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## District Events

**Incoming GSE TEam arrives**  
Mar 02, 2013

**Multi-District PETS**  
Liverpool Catholic Club  
Mar 02, 2013 08:15 AM - 08:30 PM

**Inspirational Women: Ideas Worth Sharing**  
Macquarie University  
Mar 06, 2013 06:45 PM - 09:00 PM

**Rotary Foundation Club Accreditation Seminar**  
Castle Hill Country Club (Note: Left hand turn only off Windsor Road).  
Mar 07, 2013 06:00 PM - 09:00 PM



Shoalhaven 2013



**SOAR INTO HISTORY**

Rotary District 9680 Conference

15-17 March 2013

Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre, Nowra

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## Stories

### Governor's Message

Posted by Peter Tang on Feb 27, 2013



Dear Rotary Friends and Friends of Rotary

March 8 is International Women's Day (IWD) with events and celebrations across the world. Some countries have even declared it a public holiday (I like that idea!). Google IWD for many events and articles.

Janelle and I will be attending a number of functions next week to **celebrate Inspirational Women** and we would like to see you at one or more of them. On Wednesday March 6 at 6pm at the Macquarie University Hub are speakers on the theme "**Inspirational Women: Ideas Worth Sharing**" (only \$30 – contact Hunters Hill Rotary Club).

The next morning Thursday March 7 at 7am we will be up at Norwest Sunrise for their **IWD breakfast**. I am usually not an early riser, but will be there for that one – I challenge you to be there as well.

Then on IWD Friday March 8 we will be attending the **NSW Inspirational Women Dinner** at Doltone House, Darling Harbour. This is a big event expecting over 500 attendees. A bit pricey at \$110 per head, but we were there for the Police Awards and can confirm that the function room/meals/drinks are pretty spectacular.

Eight Rotary Districts (including 9680) and Inner Wheel have submitted 41 nominations from throughout NSW; 9 have been shortlisted and will be featured on the night, with one winner and a runner up. If you're interested, please contact Fern Linden of Sydney CBD Rotary [fern.linden@gmail.com](mailto:fern.linden@gmail.com).

Rotary was a bit slow off the mark in recognising the importance of involvement of women in our Clubs. There were rumblings from time to time from the 1950s, but it was not until 1978 that the Rotary Club

<p><b>Rotary Leadership Institute training - 2</b> District Office Mar 09, 2013</p>
<p><b>Comedy Capers Champagne Party 2013</b> Headland Gallery, Suite 2 Gunshot Alley Mar 09, 2013 06:30 PM - 09:30 PM</p>
<p><b>Business Summit &amp; Networking Event (Thornleigh)</b> Hornsby RSL Mar 14, 2013 08:00 AM - 10:00 AM</p>
<p><b>District Conference (information)</b> Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre Mar 15, 2013 - Mar 17, 2013</p>
<p><b>District Conference 2013</b> Mar 15, 2013 - Mar 17, 2013</p>
<p><b>PDGs Meeting</b> Mar 18, 2013</p>
<p><b>Charity Golf Day</b> Wentworth Falls Country Club Mar 22, 2013</p>
<p><b>MUNA</b> Knox Grammar School Mar 23, 2013 - Mar 24, 2013</p>
<p><b>Rotary Leadership Institute training - 3</b> District Office Mar 23, 2013</p>
<p><b>Rotary's Got Talent</b> Chatswood High School Mar 23, 2013 06:00 PM - 10:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Incoming GSE Team departs</b> Mar 30, 2013</p>
<p><b>GSE Farewell Dinner</b> Roseville Golf Club Apr 02, 2013 06:30 PM</p>
<p><b>Golf Ball Drop</b> Collaroy Centre Apr 06, 2013</p>
<p><b>Lindfield Fun Run</b> Roseville Park Apr 07, 2013 08:00 AM</p>
<p><b>Rouse Hill Rotary Trivia Night</b> Rouse Hill Anglican Church Apr 13, 2013 12:07 AM - 11:00 PM</p>
<p><b>District Assembly</b> Baulkham Hills High School Apr 14, 2013 09:00 AM - 04:00 PM</p>
<p><b>Presidents' Meeting</b> Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club Apr 19, 2013 06:30 PM</p>
<p><b>Council of Legislation</b> Chicago, Illinois Apr 21, 2013 - Apr 26, 2013</p>
<p><b>Aust Rotary Health Awareness Race Day</b> Rosehill Gardens May 11, 2013</p>
<p><b>PDGs Meeting</b> May 18, 2013</p>
<p><b>Century Challenge</b> All details and registration at centurychallenge.com.au May 19, 2013</p>
<p><b>Novus Gala Dinner</b> May 25, 2013</p>
<p><b>Presidents' Meeting (Awards)</b> Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club May 31, 2013 06:30 PM</p>

of Duarte, California was expelled by RI for admitting women that progress started. That Club calls itself "The Mouse that Roared" because it sued RI in 1983 to be readmitted and eventually won that case in the US Supreme Court in 1987.

