



## Upcoming Events

### ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION SEOUL KOREA

Seoul Korea  
May 28, 2016 – Jun 01, 2016

### District Changeover

Orange  
Jun 25, 2016

## Rotary Youth

## Leadership Awards - CSU Orange



Recently, Orange Daybreak held another successful RYLA camp, Marilyn and I were able to attend the welcome session, and listened to the first speaker Vice Chancellor, Andrew Vann. His presentation was relaxed and interesting. He was able to glean from the Rylarians what is it they wanted to learn about and how to plan their way forward in their chosen careers. An excellent start to the week.

Orange Daybreak under the chair of John Willing need to be congratulated on their wonderful effort. [Click here to read an evaluation of the RYLA](#)

## News

### District Conference Report



District Conference was held in Wagga Wagga and was once again highly successful, with great fellowship and fun.

We were honoured to have Past Rotary International President Bill Boyd from New Zealand, as the RI President's representative and all those who attended would agree is a wonderful speaker. Bill spoke on a number of subjects but his reminiscing of experiences as RI President and Rotarians who have had an influence on his life were inspiring, how we all can have an effect on someone else.



David Gilbey was the Master of Ceremonies and in completing that job he very capably incorporated poetry, humour and the celebration of the 400th anniversary of Shakespear's death.

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## Rotarian of the Year - Paul Murray

[camp.](#)

## Quilt Sale

The result of the District Conference Quilt Sale was just amazing, and far beyond anything I had hoped for. The initial idea was to engage Rotarians and partners who felt they didn't have any gift to offer. The talent of these women is hugely underestimated and I wanted to tap into that talent to show them that they are "A Gift To The World" and that they could contribute to Rotary Foundation-Maternal and Child Care.



Quilters from all over the district understood my desire to help the women of undeveloped countries who struggle to create life. This cause was an emotional one where we can directly compare ourselves to those who have no support in their time of need. Mothers and fathers all over our district were able to relate to the advantages we have in this country when our babies arrive. In fact over \$1000 was donated by Rotarians who were inspired to contribute.

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## 2016 District Awards

This year the District Awards were announced at District Conference and will be presented at Club Changeovers where possible by the RI representative.

### **THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DISTRICT SERVICE AWARD**

Presented to the Rotarian who is making a difference through the Foundation programs.



Awarded to a Rotarian who in the opinion of the DG has made the greatest contribution to the work of RI locally or internationally.

**Paul Murray**

Paul has made a huge contribution to the district over many years assisting District Governors with their IT knowledge, directories, IT advice. Paul is the Chair of the IT Committee. Paul is the Webmaster of D9700 and is responsible for the publication of the District Newsletter.

Paul has worked on many District Conferences in the IT area and spends hours on speakers presentations. Paul is the Executive Secretary of D700 and is well deserving of this award.

**Congratulations Paul**

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## MAY IS YOUTH SERVICES MONTH

May is the month when Rotary focuses on Youth.

The link between Rotary and youth for all our Clubs is amazing. Every club that I have visited engages with our Youth Programmes in some way or another, whether it



be Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment (RYPEN), Rotary Youth Driving Award, Rotaract, Interact, District Scholarships, Rotary International Youth Exchanges, Peer Support Programmes in schools, Cure Kids, Life Education vans, Literacy Programmes in schools, and many others.

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## Rotary Shine Ambassadors Recognition Dinner

Posted by Paul Weston



**MARILYN ROBERTS****SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

Awarded to recognise a Club that has addressed significant need in their community.

**HENTY SKATE PARK****PEACE COMMUNITIES AWARD**

Awarded to the Club that makes a difference in the lives of individuals or groups & contributed to peace in their community.

**LEETON REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT****OUTSTANDING NEW PROJECT**

Awarded to the club that has initiated a new local, national or international project.

**YOUNG DRIVER TRAINING SIMULATOR****COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

Awarded to the club that has made a substantial contribution to their community and enhanced the image of Rotary International.

**WOLLUNDRY WAGGA WOMENS REFUGE****INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AWARD**

Awarded to the club has made an outstanding contribution to one or more international projects.

**FORBES SARNELLI HOUSE****DISTRICT CLUB VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD**

Awarded to the club that has significantly upheld the second objective of Rotary & recognised the worthiness of occupations.

