



Bulletin 04 - 16 July 2015

District Governor Adrian Roach visits Nelson Bay



When I joined Rotary I was taught that one of the highlights of the Rotary Calendar was the annual visit of the District Governor. This Thursday was that highlight and Adrian Roach - inducted as DG less than 2 weeks ago - presented himself to the Club as a modern, open minded and resourceful district manager.

Adrian reminded us of the new theme for the year: "Be a gift to the world" and quoted the new RI President "Ravi" Ravindran from Colombo - Sri Lanka: "Every one of us has something to give — whoever we are, whatever our place in life. We can give our talent, our knowledge, our abilities, and our effort; we can give our dedication and our devotion. Through Rotary, we can take these gifts and make a genuine difference in the lives of others and in our world"

As had been announced last year the RI global funding for Group Study Exchange has been discontinued but District 9670 hopes to be able to keep the GSE teams going and coming in by raising the funds in the District. PDG Peter Raynor as District Rotary Foundation Chair will be working on that.

Membership growth and membership retention are an ongoing concern - see

elsewhere in this Bulletin.

Next March we are going to have to make choices: the start of the District Conference in Mudgee (4 - 6 March 2016) coincides with our annual Golf Day. Of course the District Conference goes highly recommended by DG Adrian. The conference will be held at the Parkland Resort and Conference Centre in Mudgee and will be chock full of activities and inspiring speakers, like Andrew Hughes who we remember from the last District Conference. Apart from speakers there will be a lot of other activities: a flower design workshop and wine and cheese tasting. And of course the opportunity to meet other Rotarians from all over the District and beyond.

DG Adrian concluded his presentation by leaving us with some thoughts:

- what is the relevance of our club for potential members;
- dare to be different, reconsider traditions but keep what works;
- plan for the future; next week is important but where we'll be over five years just as much (or more).

For the presentation of the "Partner Project" see page 3.

Thanks Adrian! Have a successful year!

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Congratulations

Members birthdays

9 July Murray Nicol
18 July Ian Rolfe
20 July Robert Mitchell

Partners birthdays

8 July Anjes Tobbe

Anniversaries

none

Lady Luck

Head & Tails was won by Ken Arnett and the winning raffle tickets was held by Larry's partner Lynn.

Next Week

Speaker is Dennis Orr from the PS Historical Society

Door

Bart Richardson
John Cropley

Meet and Greet

Ella Clarke & John Shaw

Introduce speaker

Richard Turner

Grace

Ed Parker

Thank speaker

Tricia Parnell

Bulletin editor

John Cropley

**Apologies and Extras, please phone or SMS
Ros Cribb (0401 450 239) before Wednesday noon!**

Goodbye Ken Arnett!

After six active years in our Club Ken Arnett PHF is leaving us for Lismore. Ken - Past President of the RC Canberra-Sunrise - joined in June 2008 with the classification "defence consulting". and working at Williamtown RAAF base.

Ken has been active in various positions: as secretary and in other directorships. Although his military rank is lieutenant-colonel, he also was an excellent sergeant for two years.

Ken was one of our representatives on the board of the Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) and had an important share in the turn-around of this club towards prosperity over the recent years.

Thanks Ken, for all you have done for the RC Nelson Bay and the local community. We wish you well in Lismore - your old stomping grounds!



To remind Ken of what he is leaving behind, he was presented with a photo of the "Blue Water Wonderland", taken from Gan Gan Lookout.

POLIO OUTLOOK SHOWS PROMISE

The latest numbers we have from the Global Polio Eradication Initiative reports (June 19th) tell us that the numbers are holding and the signs are good. Nowhere near over, but looking good. We still have no case in Nigeria since July last year and there has been no case reported in the entire African continent since August 11th last year (Somalia). Pakistan is making progress with 24 cases versus 306 for the whole of last year and good progress. The last reported onset of paralysis in Pakistan was May 6th and that's an encouraging sign. Afghanistan remains at three cases for the year to date with the last case reported on May 5th. There were 28 cases reported in Afghanistan during 2014.