It seems a bit ridiculous now to think that RI was prepared to expel a Club and take the argument all the way to the Supreme Court to avoid allowing women to join. Rotary in the USA and Canada had to change soon after and the Council of Legislation in 1989 changed the Standard Rotary Club Constitution to remove the prohibition against women members. Within 18 months there were 20,000 female Rotarians.

In 2013, we have 17% of our membership female: not a particularly impressive statistic. More interesting is that 17% of District Governors worldwide are female, perhaps indicating that, against intrinsic bias, they are prepared to put in the hard yards.

I've heard all the excuses for not having women in Rotary Clubs. Perhaps the worst is that women partners of male Rotarians are concerned their men will be lead astray by female Rotarians – this is usually a thought imputed to them by the male members. The relationship must be pretty fragile already and the male Rotarian such a chick magnet that this would be a concern.

Most of our Clubs now admit women, but there are still some die-hards. I don't see it as my job to berate them into changing their view, but they best not complain about membership or the Club getting stale if they are denying membership to half the population.

I think that maybe we have a bigger problem. We have a number of **female partners of Rotarians** who would make great members themselves, but cannot either because they are not currently engaged in a vocation and/or having one family member in Rotary is time consuming enough. Perhaps **we should be rethinking our approaches** to recognising Past Service and Associate Membership.

I know this: my 24 year old daughter Kathryn (Interior Architecture) is **having a great time as a new Rotarian**. She loves the meetings, is learning at a great pace, has already raised End Polio Now funds by running the City to Surf and is stepping up to the Board next year. I am looking forward to regularly attending her Club's meetings after July.

Yours in Rotary

**John Dodd**

District Governor 2012-13

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**Support Janelle Dodd's fundraising for End Polio Now**

Posted by Les Walsh on Feb 27, 2013

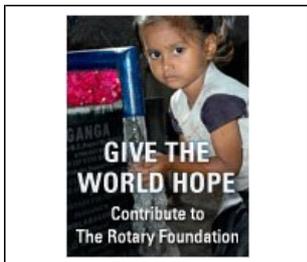
As you know, I have been encouraging Clubs to raise additional funds to support End Polio Now through selling pins, filling money boxes and painting pinkies purple.

More pins, moneyboxes and nail polish are available if you have community events coming up. For those who have already taken pins or moneyboxes, I would appreciate to hear how you are going.

I have also been making children's quilts with all proceeds to End Polio Now. The quilts are available for a donation of \$250 which is tax deductible.

If you would like to support me in this effort, but do not need or want the quilt, it can be donated to the Westmead Children's Hospital with your name or your Club's name embroidered onto it.

- Rotary International Convention**  
Lisbon, Portugal  
Jun 23, 2013 - Jun 26, 2013
- Changeover - D9680 to D9685**  
Castle Hill RSL Club  
Jul 05, 2013 06:00 PM
- 2013 Multi-District Conference**  
Sydney Olympic Park  
Sep 20, 2013 - Sep 21, 2013
- Hat Day**  
Oct 11, 2013
- Rotary International Convention**  
Sydney, Australia  
Jun 01, 2014 - Jun 04, 2014



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Donate now to help Rotary achieve a polio-free world

There are a limited number of quilts and many will be on display at the Conference.

**Please think:** in 1985 there were 350,000 new polio cases worldwide; in 2102 only 223. This year, only 1 case reported so far (in Pakistan) and India has been polio free for 2 years. **Together we can End Polio Now**

Janelle Dodd

**Volunteer at the Convention in 2014**  
Posted by Les Walsh on Feb 27, 2013



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**FOR SYDNEY CONVENTION 2014**

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**Ause-Safare**  
Posted by Les Walsh on Feb 27, 2013

The idea of travelling and engaging in service activity, including visiting remote Rotary Clubs within Australia, has considerable appeal to many.

The **Rotary E-Club NextGen** (Qld Australia) has come upon the 'Ause-Safare' Community Project out of a need for a service activity that connects with the majority of it's membership.

It is proving of interest to many members, including those who are travelling purely on holidays.

[Click here to download the latest newsletter and find out more](#)



**The Sydney 2014 Corroborree**  
Posted by Les Walsh on Feb 25, 2013

Here is the first official Newsletter of the Sydney 2014 Host Organising Committee.

[Download it now](#) and learn all about the preparations and how you can help.

