



## District Events

**Rotary Leadership Institute Course 5-2**  
Rotary District Office  
Jun 30, 2012 08:30 AM - 03:15 PM

**DG's Official Zone Visit - Riverside**  
Next Generation  
Jul 11, 2012 06:00 PM

**Rotary Leadership Institute Course 6-2**  
District Office  
Jul 14, 2012 08:30 AM - 03:15 PM

**Club Service Seminar**  
Jacaranda Lodge  
Jul 14, 2012 08:30 AM - 12:00 PM

**Building Collaborative Partnerships**  
Jul 14, 2012 09:00 AM - 05:00 PM

**DG's Official Zone Visit - Northwestern District**  
Dural Country Club  
Jul 18, 2012 06:00 PM

**Rotary Success Conference**  
Hellenic Club  
Jul 21, 2012 - Jul 22, 2012

## Stories

### Governor's Message

Posted by Peter Tang on Jul 01, 2012



Dear Rotary Friends and Friends of Rotary

Welcome to the new Rotary Year! I delved into the Manual of Procedure to see what special designation had been given to the month of July by the RI Board. To my surprise, there is none!

So, I am leading the way by nominating the month of July as "THANKS" month, because you and I have so many people to thank and it seems like the right time to do so. At the District level, amongst them (because I will necessarily leave many out) are PDG David, Anne and his team who have so successfully led us over the last 12 months. Thanks also to that half of the Executive Team who have continued into 2012-13 and thanks to the "new" half who have extended their Rotary involvement beyond the Club level.

Thanks to my Training Team led by PDGs Pam Pritchard and Barry Philps for their amazing work in organising our Executive, President Elects and Club Board training sessions over the last six months, with Glenhaven Club helping at the Assembly. Thanks to Jade Catherall and Roseville Chase Club for taking on the challenge of organising the successful District Changeover.

Thanks to my team who have already been hard at work preparing for the new year, to the point where AGs have already visited some of their clubs; Membership Mentors are already being asked to assist their Clubs; Mark Anderson has produced a wealth of powerpoints for Clubs to use in their plans for revitalizing; and PDG Tony Castley has the first of many Foundation projects underway. I have been astounded at the work and commitment across the board.

On a continuing/continuous basis, Les Walsh is powering our ClubRunner program to send out individual invitations to events and allowing individual registration, which has enabled much better liaison with members and closer control of numbers. Geoff Brennan has been organising the Official Visit Events with the AGs and keeping me grounded. Janelle is adapting to losing me for considerable periods and is a great sounding board and ideas generator.

Janelle and I would like to thank those many Clubs who have invited us to their Changeovers. We have felt very welcome and continuously amazed at the breadth and depth of projects in EVERY Club across the District. Thanks to those who stepped out to attend the District Changeover and wished us well. Thanks to those Club Presidents who have expressed their confidence in me and a willingness to try new approaches and support the Official Visit Events.

And, especially, thanks to all Clubs from the beneficiaries of their wonderful projects. You have made thousands of lives more meaningful, better educated, more understanding, generating more goodwill: all the building blocks to construct Peace through Service.

**DG's Official Zone Visit - City North**

North Sydney Leagues Club  
Jul 25, 2012 06:00 PM

**Rotary Leadership Institute Course 5-3**

Rotary District Office  
Jul 28, 2012 08:30 AM - 03:15 PM

**The Novus Foundation 2012 Gala Dinner**

Miramare Gardens Function Centre  
Jul 28, 2012 07:00 PM - 11:00 PM

**Roseville Chase Fun Run**

Castle Cove Park  
Jul 29, 2012 08:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**DG's Official Zone Visit - Central Coast**

Erina Rugby League Football Club  
Jul 30, 2012 06:00 PM

**Rotary Leadership Institute Course 6-3**

District Office  
Aug 04, 2012 08:30 AM - 03:15 PM

**Visit DIK**

Aug 04, 2012 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**DG's Official Zone Visit - Beaches**

Balgowlah RSL Club  
Aug 07, 2012 06:00 PM

**Presidents' Meeting**

Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club  
Aug 10, 2012 06:00 PM

**Visit DIK**

Aug 11, 2012 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Spring Chickens vs Old Coq's**

Kariong Rotary Hall/Phillip House  
Aug 11, 2012 07:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**DG's Official Zone Visit - Northern District**

