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## Stories

### November is Foundation month

Posted by Les Walsh on Nov 07, 2012

by **PDG Tony Castley, District Foundation Chair**



## District Events

### 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

### Rotary Carols on the Common

North Ryde Common  
Dec 16, 2012 05:30 PM

### RYLA 2013

Vision Valley  
Jan 13, 2013 - Jan 19, 2013

### International Assembly

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

November is the month that all Rotarians can focus on the Rotary Foundation, its programs, its good works and its fund raising.

### Group Study Exchange (GSE)

As you may know this is the last year for the current GSE program, and our district is finishing up with one of the most exciting exchanges we have ever had. Our team this year will be exchanging with District 2440 in Turkey, and the Rotarians in Turkey are looking forward to giving our team some marvelous experiences, including a visit to the 98<sup>th</sup> Dawn Service at Gallipoli.

I was fortunate to attend an International RYLA held by District 2440 in 2010, and the program and hospitality that they put on was quite unbelievable, and so I am sure our GSE team will have an experience of a lifetime.

But we are still looking for nominations – does your club know of a suitable applicant that is 25-40, living in our District and not related to a Rotarian?

As you know the whole trip is paid for by the Rotary Foundation.

Our already chosen leader for this GSE is PP Ian Garrard of the Rotary Club of Roseville Chase.

Nominations or enquiries should be made to GSE Chair Julian Gregory 0408 612 947.

### Foundation Grants

In the first few months of this year, District has already accepted and approved five District Simplified Grants (DSG) totaling \$40,112 as well as seven Matching Grants totaling \$226,835. The Foundation's contribution to these club projects is \$179,850.

If you are planning to submit a DSG or Matching Grant application, please be reminded Matching Grant Applications close March 31<sup>st</sup> 2013 and DSG applications will close May 30<sup>th</sup> 2013, unless our DSG funding is all spent beforehand.

For all Foundation Grant applications or information please contact PDG Barry Philps on 9624 5904.

Read or download all of November's Foundation News [by clicking here](#)

### Road Safety Education - November Newsletter

Posted by Peter Tang on Nov 14, 2012



An exciting milestone for the RYDA Program and road safety education in Australia was recently celebrated at a RYDA venue in Brisbane when Jasmine Gregory, a Year 11 student from Mitchelton State High School became the 250,000th student in Australia to participate in the RYDA Program. The event was celebrated by a large group of invited guests including Acting Chief Superintendent of Queensland Police Andy Morrow, Deputy Mayor of Brisbane Councillor Adrian Schrunner, Assistant Minister for Public Transport Steve Minnikin MP, local Rotary District Governor Annette Richards and representatives from sponsors BOC, Kmart Tyre & Auto Service, Toyota Australia and Suncorp Insurance.

[Click here for the November Newsletter](#)

### Cricket anyone?

Posted by Les Walsh on Nov 13, 2012



Cawkers Well Cricket Club may be a world away from the Gabba's lush green sward, located as it is on a cattle station near Broken Hill, yet it's just staged its first inaugural international fixture - and the International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians was there along with Mark Wallace (thanks for the heads up) and Bob Aitken.

Bob Aitken reported on Facebook as follows:

*Never let it be said there is insufficient fun and adventure in Rotary!  
With RDU Editor Mark Wallace, and PDGs Peter Williams and Alan*

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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*Grady, I have just returned from road testing a superb Winnebago Eyre to Cawkers Well (a cattle station near Broken Hill in NSW's great outback).*

*The special occasion was a blockbuster Rotary Fellowship weekend - taking in Rotary's Cricket, Caravan and Off Road Vehicles, Motorcycles and Flying Fellowships! Some 250 Rotarians, family and friends enjoyed the great outback experience. Fay and Chas Townsing are the proud owners of Cawker's Well Station - two hours from Broken Hill - and Chas has fashioned a genuine cricket ground out of a section of bush and salt bush 100 yards from their homestead.*

*Legendary Adelaide Oval curator Les Burdett made a 'drop in' turf wicket available for Saturday's match and it played very well! More than 60 cricketers took part - cheered on by the other Fellowship members.*

*Rotarians from the two Broken Hill Rotary clubs, with support from Broken Hill Legacy, provided a magnificent outback catering service over two days and West End Brewery from Adelaide ensured their mobile bar was well stocked.*

*This was not just another Rotary event. This was a splendid exercise in building Australiana Rotary folklore.*

*As some wag suggested over a quiet ale late Saturday night ... 'in ten years time, Rotarians will gasp in awe when someone drops the line "I was at Cawker's Well in 2012!"*

[Click hear to view the Landline story](#)

### [Help to tell your story well](#)

Posted by Les Walsh on Nov 12, 2012

From writing descriptive project listings to supplementing stories with powerful pictures and videos, the best way to promote your project is to tell a compelling story. You are invited to participate in the Share your impact! Best practices for telling your service story webinar to learn tips and techniques to help your Rotary service project stand out and gain the attention it deserves.

