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## District Events

**Presidents' Meeting**  
Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club  
Apr 19, 2013 06:30 PM

**ROMAC operations in Sydney Districts**  
Sydney Children's Hospital,  
Lecture Theatre, 1st Floor  
Apr 20, 2013 09:30 AM - 02:00 PM

**Council of Legislation**  
Chicago, Illinois  
Apr 21, 2013 - Apr 26, 2013

**International Dinner Night**  
Thai Tucker  
May 03, 2013 06:30 PM

**PDGs Meeting**  
May 18, 2013

**Century Challenge**  
All details and registration at  
[centurychallenge.com.au](http://centurychallenge.com.au)  
May 19, 2013

**Manly Scenic Fun Run**

## Stories

### Governor's Message

Posted by Haran Ramachandran on Apr 18, 2013



### Dear Rotary Friends and Friends of Rotary

I've recently attended some Clubs' events and was struck by how many people benefit from their efforts; and this is BEFORE looking at where the funds raised are expended.

For the eighth year, **Woy Woy's Opera in the Arboretum** was held at Pearl Beach and over a thousand were in attendance. The event was breathtaking combining great music, fantastic professional opera stars (one had to leave early to get to his role in Carmen on the harbour that night) and an unbelievable venue. I swear that the birds joined in on cue to augment some of the songs! The Turkish GSE Team were in attendance and amazed.

**Lindfield held their 18<sup>th</sup> Fun Run** around the streets of Roseville with two thousand runners (including the Premier) taking part. Plenty of family entries and many from community groups such as Can Too who raise funds for cancer research.

**Kuringai/Turramurra/St Ives** had 1,700 entrants in their **Bobbin Head Cycle Classic** and **Castle Hill** has another 500 riders in their rain delayed **Tour de Hills**.

Moving away from the monster community events, at their Pride of Workmanship/Community Awards, **Manly** had over a hundred and Erina over 50. **Hunters Hill** had over 200 at their wine tasting (now there's a night for me!). There are many more Clubs having such events in the near future which Janelle and I look forward to attending. For example, on 19 May **Erina** is having its **Century Challenge Bike Ride** in the morning and **Gosford and Gosford City** are having their **16<sup>th</sup> Gala Variety Concert** in the afternoon. The list across our 67 Clubs would be endless.

We're not alone: in the last few months clubs across Australia have had event numbers such as Rockhampton Fun Run (1,000), Tenterfield Beer Fest (600), Gold Coast "Bulls on the Beach" Rodeo (3,000) Drouin Motorfest (5,000) and North Perth Fair (20,000).

Each of these events have had all the elements of success: (usually) ONE Rotarian with a passion for the type of event (such as **John Greenway at Woy Woy**); complete commitment by the Club backing that passion; months of planning and coordination with Councils, Cops, SES, St Johns and other organisations; lots of grass roots community involvement; local business sponsors; and (usually) blessing from the weather gods.

Sometimes focus is only on the amount of money raised and often the amounts are in the tens of thousands. Don't get me wrong: Rotary Clubs can only undertake particular projects and make significant efforts (particularly overseas) with cash. But even then, it requires a Club to properly manage those funds: something which our local communities trust us to do.

As I was writing this missive (in my usual last minute, two finger, search and destroy method), I have realized I am repeating myself. Sure enough, on 30 August last year after attending half a dozen other Club events, I wrote about the additional benefits of (cut and paste):

- Engendering community spirit
- Allowing OTHER groups to do their own fund raising and awareness by participating
- Connecting Clubs to their local civic leaders, the police, schools and businesses
- Having fun and fellowship between Club members
- Acknowledging the value of effort on the part of others
- Involving our youth in worthwhile activities

I make no apologies for plagiarizing myself. It is just indicative of the enormous scale and continuity of community events conducted by our Clubs and my continuing awe. What a great organization to belong to!