Our contributions continue to come in and they are badly needed. Cases might be down but the vaccinations must continue if we are to fulfill our promise to the world. Dollars are needed and also the transfer of DDF can make a huge difference. Let's not forget that Bill Gates is still committed to turning our one dollar into three which is a great incentive. We need to keep our eye firmly on our polio efforts over the next three years and keep the dollars moving in. It's our one and only global initiative and it deserves our 100% commitment (source - abridged - : PDG Bruce Alan - ANZO Resources Bulletin)



Literacy

For a number of years our club members have been actively involved in a literacy program to improve reading skills for children in local primary schools. An [article on the RI website](#) about illiteracy in the USA trapping adults and their families in poverty made me look into illiteracy numbers in Australia. It is scary to discover that almost 15% of the Australians between 15 and 74 are effectively illiterate with reading skills below or at level 1 - this level meaning they can only understand simple short texts without any ambiguities or complications. When looking at numeracy levels the situation is even worse with more than 20% of people in the age group functioning at or below level 1.

The above figures and information were found on the [website of the Australian Bureau of Statistics](#) and underscore the necessity of helping young children to acquire sufficient reading skills. One of the ways to get these disturbing figures down in the future.

KISS GOODBYE TO MS

An initiative of MS Research Australia, **Kiss Goodbye to MS** calls on people with multiple sclerosis (MS), their friends, family and colleagues to raise funds for vital research into the cause and cure of MS.



Kathy Rimmer picked this up and - together with some friends - involved her recently established *yinyangconsulting* to organise a fundraiser on the **2nd of August (2 pm) in the Nelson Bay Cinema**. The cinema will screen the documentary "The Connection", featuring world leading experts in mind-body medicine and remarkable stories of healing.

Tickets are \$ 20 and can be purchased by calling 0409 070 622 or sending an email to: info@yinyangconsulting.com.au. The dress theme for the afternoon is "red". There will be lucky door prizes, merchandise for purchase and a Photo Booth. The door prizes were donated by Chantelle Smith, "The Garden Gnome", Chelsea Ellul, Hilda Orr of Orrsome Cakes, Poppies of the Bay and Michelle Cork, Lorraine Lea Linen.

If you cannot make it on the day: follow the good example of the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay who donated \$500 to the cause and donate by clicking this link:

<http://www.kissgoodbyetoms.org/fundraisers/individuals/kathryn-rimmer>

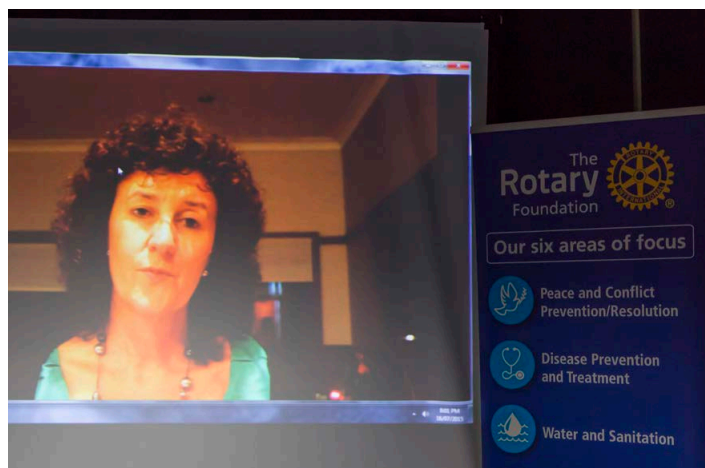
DG Partner Project

The DG Partner, Christine Roach - a very active Rotarian in her own right - could not make it for the night her Adrian visited Nelson Bay. But with modern technique she was able to address us anyway. Without much ado so explained that there are heaps of worthy causes and charities to choose from but none as effective as the Rotary Foundation.

Christine hopes to achieve a significant increase in membership donations to the Rotary Foundation by promoting periodic donations by individual members through the year.

