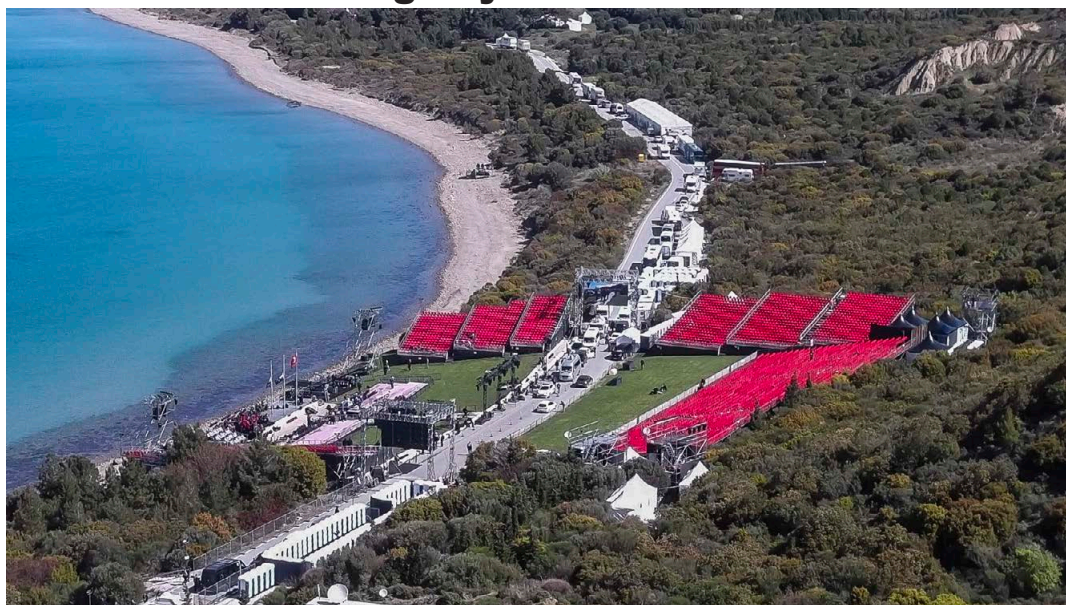




## Bulletin 9 - 20 August 2015

### A long day at ANZAC Cove



"A once in a lifetime experience but very hard work", was how Bob Mitchell described the visit to ANZAC Cove - Gallipoli Turkey where he and Judi attended the dawn service on 25 April this year. They left their cruise ship early the day before. After long waits were bussed and ferried to the Anzac Cove where they attended the dawn service after another long wait together with the other twelve thousand people present. Bob didn't want to queue for an hour and a half for coffee but was privileged as a male with more toilets than for the women. Judi waited over an hour for her coffee and about as long for an opportunity to get rid of it again.

But it was worth it. Apart from showing photos of the highlights of their visit to ANZAC Cove and the rugged terrain and difficult circumstances that our soldiers had to deal with a hundred years ago, Bob gave us a refresher about the facts around the historic Gallipoli landing: a series of poor strategies and tactics, devised and executed by arrogant politicians and commanders resulting in huge loss of life and no gain whatsoever.



After their visit to Gallipoli the Mitchells travelled to Kapadokya where they did a balloon ride to admire the beautiful landscape with its characteristic cone shaped peaks, the "fairy chimneys". They visited the Bronze Age homes, carved into the valley walls by the cave dwellers. Thanks for sharing this with us, Bob and Judi.



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### Congratulations

**Members birthdays**  
29-08 John Crump

**Partners birthdays**  
23-08 Yvonne Stuhmcke  
27-08 Margaret Bairstow  
30-08 Sandra Mobbs

**Anniversaries**  
28-08 Gordon & Lynn Treble

### Lady Luck

Head & Tails was won by our speaker for the evening, Bob Mitchell, while Doug Craike got the winning raffle ticket.

