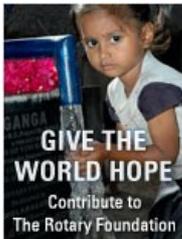




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## District Events

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

**Exhibition Opening - The Monday Art Group**  
Art Space on The Concourse  
Oct 15, 2012 06:00 PM

**Rotary Foundation Dinner (Tri-District)**  
The Epping Club  
Oct 15, 2012 06:30 PM - 09:15 PM

**Art Exhibition - The Monday Art Group**  
Art Space on The Concourse  
Oct 16, 2012 10:00 AM - Oct 28, 2012 04:00 PM

**Hornsby PCYC Dinner Dance**  
Hornsby RSL  
Oct 20, 2012 07:00 PM

**28th Annual Charity Golf Day**  
Pymble Golf Club  
Oct 22, 2012 11:00 AM

**DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS SPECIAL EVENT**  
The North Sydney Leagues Club  
Oct 25, 2012 12:15 PM - 02:30 PM

**2012 Police Officer of the Year Awards**  
Doltone House Darling Island Wharf - Pyrmont  
Nov 02, 2012 07:00 PM - Nov 03, 2012

**40th Birthday party for Carlingford Rotary**  
Pennant Hills Golf club  
Nov 03, 2012

## Stories

### Governor's Message

Posted by Peter Tang on Oct 12, 2012



Dear Rotary Friends and Friends of Rotary

The program of District Governor Official Visits finalised this week. It is part of the DG's task to visit every club in the District, but there have long been provisions in the Manual of Procedure for clubs to be visited on a group basis. With 67 Clubs and a full time profession, it was obviously going to be impossible for me to visit each Club individually. Effectively, the DG is "on the road" full time from July to December. This will only become worse next year when DGE Graeme Davies will have 79 clubs in District 9685.

The format for the Zone visits wasn't new: as with all good ideas, it was adapted from another setting. In the Ryde area, there is an annual Combined Service Club meeting at which each organisation gives a brief description of its purpose and activities. I thought it was great to hear what the Lions, Quota, View and Kwinana clubs were doing, as well as the hearing from the other Rotary Clubs. As President, I was very proud to outline what Ryde Rotary was doing.

When I announced that the DG visits were to be done on a Zone basis, I know there was real scepticism whether they would be successful or achieve their aim of allowing each Club and member to hear from their DG. However, I think that concern was based on me doing the visits in the usual way: giving the usual speech about the year's theme, outlining some goals and plugging the Conference. What was achieved was very different.

I could see the effect from the front of the room. The first Club President would outline what their Club was doing: the "usual" 30 to 60 projects (!), raising \$30,000 to over \$200,000 (!) and a couple of special interests. Then the second and third Presidents would have their turn relaying the same story. By this time, the mood in the room would be changing, with Rotarians realising the amazing, substantial, inventive, gob smacking projects bringing Peace through Service that their "little" Rotary clubs were achieving. After Presidents four and five spoke, the whole room would realise they were part of a fantastic, worthwhile, world changing organisation.

All I needed to do to finish off the meeting was to ask the assembled to multiply what they had just heard by 12 to envisage what is being achieved across our District; then multiply that by 22 for the Districts across Australia; then multiply that by 24 to reflect the 530 Districts across the world. Add in the overarching programs of Shelterbox, Australian Rotary Health, RYDA, MUNA, RYLA, Rotary Youth Exchange and the biggest Foundation in the world (\$800 million core fund; over \$100 million a year; ridding the world of a disease that destroyed the lives of 1,000 children a DAY), and every Rotarian present had a new pride and purpose.

I would also plug the Conference (it's going to be terrific!) and

**BOLLYHILLS - Bollywood in the Hills**  
Cherrybrook Community and Cultural Facility  
Nov 10, 2012 06:00 PM - 10:30 PM

**Roger Woodward in Concert for ROMAC**  
The Concourse, Chatswood  
Nov 17, 2012

**District 9685 Team Gathering**  
Kiosk, Kincumba Mountain Reserve  
Nov 18, 2012

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

**PDGs Meeting**  
Dec 08, 2012

**RYLA 2013**  
Vision Valley  
Jan 13, 2013 - Jan 19, 2013

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

**Presidents' Meetings**  
Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club  
Feb 15, 2013 06:00 PM

**Youth Exchange Weekend**  
Feb 22, 2013 - Feb 24, 2013

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

**District Conference 2013**  
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  
Jun 23, 2013 - Jun 26, 2013

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

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

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promote Janelle's methods of supporting End Polio Now (contributions are up 10% on last year). Thereafter, I tried to give a somewhat different presentation at each meeting, sometimes mentioning Peace through Service, or conveying impressions of how our Clubs have become insular, or making membership growth and retention every Rotarian's task. Some nights were better than others and each would be critiqued to try and make the next better.

