



Southern Cross e-Club

We are a group of friends, based in Australia with members drawn from around the world, not letting geography limit our contribution to the human race.

2012-2013

Amanda Woods, Sally Hetherington and Simone Collins were in discussion with various Rotarians, including PDG Jennifer Scott and PDG, then DG Keith Roffey- this time was spent researching.

We supported RYPEN and a variety of other Rotary programs and projects.

The club completed their first project – working with the *Mountains Youth Services Team*, the club was able to engage the local young people to collect petitions to encourage federal government to channel funding toward the End Polio Now campaign – attacking the attention of local politicians and the local press:



<http://www.bluemountainsgazette.com.au/story/1486931/mps-join-push-to-stamp-out-polio/?cs=2062>



2013-2014

Sally, Amanda and Simone spent this year attending training and developing; logo's, handbook, website, social media presences, and a presence in the district. Working with more fabulous Rotarians, including then DG Graeme Davis.

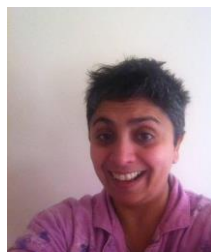
Amanda was the Rotaract District Chair for 9685 Rotaract and ROYA, as well as being 2IC for the districts Winter RYPEN camp and being part of the Planning Committee for the Rotaract Pre-Convention.

Amanda was asked to speak with Krissie at District Conference about young people in Rotary.

We celebrated International Women's day, International Happiness Day and ANZAC Day. Enjoyed PETS and District Assembly, and LOOOOOVED Pre-convention and RI Convention in our home town.

Did you know that for a real hair wig you are looking at \$5,000-\$10,000.

Our second project was to partner with *Pantene Beautiful Lengths Program* where we had two members and a number of Friends of Rotary cut a minimum of 20 centimetres of hair to donate to make wigs to give to women with cancer.





2014-2015

The club started meeting in June 2014. At this point the members were Amanda Woods, Lucian Keegel, Susan Keegel, Sally Hetherington, Chandrika Subramaniyan, Heather Stalker, Maddy Forwood, Tamara McLeod-Antoniolli, Natalie Tolhurst, Melanie Walters. Working with more amazing Rotarians, including our sponsor club Central Blue Mountains and then DG Ian Scott we started making even more of a difference.

We ran a PR campaign and asked our members “Why do you love rotary?”





We got banners, thanks RID 9685, and started having regular BBQ's.



We celebrated R U Ok? Day, ANZAC day, National volunteer week and supported Street Art Murals Australia.

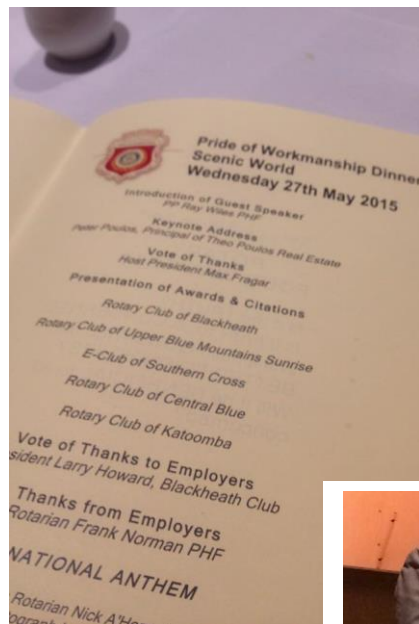
We saw RDU become an app, enjoyed District Changeover, District Conference, District Assembly, President Elect's Training Seminars, and participated in making the world biggest commercial for End Polio Now. We volunteered at Donations in Kind, donated to Hands Up for Congo and Shelter box.





We enjoyed Rotaract 9690 Reunion, World Rotaract week and helped with Eastern Region Rotaract training.

We worked with another Rotary club and sold Community Chest Raffle tickets, and partnered with another club for Graffiti Removal Day, and a number of clubs for both Pride of Workmanship Awards and Soapaid.