Pennant Hills Golf Club  
Aug 13, 2012 06:00 PM

**DG's Official Zone Visit - Upper North Shore**

Hornsby RSL  
Aug 22, 2012 06:00 PM

**National Skills Week**

Aug 27, 2012 - Sep 02, 2012

**DG's Official Zone Visit - The Hills**

Castle Hill Country Club  
Aug 29, 2012 06:00 PM

**Rotary Club of Umina Beach Portrait Prize and Art**

Worthington BMW  
Aug 31, 2012 07:30 PM - Sep 02, 2012 04:00 PM

**RYLA Timor Leste**

Sep 02, 2012 - Sep 08, 2012

**DG's Official Zone Visit - North Shore**

North Sydney Leagues Club  
Sep 05, 2012 06:00 PM

**DG's Official Zone Visit - Upper Central Coast**

Mingara Recreation Club  
Sep 11, 2012 06:00 PM

**PDGs Meeting**

Sep 15, 2012

**DG's Official Zone Visit - Lower Central Coast**

Everglades Golf Club  
Sep 19, 2012 06:00 PM

I look forward to meeting you all at the Official Visit Events over the next three months. These should provide the opportunity for you to share with other Rotarians in your Zone and learn of the projects of nearby Clubs, together with showcasing your Club's successes.

Yours in Rotary

**John Dodd**

District Governor 2012-13

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**U.S. Senate commends Rotary's polio eradication efforts**

Posted by Peter Tang on Jul 01, 2012



In a resolution introduced by Illinois United States Senators Dick Durbin and Mark Kirk on 26 June, the U.S. Senate unanimously approved measures that encourage the U.S. to remain committed to support for eradicating polio worldwide. The resolution **commended Rotary International** for its efforts to rid the world of the disease and highlighted the organization's role in successfully eradicating polio from India in January.

....."Rotary International and Rotarians have donated more than one billion dollars and volunteered countless hours vaccinating children to make the full eradication of this cruel disease a reality around the world. Their work is literally saving lives....."

[Click here for the full article](#)

**End Polio Now in lieu of flowers**

Posted by Les Walsh on Jul 01, 2012



District Governor, John Dodd announced at the district changeover that Janelle will be asking clubs to donate to the [Polio Eradication](#) cause rather than present flowers in an endeavour to End Polio Now and reduce the gap depicted in the 'This Close' promotions.

**District Changeover**

Posted by Les Walsh on Jun 30, 2012



Last Friday night saw a magnificent crowd of over 380 Rotarians & Friends of Rotary from throughout our district come together to celebrate the achievements of the past year under now Past District Governor David Rands and to welcome our new Governor, John Dodd.

PDG David reported well on the 2011-12 year, thanked his team and presented the Governor's awards.

The **District Governor's Shield** for outstanding achievement across the five Avenues of Service and its Special Contribution to organizing District events went to **Turrumurra**.

The **District Governor's Trophy for Small Clubs** was awarded to the **Dural** club.

**Ray Southern** of the Gosford North Club received Rotary International's **Service Above Self Award**. This award is Rotary's

**Rotary Peace Communities International Conference**  
Wagga Wagga  
Sep 21, 2012 - Sep 23, 2012

**Victory Ball**  
Sep 21, 2012 07:00 PM

**Graffiti Removal Day**  
Sep 23, 2012

**DG's Official Zone Visit - Peninsular**  
Checkers Country Resort  
Sep 25, 2012 06:00 PM

**Presidents' Meeting**  
Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club  
Oct 12, 2012 06:00 PM

**Tri-District Foundation Dinner**  
Oct 15, 2012 06:30 PM

**ROMAC Concert**  
The Concourse, Chatswood  
Nov 17, 2012

**Presidents' Meeting (with Partners)**  
Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club  
Dec 07, 2012 06:00 PM

**PDGs Meeting**  
Dec 08, 2012

**International Assembly**  
San Diego, California, USA  
Jan 13, 2013 - Jan 19, 2013

**Presidents' Meetings**  
Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club  
Feb 08, 2013 06:00 PM

**District Conference**  
Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre  
Mar 15, 2013 - Mar 17, 2013

**PDGs Meeting**  
Mar 18, 2013

**Presidents' Meeting**  
Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club  
Apr 19, 2013 06:00 PM

**Council on Legislation**  
Chicago, Illinois, USA  
Apr 21, 2013 - Apr 26, 2013

**PDGs Meeting**  
May 18, 2013

**Presidents' Meeting (Awards)**  
Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club  
May 31, 2013 06:00 PM

**Rotary International Convention**  
Lisbon, Portugal (tentative)  
Jun 23, 2013 - Jun 26, 2013

**Changeover - D9680 to D9685**  
Hornsby RSL Club  
Jul 05, 2013 06:00 PM

**Rotary International Convention**  
Sydney, Australia (tentative)  
Jun 01, 2014 - Jun 04, 2014

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highest honour for individual Rotarians, recognising those who have displayed exemplary humanitarian service with a focus on active involvement in helping others through Rotary.

The **Graham Turnidge Shield** is presented each year to an exemplary Rotarian who has enhanced the image of Rotary through commitment, integrity and excellence in their vocation and service to Rotary. This year's winner was **Bob Kaye-Smith** of the Ryde club.