**Charity Golf Day - Katoomba/Upper Blue Mountains**  
Posted by Peter Tang on Feb 24, 2013

Katoomba/Upper Blue Mountains  
Community Bank® Branch  
**Bendigo Bank**  
CHARITY GOLF DAY  
for The Children's Hospital at Westmead - Rotary Wing

**Friday, March 22, 2013**  
**Wentworth Falls Country Club**  
**- We need your support -**

**Four Person Ambrose Shotgun Start**  
 \$35 per player  
 Enjoy a delicious barbecue lunch before you tee off around midday  
 Call the Pro-Shop 02 4757 1899  
 Stay for the club's famous \$22 buffet dinner  
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**Report from Tasmania on Bushfire relief**

Posted by Les Walsh on Feb 24, 2013

Download the report and discover all that is being done.

[Click here for the report](#)



**Apply for a ROMAC position**

Posted by Les Walsh on Feb 22, 2013

ROMAC have vacancies for a number of positions on its Board.  
 The positions relate to ROMAC Australia and are [detailed in this letter](#).



**GSE Farewell Dinner**

Posted by Les Walsh on Feb 22, 2013

The Rotary Club of Roseville Chase is hosting a Farewell Dinner for the inbound Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team from District 2440 in Turkey and our District's outbound GSE Team that will be leaving for their visit to Turkey.

[Click here for all the details](#)



**A Birthday Gift of Shelter, Warmth & Dignity**

Posted by Les Walsh on Feb 20, 2013

Peter Smith, a member of the Rotary Club of Wahroonga, celebrated his 70th birthday in January. Peter contacted the ShelterBox office to say, that like many of us, he could not think of too many things he wanted as a birthday present. So he decided to give the guests to his party the opportunity to make a donation in favour of ShelterBox in lieu of a present.

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Well done Peter!



**Congratulations - Evan & Krissie**

Posted by Les Walsh on Feb 19, 2013

RI's **Rotaract & Interact Committee** will have the benefit of two representatives of District 9685 for the three years from 1 July!

**Evan Burrell** (who will be President of the E-Club for 2013-14) and Rotaractor **Krissy Bredin** have been appointed to the Committee by RI President Elect Ron Burton.

Congratulations Evan & Krissie.

### A long history of service

Posted by Les Walsh on Feb 19, 2013



on 23 February

[Find out more about Rotary's history](#)

### Are You Social and 'In-the-Know'?

Posted by Peter Tang on Feb 18, 2013



Do you know what Rotary clubs around Australia are doing this month to support Mental Health Research?

On Sunday March 17th, the Rotary Club of Glenelg, South Australia is hosting a 'Breakfast on the Pat' fundraiser for their community on local riverside lawns. That same day, participants from District 9810 will .....

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### Rotaract's Got Talent

Posted by Peter Tang on Feb 17, 2013

A poster for 'Rotaract's Got Talent' featuring a red curtain background. At the top, there are logos for 'KYDS' and 'ROTARACT CLUB'. The text reads: 'Lower North Shore Rotaract is hosting Rotaract's Got Talent'. Below this, a blue box contains the following information:

**When:** 7pm 23rd March 2013  
**Where:** Chatswood High School Hall, Centennial Ave, Chatswood, NSW 2067  
**Price:** \$15 if purchased before the 20th of March, \$20 if purchased on the night. Ticket includes cake and tea/coffee. There will be a BBQ, raffles and auction, along side a variety of performances, and all money raised on the night will be donated to KYDS.

Payments can be made by direct debit transfer to LNS Rotaract.  
BSB: 032-016 Account Number: 437 - 035.  
Please put last name and how many tickets purchased as the description and email your name and payment confirmation number to [LNSrotaract@gmail.com](mailto:LNSrotaract@gmail.com).

Further details and instructions can be found at <http://www.lnsrotaract.org.au/> or by contacting Jacqui on 0408 274 295

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Gemma Sissia will be touring Australia 19-28 March.

Her meeting program is now available with several opportunities for you to catch up around Sydney.

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#### Why join Rotary

Posted by Les Walsh on Feb 16, 2013

### AND WHO TOUCHED YOU?

"From time to time, friends and business acquaintances ask me the question, 'Why are you in Rotary?' One night at home, I sat down at my desk and came up with 20 answers to the question,

'Why should anyone join Rotary?' A detailed analysis is available at the Rotary Resource Center, but may I give you a summary of those 20 answers?



*Rotary International Past President  
2001-2002 Richard D. King*

#### WHY JOIN ROTARY?

1. Friendship
2. Business development
3. Personal growth and development
4. Leadership development
5. Citizenship in the community
6. Continuing education
7. Fun
8. The development of public speaking skills
9. Citizenship in the world
10. Assistance when traveling
11. Entertainment
12. The development of social skills

13. Family programs
14. The development of vocational skills
15. The development of ethics
16. Cultural awareness
17. Prestige
18. Association with nice people
19. The absence of an "official creed"
20. The opportunity to serve

In other words, while it is certainly true that Rotary changes the lives of the people we serve, it changes more the lives of Rotarians. In my judgment, looking at these 20 benefits, few business and professional people can afford not to join Rotary. But we must touch them and ask them."



