### PUBLIC IMAGE

# PDG Bob Aitken Public Image Director 2018/19



# Bob Aitken and Fiona McCulloch District Public Image Co-Directors

Support members to be named

"Public relations: the management function that creates, develops, and carries out policies and programs to influence public opinion and reaction"



### **GOAL:**

## To enhance and grow the public image of Rotarians and Rotary Clubs throughout District 9685

- Essence Statement:
  - Join leaders
  - Exchange ideas
  - Take action

### **GOAL:**

- Core Values
  - Fellowship we build lifelong relationships
  - Integrity we honour our commitments
  - Diversity we connect diverse perspectives
  - Service and Leadership ability to change our world







### **METHOD**

- All club presidents to appoint a responsible and, if possible, experienced Public Relations Chairperson.
- All clubs to focus on TRADITIONAL media partnerships (press, radio) alongside ALL social media outlets and other promotional resources.
- All clubs to commence year with club forum on what can be done to bolster their internal and external public image,
  - ie: club premises, meeting procedures.
- Club Board to set annual advertising budget. Suggest \$2k to \$5k for clubs less than 25 members and \$20k for clubs more than 25 members.





#### SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY WITH

#### **ANNUAL DISBURSEMENTS - 2016/2017**

#### YOUTH PROJECTS

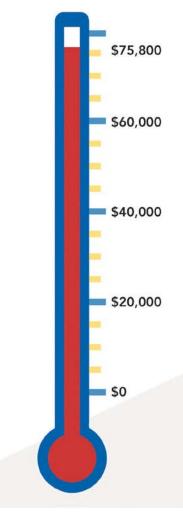
- · Books in Homes
- . Community Service Awards for Primary Schools
- · Conocophillips Science Experience
- Exchange Students
- · Glenbrook Primary School
- · Model United Nations Assembly MUNA, Western Sydney
- Moorambilla Voices Workshop for Regional High Students
- · National Youth Science Forum
- · Primary School Awards
- RYLA
- RYPEN
- · Springwood High School
- Young Americans Workshop Scholarships

#### LOCAL & AUSTRALIAN PROJECTS

- · Australian Rotary Health
- Bear Cottage
- · Community Volunteer Awards
- . Gateway Family Services
- · Glenbrook Flag Precinct
- Immune Deficiencies Foundation Australia
- · Lapstone Early Intervention Pre-School
- Luke Priddis Foundation: Autism Spectrum Disorder Centre
- · Motor Neurone and Hodgkinson's Disease 'Swing Band Fundraiser'
- Nepean Therapy Dogs
- Odyssey House
- Pride of Workmanship Community Awards
- Riding for the Disabled RDA Nepean.
- Rural Fire Service supporting four Brigades
- · State Emergency Services Blue Mountains
- · Young at Heart Christmas Party for the Elderly

#### INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

- · Days for Girls Emu Plains Chapter
- Destiny Rescue children at risk in Asia
- India National Immunisation Day
- Interplast
- John Mac Foundation NSW Australian of the Year Deng Adut
- PolioPlus END POLIO NOW
- RAWCS Cyclone Debbie
- RAWCS Mando High School, Papua New Guinea
- RAWCS Timor Leste Community Centre
- RAWCS Umoja Orphanage in Kenya
- Samraong School Cambodia
- The Rotary Foundation



**TOTAL: \$75,800** 





### **RESOURCES:**

- Effective club communication soft and hard copy weekly newsletter (brevity is key to success), web site, brief information session at all club meetings, promote content of RDU magazine for member education.
- Regular updates to members by email, twitter, texting and other modern resources.
- Attractive flyers, posters for distribution at community events, and for club guests at regular meetings.
- Prepare professional quality annual report for distribution to corporate/civic leaders, potential sponsors/new members and Rotarian families.



### **LOWER BLUE MOUNTAINS**

ROTARY AND YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU...



#### WHAT ARE THE PERSONAL BENEFITS OF ROTARY MEMBERSHIP?

- · Professional networking
- · Vocational development
- · Service opportunities
- · International awareness
- · Youth mentoring
- Friendship

- · Good citizenship
- · Family values
- · Entertainment
- · Ethical environment
- · Leadership skills
- · Diversity in membership

Visitors are welcome to our club meetings every Tuesday Night 6.30 for 7pm at Emu Sports Club.

