

LIGHT UP ROTARY THROUGH COMMUNITY SERVICE



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9685

NOVEMBER 2014



HELLO AGAIN,

Although October is dedicated to Vocational Service we have certainly been busy with all things **COMMUNITY**. Some major events include ARH Hat Day, ARH Race Day, Graffiti Removal Day, Polio Day,

I hope all who took part in these and other events this last month had great days fun and friendship while serving your community.

So what is coming up? Please take time to read the following articles and give your club time to plan and participate.

November events include Rotary Club of Vinegar Hill's **"Bollyhills"** and Rotary Club of Erina's **"White Ribbon"** Event.

December is **Family of Rotary Month** so please see my suggestion about the **"Family and Community Awards"** of which I have written later on in this Newsletter.

Also, **"A Little Ray of Giving"** will give all clubs the opportunity to help less fortunate families at Christmas, if they are not already involved in such a project.

Marilyn Mercer PDG
Community Service Chairman



Australian Rotary Health

Are you planning to book a Club table at the **ARH Christmas Dinner ?**



Each year many of ARH friends and supporters join staff, researchers and scholars to celebrate annual achievements of the year gone by. Mark your diary for **Wednesday 10th December, 2014**. Tickets will be on sale soon. Details will be sent to your club and watch this space for details or contact the ARH Office 02 88371900.

For the last 20 years, the Rotary Club of Waverley, Victoria has raised more than \$756,000 for ARH through their **Christmas card project**. Order yours today –

\$10 for 10 cards
\$36 for 100 cards
+ \$5 for postage & handling
Order at www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au

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->Support-> Christmas Cards



DIARY DATES

November

- 7 Rotary NSW POOTY Awards
- 9 RC Wallacia-Mulgoa Valley
- 22 RC Vinegar Hill "Bollyhills"
- 23 Little Blue Dinosaur Launch
- 25 RC Erina White Ribbon Event

December

- 10 ARH Christmas Dinner
- A Little Ray of Giving
- Family & Community Awards

Aboriginal Health and Literacy Programs

Chairman : Shamus Davies

Email: AboriginalHealthLiteracy@rotarydistrict9685.org.au

Len Kanowski is a recipient of the Australian Rotary Health/Kaiyu Enterprises PhD Scholarship at University of Newcastle, NSW. He is currently researching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mental health and Wellbeing Workforce recruitment and retention. The focus of his research is on the barriers and enablers to developing, supporting and maintaining a culturally relevant and skilled Aboriginal mental health workforce in NSW. Len's research also involves mapping and documenting the history of the Aboriginal mental health and wellbeing workforce over in Australia over several decades.



Rotary Club of Erina Fundraising event

Supporting Women’s Refuges on
the Central Coast

25 November 6:30 for 7:00PM

Guest Speakers: Laurie Maher &
Shayne Silvers (Coast Shelter)

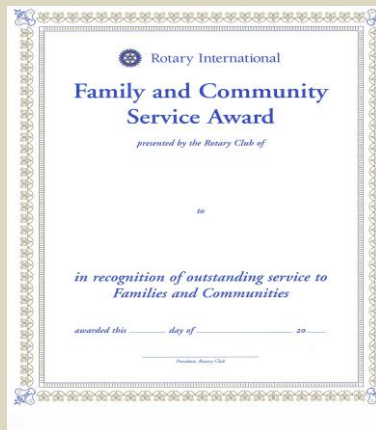
Erina Leagues. Ilya Road , Erina

\$30 pp 2 course meal, drinks extra.

Contact Pia 0412244967 or
Margaret 0409 821 773

Please bring a donation of the
following which will be made into
Emergency Kits to be given to
women escaping domestic
violence: Dove soap, hand cream,
shampoo, conditioner, deodorant,
talc, hair brush/comb.

Family & Community Awards



December is “Family of
Rotary” Month in the RI
Calendar. Very few people
know that RI has a certificate
which can be given to non-
Rotarian family or community

members or groups who
have assisted your club
during the year. Order from
www.shoprotary.org

Set of 10. [SKU: 757] \$2.50

FREE BBQ Trailer resource



Hornsby Shire Council has a
great resource available to the local
community for fundraising events -
a specially created community
trailer complete with audio-visual
system and in-built BBQ. The
trailer is available to the local
community. All you need is a
vehicle that can tow 1400kg and
\$200 security deposit which is fully
refundable. The council will also
reserve a spot in Hornsby Mall if
you wish.