#### Our Foundation newsletter

Posted by Les Walsh on Feb 16, 2013

[Click here for the current newsletter.](#)

Past issues are [found here](#). Use [this link](#) for the new interactive version.



#### Use social media to share what Rotary means to you

Posted by Les Walsh on Feb 16, 2013

Rotary turns 108 on 23 February, and [around the world Rotarians](#) are celebrating humanitarian service during that week.

Tell others about Rotary. [This Facebook page](#), hosted by the Rotary Club of Sydney, allows members from across the world to explain to a wider audience why they are Rotarians! [Tell your story now](#).

Follow what's happening on Twitter with #ri108 and visit [www.facebook.com/rotary](http://www.facebook.com/rotary) the week of 18 February for content you can share, including a special anniversary Facebook cover and profile photo.

On Wednesday, 20 February, we're holding a **Rotary history Twitter quiz** on [@rotary](#) using the #ri108 hash tag. Randomly selected participants will receive from RI Headquarters items such as pins, T-shirts, CDs, and DVDs. We also have two scarves and two ties signed by RI President Sakuji Tanaka that we'll give away.

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#### Inspirational Women: Ideas Worth Sharing

Posted by Les Walsh on Feb 15, 2013

**INSPIRATIONAL WOMEN: IDEAS WORTH SHARING**  
A salute to women working in international development

Featuring **Naomi Steer**, founding National Director of Australia for UNHCR, **Carol Angir**, Senior Program Coordinator for ActionAid's violence against women program and **Gemma Sisia**, Australian founder of St Jude's School in Tanzania (featured on ABC TV's Australian Story and in 2012 recognised by the Australian Financial Review and Westpac as one of their "100 Australian women of influence")

**Wednesday, March 6, 2013 from 6 for 6:45 to 9 pm**  
Macquarie University's 'The Hub' Building (Central Zone off Central Courtyard), C10A, Level 3, North Ryde. Ample parking, easily accessible by public transport.

**African music and dance as well as light refreshments are included in the ticket price.**  
(\$30 adults, \$20 students/concession.) To book tickets please go to [www.trybooking.com/CISR](http://www.trybooking.com/CISR) or contact Leah Fitzgerald, email: [leah.fitzgerald@mq.edu.au](mailto:leah.fitzgerald@mq.edu.au) or phone: 9850-6761.

**Ticket proceeds benefit Rotary Hunters Hill international projects.**

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#### 2013 Rotary Turkey/Australia GSE

Posted by Les Walsh on Feb 15, 2013

In 2013 a group of young(ish) professionals from Australia's Rotary District 9680 will spend four weeks in

Turkey's District 2440 on a Group Study Exchange. Similarly, Australia welcomes a team from Turkey.

Follow the exchange on [Facebook](#)



#### Nominations for Rotary District 9685 Governor 2015-16

Posted by Les Walsh on Feb 13, 2013

Rotarians of the soon to be formed District 9685, comprising all of District 9680 and the twelve designated clubs from current District 9690 are invited to apply for the position of District 9685 Governor for the years 2015-16.

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#### Rotarians & Friends @ Work

Posted by Les Walsh on Feb 09, 2013



The [Rotarians & Friends @ Work](#) website is now live and registration for all Australian Clubs is now open.

Rotarians & Friends @ Work is an inaugural initiative running from 1-21 April this year. Rotarians and friends of Rotary are invited to work on local community projects with the generous support of partnering Bunnings Warehouse stores and products kindly donated by Selleys, Yates and Dulux.

Email all enquiries to [projects@rotariansandfriendsatwork.org.au](mailto:projects@rotariansandfriendsatwork.org.au)

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#### Interested in Peace - apply for a scholarship

Posted by Les Walsh on Feb 05, 2013

#### Applications are invited for 2014 Rotary Peace Fellowships

The Rotary Peace Fellowship is the premier educational program of The Rotary Foundation and supports Rotary's mission to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace. It is intended for individuals who have chosen a career related to international relations, peace, and conflict resolution; who have work experience in these areas; and who have a commitment to community or international humanitarian service and working for peace. Applicants should consider these objectives carefully before applying.

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#### Are you sharing your club's news?

Posted by Les Walsh on Feb 01, 2013

Our **new Club News & Events in Rotary District 9680** blog site provides an avenue for Rotary & Rotaract clubs to contribute articles and news of interest to the membership of our Rotary District 9680.

Clubs are able to submit news about the club or its events on-line with a view to publication on the District's website and in the District Governor's E-News.

## Contribute your stories

If you prefer Facebook , don't forget to message [Rotary District 9680](#).

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### Volunteers wanted

Posted by Les Walsh on Dec 25, 2012



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