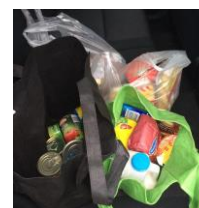
We had members on the District Rotaract committee and the Winter RYPEN camp committee and the District ROYA committee.



We donated Blood.

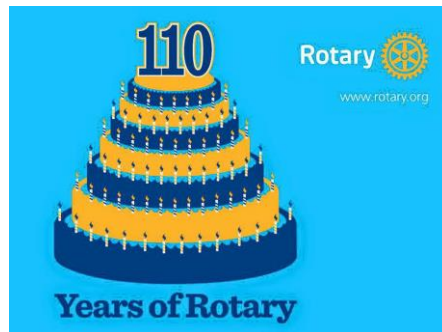


We participated in 15 can challenge and collected bags for Platform Youth Services, took part in the Salvation Army Door Knock Appeal, and raised funds for Human and Hope Association and the Kathleen Keegel Children's Fund.





We celebrated Rotary's 110th Birthday...



And ended the year on a high note.....





2014-2015 Financial contributions include:

\$200.00	Sustainable Cambodia
\$100.00	Legacy – “Soldier on”
\$100.00	ShelterBox Australia
\$150.00	Rotary Australia Overseas Aid

2015-2016

Our membership was - Amanda Woods, Heather Stalker, Sally Hetherington, Tara Pullen, Lucian Keegel, Natalie Tolhurst, Susan Keegel and we were working with more amazing Rotarians, including DG Gina Growden and DGE Bruce Lakin.

We started having guest speakers at some of our fortnightly meetings, these speakers included: David Hart about Ethics in Rotary, Angelo Raveane on our District Conference, DG Gina and Harold, Sarah Martin from Blak Market, Annika Tierney from One Disease, Past Rotary Peace Scholar Karla Castellanos, Melissa Abu-Gazaleh founder of Top Blokes Foundation and Sally Hetherington of Human and Hope Association.

We also had our members speak- members who attended training would give reports, and we had a part in our meeting program for “Three-on-Me” talks from our members.

During this year, Natalie had Alexander, Tara moved to Canberra and Amanda became Barnes.

We celebrated ANZAC Day, International Women’s Day, Women in Rotary, Thanksgiving, celebrated hat day with Central Blue, Foundation Dinner, helped celebrate Central Blue’s 40th birthday.





We helped with RYPEN, Rotaract, we helped Clean Up Australia and remove graffiti. Supported Central Blue at Leura Garden Fair and donated to disaster relief.



We collected bras for Uplift Project and featured in Canberra Chronicle, participated in the Salvation Army Door Knock Appeal, supported Katoomba hospital and Reclaim the night.





We donated blood...again and again and again.....



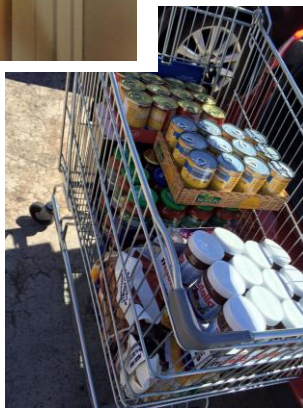
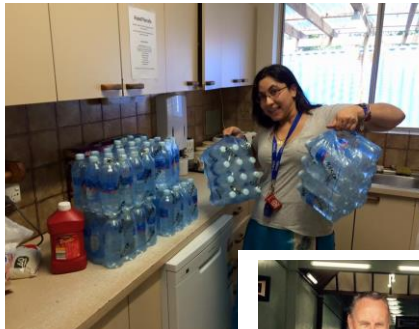


