



Upcoming Events

[DGN Applications Open](#)

Feb 01, 2016

[Banjo Paterson Poetry Festival Brekky in the Park](#)

Robertson Park- Orange

Feb 15, 2016

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

[Banjo Paterson Poetry Festival Brakky in the Park](#)

Robertson Park Orange

Feb 16, 2016

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

[Banjo Paterson Poetry Festival Brekky in the Park](#)

Banjo Paterson Park, Ophir Rd, Orange

Feb 17, 2016

7:30 AM – 9:30 AM

[Banjo Paterson Lamb and Damper Birthday Dinner](#)

Orange Showground Agricultural Pavilion

Feb 17, 2016 6:30 PM

[Banjo Paterson Poetry Festival Brekky in the Park](#)

Robertson Park Orange

Feb 18, 2016

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

[Banjo Paterson Festival Dead Men Talking Show](#)

Hotel Canobolas Ballroom

Feb 18, 2016 7:30 PM

[Banjo Paterson Poetry Festival Brekky in the Park](#)

Robertson Park Orange

Feb 19, 2016

7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

[Banjo Paterson Australian Poetry Competition](#)

Hotel Canobolas Ballroom

Feb 20, 2016

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

District 9700 News

DG's CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Marilyn and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year in both your personal lives and in Rotary. Enjoy this time with your families and reflect on how lucky we are to be in such a safe and happy country. We have much to be grateful for.



We are now 5 months into this Rotary year and rapidly approaching the Festive Season.

This is also an opportune time to review just where we are in our plans for this Rotary year and what is left on our goal sheet for us to achieve.

I am very pleased to advise that we are well on our way to achieving some of our goals from the strategic plan and my personal goals for my DG year. I would like to thank all those clubs who have supported Marilyn's Partners Program with donations to the Foundation and recognition of the significant role our partners play in supporting Rotary. This Foundation

[Banjo Paterson Australian Poetry Competition](#)

Hotel Canobolas Ballroom
Feb 20, 2016
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

[DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH](#)

Posted by Paul Murray on Dec 12, 2015



December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month on the revised Rotary Calendar. This is one of the Foundations Areas of Focus and one in which many of us would be aware of the numerous projects around the world supported by clubs and the Foundation.

I urge you all to look at your role in promoting improved health at home and abroad and supporting these vital programs that contribute not only to healthy communities but peaceful communities.

[DISTRICT CONFERENCE](#)

Posted by Paul Murray on Dec 12, 2015

The 2016 District Conference is shaping up to be a great event not to be missed. We have confirmed all our Keynote Speakers and promise you an amazing experience and great entertainment. Promotion for the Conference will commence shortly and registration will be available on line. Lookout for our flyer with program details and keep April 22 -24 free for the best Rotary experience you will ever see in D9700.

Area of Maternal and Child Health needs our continued support and I am hopeful of a major announcement in the New Year to support the work of the Foundation from our District.

Clubs and individuals can still show support for Marilyn's Partners Program as we have a whole half year left to give to Foundation and recognise deserving people in our clubs and the community.

It was one of my goals to promote the acknowledgement and recognition of our partners, and I am pleased to say quite a few clubs have honoured deserving partners or community partners with Paul Harris recognition.

On a personal note, Marilyn and I will be travelling to Boston USA in January and will return middle February. We will be visiting our daughter Heidi and her family. Yes, we are going from the hottest month in Australia to the coldest month in USA, but we both love a challenge. I will be contactable at all times by email and my mobile will also be operational. Should you have any queries, my Board of Directors I am sure will be able to assist you.

Gary Roberts
District Governor

[FOUNDATION DINNER](#)

Posted by Paul Murray



The Annual Foundation Dinner moved to Wagga Wagga this year and was a resounding success once again. We heard wonderful presentations from Bruce Allen the Manager of the Foundation office in Parramatta, and Professor Elaine Dietsch on her amazing work in the Congo with maternal health and education. I heard many positive comments.

Elaine was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow recognition to acknowledge her work in creating a better future for people of the world.

It is through our many Humanitarian projects that we create a more peaceful world where conflict becomes less where the basics of life are provided.

Awards were given to the Rotary Clubs of Orange Calare, Orange North, Murrumbidgee, Wollundry,

The Beatnix



Unfortunately, The Delltones have cancelled all Australian performances next year. However, the good news is we have booked Australia's leading tribute band, The Beatnix for a great concert featuring all The Beatles great hits. We were disappointed with the cancellation, however, The Beatnix are an exceptional and well respected band who perform throughout Australia. Please note you will need to book accommodation early as this is the Anzac weekend.

MAKING YOUR CLUB THE PLACE TO BE



I spoke about "Making Your Club The Place To Be" at each of my visits

and asked you to look at your club and ask:
Why you joined?
Why you stay?
Would other people in your community see being a member of your club as desirable?