### Next Week

**Door**  
Bart Richardson  
Arja Levonpera

**Meet and Greet**  
Robert Mitchell

**Loyal Toast**  
Patricia Parnell

**Introduce speaker**  
Ella Clarke

**Thank speaker**  
t.b.a.

**Bulletin editor**  
Phill Smith

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





# END POLIO NOW

## Rotary's \$100 Million Challenge

### Rotary news - 11 August 2015

Today marks a significant milestone for Africa in its effort to eradicate polio from the continent. A full year has passed since Africa's last reported case caused by the wild poliovirus.

Somalia was the last country to identify a new case, which occurred on 11 August 2014. While Africa has achieved an important public health milestone, the job is not yet finished. To end polio forever, all countries – both endemic and non-endemic – must strengthen routine immunization, address gaps in disease surveillance and do more to reach children who are still being missed by vaccinators.

"We cannot wind down our efforts now. We need to continue immunizing until the last country is certified polio-free, and thereafter," says Dr. Tunji Funsho, chair of Rotary's Nigeria PolioPlus Committee. "As long as the virus remains anywhere in the world, it is only a plane ride away."

Rotary members have played a key role in the eradication effort. They have led the way in raising funds, advocating for government support, building awareness, and mobilizing volunteers on the ground.

"The work of Rotary and the Global Polio Eradication Initiative has also cut through the clichéd narrative of Africa as the land of poverty, disease, and conflict," says RI General Secretary John Hewko. "Real human development has been achieved despite the toughest obstacles and despite the opinion of many who thought we could not eradicate this disease in Africa."

Strong continued support toward polio eradication in these final years of the campaign is the best way to ensure that today's milestone will indeed mark the last case of polio in Africa, says Michael McGovern, chair of Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee.

"Rotary members have many opportunities to make a difference, including being part of history as we seek a polio-free world," McGovern says. "Members have led the way in fundraising and lining up volunteer support for polio eradication."

Through 2018, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is matching 2-to-1 every dollar that Rotary commits for polio, up to \$35 million a year.

**Arnold R. Grahl**

### District 9670 News

#### APPLICATIONS FOR GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TO TAIWAN HAVE BEEN EXTENDED

More information [at this web site](#). Closing date is now 4 September 2015. Please contact Shari Tanzer.

#### Another Successful MUNA held

District 9670 Model United Nation Assembly (MUNA) was held at Muswellbrook Council Chambers on Saturday 23 May. It is a special event as the young people from high schools that are sponsored by a local Rotary Club have the opportunity to debate resolutions that are focussed on contemporary international issues. The counsellors prepare, advise and support the students prior to and during the event. In 2015, fifteen teams from fourteen schools competed for two awards.



#### District 9670 on Facebook

Rotary District 9670 has a presence on Facebook - two pages actually of which one is for District Committee members. To access the members page [click here](#)

Before you can join you have to be accepted as it is a "closed" Facebook group. Joining this page keeps you up to date with developments and news in our District.

### District 9670 Conference: 4-5-6 March 2016

#### WHY NOT MEET IN MUDGEES?



At Parklands Resort & Conference Centre

#### 7 reasons to attend the conference:

1. Hear inspirational speakers - People with passion and purpose!
2. Engage with and meet other amazing Rotarians, Rotaractors and friends.
3. Expand your understanding of the great work of Rotary locally and internationally.
4. Exchange and share ideas.
5. Be re-inspired to give 'service above self'.
6. Enjoy the hospitality of Mudgee and surrounds.
7. Have a fun weekend with friends, old and new.



