

LIGHT UP ROTARY THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9685

FINAL

JUNE 2015



HELLO AGAIN, June is **Rotary Fellowships Month**.

We can observe this by helping members get involved with Rotary beyond their clubs and across national boundaries. There are Rotary Fellowships from A-Z (almost) covering a great range of interest. I belong to a few: Rotary Global History Fellowship, the Fellowship of Cruising Rotarians, Rotarians on Social Network Fellowship and Rotarians on the Internet (ROTI). Please read the article which follows.

The **Australian Rotary Districts Blood Drive** continues until the end of June

Thank you to all clubs which represented the District well at the “**Kids in Need**” Open Day on 30th May.

Please support **ROYA** (see item)

As this is my last month as your District 9685 Community Service Chairman, I thank you for sharing your wonderful service events with us and trust that my Newsletter has been of some use in revealing to you the great scope and depth of **COMMUNITY SERVICE** in our Rotary District.

Warm best wishes
Marilyn Mercer PDG
D.9685Community Service
Chairman 2014-15



Chatswood Sunrise Rotary and local radio station 2NSB 99.3FM are cooperating on giving publicity to the BowelCare program.

The station has produced a short community service announcement to be broadcast at regular intervals during May and June.

The station is also running a trivia session over five weekends – five pairs of questions will be asked, the first part consisting of some historical trivia about the Chatswood area, and the second part is directly related to Rotary. Five GroTrees will be awarded to the winners.



I thank the new ARH Director PDG Graeme Davies for the following points he made at the recent 9685 ARH Committee meeting

- ANZAC Parra Amble has been postponed to November 2015. The real purpose is to raise funds for post-traumatic stress syndrome of service personnel and the impact on their families.
- Hat Day initiative in conjunction with City Rail to have collectors at key railway stations. Negotiations are in early stages but a similar approach is planned for Melbourne Metro and Perth.
- Joint D9675 and D9685 projects and events are being explored.

DIARY DATES

May

1 May – 30 June Australian Rotary Districts Blood Drive

June

1-30 Aust. Rotary Blood Drive

6-9 RI Convention Sao Paulo

14 Yuendumu Doors – E-Club talk

27 Final BowelCare kit sales

27 District Changeover

July

24 ROYA. Applications close

October

8 ROYA presentations

- Progress is being made towards ARH receiving Multidistrict Activity Status which will allow normal operation of ARH as a Rotary project.
- Health Forums on ICE being investigated.



**“A smile is a curve that sets things straight.....
Keep Smiling”**

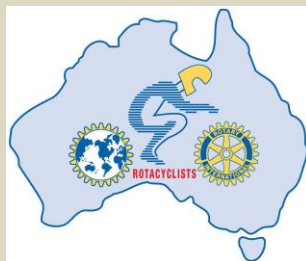
Rotary Fellowships

Whether members are interested in vocational service, recreational activities, or visiting Rotarians around the world, they can connect with others who share their interests through programs like [Rotary Fellowships](#) and [Rotary Friendship Exchange](#). And [Rotary Service Connections](#) can help your club establish a twin-club relationship or find a partner for a service project

Fellowship activities vary widely. Members come together around hobbies or interests such as cricket or jazz, or vocations such as writing or medicine. Some groups are purely social while others use their fellowship for service projects. As *said previously* –

almost A –Z [Amateur Radio](#); [Antique Automobiles](#); [Authors and Writers](#); [Beer](#); [Bird Watching](#); [Bowling](#); [Canoeing](#); [Caravanning](#); [Carnival and Festivals](#); [Chess](#); [Computer Users](#); [Cooking](#); [Convention Goers](#); [Cricket](#); [Cruising](#); [Curling](#); [Cycling](#); [Doctors](#); [Doll Lovers](#); [E-Clubs](#); [Editors and Publishers](#); [Environment](#); [Esperanto](#); [Fishing](#); [Flying](#); [Geocaching](#); [Go](#); [Golf](#); [Home Exchange](#); [Honorary Consuls](#); [Horseback Riding](#); [Internet](#); [Italian Culture](#); [Jazz](#); [Latin Culture](#); [Lawyers](#); [Magicians](#); [Magna Graecia](#); [Marathon Running](#); [Motorcycling](#); [Music](#); [Old and Rare Books](#); [Past District Governors](#); [Photographers](#); [Police and Law Enforcement](#); [Pre-Columbian Civilizations](#); [Quilters and Fiber Artists](#); [Railroads](#); [Recreational Vehicles](#); [Rotary Global History](#); [Rotary Heritage and History](#); [Rotary Means Business](#); [Rotary on Stamps](#); [Scouting](#); [Scuba Diving](#); [Singles](#); [Skiing](#); [Social Networks](#); [Tennis](#); [Total Quality Management](#); [Travel and Hosting](#); [Wellness and Fitness](#); [Wine](#); [Yachting](#)
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International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians



The latest IFMR Newsletter can be found at

www.ifmraustralia.org.au

The International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians gained official Rotary recognition on the 13th January 1992, and has grown steadily over the years.

