



UPCOMING EVENTS

[District Foundation Dinner](#)

Wagga Country Club - Plumpton Rd
Wagga Wagga
Nov 12, 2015

[2015 Central West Wellness Summit](#)

Orange Function Centre
Nov 22, 2015
8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

[Christmas Tree Festival Rotary Club of Ipomoea](#)

Forbes Town Hall
Dec 04, 2015 8:00 AM –
Dec 06, 2015 5:53 PM

[Forbes Ipomoea Christmas Tree Festival](#)

Forbes Town Hall
Dec 05, 2015 – Dec 06, 2015

[Orange RC - Christmas Markets](#)

North Court Orange Civic Centre
Dec 13, 2015
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

[Condobolin RC Christmas Carnival](#)

Memorial Park Condobolin
Dec 13, 2015
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

[District Board Teleconference](#)

Dec 13, 2015 5:00 PM

[RI Convention close of Early Bird Registration](#)

Seoul Korea
Dec 15, 2015

[Orange RC- Christmas Markets](#)

North Court Orange Civic Centre
Dec 20, 2015
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

DISTRICT 9700 NEWS

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S OCTOBER MESSAGE

October is Economic and Community Development Month. This one of the Foundations Six Areas of Focus and probably the one most likely to apply to many of our projects. In October Rotary places a focus on the capacity building of our many humanitarian projects abroad but also on the impact we can have in our own communities.

I would also like to draw your attention to World Polio Day on



October 24. In the words of RI President Ravi, "We need your voice to raise awareness, to raise funds and to keep the momentum going". I recently sent a message to all club presidents indicating the possibility the Australian Government was likely to cut funding for Polio eradication. You may recall, the then Prime Minister Tony Abbott, at the Sydney RI Convention,

promised \$100 million over 5 years to End Polio. It is now proposed to reduce this funding and potentially cause the Polio Eradication target to be threatened.

After our many years of hard work this would be a tragedy. In my message I asked on behalf of the District Board and the children of the world that you, as ordinary members petition your local members of parliament and stress our concern and deep disappointment should this proceed. Please ensure that this message is raised at club level and the letter enclosed with the message, is circulated as widely as possible and that as many people as we can, to ensure parliament know how we feel.

November is approaching rapidly and is an important month in Rotary as it is **Foundation Month**. On Thursday November 12 the District Foundation Dinner will be held in Wagga Wagga, the guest speaker will be Professor Elaine Dietsch. I urge you all to attend this wonderful celebration of Rotary. Please see the article below for the details.

**District Governor
Gary Roberts**

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HAT DAY 2015

Posted by Paul Murray on Oct 19, 2015

Hats Off to Rotary Clubs!
When it comes to shining a light on mental illness in Australia,

Congratulations DGN

George Weston

DGN George Weston was this week recognised for 20 years of service to Local Government. In Sydney @ 2015 Local Government Dinner held at Rosehill Racecourse on Tuesday night George was presented with **OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD FOR 20 years in Local Government.**



George is currently Deputy Mayor of Leeton, a position he has held for some time, as well as his many Rotary duties as DGN, Chair of the District Youth Exchange Committee and Assistant Governor for his group he also runs Weston and Weston with his brother Lionel.

Truly a deserving recognition of a dedicated Rotarian and humanitarian. Well done George.

George and Carol at the awards night in Sydney.

Hay for Queensland Drought

This is not a Rotary project but certainly a worthy cause our rural clubs may be interested in supporting. It concerns bringing hope to those Aussies who are doing it "real tough" to show that their farming peers feel for them and have empathy for their situation. Something that I felt rural Rotary clubs like ours could get involved with as "Service Above Self". 100 semi-trailers loaded with hay would be one small way to bring hope to these farmers. It may not go far towards feeding animals, but will help them with their mental state of mind.

There are two major results from this drought, now in its 4th year in Queensland, and they are:

1. The Black Dog and suicide
2. Bank foreclosures.

This just in from the ABC please take your time to read it.

Rotary Clubs have done it again. Thank you to all the Clubs across the nation who hosted a Hat Day event, and invited their local community to get involved as well.