### Visitors and future Rotarians.



*Zac and Taylor Rimmer enjoyed "giving"! They plundered their mum's purse for more coins to put in the fine box so it is pretty sure they'll become excellent Rotarians. Now they know what Kathy is up to on those Thursday nights.*



*Ros Cribb brought an old school friend along: Shirley Morsden from Wollongong. They met in their school days in Canberra but Shirley since then moved to the coast to escape from the cold winter mornings.*

### Presentations



*Judy Priestley and Chris Bartlett now finally got their genuine 100% attendance pens.*



*Richard Harris received a pin for introducing a new member and mentoring. Well done Richard.*

### **RYLA**

***Applications for the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) program have to be in before the 1st of September. Candidates should be 18 - 25 years old. If you know someone, please contact coordinator Kathy Rimmer (mobile: 0409 070622) as soon as possible.***

***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.)***



## Murrurundi Railway History Day

On Sunday 25th October 2015 the Rotary Club of Murrundi organises a Railway History Day. This includes a trip in a vintage train from Newcastle (Broadmeadow) to Murrurundi and back - picking up passengers on the way. You can also board the train in Maitland.

The trip includes:

- Free entry to the Garden Model Train Display,
- Specially prepared lunch and morning and afternoon tea.
- Free entry to the Werris Creek Railway Display.
- Bus tour of Emirates Park - Australia's largest horse stud.
- Visit to a picturesque Pioneer Cottage and Museum.

Tickets are \$98 p.p. return only and the surplus of the day will benefit the Rotary Club of Murrurundi - one of the smallest but very active clubs in District 9670. Don't miss out on this exciting day and contact Richard Harris for bookings.



## Club History

Our Club Historian, Richard Turner gave us some interesting thoughts dating back to a bulletin of 12 June 1975. The then bulletin editor asked his fellow members to think about:

"What good is Rotary?"

- a: a night with an interesting presentation is good;
- b: a night with great fellowship is even better;
- c: an occasional social night with partners is good;
- d: pride to be associated with Rotary is good;
- e: the opportunity to make your town better is good;
- f: to think and care more about others is better;
- g: international contacts and exchange is great;
- h: serving your fellow men is the best.

*(with apologies for possible errors as your bulletin editor couldn't write it down that quickly)*

In the same vein all "Googling" I came across an article about what should be a good Rotary meeting, written by just another (most likely American) Rotarian. It is far too long to put in this bulletin but can be read by [clicking on this link](#).

## Random Picture

In August six years ago we had an interesting presentation by Maggy Dominic about her time as a nurse in Saudi Arabia. She brought some "local" dresses along that were eagerly sampled by - then President - John Cropley and Richard Harris.



## Port Stephens Science Discovery Day

A reminder from Don Whatham that on **17 September** from 9:30 till 2:30 we need members and partners to assist with this event: a coordinator, 10 supervisors and 4 cooks/servers to provide lunch - served from Clive's Cooker.

If you can help on this day, please contact Don Whatham.

## Membership Developments

*(from the Regional Information Bulletin)*

Whilst the official membership figures for the 2014-15 year are not published until mid August, 2015, we have provided in this Newsletter the figures as at 14 July for your information. A pleasing outcome worldwide is the 2% growth with now 1.212 million Rotarians worldwide in over 35,000 clubs! Australian Districts have dipped to be just under the 30,000 mark with New Zealand Districts just over 8,500 and the Philippines having increased to over 22,400 Rotarians. Indonesia continues its steady growth in its two Districts to be over 2,300 Rotarians.

This year saw the loss of several clubs at year end as they made the decision to hand back their charter. It was particularly pleasing however to see many of the Rotarians in these clubs move to new clubs to continue their Rotary journey. Districts 3830 had a 14% increase which has been an excellent effort in the past year. Other Districts to provide great leadership include 3810, 3870, 3800, 3790, 3860, 3410 and 9570 all over 4% growth.

We have included a Country based information for Rotary, Rotaract, Interact and Rotary Community Corps, which highlights the countries covered by our two zones.

We are so appreciative of the leadership of the 2014-15 team of Governors and Membership Chairs in continuing to strive for new and innovative ways to maintain and grow your respective Districts.

Thank you everyone! We look forward to working with the 2015-16 teams to inspire and grow Rotary membership throughout the entirety of Zones 7 and 8. Your ideas are most welcome.

Jenny Coburn  
Manager, Club & District Support

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