

Rotary D9790 Vocational Service Committee Quarterly Newsletter



A Word from the Chair ...

Welcome to the first Vocational Services Newsletter for 2014–2015. In this edition I explore the concept of Vocational Service and offer suggestions as to how each Rotarian might engage in this Rotary program. This edition also features the “Shine On Awards” and I encourage all clubs to nominate someone from their local community.

Finally, I would like to thank every member of the District Vocational Services Committee for the hard work and dedication they bring to the work of the Committee. Remember, we are here to help you so please, if you have any need of assistance in the Vocational Services area please contact a member of our Committee.

Bill Wilson, District Chair

What’s on the Rotary vocational service calendar?

- **October 2014** is vocational service month – highlighting efforts to meet the challenges of Australia’s skill shortages, workforce entry mentoring opportunities and ensuring community recognition of vocational training successes.
- **March 2015** is literacy month – highlighting the challenges of poor adult literacy and addressing the needs of those who are outside vocational education and training systems.

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The GOAL of D9790 vocational service

Our goal is to assist clubs to promote workplace skills development amongst people in their communities within District 9790.

The CONCEPT of vocational service

The Object of Rotary is a philosophical statement of Rotary’s purpose and the responsibilities of Rotarians. The concept of vocational service is rooted in the Second Object, which calls on Rotarians to “encourage and foster”:

- High ethical standards in business and professions
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations
- The dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

As a Rotarian, how can you put these ideals into action?

Consider these suggestions:

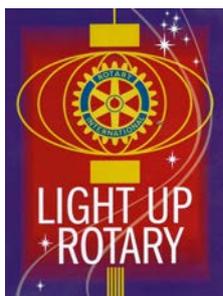
- Talk about your vocation in your club, and take time to learn about fellow members’ vocations.
- Use your professional skills to serve a community.
- Practice your profession with integrity, and inspire others to behave ethically through your own words and actions.
- Help a young person achieve his or her career aspirations.
- Guide and encourage others in their professional development.

As a club engage the community through Vocational Services activities which will benefit the local community in which you serve.

If you do any of these things, you are performing vocational service. And if vocational service motivates and energises you, then you’re in the right place, because vocational service is the very essence of Rotary. It is what sets Rotary apart from other service organisations.

2015 SHINE ON AWARDS

**ROTARY SOUTHERN DISTRICTS
9780, 9790, 9800,
9810 & 9820**



Nominations are now open to all District 9790 Rotary Clubs to nominate persons who are actively involved in community service for the benefit of others and have demonstrated a significant level of achievement whilst managing a specific medical disorder/disability.



When and where is the 2015 awards ceremony?

Hosted by the RC Maryborough
District 9780
on Sunday 24 May 2015
at the Highland Society, High Street
Maryborough.

In addition to the Certificate of Commendation presented to all nominees, a selection panel appointed under the direction of the Southern District Shine On Awards Committee selects a number of nominees for a Special Award, based on demonstrated achievements through their actions and leadership fulfilling the following criteria:

- Personal achievements in overcoming the disability within the limits of the disability.
- Membership of and Leadership in Community Groups.
- Service to the Community and a history of achievement within the Community.

How do clubs submit nominations?

Further information about the awards and a copy of the nomination form is available online:

<http://www.rotary9790.org.au/4a/shineon/index.asp>

Nominations – in hard copy, with three photocopies provided – must be signed by the nominee and returned to the address on the form by COB on **15 December 2014**.

How do I get more information?

If after reading the information provided online you have any further queries please contact Lara Barrett on 03 5974 3143 or 0416 262 615; barrettsbeach@gardener.com.

Update from the Vocation and Youth Services Team at the RC Rosanna

Our committee of Vocation and Youth Services together have a number of projects this year.

1. Mentoring at Macleod Secondary College one day over a five week period with an excursion to Mercy Austin Hospital to listen to some medical professionals talk about their careers.
2. A Rylarian has been selected and will be going to Kyneton this year to learn more about leadership.
3. We currently have 16 Latrobe University students that are keen to start their own Rotaract Club. Exams are on shortly so the inductions will be after exam time.
4. We also volunteer at Typo Station and have our monthly Farmers market at which some of the students attend.

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And support us by clicking:



Computers for Kids and Community - update from RC Appin Park Wang

The latest C4K project was to provide the community radio station OAK FM with 6 refurbished computers---these replace the tape driven (yes tape driven) system they used for their office and also for compiling music.

The computers they received had Duo Core processors (Pentium 4's are no longer suitable) and had 2GB of Ram and thanks to the generosity of Microsoft the software installed was Windows 7 and Office 2010.



L-R: Rtn Paul Hogan, past Rtn Peter Gay (OAK FM) and Rtn Paul Bruce

The RC Appin Park Wangaratta is exploring a joint project with the RC of Colombo North with a view to providing computers to needy families in the outlying districts serviced by Colombo North in Sri Lanka. Arrangements have been put in place to put the Food Plant International software on the computers as well as Windows 8.1 and Office 2010.

Paul Bruce has sold his winery and is moving to the Bellarine Peninsula and he has spent time with Paul Hogan from RC Appin Park Wangaratta and arranged to take over from him.

Paul Hogan has hit the ground running and has just extended Appin Park's contract with Microsoft for two more years.

The contract is potentially massive as it allows for up to 500 pieces of software to

be accessed per month at a nominal cost providing it goes to needy individuals or organisations. Paul Hogan is currently negotiating with the Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre (where he was formerly on the IT staff) to source trade-in computers for the program. Paul Hogan can be contacted on paulhogan2010@gmail.com.

Ed: *On behalf of the District leadership team, our grateful thanks to PP PHF Paul Bruce for his outstanding leadership to this program.*



**Tallangatta
Fifties Festival**
25-26 October 2014
www.tallangattafifties.com.au

Tallangatta was moved to its present site in 1956 – the year that Rock 'n' Roll was born. The Fifties Festival is all about music, classic cars and family fun!

The **Saturday** kicks off with a fun run suitable for all ages and fitness levels. There is also a half marathon for the more energetic. This gets your blood pumping, ready for **Battle of the Bands** and **"The Big Night Out"** at the memorial hall with Sydney band **"No Brakes"** \$20.

Sunday is the big day with Classic Cars, Market Stalls, Vintage Engines, and Kids Entertainment – a great atmosphere for all ages.

The entertainment will have you enjoying the music or "rockin' on the dance floor" in the beautiful town triangles. Melbourne Band **"Honey Bee and the Stingers"** supported by **"No Brakes"** with Rodney Vincent as MC. All this for \$15 (no concession) or \$30 for both Saturday Dance and Sunday's entertainment.

This is all made possible with the support of Tallangatta Rotary Club this year's main organisers.

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