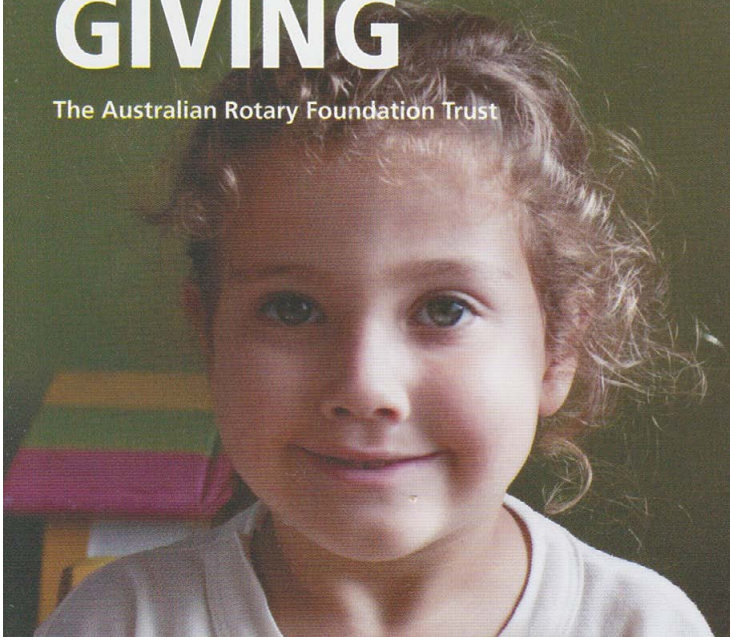
All donations to the Rotary Foundation are tax deductible and at the end of the year individuals will receive an overview of their donations for tax purposes. Donations can be made by credit card (monthly, quarterly or annually). Payments will be received by the Australian Rotary Foundation Trust.

To participate in this worthy endeavor, please download the [direct deposit form from the website](#) of The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust. Or ask for the leaflet at the next meeting. Australia - at present - is way behind the Philippines in Rotary Foundation donations. Let's change that this year!



THE JOY OF GIVING

The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust



The Rotary Foundation Goals:

1. Eradicate polio, our top priority
2. Build a sense of ownership of our Foundation among Rotarians through their contributions to the Annual Programs Fund, the Permanent Fund, and our Rotary Peace Centres
3. Continue our progress on the Future Vision plan and align our service projects with the six areas of focus
 - Peace and conflict prevention/ resolution
 - Disease prevention and treatment
 - Water and sanitation
 - Maternal and child health
 - Basic education and literacy
 - Economic and community development

Membership

As DG Adrian Roach in his presentation mentioned: getting new members and retaining existing members is an ongoing concern. Over the past years the number of members world wide has not changed much: 1.2 million but through times we lost the same number (and gained new members at the same time). Imagine we had been able to only retain half of what we lost....

Not really a coincidence (?) it was our club historian Richard Turner who reminded us in his "five minute" talk this week, that when joining Rotary each member takes on the **obligation to identify and introduce potential Rotarians to the Club.**

Richard pointed out that we have been sadly lacking in this department over the years. Less than 5 percent of the members have introduced a new member over the past years. Last year we lost 15 members and gained only three. If we continue on this basis in March 2019 the sole remaining member of the club will have to decide if the club is to continue or fold.....

The value of one member.

*Ten little Rotarian, standing in line,
 One disliked the President, then there were nine,
 Nine ambitious members on a project work late.
 One forgot his commitment, then there were eight.
 Eight creative members had ideas good as heaven.
 One lost enthusiasm, then there were seven.
 Seven loyal Rotarians got in a fix.
 They quarreled over projects, then there were six.
 Six members remained with spirit and drive.
 One moved away, then there were five.
 Five steadfast members wished there were more.
 One became indifferent, then there were four.
 Four cheerful members who never disagreed.
 'till one complained about food, then there were three.
 Three eager members! What did they do?
 One got discouraged, then there were two.
 Two lonely members, my rhyme is nearly done.
 One joined a sports team, then there was only one!
 One faithful member, feeling rather blue,
 met with a neighbour, then there were two.
 Two earnest members each enrolled one more,
 doubling their number, then there were four.
 Four determined members, just wouldn't wait,
 'till each one reached another, then there were eight.
 Eight excited members signed up eight more
 In another six verses there'll be a thousand and twenty four!*

Pay your dues and special dinner fees by EFT:

Account name: Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Inc. - BSB: 637000 Acc. #: 781017418
 (please, mention your name and what you are paying for.)

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Rotary Glossary

There are a lot of abbreviations in Rotary and the meaning of some are more obvious than others. Here is a (not complete) glossary.