Hundreds of Australian Rotary Clubs held fundraisers big and small. Some collected donations & sold merchandise at train stations, organised a Mental Health & Wellbeing Community Fair, worked with local organisations to collect donations at their receptions, as well as trivia nights, novelty auctions, hat competitions or passing the hat around at a partner's night – thank you for your vital support of mental health research.



One of our Hat Day Ambassadors, Dr Happy aka Dr Tim Sharp, the Chief Happiness Officer at The Happiness Institute, shared happiness challenges and tips from his new 'Happiness At Work' Book on a "Dr Happy Roadshow". Functions were held in Sydney, Melbourne & Hobart. An event on Hat Day (Friday October 9) included a speech from the NSW Minister for Mental Health, The Honourable Pru Goward, who endorsed Hat Day and the work of Australian Rotary Clubs in leading mental health research in Australia.

Proceeds will support initiatives such as the implementation of national suicide prevention strategies, the development of web & phone-based programs to reduce symptoms of mental illness & improve resilience, developing new medication treatments for schizophrenia, resources for loved ones caring for someone with a mental illness and many more. Donations to Hat Day are currently being tallied – there are too many to count. 100% of funds will go directly to vital mental health research projects around Australia through Australian Rotary Health. Projects aim to find preventions, treatments and cures for a range of debilitating mental illnesses.

Thank you to everyone who got involved in Hat Day 2015. For more information or to donate, visit www.hatday.com.au.

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PRESIDENTS FORUM 2015

Posted by Paul Murray on Oct 19, 2015

The Presidents Forum in Young this month was an outstanding success with many Presidents, some Presidents Elect, and other future leaders present.

District Training Chairman PDG John Egan and his team organised an entertaining and informative program with plenty of time for discussion. Thankyou John and team, all the presenters and Marilyn and Maria Egan for your assistance.

We have received numerous positive comments from those attending as well as an indication that the material presented was helpful and able to be immediately implemented. One club reporting they have used the information learnt on that day to solve problems in their club.

[Outback homelessness: Farmers left without homes and jobs as drought sees bank evictions soar](#)



Here is one Aussie project that deserves our support. I doubt that the RC of Sydney, Australia's second oldest club, and probably the most respected RC in Australia would be involved if it was not fair dinkum. The Rotary Club of Sydney is collecting the money needed to supply fuel for the trucks and farmers are donating hay.

"All I asked was for one of our farmer members to give Brendan Farrell a call to find out for themselves if and how we could or should become involved his # is [0439322605](tel:0439322605)"
John Glassford Coolamon Rotary Club

Lights on in Temora

The Temora Club have been actively promoting Road Safety in the district by partnering with the Temora Shire Council to encourage people to drive with their headlights on at all times. Driving with your headlights on makes you more obvious to other road users and thus reduces the likelihood of accidents.

This a great opportunity to help your community and have Rotary seen to be working in your town. I congratulate the Temora Club and commend this project to other clubs in the district.



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MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Partners Program

Posted by Marilyn Roberts on Oct 19, 2015



October 15

The club visits are now finished and what a wonderful time Gary and I have experienced. We thank every club for the welcome and warmth you have shown us. We have seen many successful projects taken on by Rotary and know that the communities are benefiting by having Rotary in their community.

Most of you will have heard my passionate plea for the women in Africa and around the world who suffer and die while trying to create life. Your support of this program in this area of focus has been very encouraging and together we can make a difference to these families. We are all so lucky to enjoy our families and nurture our children and watch them grow into wonderful contributing adults and then watch them become parents and see them nurture their own families. Let's help Rotary Foundation give this opportunity to others around the world.

Gary and I have had the pleasure of bestowing the following PHF awards.

Elizabeth and Bob Russ awarded by Blayney Rotary Club



Bob Russ a member of Blayney Rotary Club, is well respected for his endeavours and commitment to Rotary over many years and his wife Elizabeth has been a wonderful support to Bob and to Blayney Rotary Club. Her work behind the scenes is exemplary and the award was well deserved. These two awardees are truly "quiet achievers". Russ received a sapphire pin and Elizabeth a PHF.

