children’s liver disease charity, taken part in the world’s greatest shave and Movember. His latest effort was completing a 65km walk raising money for cystic fibrosis, a disease his cousin’s 9 year old daughter battles every day. He was able to raise over \$3000.

ACT Fire and Rescue – 2018 Finalists

MARK BLAKE – Fire Fighter – Fyshwick

Mark Blake, a senior firefighter with ACT Fire & Rescue, is concerned not just with sudden emergencies but also with the ongoing, insidious threat of cancer. To help with this he has taken to the pedal, joining the Lifecycle Teams Challenge, cycling with the group and being “a pivotal point”, according to his nominee, in raising funds that flow from the cycling efforts. The particular beneficiary is the Leukaemia Foundation with funds being raised for the operation of a purpose-built village in Canberra, which will provide accommodation for patients from NSW and the ACT. Mark is also involved in the Hartley Cycle Challenge, another cycling event that raises funds for Canberra-based Hartley Lifecare, a charity dedicated to helping people with disabilities.

ROBERT THOMPSON – Station Officer – Fyshwick

Rob Thompson, a station officer with ACT Fire & Rescue, a specialist in road accident, confined space and vertical rescue, has been noted for his conscientious discharge of his duties and has underlined that efficiency by leading the ACT Fire & Rescue team last year to the Australasian Road Rescue Organisation’s competition in New Zealand, where it performed well. Rob provides ongoing support towards ill firefighters and those affected by trauma and stress. He has promoted the services of Soldier On, dedicated to the welfare of those who serve and protect Australia, and which is now used by many ACT Fire & Rescue members. He has also taken short-term secondments with the ACT Rural Fire Service and ACT State Emergency Service.

ACT Rural Fire Service – 2018 Finalists

ANTHONY KIDNEY – Molonglo Brigade Training Officer – Higgins

When the dramas come, volunteer emergency workers might only have one chance to do the right thing. Anthony Kidney, known as “TK”, a training officer with the Molonglo RFS Brigade, ACT, is one of those dedicated to ensuring they do just that. Coordinator of training active and a brigade representative at service training meetings, he spends perhaps five hours a week, of his own time, running training nights and mentoring new recruits until they have completed their Basic Firefighter course. He assists in running bushfire fighter courses at tertiary level and runs Advanced Fire Fighting technical courses for his brigade and other brigades. Tony also provides training statistic and training direction input to the brigade committee and service training group.

MARK SEDGMAN – Rural Volunteer Fire Fighter – Rivers, Cotter Road

When horrendous bushfires descended upon Canberra in 2003, and when bushfires have ravaged Victoria, Mark Sedgman, a volunteer with the Rural Fire Service, based at Stromlo in the ACT, has been there, fighting the blazes as he has for the past 19 years. His son said: “My dad is always ready and prepared for a fire; his bag sits at the front door and has now become part of the furniture.” Mark has often had to leave a note for his family saying he is out firefighting. A Community Fire Unit captain in Duffy, ACT, Mark has continually encouraged the community to fireproof their properties and has gone out of his way to help people prune and clear away debris.

ACT State Emergency Service – 2018 Finalists

SUE ELSBURY – Team Leader Peer Support Team – Woden

The effect of traumatic incidents on emergency workers has been a large focus for Sue Elsbury in her role as an ACTSES Peer Support Team, Team Leader. As a volunteer with the ACTSES since 2007, Sue is a very active operational member responding to storm and flood emergencies, land based search operations, and as a qualified air-observer. Her most recent contribution has been in assisting in the establishment of the ACT Emergency Service Agency’s Peer Support Program to enhance the health and wellbeing of ACTSES volunteers. Sue has taken the lead in devising a training program, establishing operating procedures and deploying Peer Support volunteers to high-risk emergency responses. Sue is also a very active and passionate member of the ACTSES Community Education and Engagement Team.

