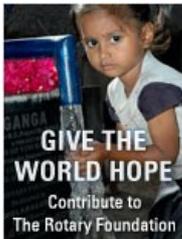


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## District Events

### Art Exhibition - The Monday Art Group

Art Space on The Concourse  
Oct 16, 2012 10:00 AM - Oct 28,  
2012 04:00 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

### 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

## Stories

### Governor's Message

Posted by Peter Tang on Oct 27, 2012



## Dear Rotary Friends and Friends of Rotary

I have sought to avoid these newsletters being travelogues of my adventures as District Governor; but, do you know that feeling when you are so proud and moved that you feel a tear in the eye and a lump in the throat? That's what the last two weeks have been for me: seeing great people, programs and events across the District.

Three times in the last two weeks I have been down at North Sydney. Firstly to help open the conference of the Rotary Youth Exchange Chairs from around Australia. This included overseas representatives who came to share in our vast resource of knowledge in this program. Administration Chair PP Barry Starr (Mosman) is on the Australian committee and took a lead role in organising the conference.

Secondly, to see President Russell Gilbert and PP Jenny Thomas of North Sydney Rotary hand over TWO \$35,000 insulated vans to Oz Harvest, to help them in their program to relocate fresh excess food to organisations who feed the needy. Each van will transport 2.5 tonnes of food a week! A great example of how Rotary achieves its best when working with other organisations. Then, back to North Sydney a week later to hear Joe Hockey speak – an event that drew in some interested members of the North Sydney Chamber of Commerce.

PDG Tony Castley hosted two big events at the Epping Club. The E-club of Greater Sydney had its AGM and dinner, which included a satellite discussion with one of their members Jenny Horton, who has been at the forefront of the fight against polio and was speaking to us from Nigeria where she is continuing that quest. We then had the pleasure of hearing from incoming world RI President Ron Burton at the Foundation Dinner. It was a great night, with many contributors recognised, including Don Stein from Winston Hills being recognised as a Major Donor. Past Foundation Chair Lindsay May took a leading role in the organisation of a fantastic night.

Regarding the Foundation, PDG Tony gave a terrific presentation to the Presidents' meeting on October 12, which was remarked as being the clearest outline of how Clubs can access Foundation funding. The Grants Committee has already earmarked HALF of our District's resources for this year, which is on target to distribute every last cent of our allocation, keeping in mind that Matching Grant applications have to be lodged by 31 March 2013. To emphasise the point, St Ives has obtained Foundation funding of \$23,000 to a \$60,000 project providing school desks in India. This was approved by the Foundation within SIX WEEKS of the application being made!

It was a surprise for PP Jim Kirkness to be recognised for his 50 years of service to Gosford Rotary. President Jim Katrakilis organised a great function with letters of recognition for Jim from RI President Sakuji Tanaka, the Prime Minister and State and Federal MPs. PDG Geoff Grenfell set out Jim's many achievements, especially in establishing Pioneers Park. The current President of the Interact Club

San Diego, California, USA  
Jan 13, 2013 - Jan 19, 2013

**Rotary Foundation Dinner**  
The Epping Club  
Feb 09, 2013 06:30 PM - Feb  
13, 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  
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was present to acknowledge Jim's leading role in establishing and maintaining the Club over 38 years(!). It also became clear that Jim's service to his community has been much wider than his Rotary service, starting with his service to his country in the merchant navy. What a great occasion!

Then, up to Winston Hills Rotary to hear about their projects in Vanuatu. In the last 12 months, this has included SEVEN teams to schools and hospitals, constructing beds and ceilings, refurbishing a library and a disability centre, and vocational and teacher training, the last done in concert with the Australian Catholic University (Dr Marie Quinn and six students). Prime movers are President Miriam Jacka, PPs John and Joan van den Berg and PP Tony Mercieca, but with the whole Club behind them and assistance from Rotarians from other Clubs including PP John and Robin Steele (St Ives), PP Chris and Jane Clifford (Lindfield) and PP Deborah Gersbach (Rouse Hill). This is the ELEVENTH YEAR that Winston Hills has been spreading Peace through Service in Vanuatu.

Of course, administrative tasks are never far away from the DG role. I am assisting the Australian DGs in refining the relationship between Rotary and Probus South Pacific. That has included many meetings and emails which should lead to me taking a definite proposition to the Australian Institute in November. I have had terrific assistance in this task from PDG Jennifer Scott (wife of 9685 DGN Ian) and PDG Bob Aitken of RDU. Rotarians on the ground should keep in mind that a lot of work gets done behind the scenes.

Another example is my Conference Committee, led by PP Bob Kaye-Smith. We have refined the program and the weekend will be spectacular, including major addresses by our RI President's representative, Past RI President Bichai Ratakul. He promises to bring something special to our conference and some surprise (even I don't know!). Keep in mind to register before the end of November to get the best prices.

So, I trust you can see why this Rotarian is so proud of Rotary and its people. Enormous efforts over many years making a real difference in our local and international communities, and we have a great time doing our bit for Peace through Service.