There is a number of Chapters throughout the world and each of them function autonomously and is open to Rotarians who share an interest in motorcycling.

Aboriginal Health and Literacy Programs

Chairman : Shamus Davies

Email: AboriginalHealthLiteracy@rotarydistrict9685.org.au

Do not forget to join the Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney online at 8:00PM on 14th June for the fascinating story of **Yuendumu Doors**.

Join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/285603581>

You can also dial in using your phone.

Australia +61 2 8355 1031

Access Code: 285-603 -581



CBM went “To the dogs”

Central Blue went to the RSPCA’s Million Paws Walk, Sunday 17/05 at Melrose Park, Katoomba.

We rolled in our big sausage, egg and bacon cooker and supplied the dog owners, and some of their pooches, with succulent sausage rolls, sizzling bacon sandwiches, and absolutely gorgeous eggs.

Some dog owners dressed up for the occasion, some were dragged along for the walk by their friendly animals.

It was a great day out. Only happens once a year. Big dogs, little dogs, three-legged dogs, fat dogs, skinny dogs, they were all there. At one period there appeared to be more dogs than people.

Very noisy at times when the dogs were being prepared for their walk around the oval.

Central Blue donates the daily takings from the sale of food and drinks to the RSPCA’s Katoomba branch.



R.O.Y.A

Recognition of Youth Awards

The award seeks to acknowledge the many young people who, through dedication, enthusiasm and service contribute to community and school life.

Awards are made in the following two categories:

- **Junior – Years 9 and 10**
- **Senior – under 20 years of age**

If you know any student or whom you consider worthy of nomination, please obtain the form from Amanda (details follow) to complete and return to:

Rotary- Recognition of Youth Awards (ROYA)

PO Box 873, Katoomba 2780
with a cheque or money order for **\$60.00** endorsed to **Rotary District 9685**

The closing date for nominations is **Friday, 24th July 2015**

Interviews will be conducted at Blacktown Workers Club on **Saturday 29th August 2015**.

All nominees must be able to attend this date in person.

The presentation function will be held at Blacktown Workers Club on the evening of **Thursday 8th October, 2015** and you, your club members and partners are invited

to join us for a great evening in the recognition of our youth. The cost will be \$30 per person and will include a supper and entertainment by the awardees.

Amanda Woods

Chairperson

9685 ROYA Committee 2015

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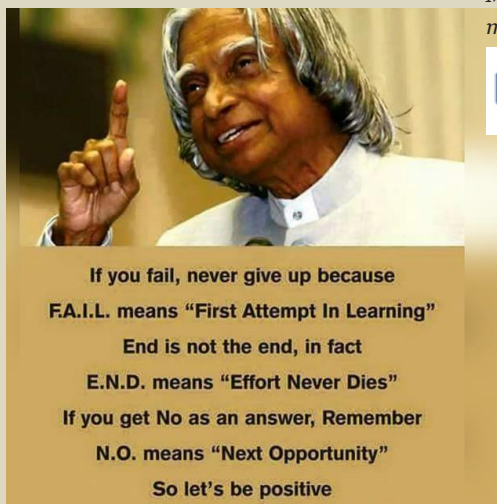
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on to all members of your club.

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That is all from me as your 9685 Community Service Chairman as it is almost time to hand over to **Terry Davies** and remember:

"It is better to light a single candle, than to sit and curse the darkness" From the teachings of Chinese philosopher, Confucius

Marilyn Mercer
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If you fail, never give up because
F.A.I.L. means "First Attempt In Learning"
End is not the end, in fact
E.N.D. means "Effort Never Dies"
If you get No as an answer, Remember
N.O. means "Next Opportunity"
So let's be positive

Finally, I encourage you to continue to email Terry Davies your articles before and after events and to include

editorial@rotarydistrict9685.org.au

That way the 9685 Editorial Team can add events/stories to the website and include them in eNews for wider circulation.