Then, after each meeting, the crowd would not slip straight away. They would linger over coffee, catch up, talk about possible joint projects and just enjoy the fellowship of Rotarians with the same good heart. One interesting aspect: we decided to not have any Grace, Toasts or Anthem. The world did not fall in and the absence of the meeting "closing" led to more staying and chatting than I have ever seen after a Rotary meeting.

I was gratified to receive many positive comments after the visits, including from self-admitted sceptics and many senior Rotarians and PDGs whose views I respect. Indeed, when my space was crowded, many members passed comments through Janelle or the AGs that would be relayed to me later. A common comment was "We should do this again" later in the year.

My special thanks to my Support PP Geoff Brennan. He has organised each event with the Zone AG and a "local hero" (thanks also to them) and dealt with the myriad issues and emails that go with coordinating up to seven clubs. Thanks to Bill Forsythe who has been snapping the photos. And thanks to Janelle for sharing this journey with me. We feel we are doing something new and maybe making a difference.

In addition, doing the official visits this way has allowed Janelle and me to attend many Club events and meetings. I have mentioned before the street fairs, fun runs, book stalls, trivia nights and BBQs we have attended. Last week it was up to Castle Hill for their Police of the Year awards and this week to Erina to hear the family who have suffered from the Christchurch earthquakes that the Club has assisted have a holiday on the Central Coast. I find I am able to circulate amongst the members and get many thoughts and issues conveyed to me in a relaxed setting. If you would like me to attend your events or meetings, send me an email at [johndodd@cluemail.com](mailto:johndodd@cluemail.com).

Yours in Rotary

**John Dodd**

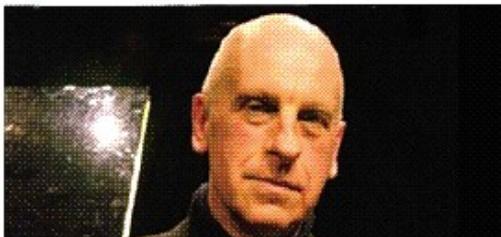
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### ROMAC fund-raising concerts

Posted by Peter Tang on Oct 12, 2012

**ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children)**  
presents



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# Roger Woodward

playing  
**Chopin**

**The Concourse Concert Hall**  
Chatswood

**Saturday 17 November 2012**

**Matinee: 2.30 pm** Featuring the Ryde Hunters Hill Symphony Orchestra under the direction of George Ellis, Conductor and Kirsten Williams, Concertmaster

**Evening: 8.00 pm** Solo recital

[Click here for event details](#)

### 40th Year Celebration - Rotary Club of Carlingford

Posted by Peter Tang on Oct 08, 2012



The Rotary Club of Carlingford is celebrating 40 years this year and it is seeking all past members and especially Charter members to this celebration.

The function is to be held at the Pennant Hills golf club in Beecroft at 6.30pm on Saturday 3rd November. We hope to reach as many past members as possible ...if you know anyone who was a member in the past, please invite them.

[Click here for details](#)

### Don't miss out on this special event

Posted by Peter Tang on Oct 07, 2012



Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends,

This is a most important meeting and we would hope we will get our room packed for this occasion. Please ask your partner, friends and associates to come and be a part of this special

meeting.

Bookings are essential.

[Click here for details and booking form](#)

### Visit our new convention website for the latest news, tips on Lisbon

Posted by Peter Tang on Oct 07, 2012



We've just made it easier for you to plan your trip to the 2013 RI Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, 23-26 June. Our new website, launched in mid-July, contains the latest news, travel tips, registration and housing reservation forms, and other useful information about Rotary's largest annual gathering, all in an easy-to-navigate layout.

- [Explore the convention website](#)
- [Find resources to help you promote the convention](#)
- [Watch the Lisbon promotional video](#)

#### [Using vocational service to build peace - a message from RI President Sakuji Tanaka](#)

Posted by Peter Tang on Oct 05, 2012

In Japan, we place great importance on the value of work. Whatever we are called to do, we should do it to the very best of our abilities, with dignity and with pride. Whether the job is running a country or shining shoes, there is honor in every vocation.



I grew up embracing this belief, but I had never stopped to contemplate it. One day, in my third year in Rotary, we had a speaker at our club who talked about the purpose of one's livelihood. He asked, why do we work hard? What is the

importance of our work?