It is only through reinventing ourselves and being relevant to our community we will attract new members. Work to make being a member of Rotary an attraction, engage your members to retain those already members and participate in projects that excite and enthuse the people you want to attract to Rotary.

e-Club for District 9700

Posted by Paul Murray on Dec 12, 2015

Wagga Wagga, Koorungal, Young and Bathurst Daybreak.

Well done to those clubs and all clubs that support Rotary Foundation.

IPDG David Kennedy presented PDG Ian Simpson with an award and PDG Fred Loneragan became a Paul Harris Society Member.



THANKYOU TO ROTARY CLUB OF WAGGA WAGGA FOR HOSTING THIS EVENT





The establishment of an e-Club is now well progressed with them meeting on-line on two occasions. They are currently considering a name, meeting format and potential executive along with many other decisions regarding the club's future. This is a most exciting development for the District as it will provide the opportunity for many people to join Rotary who find regular attendance at meetings difficult and also open the way for those across the world to join.

The e-Club is currently recruiting members and requests you consider recommending potential members who would make good Rotarians but for one reason or another have been unable to join. Contact John Roberson for further information.

John Roberson,
johnroberson@bigpond.com
 Ph: 0407 940 014

SEOUL CONVENTION

Early bird registration with RI closes on December 15, after which time it will cost you more. For registration

www.riconvention.org

For further details contact Marilyn Roberts, District Convention Chair:

robwag2@bigpond.com

MUNA

Once again MUNA did not run in the District this year, a great shame as this wonderful program for young people

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE



I had the pleasure of attending the final briefing for our outbound exchange students last weekend. These very brave young people are about to embark on a year abroad and I am sure will be great ambassadors for Rotary and Australia. We send with them our best wishes.

L-R Tayla Crevatin, Sponsor Wollundry RC - Denmark ,
 Elijah Ingram, Sponsor Leeton RC – Belgium
 Mitch Ashcroft, Sponsor Forbes- Brazil,
 Bailey Perkins, Sponsor Blayney RC- Taiwan

Your YE Committee have put in many long hours in coordinating and training our Outbound and Inbound students. The host clubs are to be congratulated for giving these young people the opportunity of a lifetime. If you have some free time or taking a short trip give some thought to taking one of our Inbound students, you will benefit from the experience just as they will. I must thank Chairman George Weston for his hard work over the past year and welcome Judith Hall as incoming Chairman. I also thank the whole committee for their tireless and consistent hard work to ensure the success and safety for the exchange students. Your work is greatly appreciated.



CENTURION

Posted by Paul Murray

It is with great excitement I announce that the online donation feature of The Centurion is now available. I have made my \$100 contribution to Foundation and

originated in this district and has gone around the world.



Students meet together and hold a Mock United Nations Assembly and debate world events. This gives them a greater understanding of the world we live in and the road to peace.

What better way for your club to engage with young people and provide an opportunity to guide the lives of the next generation of leaders. We need a club to pick this program up and run with it, it is not a huge task it just requires a little leg work and someone willing to help young people.

KOORINGAL ROTARY CLUB SPORTS CHALLENGE

Posted by Paul Murray



Kooringal Rotary Club held this year's sporting challenge at the Beckwith Street Tennis Courts and attended by a number of guests and members of other service

clubs.

Rotarians from Wollundry and Murrumbidgee RCs attended as well as members of South Wagga Lions and South Wagga Apex clubs.

Exchange student Jess attended with her host family- Alissa Brabin, Derek Keir and Jess's host sister Ebony Keir.

Formed into mixed teams, those attending rotated through a variety of activities testing their accuracy and skill



found it quite easy. I would like to thank PDG John Egan for his persistence in bringing this to fruition. A job well done.

To make your contribution and become a Centurion [just click here.](#)

ROTARACT

Posted by Paul Murray

The District is keen to develop Rotaract as a means of engagement with young people. An informal social night and information session was held at the Black Swan Hotel in Wagga Wagga on Friday December 11.



If you know of any young people, employees, relatives or friends 18 to 30 years of age looking for an interest, community minded and just looking for fun then please contact:

Geoff Hamilton,
President of Wollundry Rotary
email: geoff@twosheds.com.au

70th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION – Narrandera Rotary Club



November saw the Rotary Club of Narrandera celebrate their 70th Birthday and Marilyn and I attend the



celebrations. It was a wonderful evening and the club and its' members and partners had made a great effort in researching and displaying their history. The Friendship Exchange members were

as well as luck.

South Wagga Apex catered on the evening.

Well done Koorungal RC for encouraging interclub activity.



there and their singing made it such a special evening Thankyou Narrandera for including us in your celebration. 70 years is a marvelous effort and to think that Narrandera will have benefited tremendously from Rotary working in their community. Well done to you all.

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