



Upcoming Events

[closing date for RYLA nominations to District](#)

Mar 11, 2016

[Applications Close for DGN](#)

Mar 31, 2016

[RI Convention Korea close of discount Registration](#)

Seoul Korea

Mar 31, 2016

[Wagga Op Shop Spectacular](#)

Apr 02, 2016

4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

[DGN Selection](#)

TBA

Apr 09, 2016

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

[District Board Meeting](#)

TBA

Apr 09, 2016

3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

[Club Directors Training](#)

Grenfell High School

Apr 10, 2016

[D9700 TOGETHER DISTRICT CONFERENCE](#)

Wagga Wagga Civic Theatre

Apr 22, 2016 – Apr 24, 2016

[2016 District Conference](#)

Apr 22, 2016 – Apr 24, 2016 3:00 PM

Forbes Rotary

Forbes Rotary Club was featured in a recent edition of their local paper, with an article about their great RAWCS project. **To enlarge the article and read it, just click on it.**

Happy New Year



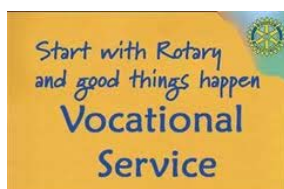
With every New Year comes hope and good intentions, and as we start again to “Be a Gift to the World” let us all make a resolution to do something to make the world a better place to live in. “Doing Good in the World” is the motto of the Rotary Foundation and Rotary has many ways in which you can fulfill such a resolution and make your community and the worldwide community a safer, more prosperous and happier place to live and bring up your children.

Marilyn and I will be travelling to the USA in mid-January to mid-February to visit our daughter Heidi and her family who is living in Boston. I will remain in touch by email and I am sure the Directors will be able to help with any queries you may have.

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Rotary Service Months

Posted by HJD



January is Vocational Service Month, Vocational Service is the basis of Rotary. Serving your community through your vocation forms a basic tenement of Rotary.



This link is often overlooked and I would like to encourage you all to look to this link between Business and Rotary to reinvigorate your business communities by ensuring they understand the benefits to the community and their businesses of strong Rotary Clubs in every community. I will be dedicating the Saturday afternoon at District Conference to presentations and discussion on the value added by Rotary to a community. I invite you all to come, hear some great speakers and bring your business leaders to hear how their business and the community benefit from this collaboration.

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District Conference - April 22-24 - Wagga Wagga

New Assistant Governors

It is with pleasure that I announce the appointments of two Assistant Governors.



Miles Hedge is replacing Craig Ronan in Group 6, Craig was unable to fit the role in with his work commitments.

Thank you Craig for your endeavours to bring Rotary to your region
Group 6 Clubs: Bathurst, Bathurst Daybreak, Bathurst East, Blayney & Oberon



Michael Horth

Mick Horth has replaced Mick Doyle in Group 2, as Mick has had to resign for health concerns. I would like to

thank Mick for his attention to his role as assistant Governor and wish him good health.
Group 2 Clubs: Orange, Orange Calare, Orange

If you have not booked a bed in Wagga Wagga April 22 to 24 you had better do so quickly.

Conference Webpage

This year the Conference Committee headed by Michael Knight will bring to the District the best Rotary gathering you will ever experience outside an International Convention.

You can register online or download a form and send it in.



We will have not one but TWO Past RI Presidents presenting during the Conference along with a stellar line up of great presenters and time for celebration.

PRIP Bill Boyd will be the RI President's Representative and will address the Conference on the Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group. Bill is one of the best presenters in Rotary and passionate about clean water and sanitation saving lives around the world.



PRIP Kalyan Banerjee will be our special guest and will speak on Peace. For those who attended the RI Convention in Bangkok you will remember his address to the Convention, it was the most lucid and inspiring address Marilyn and I have ever heard. I have requested him to bring his wonderful understanding of peace and how we all may contribute to a peaceful world.

Friday Night will be "Club Night" you are free to celebrate as a club. Saturday night we will rock the town with a Beatles concert in the Civic Theatre,

Daybreak, Orange North & Molong.

[District Grants applications now open](#)

Contact John McKenzie, email: jmaconsulting@gmail.com

[Presidents Elect Training Seminar](#)

PETS will be held in Young on the weekend of February 27 and 28. DGE Michael and his team have prepared a training program to ensure all 2016-17 Presidents are prepared for the job ahead.



Make sure you are prepared and ready to attend this vital training to ensure your year as president is productive and fun. You will have received some material already and more information to assist you to get the best from the training will follow.

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[Club Directors Training](#)

Club Directors Training will this year return to Grenfell on April 10. All club Directors should attend this training to ensure you are prepared to fulfil your role. A club is only able to achieve what its directors are capable of delivering and directing, it is up to you to see you are prepared for your role.

[Rotary Banners](#)

following a choice of a home hosted meal or out on the town as you please.

Make sure you put the dates in your diary and make arrangements to be in Wagga Wagga for Conference 2016 TOGETHER. A full program will be released shortly but make sure you have reservations as it is a long weekend and Wagga Wagga will be busy.

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[Rotary Honours Mine Boss](#)

Posted by HJD

(Extract from The Parkes Champion Post)

Managing Director of North Parkes Mines Stefanie Loader has been awarded a prestigious Rotary Paul Harris Fellowship at a special ceremony at the mine. The presentation was made in front of most of the mine executive team who were let in on the secret the day before. Stefanie was noticeably shocked and said that she was incredibly honoured to receive such a prestigious award. Stefanie was awarded her Fellowship not just because of great success in her vocation but also for the fantastic contribution North Parkes Mines has made to the community of Parkes over a very long time.