I had never thought about this before. I never saw it as a question. ....

[Read more about RI President Tanaka](#) and watch a [profile](#).

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#### [POLIO MOVIE - LIFE OF PI](#)

Posted by Peter Tang on Oct 05, 2012



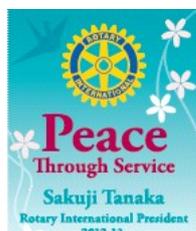
Life of hope; Life of Triumph; Life of Pi; - a story hard to believe

Director Ang Lee (Brokeback Mountain, Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon) creates an all-audience movie event about a young man on a fateful voyage who, after a spectacular disaster, is hurtled into an epic journey of adventure and discovery. He becomes marooned on a lifeboat he must share with the ship's only other survivor, a fearsome Bengal tiger with whom he makes an amazing and unexpected connection.

[Click here for the movie trailer](#)

#### [Volunteers for a project in the Solomon's](#)

Posted by Peter Tang on Oct 05, 2012



Volunteers for a project in the Solomon's

Please contact: [davieslyn@msn.com](mailto:davieslyn@msn.com)

### Re-energize Your Rotary Club & Connect With The Family of Rotary

Posted by Peter Tang on Oct 04, 2012



Interested in how the New Generation Programs fit in the Rotary family and re-energize rotary clubs.

This New Age Rotary Webinar recording has all the answers.

[Click here for the webinar recording](#)

### The Permanent Fund - A letter from PDG David Rands

Posted by Peter Tang on Oct 03, 2012



Hi District 9680 Rotarians,

#### The Permanent Fund: The Rotary Foundation's endowment fund

We invite you to give a gift that will go beyond your lifetime: a donation to The Rotary Foundation's endowment, the Permanent Fund. This fund enables individuals to combine their gifts into a significant force to address the world's greatest needs for generations to come.

The initial target of US\$200 million for the Permanent Fund was met in 2005, six years ahead of schedule. The next target is \$1 billion by 2025.

In a Rotary year, about \$8 million from the Permanent Fund is made available to support Foundation programs.....

PDG David Rands

Attach.

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### Update on the opening of BIBLIOTEKA ERMERA's second branch

Posted by Peter Tang on Oct 02, 2012



Biblioteka Ermera opened its second branch at the beginning of January this year. So why did the Vice-Minister for Basic Education and the Secretary of State for Art & Culture come to celebrate it's opening just last week?

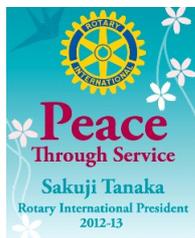
Biblioteka Ermera is Anne's DG Partner project for 2011-12 (and still going). PDG David Rands and his wife Anne visited the second branch in early September and provided this update on Biblioteka Ermera...

[Click here for the update](#)

### Rotary On the Move - October Newsletter

Posted by Peter Tang on Oct 01, 2012

Want to know how CIC, 'Club in a Club' to



increase club membership 15% to 35% and

- \* The Australian Rotaract Conference in October 2012;
- \* What was said on social media about Rotaractors and Rotary;
- \* New traditions bring in younger Rotarians; and ...

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#### [Rotary commits additional US\\$75 million to help end polio](#)

Posted by Peter Tang on Sep 28, 2012



Rotary International has made a new funding commitment of US\$75 million over three years to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). Rotary, which has already contributed nearly \$1.2 billion to the GPEI, announced the commitment at a 27 September high-level side event on polio eradication, convened by United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon during the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

[Click here for the full article](#)

#### [3,000 miles for 3 minutes: A global call to end polio](#)

Posted by Peter Tang on Sep 28, 2012



This week, I am heading from Seattle to New York to speak for 180 seconds. I will be talking at a United Nations meeting about the fight to eradicate polio. I am very passionate on the subject, and I usually prefer to discuss it for hours at a time. In this case, however, I am happy to stop at three minutes. Because the reason my time is short is that so many people are committed to eradication we can barely all squeeze into the program.

When the UN event on ending polio is one of the hottest tickets in town, you know you are witnessing an extraordinary moment of global solidarity. And the timing couldn't be better, because we're at a particularly critical juncture in the fight. ...

[Click here for the full article](#) *By Bill Gates, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*

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#### [RSE Establishes Australasian Advisory Council](#)

Posted by Peter Tang on Sep 28, 2012



Terry Birss, CEO/MD of Road Safety Education Limited, is pleased to announce the establishment of the RSE Australasian Advisory Council (Council). Read more about this exciting development in our [September Bulletin](#).

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