3H	Health, Hunger and Humanity	POLIOPLUS	The program of The Rotary Foundation to immunize the children of the world against poliomyelitis
AAM	Additional Active Member	PP	Past President
ADG	Assistant District Governor	PR	Public Relations
AM	Active Member	PPE	Preserve Planet Earth
ANZO	Rotary Region consisting of Australia, New Zealand and other places not included in any other region	PRID	Past Rotary International Director
AusAid	(Formerly AIDAB) Australian International Development Assistance Bureau	PRIP	Past Rotary International President
ARHRF	Australian Rotary Health Research Fund	PRIT	Past Rotary International Treasurer
AVAC	Australian Vocational Advisory Committee	PROBUS	Professional and Business Club
CATS	Challenging All To Succeed	PSM	Past Service Member
CEEMA	Rotary Region consisting of Continental European, Eastern Mediterranean and African Zone	RAOAF	Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund
CICO	Club Internet Communication Officer	RAWCS	Rotary Australia World Community Service
CLP	Club Leadership Plan	RBL	Rotary Basic Library
COL	Council on Legislation	RC	Rotary Club
D	District	RCC	Rotary Community Corps
DG	District Governor	RCP	Rotary Code of Policies
DGN	District Governor Nominee	RD	Rotary District
DGE	District Governor Elect	RDU	Rotary Down Under
DGND	District Governor Designate	RFE	Rotary Friendship Exchange
DICO	District Internet Communication Officer	RI	Rotary International
DIK	Donations in Kind	RIBI	Rotary International in Great Britain & Ireland
DLP	District Leadership Plan	RID	Rotary International Director
DMDC	District Membership Development Chairs	RIP	Rotary International President
DPFC	District Permanent Fund Chairperson	RIPE	Rotary International President Elect
DRFC	District Rotary Foundation Committee	RIPN	Rotary International President Nominee
DRR	District Rotaract Representative	RIPPR	RI President's Personal Representative
FAIM	Fourth Avenue (of service) In Motion (Now RAWCS)	RIPS	Rotary International Population Summit
GETS	Governor Elect Training Seminar	RITE	Rotary Inter-country Teacher Exchange
GSE	Group Study Exchange	RITS	Rotary International Travel Service
GYE	Global Youth Exchange	ROAR	Rotary Organization of Amateur Radio
IAS	International Ambassadorial Scholarship	ROSE	Rotary Overseas Summer Exchange
IC	International Conventions	ROTA	Rotary Overseas Travel Fund (and also)
ICC	InterCountry Committees	ROTA	Reach out to Africa
ICO	Internet Communications Officers	ROTEX	Organization of Ex-Rotary Exchange Students
IFCR	International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians	ROTI	Rotarians On The Internet
IFFR	International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians	ROVE	Rotary Overseas Vocational Exchange
IFR	International Fellowship of Rotarians	RRFC	Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator
IFYR	International Fellowship of Yachting Rotarians	RRVF	Rotary Recreational & Vocational Fellowship
INTERPLAST	Voluntary medical teams carry out plastic and reconstructive surgery in developing countries	Rtn	Rotarian
IPAC	International Projects Advisory Committee	RV	Rotary Volunteers
IPF	Indicative Planning Figure	RVC	Rotary Village Corps
IPP	Immediate Past President	RYE	Rotary Youth Exchange
LCS	Low Cost Shelters	RYLA	Rotary Youth Leadership Award
MD	Matched District	RYPEN	Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment
MOP	Manual Of Procedure	RYSAP	Rotary Youth Self Achievement Program
MSE	Matched Student Exchange	SACAMA	Rotary Region consisting of South America), Central America, Mexico, and the Spanish-speaking island nations of the Caribbean (with exceptions)
MUNA	Model United Nations Assembly	SAM	Senior Active Member
NCC	National Co-ordinating Committee	SWSL	Save Water Save Lives
NYSF	(Formerly NSSS) National Youth Science Forum	TR	The Rotarian
OD	Official Directory of Rotary International	TRF	The Rotary Foundation
PACE	Pacific-Australia Cultural Exchange	UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific & Cultural Org.
P	President	UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
PDG	Past District Governor	USCB	Rotary Region consisting of United States of America, Canada, Bermuda and Puerto Rico
PE	President Elect	WCS	World Community Service
PETS	Presidents-Elect Training Seminar	WCSRN	World Community Service Resource Network
PHF	Paul Harris Fellow	YEO	Youth Exchange Officer
PHSM	Paul Harris Sustaining Member	YEP	Youth Exchange Program
PN	President Nominee	YIR	Yours in Rotary