NORM NELSON – Volunteer, Pialligo Unit – Operational Command Vehicle – Pialligo

The emergency services cannot work without effective communications and Norm Nelson, a member of the ACTSES Pialligo Unit, has fulfilled that role in style. With 24 years of experience as an emergency services volunteer, his calm and considered leadership style was most evident when he was sector commander in a major storm flash flooding event in the ACT in February this year. Norm has provided radio communications for all types of SES operations and also in leading teams and coordinating communications for large scale community events in the ACT such as Australia Day and the ACT Multicultural Festival. Norm is also a member of the ACT ESA Volunteer Incident Management Team providing support for the SES, RFS and ambulance service.

ACT Emergency Services Officers of the Year

ROBERT THOMPSON – Overall Winner in paid Capacity

SUE ELSBURY – Overall Winner in Volunteer Capacity

The Queen Street Centre – Rotary Club of Moss Vale

This is the background to the major initiative of the Rotary Club so far this century, and is the target of our fundraising at our 70th anniversary celebration. In 2003, an initiative was begun to celebrate the Centennial of Rotary. This was the Queen Street Centre which eventually won the District 9710 Centenary Project Award. The Wingecarribee Community Services Centre (known as the Queen Street Centre by our Club members and locals) was built to provide an adult day care facility to assist people with dementia plus to provide kitchen facilities to cater for food preparation, catering for up to 200 people (this continues as the food preparation site for Meals On Wheels for the area. It also provides resources for other organisations to provide services for aged and disabled members of the community.

The centre was built with the support of Wingecarribee Council and the Federal Government's grants, with the Rotary Club raising well over one hundred thousand dollars, aided by Graeme Day's radio publicity. One member of the Rotary Club of Moss Vale who is no longer with us made a personal donation of a six figure sum and asked for anonymity so that the Centre would have sufficient funds to be achievable. The total cost was \$1.8 million! The official opening took place on the 30th of October 2008.



Our regular drivers and deliverers in 2018



This plaque recognises our Club for an outstanding achievement

PCYC and Rotary

Below is an email I received recently from Dominic Teakle the CEO of PCYC NSW. Those who attended the recent District Conference would have heard Dominic talk. Those clubs who have a PCYC close by have also received a copy of the MOU that the District has with PCYC (*If you have not seen this let me know and I can send you a copy*). If you have not already contacted your local PCYC can I strongly suggest you do as there is a manager there waiting to be asked to join Rotary. If any clubs need further information or would like to become involved with PCYC please contact me.

Steve Hill

I premise this email with a caveat that I do not mean to be presumptuous or disrespectful but I see a very tangible opportunity for mutual benefit that I would like to propose.

As you are aware PCYC owes its very foundation to the partnership between the NSW Police Commissioner William McKay and Rotary which began with the opening of the PCYC at Woolloomooloo in 1937.

On Sunday 29 April, I had the pleasure of attending the Rotary District D9685 Vocational Breakout Session held at the Kings School Parramatta as part of the District training day.

Inadvertently I was directed to the youth breakout session, where I witnessed several presentations of great interest and relevance to the PCYC/Rotary journey.

One of the key pillars of PCYC's Empowering Young People 2017-22 Strategy is to better engage the community and as most, if not all of you are aware, I have committed that our managers across our 64 clubs will join their local Rotary club in recognition of the legacy and gratitude to Rotary. I am a member of the Rotary Club of Glenhaven and we have two current Rotarians on our Board in Peter Kirkwood and Dot Hennessey.

http://www.pcy NSW.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/14407_PCYC_Strategy-2017-2022-Powerpoint.pdf

Rotary and PCYC share two common challenges.

1. **Share of purse** – *there is only so much charitable money available. I also believe there is a lot of duplication of that spend across the NFP sector. A coordinated approach equals a more effective spend and a better outcome for that spend.*
2. **Membership** – *PCYC numbers are growing and need to increase dramatically. Over 55% of our membership is youth. Rotary membership is unfortunately on the decline and needs more Rotarians to fill the vital service that is provided to the community.*

In those areas where Rotary Clubs coexist with PCYC locations, I offer the following questions to hopefully generate some discussion and potentially positive actions to address these challenges.

