



## Upcoming Events

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Jun 18, 2016

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Jun 20, 2016

### [Sth Wagga Changeover](#)

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Jun 21, 2016

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Jun 24, 2016

### [District Changeover](#)

Conobalas Hotel Orange

Jun 25, 2016

## News

### [Rotary Indigenous Scholarships](#)

There is a huge gap in the life expectancy between Indigenous Australians and non-Indigenous Australians. This is an unacceptable situation and for \$2500 we can do something about it. Australian Rotary Health partners with Rotary Clubs to offer scholarships to indigenous medical students who are studying to become medical professionals. These scholarships often mean the difference between



## DG's Comment

Posted by Gary Roberts

This will be my last newsletter as District Governor and I wish to make a few comments prior to inclusion of this month's business.

Marilyn and I have enjoyed this past year immensely and feel privileged to have been able to represent Rotary. At this time we thank all those members who have made our year memorable and granted us the honour of leading the district. We will leave the job happy, tired and inspired by the members and clubs who dedicate themselves to continue in Service Above Self.



RI President Ravi asked us to be a Gift to the World and I have tried to keep this in perspective thought the year. I wanted from the beginning at PETS to include our partners in the president's year ahead and take every opportunity to recognise and acknowledge our partners' support. I have been thrilled to see this theme resonate around the district as clubs and individuals sought to apply their talents to this purpose. Numerous clubs have taken up the challenge and made awards to partners and community leaders deserving of recognition.

Our combined giving across the district to Rotary Foundation has exceeded my expectations and we are about to achieve a record year. I am thrilled to note that 100% of our clubs have contributed to Foundation this year, which is a new first for the District. It is wonderful to know that clubs have contributed to humanitarian aid through Rotary Foundation whilst continuing to serve their local communities. Well done to you all.

I had a vision for my term as District Governor and for the District Conference and remain happy and excited by the outcomes. I hope we can continue to grow an awareness for Rotary and make our clubs "The place to be".

Membership continues to be an issue across many of our clubs however, I am pleased to note that we have halved the rate of members resigning. At the outset I determined we had a need to improve retention of members as we were losing as many as we gained throughout the year. We have slowed the rate of loss and

pass and fail for these students. Sometimes they get little support from their family and struggle to carry on. Even so, these scholarships are only offered to second year students who have proven that they can pass the first year of studies.

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### District Changeover

The changeover for the District Executive and Induction of Michael Milston will be held in Orange on Saturday June 25 in conjunction with the Orange Daybreak Club.

This annual event is an important event in the district, just like your club changeovers as we see a new leadership team installed.

Marilyn and I wish Michael and Ann all the very best and good wishes for the coming year.

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### NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2017-18 ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP

Apply for a masters degree or professional development certificate fellowship and study at one of our six Rotary Peace Centres.

- [Watch the application checklist video](#)
- [Take the eligibility quiz](#)
- [Submit your application by 31 May](#)



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### Rotary's Four Way Test

One of the most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics in the world is the... **Rotary 4-Way Test**. The 4-Way Test was created by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor in 1932. Taylor drew up a 24-word code of ethics for all his employees to follow in their business and professional lives which was subsequently adopted by Rotary in 1943, and has since been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands

need to focus on inducting new members as well as retention. "We need to stop the leak before we fill the bucket." We all need to be vigilant with our members and this is a long term project.

It has been an exciting and rewarding year and we look forward to the future and our involvement in Rotary.

Gary

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### June is Fellowship Month

June is designated as "Rotary Fellowships Month" by the RI Board to recognize the importance of international fellowship and good will among Rotarians with similar recreational interests, vocations, and health and medical issue-oriented interests, to promote increased participation in fellowships and increase understanding of this program. The RI Board encourages fellowships groups to highlight activities through projects, activities, and events in celebration of "Rotary Fellowships Month" in June.



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### Rotary Community Corps

The Rotary Village Corps, which is now called Rotary Community Corps, started at the beginning of 1986-87 and is now found in 89 different countries, mostly in Asia and Central America. There are now 8,684 RCCs with 199,732 members who actively assist their sponsor Rotary clubs in doing Rotary



work that the Rotarians themselves would have difficulty doing. It is truly our first "Partner in Service." It bears the Rotary name, and from the very first its constitution included women members, in anticipation of the admission of women in Rotary. The board adopted RVC despite opposition by those who ridiculed it as a poor man's Rotary club, and by those who believed it would not be acceptable in the West, where it would have no use.

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### E-Club D9700-Serving Humanity

Under the direction of District Governor Representative, John Roberson, the club has held its inaugural AGM and is poised to charter shortly.

The following were duly elected:

President	John Robertson
Secretary	Debbie Schache
Treasurer	Marilyn Roberts
Admin	Cameron McKern

of ways.

*The four-way test of the things we think, say, or do:*

1. *Is it the TRUTH?*
2. *Is it FAIR to all concerned?*
3. *Will it build GOOD WILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?*
4. *Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?*

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

**Firstly** - The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service

**Secondly** - High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

**Thirdly** - The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life.

**Fourthly** - The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide, who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

Rotary is...SERVICE ABOVE SELF

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Membership

Public Relations

Foundation

Australian Service (+Project and Youth)

International Service

Mal Dunnett

Susan Welch

John Roberson

Donna Vaughan

Sharon Daishe

The website address is:

<https://rotaryclubofd9700servinghumanity.org.wordpress.com/>

Facebook page will be launched shortly.

The club will meet 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Month (Internet) and information regarding Rotary International and Club information will be posted each Sunday.

A number of e-club members are already involved with diverse national and international humanitarian projects.

If you feel meeting online as a choice compared to a regular meeting each week and would like the flexibility of meeting at a time that suits you an E-Club may be just what you are looking for.

The club now seeking new members with an interest in "Service Above Self".

Contact: John Roberson [johnroberson@bigpond.com](mailto:johnroberson@bigpond.com) 0407 940 014 and become a charter member of this new and exciting venture.

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## District Conference

**Thank you to all the wonderful people who passed on congratulations and positive comments about the District Conference. I have published below just one letter of praise which reflects many of the comments received.**

*Letter from Miles Hedge:*

*Cazzie & I attended the 2016 D9700 District Conference held in Wagga Wagga last weekend. It was disappointing that I was the only representative of the Blayney club. It was a very good way to spend the weekend and it was a great conference, well planned with excellent speakers and superb entertainment. Both Cazzie and I both learnt a lot about Rotary and how to be more effective in delivering the right results to make Rotary remain and grow as the exemplary organisation that it is. The line up of speakers was first class by any standards and the video address by PRIP Kaylan Banerjee was truly outstanding. PRIP Bill Boyd (and his wife Lorna) also attended which I thought was a masterstroke and he was a pure joy to listen to, with a very good message. Garry Browne AM, the CEO of Stuart Alexander, and a PDG of the Sydney Rotary club, addressed us on getting business people to join Rotary. I found his presentation truly inspirational in addressing the way to marry Rotary's needs with that of business. Charles Tarbay, who owns Century 21 gave an interesting address even though his joke was as old and tired as Methuselah and not one even I would have dared to tell. The Saturday night entertainment were the Beatnix who were exceptional as performers (we met an autistic man who attended and he thought he saw the real thing!). The idea of doing away with the formal dinner also turned out to be a masterstroke. Whilst it was disappointing that more Rotary members (or clubs) did not attend the DC at the end of the day they missed what was truly an exceptional conference and learning experience. I was very pleased that we attended and the Wagga Wagga members who*



*attended were very accommodating and friendly.*

Miles Hedge Kareela Kings Plains NSW 2799



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