The District Governor's **Meritorious Service Award** went to **Lindsay May**, outgoing District Foundation Director & **Ross Pearce**, outgoing District Membership Director for their great service during their three year term.

DG David recognised two **Paul Harris Fellows**: **Andrew Hanson** (RYLA) & his Aide, **Micheal Schwarcz** (eClub).

Congratulations to all concerned on a job well done!

[Click here](#) to see all the District Awards

### District Directory available on-line

Posted by Les Walsh on Jul 01, 2012



The printed 2012-13 District Directory is expected to be available from your Assistant Governor in mid-July, so make sure you obtain your club's copies then.

The on-line version is [now available](#) so read it on-line. The on-line version is an extract from the printed directory, excluding personal contact information for clubs officers. To locate a club [click here](#) then click on the club name and you will be able to make contact with the club officers.

For logged-on users of the District Communication Internet (ClubRunner), you may [download an eDirectory](#) or [search for a member](#) of any club. Both are available in the 'For Members' section of the main Administration Menu.

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### Club Projects - check your club's listing

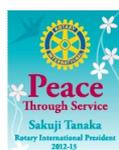
Posted by Les Walsh on Jun 30, 2012

PDG David Rands compiled a list of the vast array of projects being undertaken by clubs.

The list may be accessed [by clicking here](#). Please review it and advise any additions or corrections to [communications@rotarydistrict9680.org](mailto:communications@rotarydistrict9680.org)

### What is Peace?

Posted by Les Walsh on Jul 01, 2012



"... Rotary builds peace. Not with armies, not with treaties, not with debates or elections or governments. Rotary builds peace in a much more real, much more practical way — day by day, individual by individual, with every act of service by every single Rotarian..."

*Excerpted from then RI President, Kalyan Banerjee's closing address to the 2012 Rotary International Convention*

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### Tri-District Rotary Foundation Dinner

Posted by Les Walsh on Jun 23, 2012

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 Donate now to help Rotary achieve a polio-free world.

### Rotary Foundation Dinner Program

#### Venue

The 2012 Rotary Foundation Dinner will be held at the Five Star Epping Club. Enjoy wonderful food, wine and fellowship, while at the same time we will recognise a number of new Paul Harris Fellows.



#### Invitees

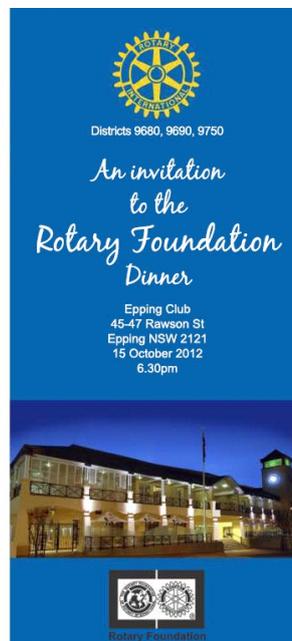
The invitation is open to all Rotarians and their guests, the generous companies supporting our program. A special invitation to all Paul Harris Fellows, Paul Harris Society Members and Foundation Major Donors.

#### Program

6.30 - 7.00pm	Fellowship and pre-dinner drinks
7.00	Introductions
7.15	Main course
7.45	Guest speaker
8.15	Dessert
8.45	Presentations
9.15	Close and photos



Do be sure to come along and celebrate your commitment to The Rotary Foundation and help us raise funds for the final eradication of Polio.



The flyer is blue with the Rotary logo at the top. It reads: 'Districts 9680, 9690, 9750', 'An invitation to the Rotary Foundation Dinner', 'Epping Club, 45-47 Rawson St, Epping NSW 2121, 15 October 2012, 6.30pm'. Below the text is a photo of a building at night and the Rotary Foundation logo.

[Download the flyer](#)

### Reflections on 2011-12

Posted by Les Walsh on Jun 22, 2012



Then RI President, Kalyan Banerjee took the opportunity in June to reflect on the Rotary year now passed, and looked forward to the the new year. "We look back at what we have accomplished and measure our progress toward the goals we have set for ourselves. In Rotary, we may pause to reflect, but never to rest on our laurels – for as much as we have achieved, we are always aware of how much there is still to do ...

[Read more...](#)

### Rotary wheel covers - get yours now!

Posted by Les Walsh on Jun 18, 2012



Rotary District 9680 has 400 vinyl wheelcovers for Four-Wheel Drive vehicles that have spare wheels on the backs of the car.

They are free to whoever wants them.

See 'more' below for full details

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### Position Vacant - Assistant Operations Director

Posted by Peter Tang on Jun 14, 2012



ROMAC Oceania Medical Aid for Children  
A Program of the Rotary Districts of Australia and New Zealand

Voluntary role, with expenses reimbursed, suiting someone with sound administrative and communication skills. The appointee will work from home, and attend four meetings of the ROMAC Board and a meeting of the

ROMAC Medical Panel annually.