Jan Copeland awarded by Bathurst East Rotary Club

Jan Copeland is the widow of PDG Ray Copeland who served Rotary District 9700 in 1993-94. I was particularly thrilled to award Jan her PHF pin as Jan was secretary for her husband in his DG year and Jan was recognised for her service to Rotary at that time as well as the many years that have



followed. A beautiful lady who understands the value of Rotary in the community.



DISTRICT FOUNDATION DINNER



The District Foundation Dinner will be held in Wagga Wagga on Thursday November 12.

The Dinner will be held at the Wagga Wagga Country Golf Club, Plumpton Rd, Lake Albert, at 6 for 6.30pm. The guest speakers will be Professor Elaine Dietsch, an academic and midwife who has worked in Africa on many occasions. Elaine has received the Rotary District Vocational Excellence Award and also works with Dr Luc, who many of you may have heard speak at the District Conference in Cowra this year. She will speak on Maternal and Child Health, one of the key Focus Areas for the Foundation.

The Rotary Foundation Manager from RI Parramatta, Bruce Allen, will tell us his Rotary story and how the Foundation does "Good in the World".

The cost is \$25/head and members are encouraged to

Helen Pitt awarded by Forbes Rotary Club

Unfortunately, I don't have a photo of Helen receiving her award. Helen Pitt is a member of Forbes Ipomea Rotary Club and has contributed greatly to her community. Helen works for the Education Department and is passionate about Education in rural and remote areas. Another quiet achiever who was overwhelmed with her PHF.

Dr Vaughan awarded by Rotary Club of Orange Calare



Dr Vaughan is a Gynaecologist and Obstetrician for the Central West Region. He commenced practice in Orange 1991 with Dr Knox travelling the region to towns such as Young, Cowra, Boorowa, Mudgee, Lithgow, Bathurst, Wellington, Dubbo, Forbes, Parkes and many more. Dr Vaughan has worked an estimated average of over 14 hrs a day, has been treasurer of the Orange Medical Association for 23 years, Chaired the Dudley Private Hospital Management Committee, attempted to set up a Karitane Cottage service in Orange, is currently head of the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department of Orange Health Services. His award as a PHF fits so well with one of the primary areas of Rotary being Maternal and Child Health and my partners program for 2016-17. Well-deserved R Vaughan

Carolyn Rice OAM awarded by Rotary Club of Parkes

Exert from Parkes Newspaper

bring partners and friends. Wagga Wagga Rotary Club has volunteered to organise the dinner and Wagga Wagga and surrounding clubs are asked to change their meeting night that week to the Thursday to support this event.

The District Committee has asked that all clubs attending inform Mary Ann Kelly (0448 230 753) know your numbers and forward payment as a lump sum to Wagga Club before Friday 6 November (Service Account No BSB 640000, A/C 603308S16 - note that third last character is the letter "S" Please clearly identify which club the payment has come from). This is so we can let the caterer know the numbers and to also avoid congestion at the door when you arrive, as it is anticipated that there will be well over 200 attendees.

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Carolyn is not a Rotarian but this award can be presented by Rotary to any citizen considered to be of outstanding merit. Carolyn's achievements are manifold; Quota District Governor 1998-2000, Quota International President 2005 -06, Community Human Rights Award 2005, Order of Australia Medal 2005, Member Rural Health Council 15 years, Rural Women's Association – State Level and many other activities.

To say that she was shocked is an understatement, and she was still shaking her head when the District Governor and Marilyn jointly presented the award. Nevertheless, she composed herself in time to thank Rotary and to explain that she does what she does because she loves it.

A Paul Harris Fellowship is given by Rotary Clubs and for each one, the club gives \$1000US to the Rotary Foundation to continue its great humanitarian work around the world.

Gayle Murphy awarded by Rotary Club of Narrandera

Gayle Murphy became a Paul Harris Fellow for her major contribution in the area of health.

Lorraine Gawne who just celebrated her 80th birthday was awarded a community service award.

Thank you to all the clubs who have presented cheques to me and to those clubs who have promised to support my partners program. I will be following up with you during the year and will report my progress through this newsletter. I have been notified of a number of awards in the coming months. All the above stories were reported in the local press which is great PR of Rotary.