Yours in Rotary

**John Dodd**

District Governor 2012-13

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### A code of Ethics

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 18, 2013



Rotary Code of Ethics

South Steyne beachfront  
opposite Corso.  
May 19, 2013 08:00 AM

**Novus Gala Dinner**  
May 25, 2013

**Eat A Meal - Save a Child's Life**  
Boxhill Nelson Community  
Centre  
May 25, 2013 07:00 PM - 11:00  
PM

**Presidents' Meeting (Awards)**  
Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club  
May 31, 2013 06:30 PM

**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

**17th Rotary National MUNA**  
Museum of Australian  
Democracy  
Aug 16, 2013 - Aug 18, 2013

**National Skills Week**  
Aug 26, 2013 - Sep 01, 2013

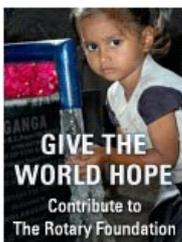
**Hat Day**  
Oct 11, 2013

**Aust Rotary Health Awareness  
Race Day**  
Hawkesbury Race Club  
Oct 13, 2013

**2014 District Conference**  
The Concourse  
Feb 23, 2014

**Umina Rotary Youth Exchange  
Weekend**  
Mar 22, 2014

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



<http://vimeo.com/64288857>

"This video was created by Geoff Wood, a Rotarian in our District being a member of the Rotary Club of Penrith and is uploaded with his permission"

Click the image to view the video created by Geoff Wood, a member of the Rotary Club of Penrith and uploaded with his permission. It is a paraphrased version of Rotary's Code of Conduct.



### Sheltering Syria

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 18, 2013

Channel 10's coverage of ShelterBox helping refugees who have fled from Syria into Lebanon may be viewed on YouTube.



### Rotary Leadership Institute

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 18, 2013

There are some vacancies available for the July/August course.

If you have any interest, please read the details below.

[Read more...](#)



### May is Australian Rotary Health Month

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 18, 2013

Rotary Clubs and Districts will in May celebrate the largest national, multi-District project they have embarked on in Australia. Over 210 countries in the world have Rotary organisations and Australia is the only one to have its own health fund, in their own name.

Australian Rotary Health has been funding research into AIDS, Bowel Cancer, Breast Cancer, Motor Neuron Disease, Diabetes and a variety of health areas for over 31 years – expending over \$31 million in the process. In 2000 they directed funds into Mental Health research; as 45% of the Australian population will suffer a mental health difficulty during their lifetime and mental illnesses are now the leading cause of the non-fatal disease burden in our country.

[Click here](#) to read more about Australian Rotary Health, its projects, planned events and to consider your support for this worthy organisation of ours.



### Quilt update post Conference

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 18, 2013

**MANY THANKS** to those who have supported Janelle Dodd's project in raising funds for our End Polio Now campaign through the sale of pins, donations both through the clubs and at the District Conference.

Donations for quilts, aprons, pinkie painting and "peace" signs at the Conference totalled \$2,500.

If you missed the opportunity at the Conference, and would like to participate in Janelle's fundraising effort, there are a small number of children's quilts still available for a \$250 donation towards End Polio Now.

QUILTS CAN BE:  
Slept under,  
Played on, or  
Hung on the wall



Please call Janelle for a quilt or to arrange delivery/collection of apron orders placed at the conference on 9980 7337.



**Urgent - Meeting this Saturday to plan ROMAC operations in Sydney Districts**



Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 18, 2013

Are you interested in the future management of ROMAC or looking to volunteer?

A planning meeting is being held **this Saturday** (9.30 to 2pm) at the Sydney Children's Hospital to discuss future operations in the two Sydney districts that will operate from 1 July.

Please attend the meeting if you wish to contribute to the discussion, and/or wish to volunteer for the roles in the individual focus areas such as the each Children's Hospital, airport pickup and transits, outpatient care and support, fundraising and promotion, or administration etc.

Details are available below, or [at this link](#).

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#### Assistance for Bush Fire Victims

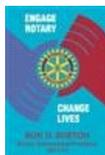
Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 17, 2013

Rob Wilkinson (North Ryde) reports that he's heard from a close friend that his cousin lost everything in the recent bushfires in the Warrambungles.

While insurance will cover a lot of their losses, Christine was an avid book collector and Phil had a passion for old mantelpiece clocks. They currently have some temporary accommodation until they can re-build a home. In an effort to make their temporary residence seem a little bit more like home, Rob is asking if any of you have books or mantelpiece clocks sitting in a corner or on bookshelves that are unloved or unwanted? In respect of books, rather than just unloading a lot of unwanted volumes, he is seeking specifically books by the following authors, as these are the ones for which Christine had a passion and collected: Mary Grant BRUCE, Ethel TURNER, Elizabeth GOUDGE, Helen FORRESTER, Kerry GREENWOOD and Early Girls Own Annuals 1904-1937.