1. *Why don't we nominate a PCYC leader from each club for RYLA annually?*
2. *Why are there barriers to PCYC's being used to foster Rotaract engagement?*
3. *If charity begins at home, would Rotary support the conduct of locally based PCYC/Police programs for Youth at Risk at the cost of \$3,000 per club annually. PCYC would support the ROI with analysis of the programs to foster a tangible benefit of that investment.*
4. *If Each Rotary club sponsored one child through the PCYC Bluestar leadership Camp annually we would name that the Rotary Blue Star Leadership program which meets the mutual objectives of service and leadership for both organisations?*

PCYC and Rotary share a proud record of service together. Perhaps the time is right to strengthen that bond for mutual benefit.



On 3 May 2008, a group of 12 individuals came together to act on an "idea" to use teachers to improve the quality of education in India. During this meeting, the vision, strategy and values of Tara.Ed - which we still strive to today - were born. Therefore, today marks Tara.Ed's 10th Anniversary and as such, I wanted to reach out to thank you for your contribution to the Tara.Ed success story.

It is hard to believe that the crazy idea of a 21-year year-old is, 10 years later, a successful NGO spanning four countries across two continents. Since our first wobbly steps on 3 May 2008, Tara.Ed has trained over 600 teachers and directly impacted the lives of more than 17,500 children.

Indeed, over the past decade, Tara.Ed has established itself as a unique NGO that promotes sustainable, quality education by training, empowering and supporting teachers across the Asian region. Our programs are incredibly popular with those who are most important to us – teachers – and are known for their research based, best practice approach.

Our work is no longer limited to the geographical boundaries of India as we have expanded into Bangladesh (2013), and Afghanistan (2015). A total of 148 Australian teachers and pre-service teachers have donated close to 8,000 volunteer hours to Tara.Ed's partner schools through the Tara.Ed Teacher Tour and Refugee Mentoring programs. As we enter our second decade, the organisation continues to grow and we remain committed to our 2020 vision of changing the lives of 20, 000 children.

As we pass the 10-year milestone, I want to take this opportunity to pause, reflect and thank you for what you have done for the organisation. Rather than being the story of a single individual, Tara.Ed's success is as a result of a team;

it is ultimately a reflection of your sacrifice, efforts, passion and dedication to Tara.Ed's vision – So, on behalf of the 17,500 children whose lives have been positively impacted by Tara.Ed, Thank You!

Jennifer Star



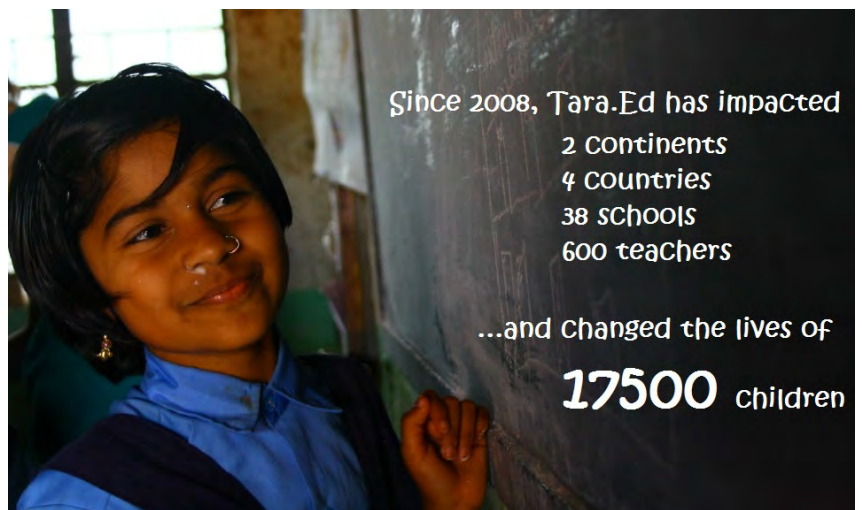
'From small beginnings, RAWCS Project 9/2013-14 Tara.Ed sought:

To increase the quality of education in 8 rural schools in Maharashtra State, India through teacher training, provision of basic teacher and classroom resources, sponsorship of school fees, equipment and uniforms for 50 underprivileged girls.

