

Rotary Good News stories from the Northwest of District 9700

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Recently members of the **Sydney Rotary Clubs of Engadine and Blacktown** as well as members of a team comprising of members of several Blue Mountains Rotary clubs have visited the town.



They have toured the district with one club hiring a local tour operator to show them around. Like the Pambula Rotarians in Trundle these Rotarians have spent money on accommodation, souvenirs, meals and personal items in town wherever they could and collectively have donated over \$15,000 to the two Forbes Rotary clubs to assist drought victims.



Both Forbes Rotary clubs have just had their joint application to withdraw \$10,000 from the D9700/9710 RAWCS Drought Fund approved and this will be added to the \$15,000 donations (from visiting Rotary clubs) to assist the local Forbes NSW Rural Financial Counsellor employ some part-time office help to process the huge number of State Government Drought Subsidy applications more quickly. This application is currently some sixty pages in length and requires the expertise of trained clerical staff to have it properly completed.

By financing the cost of extra help farmers and other drought victims will receive their benefits much sooner thereby relieving them of financial pressures and stress. This is the good news. Unfortunately, earlier last week, a local Forbes District farmer took his life before anyone realised that he was suffering from depression issues.