President: Rennie Schmid (0407 745 616) Immediate Past President: Pamela Noal (0418 416 471)

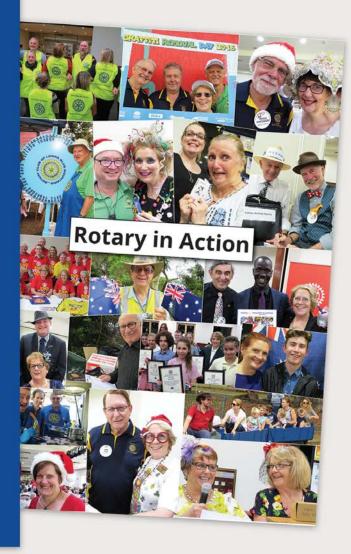
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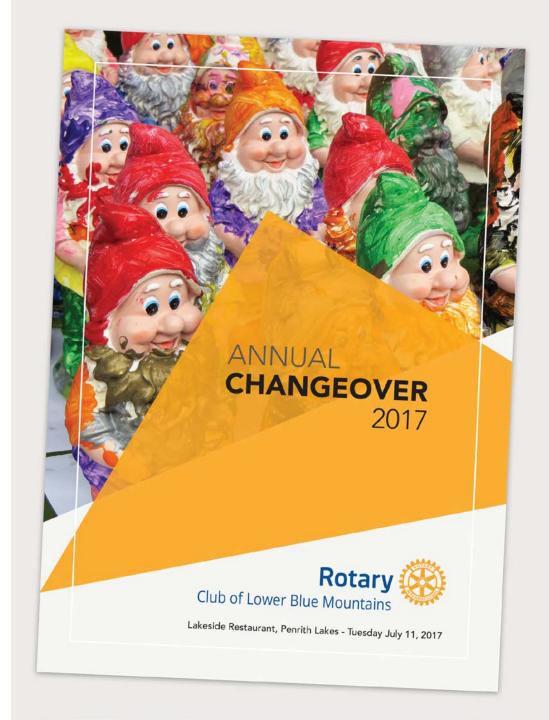








Such reports can pay for themselves via community advertising









### **RESOURCES CONT:**

- Invest in collection of Rotary pull up banners to promote popular projects, Rotary's six areas of focus, Polio Eradication, ARH, RAWCS, ROMAC, your club name and current contact details (male and female), benefits of membership, Youth Exchange and display all at every public event.
- Download copies of every possible Public Image document from the RI website 'My Rotary'.



### **KNOW YOUR LOCAL MEDIA**

- Take time to meet editor, senior staff, station manager and others personally.
- Invite media people to attend club meetings.
- Contain press releases to ONE page (200 to 300 words) delivered with quality, hi res images.
- Be sure to tag with contact details phone and email.
- Be sure to tightly pose content of images close as possible.
- Know publication deadlines and deliver press releases immediately afterwards.
- Television stations appreciate good visuals.



### **HOW TO HANDLE A MEDIA CRISIS**

- Every club must have a Media Crisis plan.
- Politely point enquiry to appointed media crisis person.
- Be honest and forthcoming if a reporter calls. If you are not the appropriate person, politely inform the reporter you will get Joe Smith or Mary Jones to return the call as soon as possible – and make CERTAIN such happens.
- Do not speculate and do not be drawn into casual conversation before or after the interview. There is no such thing as 'off the record'.
- Obtain copies of RI's Media Crisis Handbook for club leaders.



### **CONNECT WITH YOUR COMMUNITY**

- Nothing builds public image better than a positive program to ensure your Rotary Club 'connects' with its community:
- Awards nights vocational, volunteer, primary school citizenship, police, etc









### **CONNECT WITH COMMUNITY CONT:**

- Street carnivals Australia Day, pre Christmas,
- Christmas Party for house bound seniors.
- Celebrity guest speaker nights open to the public.
- Charity movie nights.
- Quick response to disasters, ie: collections for bushfires, floods.
- Billboards to identify clubs, promote community events
  - tagged efficiently.





CHILD SOLDIER, REFUGEE, STUDENT, DEFENCE LAWYER, WINNER OF THE NSW LAW SOCIETY PRESIDENT'S MEDAL - one of the great success stories of modern times.

Deng Adut will be special guest speaker at a meeting of Lower Blue Mountains Rotary Club

Tuesday, December 6 - 6.30 for 7 pm

A general invitation is extended to all interested members of the Lower Mountains and Penrith communities to attend. From students to pensioners, everyone is welcome.

Bookings: Rotarian Heather Chourlianis - 0424 002 314

Cost: \$25 each

RSVP: Friday, December 2 at 12 noon.

# INDIGENOUS ARTVAFFIE





Artist: Hilary Tiggaltiansi

PRIZE: One classic piece of Indigenous art by PapunyaTula artist Hilary Tjapaltjarri

All proceeds to support Sue Trevaskis' Purple House Fund

Drawn at Morning Tea on Saturday, September 3, 2016