Most recently, Tara.Ed conducted a community fundraising campaign to provide a school uniform to each of the 200 children at MK United Junior High School in Bangladesh. More than just a set of clothes, a school uniform ensures these children are allocated a place in school for the 2018-19 academic year, and thus have access to a shining future! The uniform drive is just one way that Tara.Ed supports MK United Junior High School. The organisation also sponsors the salary of the school's 13 teachers, provides teacher training and capacity building and contributes to the school's infrastructure development.'

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John L Macpherson
Project Manager
Project 9/2013-14
Tara.Ed



Batemans Bay Rotary is proud to again host the
GALA CHARITY CABARET



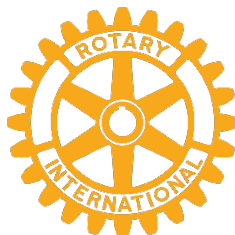
Featuring the
Band of the Royal Military College

Show Band, Popular, Swing and Jazz

BATEMANS BAY SOLDIERS CLUB
SATURDAY 25th August 2018
from 7:00pm

Tickets \$60 each includes dinner and the show

Table Bookings and Tickets will go on sale Monday 23 July 2018



*Proceeds go to the charities of your choice in Batemans Bay
For further details contact David on 0418 462 692*

District Calendar

- WHAT'S LEFT OF THIS YEAR

June – Rotary Fellowship Month

16	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 Citations
July 1st	DISTRICT CHANGEOVER

List of Club Changeovers and dates as reported to District so far.

Saturday, 26 May 2018 Ginninderra
Sunday, 27 May 2018 e-club Brindabella
Friday, 15 June 2018 Tumbarumba
Monday, 18 June 2018 Gungahlin
Monday, 18 June 2018 Canberra East
Monday, 18 June 2018 Canberra City
Tuesday, 19 June 2018 Crookwell
Tuesday, 19 June 2018 Pambula
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 Moruya
Wednesday, 20 June 2018 Goulburn
Thursday, 21 June 2018 Batemans Bay
Sunday, 24 June 2018 Gerringong Sunrise
Monday, 25 June 2018 Moss Vale
Tuesday, 26 June 2018 Bowral-Mittagong
Tuesday, 26 June 2018 Hall
Tuesday, 26 June 2018 Goulburn Argyle
Tuesday, 26 June 2018 Milton-Ulladulla
Wednesday, 27 June 2018 Berrima
Wednesday, 27 June 2018 Cooma
Wednesday, 27 June 2018 Woden
Thursday, 28 June 2018 Burley Griffin
Thursday, 28 June 2018 Canberra North
Thursday, 28 June 2018 Bega
Thursday, 28 June 2018 Batlow
Friday, 29 June 2018 Tumut
Friday, 29 June 2018 Tuggeranong
Saturday, 30 June 2018 Jerrabomberra
Saturday, 30 June 2018 Nowra
Wednesday, 4 July 2018 Merimbula
Friday, 6 July 2018 Bungendore
Saturday, 7 July 2018 Bombala
Sunday, 8 July 2018 Canberra Sunrise
Thursday, 12 July 2018 Berry
Saturday, 4 August 2018 Narooma

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QI - Quite Interesting

A baby Echidna is called 'puggle'

Baby puffins are called 'pufflings'

Baby hedgehogs are called 'hoglets'

QI 1,227 FACTS to Blow Your Socks Off, 2012, page 239

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I 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.

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