Best wishes and keep up the good work for Rotary.

Marilyn Roberts

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STORIES

GEARS AND BEERS-WAGGA WAGGA

Posted by Paul Murray on Oct 19, 2015

In early October, the Wollundry Rotary Club held its second Gears and Beers Festival in Wagga Wagga. This event was a great success with some 750 bike riders taking part and around 4,000 people attending the festival. Congratulations on another wonderful community event and a great opportunity to showcase Rotary at work. The Wollundry Club commissioned banners highlighting this was a Rotary organised event, and members of Wagga clubs manned an information booth with handouts detailing Rotary activities. We thank everyone for their assistance.



BANNERS FOR PUBLIC IMAGE

The District Board has now determined to assist clubs with purchase of banners for use at such events, and will be looking at printed material to assist clubs in promoting Rotary at all events we organise. If we present a vital and enthusiastic image and engage our communities, they will want to join us on the journey. Contact PDG John Egan for further details.



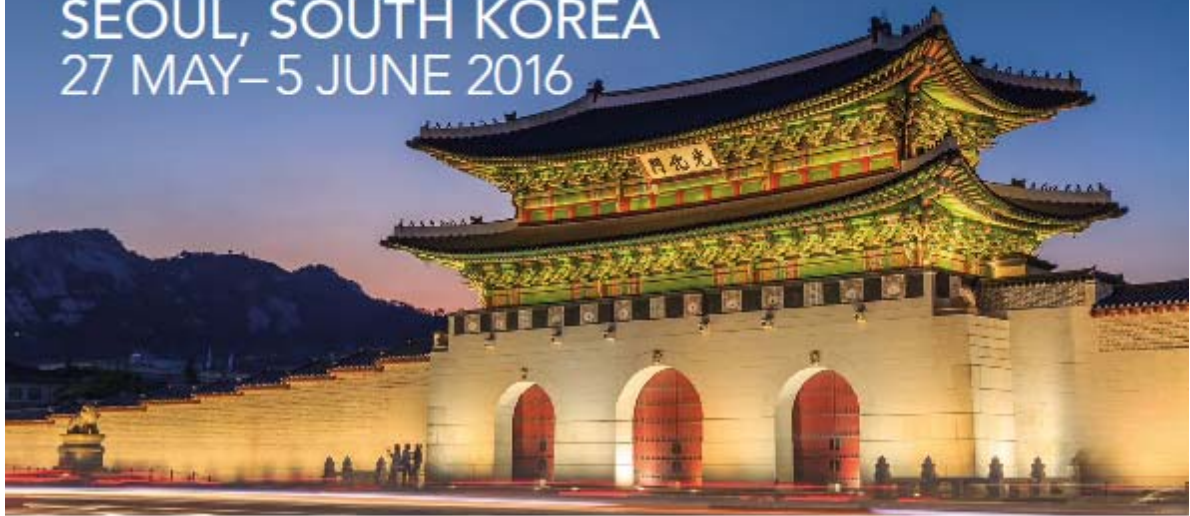
Rotary Convention 2016

Posted by Paul Murray on Oct 19, 2015

It's Convention time again, and we are preparing an exciting tour to assist Rotarians from D9700 to attend.

The Rotary International Convention will be held in Seoul, South Korea May 29 to June 1 2016. Please find below a flyer detailing our District Tour prepared by Convention Chair Marilyn Roberts and Ann-Catherine Jones from Jones and Turner Travel. We require a minimum of 30 people to ensure this price, and booking for this tour closes December 11 2015. Registration for the Rotary International Convention is now open and the earlier you book with RI, the cheaper it will be.

ROTARY DISTRICT 9700 CONVENTION TOUR SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA 27 MAY–5 JUNE 2016



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- Return airport group airport - hotel transfers
- A half day city sightseeing tour with the group with lunch included.
- A full day sightseeing tour to the DMZ with lunch included.

Your Rotary Contact for this tour will be
Marilyn Roberts, D9700 District Convention Chair.

For more information, contact Marilyn
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or email robwag2@bigpond.com

Ann-Catherine Jones would be happy to discuss
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