Yours in Rotary

**John Dodd**

District Governor 2012-13

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## Rotary Global Peace Forums

Posted by Peter Tang on Oct 20, 2012

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In 2012-13, Rotary International will hold three Rotary Global Peace Forums. Each forum will be a two- or three-day program to engage and inspire Rotarians and community leaders to champion President Sakuji Tanaka's RI theme, *Peace Through Service*.

The location, theme, and date for each forum are listed here for your reference, along with websites where you can find further details.

### Berlin, Germany -- *Peace Without Borders*

- From 30 November to 2 December 2012
- [www.rotary-global-peace-forum-berlin.de/en/](http://www.rotary-global-peace-forum-berlin.de/en/)

### Honolulu, Hawaii, USA -- *The Green Path to Peace*

- From 25 to 27 January 2013
- [www.peaceforumhawaii.com/](http://www.peaceforumhawaii.com/)

### Hiroshima, Japan -- *Peace Begins with You*

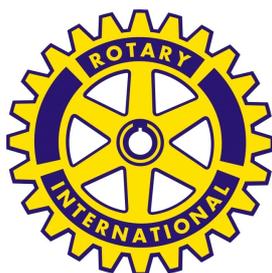
- From 17 to 18 May 2013
- [www.info-hiroshima.co.jp/peace/](http://www.info-hiroshima.co.jp/peace/)

#### For more information

Download the [Rotary Global Peace Forums brochure](#).

#### Share photos and connect with the RI President

Posted by Peter Tang on Oct 20, 2012



Learn more about RI President Sakuji Tanaka. Read his [October message](#) about Rotary Moments and vocational service. Include the message in your club or district's newsletter and website.

#### Send a message and share photos

- If you're on Flickr (it's free to join), share your photos of President Tanaka on [RI's Flickr group](#). Photos from the group may be used on [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).
- Go to President Tanaka's [LinkedIn question](#) about what you feel is your life's purpose.
- Read the president's posts on [RI's blog](#), [Rotary Voices](#), and send him a message.
- Visit the president on the RI president's [Facebook page](#).

#### Rotarians gearing up for World Polio Day

Posted by Peter Tang on Oct 20, 2012



Rotarians are getting ready to launch events linked to World Polio Day, 24 October, in support of the

#### [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#).

Led by RI President Sakuji Tanaka, International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robert Scott, and Rotary Foundation

Trustee Stephanie Urchick, delegates to the Rotary institute for zones 24-32 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, will take part in a downtown walk and rally on 19 October. One hundred of the participants will carry signs bearing the End Polio Now message

[Click here for the full article](#).

#### 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

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#### **Congratulations - Rotary Club of North Sydney**

Posted by Peter Tang on Oct 18, 2012



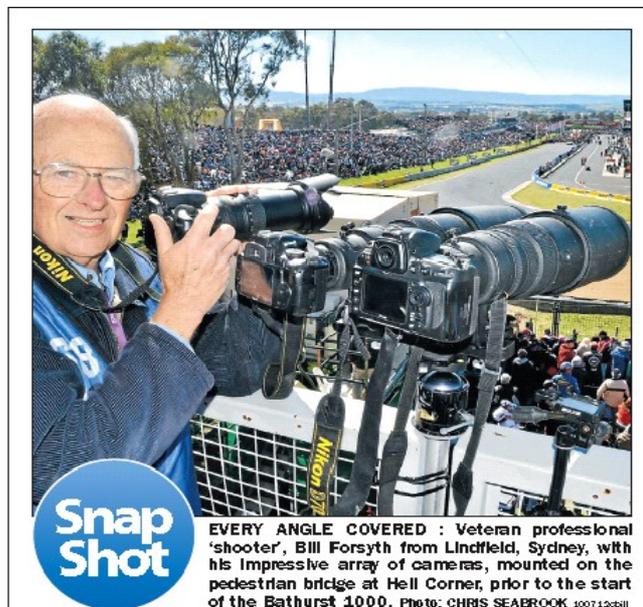
An official handing over 2 brand new refrigerated vehicles to OzHarvest's CEO Ronni Kahn will be held at 12.15 pm this Thursday in the carpark outside the entrance to The North Sydney Leagues Club.

There will be free Champagne and Wine upstairs followed by normal luncheon meeting with guest speaker Ross Hayes on a fascinating "Gold" – The background story.

Congratulation to Rotary Club of North Sydney on this great achievement.

#### **Rotarian in Action**

Posted by Peter Tang on Oct 18, 2012



**Snap Shot**

**EVERY ANGLE COVERED :** Veteran professional 'shooter', Bill Forsyth from Lindfield, Sydney, with his impressive array of cameras, mounted on the pedestrian bridge at Hell Corner, prior to the start of the Bathurst 1000. Photo: CHRIS SEABROOK 100712cbl

Bill Forsyth, a Rotarian with Chatswood Sunrise was in action at Bathurst and was snapped on Page 2, Western Advocate.

Well done, Bill.

#### **2013 GSE - request for team members**

Posted by Peter Tang on Oct 13, 2012



The 2013 Group Study Exchange (GSE) is with District 2440 from the western Anatolia region of Turkey. After more than 40 years this will be the last exchange in the current format. The outbound team will be away from 14 April until 13 May 2012.

At this stage we are looking for candidates to be part of the team and we want your help in identifying them and nominating them.

[Please click here for details](#)

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