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[District Governor 2018-19](#)

Nominations open February 1, 2016.

If you would like to experience the best year of Rotary in your life, now is the time to think about putting your hand up for District Governor 2018-19. The task is demanding and will take up some of your time, however, it is challenging, interesting and above all rewarding. I thoroughly recommend the task to you. Contact Gary Roberts on robwag2@bigpond.com for more information. Enquiries will be confidential.



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[Youth Exchange Applications are now open](#)

Applications are now open for High School students year 9 -10.

D9700 eagerly awaits for the 2015 outbound students to arrive home to hearing their stories and see how they have changed and matured in the past



New banners featuring the new Rotary brand have been made available to all clubs. There are 6, one for each AG group and the idea is that each club in the District will now have a ready made Banner which they can use to advertise Rotary at their functions.

They come with eyelets and ropes to make it easy to attach them to poles or structures.

They will make a big difference to the Face of Rotary.

All clubs will have access to them through their AG.

Banjo Paterson Australian Poetry Festival

For those who are interested in poetry the Rotary Club of Orange have organized a number of functions for the Banjo Paterson Australian Poetry Festival 17–21 February 2016. Details below.

Leading up to the festival

Brekky and Poetry in the Park: 15, 16, 18 and 19 February, 7.30 to 9am at Robertson Park, Orange; \$5; contact Rob Westcott 0428 626 571

During the festival

Banjo Paterson Birthday Breakfast: Wednesday 17 February at Banjo Paterson Park, Ophir Road, Orange; serving breakfasts from 7.30 to 9.30am; \$5

Banjo Paterson Lamb and Damper Birthday Dinner: Wednesday 17 February at the Orange Showground Agricultural Pavilion, 6.30 for 7pm

- An affordable night of poetry, entertainment by Mel Hall and Susie

year at the Youth Exchange Debriefing day in Young on Sunday 7th February. I can recommend this day as one of the highlights of the year.



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Quilts for Mothers



Be A Gift to the World is the theme for this year and it has made us think about what gifts we have to give to the world. While visiting the clubs we have met many women who are patch workers and together we devised a plan to use our gifts and to make

quilts and sell them at the District Conference in Wagga Wagga in April.

Partners who are not patch workers are knitting, crocheting blankets and other items for sale. All donations are gratefully accepted. The money will be donated to Foundation- Maternal and Child Health. For those who cannot sew, this is a great opportunity to purchase a valuable homemade quilt at a reasonable price. [Click here to go to the Quilts for Women Rotary Facebook page.](#)

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Drought Relief



The Drought in Northern NSW and Outback Queensland has been in the news of late with the "Hay Runners" from Burrumbuttock making news. What a wonderful way for our farmers and rural communities to show their support in time of need.

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Carcary from Winton, Queensland, and celebration for Banjo (\$40 per person)

- Book tickets now so you don't miss out – go to www.brandorange.com.au.

Dead Men Talking: Thursday 18 February at the Hotel Canobolas Ballroom at 7.30pm

Imagine eavesdropping on an intimate conversation between Banjo Paterson and Henry Lawson – Australia's most iconic poets.

This lively one-act show finds the two legendary literary figures having a casual drink at the Leviticus Bar & Grill, Heaven's Gate, and yarning about their legacies. Slightly cantankerous, yet grateful for their old friendship, **Henry Lawson (Max Cullen)** and **A. B. 'Banjo' Paterson (Warren Fahey)** discuss each other's lives including their famous 'War of Words' in The Bulletin. They recite poems, sing songs and generally banter – and have a laugh about life's changing circumstances.

- Tickets are now on sale for \$35 at Collins Booksellers or through www.brandorange.com.au.

Banjo Paterson Australian Poetry Competition: Saturday 20 February, Hotel Canobolas Ballroom, 3 to 5pm and 7 to 10pm

This competition is open to all poets to recite their original poetry. Categories available: Juniors, Groups, Novices and Open. Competitors \$5; public entry by gold coin donation.

Information and application forms are now available at www.rotarycluboforange.org.au or by contacting Len Banks on 02 6361 7677 or lmbanks@bigpond.com

Family Market Day: Sunday 21 February, 9am to 2pm at Emmaville Cottage, Orange Botanic Gardens precinct

Craft and produce market, kids' activities, local entertainment and open mic for poetry recitals. Organised by the Rotary Club of Orange. Soak up the history of Banjo Paterson's possible birthplace, Emmaville Cottage. Entry by gold coin donation.

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E-Club of D9700

The E-Club for District 9700 is on target to charter, new members are required to fulfil the minimum number required.

The E-Club can help them be members of this District and they can contribute to many projects locally and around the world.

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Centurion Club online



Now you can join or continue contributing to the Rotary Foundation Centurion Club from your desktop.

As well as the previous system using cheques or credit card we have been able to establish an online facility using PayPal.

This new addition makes it easy to pay your contribution and keep up to date with your Centurion status

Click here to see more <http://rotary9700.org.au/Page/centurion-2>

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Rotary International Convention

Korea



The cost of attending the Convention if registered before 31st March 2016 is now \$375. After that date the cost will be \$440. A number of Rotarians from

this District 9700 have registered and booked their travel. More are in the process of planning their visit to South Korea. The Convention is a great celebration of all the great work being done around the world by Rotary. Every Rotarian should do at least one convention. This will be closest one for a few years.

You can find more information and register on-line www.riconvention.org

If you have any questions contact Marilyn Roberts robwag2@bigpond.com

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