Two local businesses have
generously offered to help. **Lang &
Simmons Hornsby** – 20 loaves of
bread , 1litre of sauce and 100
serviettes, plus use of their
marquee for the event and possibly
staff volunteers.

Tender Value Meats will provide
sausages and sliced onions at a
reduced rate, as well as a free meat
tray worth \$50 with orders over
200 sausages and \$30 for less than
200.

Go to <http://bit.ly/freebarbecue>

“BOLLYHILLS”

A Rotary Club of Vinegar Hill
project



Come and support our youngest
9685 Rotary Club. See what you
will miss if you do not come

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8MN-vrr0Q0>

22 November 2014, 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes School,
7 Grantham Road, Seven Hills.

Tickets \$60 include

3 course meal +++. BYO.

Buy tickets:

[events@vinegarhillrotaryclub.c](mailto:events@vinegarhillrotaryclub.com)
om or

www.vinegarhillrotaryclub.com

A Special Event for the Rotary Club of Wallacia- Mulgoa Valley

Get a group together for a really
great day out for an **enormously**
good cause.



“A Little Ray of Giving”



The Rotary Down Under CEO, Greg Kay, through DG Ian Scott, has asked that the following information be passed on to Rotary Clubs for consideration. Some clubs may be involved already. Others have similar projects which they have supported over the years. If you are interested please contact your local Ray White office.

Ray White has partnered with Rotary Down Under to deliver an inspiring Christmas campaign for disadvantaged children who may need a little extra light in their festive season.

A Little Ray of Giving will launch on **1 December 2014** with local communities being asked to dig deep to put smiles on the faces of disadvantaged families this Christmas.

Ray White offices will have a special giving tree in their front window to collect gifts for children and families who will be doing it tough this festive season.

“All you need to do is wrap up your present and drop it under the tree in your local Ray White office. Tell the Ray White team if the gift is for a boy or girl, nominate an age group and your gift will be delivered by the team from a participating Rotary club to a child who will appreciate the lift to their festive season,” Karen Hall, chief marketing officer of Ray White said. “It’s a really simple way to put a smile on the face of a young child who might otherwise go without this Christmas. Sometimes just a small gift can make the biggest

difference to families who are struggling at an expensive time of year.”

Ray White has run this initiative across Australia and New Zealand each December since 2012. Last year alone almost 3000 gifts were donated and delivered to children in need.



LITTLE BLUE DINOSAUR Foundation

The Little Blue Dinosaur Foundation was established as a memorial to Thomas Maxwell Davis McLaughlin. Tom was tragically fatally injured in a pedestrian motor vehicle accident whilst on holiday earlier this year.

The Little Blue Dinosaur is the face of the Tom McLaughlin Road Safety Foundation which aims to educate and protect children and their families from the ever present danger associated with roadways and motor vehicles, especially in holiday environments where roadways may lack familiar visual cues such as curb and gutters, pedestrian crossings, footpaths and line markings. Speed limits are very often set above 40km/hr around these areas where children are running about excitedly and may be momentarily distracted, forgetting their road safety lessons. Tom’s loving parents are determined to prevent another family from going through the same tragedy by raising community awareness & promoting road safety education initiatives to children, parents and our community. Our children are precious & irreplaceable. Find out more by visiting the Little Blue Dinosaur Facebook page. Please share the page with your club and community.

<https://www.facebook.com/littlebluedinosaur>

The official public launch of the Little Blue Dinosaur Foundation will take place at Terrigal in front of the SLSC on **November 23 @10:45-12 noon** and supported by Gosford City Council **It would be greatly appreciated if we can get some enthusiastic volunteers to BBQ sausages for us.** Please contact Michelle 0417 069 905). All funds raised go to the future development of road safety education resources for preschool & school children.

The Foundation is affiliated with Kids & Traffic (Macquarie University), Transport for NSW, Gosford City Council, Department of Education & Training & the NSW Police Traffic & Highway Patrol Command.

In NSW, Transport for NSW report the following data relating to children killed or injured in pedestrian accidents as follows:-

0-4 years: 1 per week (80% male)

5-16 years: 1 per day (87% male)

It is only by raising awareness & initiating educative road safety campaigns that we can make a difference to these staggeringly dreadful statistics.

That is all from me for now.

Please pass this Newsletter on to all members of your club.

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And remember:

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