Any help that you able to provide in respect of books or clocks will be greatly appreciated.

Contact Rob [by email](#) if you can help.



#### Graphic Design will symbolise District 9685

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 17, 2013

Rotarians in District 9680 & 9690 were asked by DGE Graeme Davies to create a graphic design that reflects the distinctive qualities of the new Rotary District 9685 (starting on 1 July next). A symbolic identifying design for the new District was the objective - to create a modern, not over-crowded, and professional image for Rotary and the District.

District 9685's slogan - from the mountains to the sea - was a requirement, as was inclusion of the colours reflecting these geographical areas. And, of course, the Rotary wheel needed to be included in in a manner that meets RI protocols.



Submissions were received from Central Coast Rotaract as well as the Chatswood Sunrise, Galston, Kariong/Somersby, Ku-ring-gai, & North Sydney Sunrise clubs.

**Congratulations for the winning design go to the Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai & Ross Lambert who was responsible for the design.**

The design will be used on district associated media - including the district and some other websites, district letterhead, official documents, training folders and banners.

A US\$1,000 donation will be made to The Rotary Foundation for the Ku-ring-gai club to put towards a Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

[Read more...](#)



### Update on RI's Member Access

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 17, 2013

Users of [Member Access](#) should be aware that email addresses can now be listed under only one name. This means that multiple users cannot use a shared address (e.g., MrandMrsCrown@. . . or rotaryclubcity@. . .) to sign in to Member Access. Please ensure that Rotarians in your club are aware of this change.

This practice ideally should also be applied to member records on the District website (ClubRunner).

### ROMAC gets support

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 16, 2013

**Eat a meal, save child's LIFE!**  
 EAT A MEAL, SAVE CHILD'S LIFE!

We would like you to join us in raising funds to support ROMAC's work for the "FORGOTTEN CHILDREN". There are children in our world who are forgotten. Children whom no one wants to see. Children who have no chance of survival. We call them "The Forgotten Children."

These children are from humble backgrounds and live in remote areas. Some are shunned by their local communities. A few have no choice but to beg on the streets. Too many would have died. A fortunate few will be saved, by caring Rotarians just like you. ROMAC proudly gives these children the opportunity of a new life.

Saturday, 25th of May 2013  
 Box Hill Nelson Community Hall, 17 Nelson Road, Box Hill  
 From 7pm onwards

Enjoy traditional Sri Lankan home cooked buffet style dinner with a group of your family and friends.  
 Donation—\$350 for table of ten. (BYO Drinks)  
 Every dollar raised on this evening will go directly to ROMAC.

PP Graeme Rohan — 0418 248 050 / PP Peter Casey — 0414 344 454 / PP Haran Ramachandran — 0419 980 529 or visit us at FACEBOOK — Bollywood in the hills

Click on the image for more details

### ShelterBox fundraiser

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 16, 2013

**Invitation**

International Service Committee

**Rotary Club of Chatswood**  
**International Dinner Night**  
*Thai*  
 Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013  
**Thai Tucka**  
 758 Pacific Hwy, Gordon

**Beneficiary:**  
 SHELTER BOX

6.30pm for 7.00pm  
 \$35 pp  
 BYO only - no corkage

Rsvp to Dieter:  
[dieter@bemad.co](mailto:dieter@bemad.co) or  
 0413539209

Click the image for more information

### Welcome three new members!

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 16, 2013



A big welcome to three new members of the Rotary Club of

Neutral Bay!

They are Caroline Taylor, Anne Kellar & John Jones who are standing next to President Colin Croll.

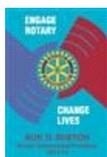


#### Rotary and Facebook Support Group

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 15, 2013

If you are a Social Media Officer/Editor for your club, the [Rotary and Facebook Support Group](#) is for you.

A big thank you to Rotaractors, Jessica Southeren & Kara Gunter for establishing the group and for their contribution to the District Assembly.