Learn how utilizing resources such as [Rotary Showcase](#) further maximizes your story's exposure and demonstrates Rotary's effort in improving communities around the globe.

Click on this link to register: [English: Tuesday, 14 November, 11:00am – noon](#)

### [Can you imagine the impact?](#)

Posted by Les Walsh on Nov 08, 2012



The Rotary Club of St Ives has been working with fellow Rotarians in District 3150 in Andhra Pradesh India for several years to improve the lives of families and school children through Rotary Foundation Matching Grants. The first project in 2008 was to provide toilet blocks in public schools. A delegation from St Ives organised a visit to Guntur City, 300 kilometres from Hyderabad, seeing first hand the level of need in the schools and that terrific work being done by Rotarians there.

In 2011, the Club took part in a matching grant project to provide Milch Cows to needy families, providing daily nutrition and economic assistance to rural areas of the District.

This year, the St Ives Club took on a major challenge to assist District 3150 to provide over 2000 student desks to public schools in the town of Kothagudem, a key industrial town of about 100,000 people about 270 km from Hyderabad. Rotarians from St Ives and the

Rotary Club of Kothagudem raised almost \$US 30,000 which was matched with funds from Districts 9680 and 3150 and from The Rotary Foundation to fund the construction of the desks. Each of the 2000 desks accommodate two students, enabling 4000 students to learn at a proper desk, rather than sit on the floor of their school rooms.

The desks are being presented to the students on 21 November by Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka and Past President Kalyan Banerjee, in recognition of the tremendous efforts under way to improve education and reduce poverty in India.

Well done St Ives!

[Click here to download the project invitation](#)

#### New additions to the Speaker Bank

Posted by Les Walsh on Nov 03, 2012

An author of a newly released book, a speaker from the Red Cross, & an historian are the latest additions.

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#### Doing good just got easier

Posted by Les Walsh on Nov 03, 2012



Rotary Direct, Rotary's recurring giving program, makes it easy for you to contribute to The Rotary Foundation. The program allows faster processing and quicker achievement of your club and personal charitable

goals. For Rotary Foundation Month:

- [Learn more about Rotary Direct](#)
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#### Catch our Early Bird Pricing and Save

Posted by Les Walsh on Nov 02, 2012



## Urgent Conference Registration Reminder

**Register by 30 November & save a minimum of \$40 and potentially more; a payment by instalments option is available**

**Early Bird pricing (and the deferred payment option) will cease from 1 December**

Take advantage of the Early Bird pricing now and Register for the Conference on-line - click on the 'Register Now' icon or [click here](#).

Two basic Conference packages are being offered, as well as an option for payment by instalments. Fill details are available on the [Conference website](#), [conference2013.rotarydistrict9680.org](http://conference2013.rotarydistrict9680.org)





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For all information on the Conference please visit [conference2013.rotarydistrict9680.org](http://conference2013.rotarydistrict9680.org)

**Lower North Shore Rotaract News**

Posted by Les Walsh on Nov 01, 2012

Please read Lower North Shore Rotaract's **November** edition of **Lobster Tales**

**Welcome to Carols in the Common - 16 Dec 2012**

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Oct 31, 2012



Carols in the common is Sydney's second biggest carols event.

On behalf of the Rotray Clubs of Macquarie Park & North Ryde, invites all Rotarians, their family and friends to the **Rotary Carols on the Common** at the **North Ryde Commons**.

Apart from providing a great night of entertainment this event helps raise money for **ROMAC**.

Where: **North Ryde Common**

When: December 16 From 5:30pm

[Read more...](#)

**ROMAC fund-raising concerts**

Posted by Peter Tang on Oct 12, 2012

# Roger Woodward playing Chopin

*The Concourse - Concert Hall, Chatswood*

**Saturday 17 November, 2012**

**Matinee: 2.30pm**

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

**Evening: 8pm Solo recital**



*With Roger Woodward is fifteen year old Carrington Mama from the Solomon Islands who was recently brought to Sydney Childrens Hospital Westmead, for treatment of heart malformations. He underwent open heart surgery, made a full recovery and returned home to lead a normal life.*

Latest Update - the organisers have decided that there will be no

compere on the day

[Click here for event details](#)

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