And had more BBQ's

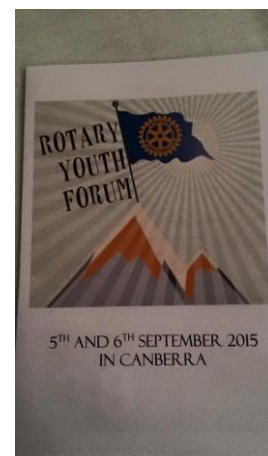


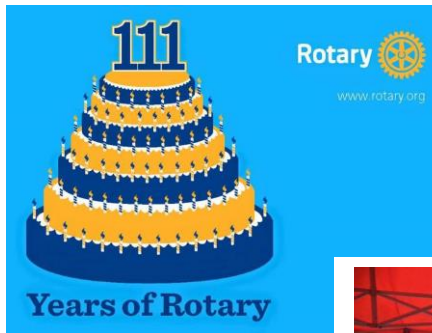


We did the 15 Can Challenge again – but bigger and better, assisted with the Heart Foundation Door Knock Appeal, helped with Red Cross outreach, Daffodil Day and supported the Blue Mountains Health Trust.



We enjoyed Rotary Leadership Training, President Elect Training, District Assembly and District Changeover. We worked with Australian E-Club Conference a meeting of minds with all 13 e-clubs in Australia, we attended and contributed to Youth summit at success conference in Canberra.





We celebrated Rotary's 111th Birthday.





2015-2016 Financial contributions include:

\$500.00	Kathleen Keegel's Childrens' Fund
\$1,050.00	Human and Hope Association
\$100.00	CBM Rotary farmers drought appeal
\$250.00	Post Polio Syndrome Talks - District 9685
\$501.65	Blue Mountains Health Trust
\$200.00	Homes for Heroes
\$500.00	The Rotary Foundation – centurion account
\$500.00	Fiji Disaster Relief.
\$100.00	UpLift Bra's Project
\$1,943.68	Australian Rotary Health
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*And we had a blast doing
all of it!!!!!!*

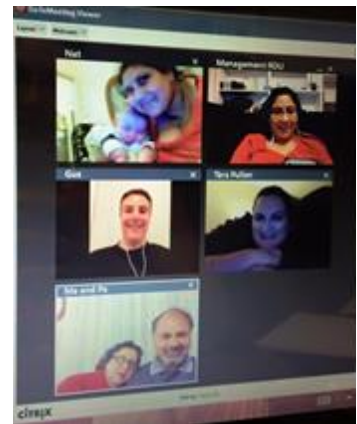




In closing....

We close with a membership of Amanda Woods, Tara Pullen, Lucian Keegel, Natalie Tolhurst, Susan Keegel, Jessica Main and our Provisional Member Gus McBride.

We made the hard but correct choice to close our club in June of 2016. It was a hard choice but the right one, with majority of our members moving into other Rotary clubs.



Thank you's

To our members, past and present – thank you for always supporting me as our President and as your friend, I hope you have enjoyed the journey as much as I have – Thank you

PDG Jennifer Scott – our club mentor, Noel Hiffernan, Peter Hartley our 'Honorary Treasurer', and all the members of the Rotary Club of the Central Blue Mountains, our sponsor club – Thank you.

To DG Gina and Harold, DGE Bruce and Bette Lakin, PDG John and Susan Wakefield, PDG Keith and Margaret Roffey, PDG Graeme and Lyn Davis, PDG Ian and Jennifer Scott, thank you for having faith in us, as well as all of your advice, guidance and support – Thank you.

To Malcolm and Moverly Nicholson, Kerry and Anne McGill, Kevin and Lyn Lawrenceson – for cutting our onions, for always lending a hand and everything else you have done to support us – Thank you.

And to everyone I have forgotten to mention, my memory does not dictate what you have contributed to our club, to everyone who helped at an event, gave advice and mentoring to our members, who came to our events, visited our meetings, spoke at our meetings or liked our stuff on social media – thank you all.

*Every Onward and Upward
Yours in Rotary Service*

Amanda Barnes