#### District Assembly Presentations

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 15, 2013

Assembly presentations are now available on the District website, [rotarydistrict9685.org.au](http://rotarydistrict9685.org.au).

Your evaluation of the Assembly is important to us in order to assist in planning future events. If you haven't already done so, go to [evaluate.rotarydistrict9685.org.au](http://evaluate.rotarydistrict9685.org.au) and complete the evaluation while Assembly is still fresh in your mind.

Both links are on the home page of the district website - look in the District links on the left.

Good luck for 2013-14.

**"Engage Rotary – Change Lives"**



#### Polio Eradication and End Game Strategic Plan developed

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 11, 2013

The [2013-18 Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan](#), developed by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), is expected to be finalized this month. Rotary International, along with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, are global partners in the [GPEI](#).

The new plan will cost about \$5.5 billion. Therefore, increased support is needed .....

[Read more at RI](#)



#### Follow the Group Study Exchange

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 07, 2013

Promotion of RI and GSE is a key outcome of our exchange to Turkey.

You are able to join the exchange through the team's blog [turkeytalkrotary9680.wordpress.com](http://turkeytalkrotary9680.wordpress.com)

[Ian Garrard](#) is also happy to hear from clubs interested in booking the team to present to clubs on its experiences.

Look out for team member, Alisha Olsen being featured in the Hornsby press meeting the Local Member and briefing him on the GSE.



#### DGE Graeme gets wheels

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 07, 2013

The Subaru Forester has the versatility to help you get more done, and the performance and features to ensure you have more fun along the way.

Just what our DGE Graeme needs to take him on his travels across the expanded Rotary District 9685 next year.

*Paul Lane (Corporate & Fleet*



*Sales Manager, Central Coast Motor Group) is pictured handing over the new Subaru Forester to Graeme Davies, District Governor 2013-14.*

Subaru has offered Rotarians of District 9680/5 fleet discount rates for the purchase of any new Subaru. Wherever you see the Subaru logo on the District website or in E-News, click on

the image to follow the link to obtain a quote.

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#### Northbridge helps Medicare Local establish

Posted by Les Walsh on Apr 07, 2013

Knowing where to find medical help on weekends and after hours can be daunting if you don't know where to look or where to go. But thanks to grass roots consumer research undertaken by Sydney North Shore and Beaches Medicare Local, this is about to change. Research shows that not only do local residents simply not know about all their options, but newly arrived residents don't always understand how urgent medical after hours help works here.

A new after-hours consumer awareness campaign in several languages is being trialled in the Willoughby area as a result of this research undertaken by the newly formed Medicare Local. Commencing 11 April, the campaign aims to let people know about their choices for medical help out of doctor's regular surgery hours.

Sydney North Shore and Beaches Medicare Local is a brand new organisation with its roots firmly planted in the primary health care (out of hospital care) space. It has gone to great lengths to ensure Willoughby LGA's diverse community has access to this vital information by producing a summary of the resources available in Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese), Korean, Japanese, Italian and Armenian. A full directory is also available for download in these languages from their After Hours website at [www.afterhourshelp.com.au](http://www.afterhourshelp.com.au).

[Read the press release](#)

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District 9680 E-News is reviewed weekly for publication on Thursday at least every two weeks.

#### Share your club's news

At our **Club News & Events in Rotary District 9680** site provides an avenue for Rotary & Rotaract clubs to contribute articles and news of interest to Rotarians in our District.

Clubs are able to submit news about the club or its events [on-line](#) with a view to publication on the [District website](#) and in the District Governor's E-News. [Take a look and publish your stories there.](#)

If you prefer Facebook, don't forget to message [Rotary District 9680](#). Alternatively, simply send your copy in an email to

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  - o If logon details are needed, click on "I forgot my password" and follow the instructions (Logon details will then be emailed to you)
- 1 Select 'Edit My Profile' from the main Administration Menu after logon, under "For Members"
- 1 Review the details in each section, and click on 'Edit' to make any necessary changes. Save the changes.
- 1 To change your password, select 'Change My Password' from the main Administration Menu after logon, under "For Members"
  - o Create a new password to one you will remember, and save
- 1 Have a good look around the administration site

[Click here for more detailed instructions](#)

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