**LAKE CARGELLIGO PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP****YOUTH SERVICE AWARD**

Awarded to the club that in the year has provided outstanding support to local youth through established Rotary programs.

**WOLLUNDRY RYPEN****CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AWARD**

Awarded to the club making its presence noticed at Conference roll Call.

**WOLLUNDRY FOR BEING THE NOISIEST. (with bagpipes)****Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga**

On Thursday the 31<sup>st</sup> March, the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga held a recognition dinner for the three Ambassador Representatives from the 2015 Rotary Shine Awards.

The Rotary Shine Awards recognise employees with a disability and the employers who support a person with a disability. The awards are now in their fifth year, with all the nominees recognised at a special function held in the Wagga City Council Chambers in early December, as close as possible to the International Disability Day.

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**Driving Simulator- Young Rotary Club**

Posted by Gary Roberts

Marilyn and I recently attended the Young Careers Day held at the Young Council Chambers. Over 700 local high school students attended the day gathering information of many areas of professional employment.



Our purpose of this visit was to see the recently purchased Driving Simulator by Young Rotary Club. This simulator will be housed at the local PCYC and driving instruction will be available to young people who are preparing to learn to drive. It is hoped that with the experience of driving under many different simulated driving conditions it will prepare them for the real thing. It is known that projects like this do reduce the young driver death rate.

**BEST CLUB BULLETIN**

Awarded to the club that produced a bulletin on a regular basis that consistently meets the criteria.

**COOLAMON**

**MEMBERSHIP GROWTH AWARD**

Awarded to the club that achieves the highest nett growth in percentage terms at March 15.

**BATHURST**                      **26%**



**Rotary Foundation**

Posted by Paul Weston

The Rotary Foundation is our charity of choice and enables us to deliver humanitarian aid around the world such as Polio eradication.



As well as this, 50% of what we give to Foundation is returned to the district for distribution as District Grants as itemised elsewhere in this newsletter.

The balance becomes available for use as Global Grants such as that completed recently in Nepal and a proposed grant by Wollundry club in the Congo.



The Foundation can only continue “Doing Good In The World” if clubs and individuals support our charity.



When your club is making disbursements toward the end of the year make sure the Rotary Foundation is included. Donations to Foundation should be made during May to ensure they are recorded in this Rotary year.

Young Rotary Club have worked extremely hard on this project and are to be congratulated for their fine effort.

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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:

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| President                               | John Robertson  |
| Secretary                               | Debbie Schache  |
| Treasurer                               | Marilyn Roberts |
| Admin                                   | Cameron McKern  |
| Membership                              | Mal Dunnett     |
| Public Relations                        | Susan Welch     |
| Foundation                              | John Roberson   |
| Australian Service (+Project and Youth) | Donna Vaughan   |
| International Service                   | 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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**MAYOR OF LEETON RECIEVES PROMINENT**



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## Is your Club Using the Club Version of ClubRunner?

Posted by Paul Murray on May 16, 2016



District 9700 has been successfully using the District Version of ClubRunner for around 5 years. Several clubs in the district are using the Club Version of ClubRunner and several more clubs are considering signing up to the Club Version. Because of the growing number of ClubRunner users, there has been some discussion about forming a District 9700 ClubRunner Club Version Users Group. If your club is currently using the Club Version or you are thinking about using it, and you are interested in being a part of the users group, then please send an email to Paul Murray [paul@paulmurray.com.au](mailto:paul@paulmurray.com.au)



Posted by Paul Weston



Leeton Rotary Club while celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary presented Leeton Mayor, Paul Maytom with the

### **Rotary Award for Excellence in Service to Humanity**

The Rotary Award for Excellence in Service to Humanity recognises non-Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service consistent with Rotary's ideals and who might otherwise go unrecognised.

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## Henty Skate Park

Posted by Gary Roberts

On a recent visit to Henty Rotary Club, Marilyn and I visited the local Skate Park which has recently been opened. It has been a community project with which Henty Rotary Club participated. At



the request of a young boy in Henty the town decided they would investigate the possibility of a skate park and with a number of community organisations the town was able to raise enough money to build the park. It is a wonderful project and the young people are thoroughly enjoying the use of it. Henty not only raised money but have worked hard on the project to ensure its completion.



Well done, Henty!

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