Position descriptions for both the Operations Director and Assistant Operations Director can be obtained from Operations Director Richard Woodburn, [burdekn@bigpond.net.au](mailto:burdekn@bigpond.net.au) or from Secretary ROMAC John Benger, [jbenger@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jbenger@bigpond.net.au).

Click 'More' below for full details of the vacant position.

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**WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT YOUR CLUB  
IS IT EVERYTHING YOU WANT IT TO BE?**

**ROTARY DISTRICT 9680  
CLUB SERVICE SEMINAR**

**TOPICS:**

- THE ROLE OF THE SERGEANT
- RUNNING DYNAMIC MEETINGS
- RESOLVING CONFLICT
- HARASSMENT AND HOW IT EFFECTS ROTARY

**TARGET GROUP:**

ALL INTERESTED ROTARIANS BUT ESPECIALLY

- PRESIDENTS
- CLUB SERVICE/ ADMINISTRATION DIRECTORS
- SERGEANTS

**WHEN: SATURDAY 14th JULY 2012**

**WHERE:** SYDNEY ADVENTIST HOSPITAL  
JACARANDA LODGE  
FOX VALLEY ROAD, WAHROONGA 2036

**TIME:** 8.30AM FOR 9.00AM TO 12 NOON

**RSVP:** to Barry Starr by Monday 9th July [barrystarr@gmail.com](mailto:barrystarr@gmail.com)  
Phone 0417 905 170



[Register here](#)

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**Volunteer Grants 2012 - Call for applications now open**

Posted by Les Walsh on Jun 11, 2012

The Volunteer Grants 2012 Call for Applications period opened on Friday 1 June 2012 and closes on Wednesday 25 July 2012 at 5pm AEST.

Volunteer Grants 2012 recognises the valuable work of Australia's volunteers. This initiative forms part of the Australian Government's ongoing commitment to organisations whose volunteers assist disadvantaged communities and encourage inclusion of vulnerable people in community life. Funding is available to eligible not-for-profit community organisations to help their volunteers and encourage volunteering.

Volunteer Grants 2012 provides funding to purchase small equipment items to assist volunteers and contribute towards reimbursement of fuel costs, transport costs incurred by volunteers with disability who are unable to drive, training courses and background screening checks for volunteers.

[Click here for more about Volunteer Grants 2012](#)

**Looking for a speaker?**

Posted by Les Walsh on Jun 06, 2012

Recent additions include a potential speaker on how best to protect and grow individual wealth in today's market conditions, and another on a mission to help End Polio Now.

[Click here to see the District Guest Speaker Bank](#)

**Rotary Success Conference - ready for you!**

Posted by Les Walsh on Jun 06, 2012



Everything is in place for the National Rotary Success Conference on 21-22 July. Who should be attending? All Rotary Leaders, Presidents and Presidents Elect, PR Chairs, Membership Chairs and Future Rotary Leaders and Rotarians who want to be involved in the continuing success of Rotary in Australia.

At this conference you will be able to participate in breakout sessions on various topics such as Membership Retention, Membership Recruitment & Extension, Diversity in Rotary, Flexibility and Innovative Clubs in the Future, Leadership, Public Image and Media, Club Visioning and more.

[Read more about the Conference in the latest edition of Rotary on the Move](#)

[Click here to register](#)

#### National Skills Week dates

Posted by Les Walsh on Jun 06, 2012



## National Skills Week

Hands and Minds - The DNA of skills and trades

August 27 - September 2, 2012

National Skills Week will take place this year on August 27 – September 2. Over 400 events took place across the country last year showcasing and promoting the opportunities for young Australians through Vocational Education. Rotary was active in assisting with some of those events and proactive in developing others with stakeholders, which included industry and local TAFEs.

National Skills Week will be launched again this year by Federal Minister The Hon. Sen Chris Evans, all states and territories will be involved.

Last year's events, and the week attracted outstanding media coverage which included the ABC, Foxtel, Austar, Free to Air Television and national print media- in particular News Ltd who through their Regional and Metro papers did a magnificent job in highlighting the talents, skills, career pathways and the value of apprentices and trainees to Australia's economic wellbeing.

National Skills Week is our opportunity to get involved. Find out more at [www.nationalskillsweek.com.au](http://www.nationalskillsweek.com.au) or register your activity at [info@skillsone.com.au](mailto:info@skillsone.com.au) and check out our partners in National Skills Week [www.skillsone.com.au](http://www.skillsone.com.au) and [www.harvesttrailtv.com.au](http://www.harvesttrailtv.com.au)

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