



Upcoming Events

[Sustainable Living Week. RC of Orange](#)

Sep 03, 2015 – Sep 20, 2015

[Riverina Truck Show and Kids Convoy](#)

Apex Park, Wagga Wagga
Sep 19, 2015 1:00 PM

[6th Annual Royce Abbey Oration](#)

Sep 20, 2015 12:00 PM

[DG visit to Condobolin](#)

Sep 21, 2015

[DG visit to West Wyalong](#)

Sep 22, 2015

[DG visit to Forbes](#)

Sep 23, 2015

[DG visit to Lockhart](#)

Sep 30, 2015

[Gears and Beers - Cycling, Beer & Cider Festival](#)

Victory Memorial Gardens
Oct 04, 2015
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

[District Leaders Training](#)

Temora Ex-Services Club
Oct 10, 2015
10:30 AM – 2:30 PM

[District Board Meeting](#)

Temora Ex-Services Club
Oct 10, 2015
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

[President's Forum and AGM](#)

Temora Ex-Services Club
Oct 11, 2015

[DG Visit Leeton Central](#)

Oct 19, 2015

[Emmaville Cottage Family Market](#)

Orange Gardens Precinct
Oct 25, 2015
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

News

[DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE](#)

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month on the new Rotary Special Observance Calendar. This is one of the 6 Foundation Areas of Focus and supports activities and training to improve education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

The Rotary Foundation enables Rotarians like you and me to ensure all people have sustainable access to basic education and literacy.

We have also had the pleasure of representing the district at several events and hosted Rotary International Board member Guiller Tumangan and his wife Letty. We have attended the Success Conference in Canberra and visited several club projects in different towns, which is always most interesting.

This newsletter is a little late as Marilyn and I have been on the road visiting clubs across the district. We have completed 30 of 40 visits so far and are enjoying the experience. We have found all clubs enthusiastic and welcoming. My message about making "Your Club The Place To Be" and being "A Gift To The World" has been well received and clubs are keen to be involved.



President Peter Gillbank from RC of Orange Calare makes a point

FUTURE EVENTS

We have several significant events in the District in the near Future.

[ROYCE ABBEY PEACE ORATION](#)

Sunday September will be the 6th Royce Abbey Peace Oration. For information contact Phillip Tome on 0402463102. This should be a marvellous presentation by Steven Mark, his subject will be Racism in the 21st Century, very topical at the moment.

[PRESIDENTS FORUM](#)

The Presidents forum is the opportunity for all presidents to network and discuss issues of concern. It is a must for all presidents to attend and be kept up to date

[District Foundation Dinner](#)
Wagga Country Club -
Plumpton Rd Wagga Wagga
Nov 12, 2015

District Links

Links

[Orphan Rescue Kit \(ORK\) site](#)
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as well as gain further training to help you in your task. We will be having sessions on District Grants, Media, Service projects and plenty of time for you to raise matters concerning your club.

DISTRICT FOUNDATION DINNER

This year the District Foundation Dinner will be held in Wagga Wagga on November 12. The Wagga Wagga Club will be hosting this event, it will be a gala night with wonderful presentations featuring Elaine Dietsch an academic and midwife who has worked in Africa. She will talk about her work in Maternal and Child Health, one of the Foundations Areas of Focus.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL BOARD VISIT

Rotary International Zone Director Guillen Tumangan paid a flying visit to the District early this month. Guillen and Letty met at our home with some of our District Board members and AG Bryan Short for dinner and we delivered them to Canberra the next day via some of our district towns and had lunch at Boorowa with club president Sharon. It was a most interesting and helpful experience to have an RI Board member visit and available to discuss Rotary in a worldwide view.

LEGACY AND ROTARY

The proceeds of a recent climb of Mount Kenya by Coolamon and Wagga Sunrise clubs have been presented to Legacy in Wagga Wagga and Forbes. The climb coordinated by John Glassford was made in conjunction with the armed services to commemorate Anzac Day celebrations and the funds raised will go to support Legacy across our district. A wonderful story with a great outcome as Rotary partners with a respected community organisation to make our place a better place to live.





AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS

Across the district this year we have sponsored 5 Indigenous health Scholarships. Three of the recipients recently attended a presentation to meet with their sponsor club and tell us about their studies. This program is going a long way to making the communities they serve better places to live and we should be proud of our involvement. Thanks to our district rep PDG John Egan and Cheryl Degeura from ARH.

ROTARY SUCCESS CONFERENCE

The Rotary Success Conference held in Canberra recently rejuvenated and refreshed me after several long weeks with my head down and tail up. A number of members from across the district attended workshops on membership and successful clubs and will I am sure be a great benefit to the District. DGE Michael, Membership Director Russ, Public Image Director PDG John, President Tony Roddy, Lynette Bullen and others all enjoyed the weekend and found it inspiring and productive. I look forward to membership and club initiatives like Rotary Leadership Institute that we will be introducing across the district this year.



COWRA PEACE PRECINCT

On our recent visit to Cowra we were given a tour of the Cowra Peace Precinct and other significant places by President David. We visited the Rotary Arboretum and Peace Walk at the entry to the Japanese Gardens, the POW camp site, rang the Peace Bell in Town and Marilyn planted a tree at Europa Park. Rotary has had a significant involvement in all these projects and Cowra is a Peace Community under the Rotary Peace Communities Program.



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[Maternal and Child Health Partners Program](#)



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.

Robert Bowcher from South Wagga Rotary Club

Robert has worked for two years to try and secure a Prostate Specialist Nurse for the MLHD Area, again through persistent lobbying of Politicians well supported by our local media. He has been working very closely with some high profile people to try and convince Government that a Prostate Specialist Nurse is critical to rural areas like ours. Thanks to Robert and his many supporters Prostate Cancer sufferers in the Wagga area will benefit from the support of a Prostate Cancer Specialist nurse in the very near future.



Trevor Bedggood from Henty Rotary Club

Trevor has tirelessly supported Henty Rotary Club in many varied activities. He is the partner of Rotarian

Noelene and together they work hard to support Rotary and their town. Trevor was surprised and amazed that he should be award such an honour and I am thrilled that Henty chose Trevor as I am aware of just what a "quiet achiever" he is .



Jan Roberts from Wollundry Rotary Club

The Club chose to award a PHF to Jan Roberts who is prominent in helping women in crisis. President

Geoff listed off the accomplishments and involvement of this amazing lady, which include tireless work in supporting women in violent and threatening situations. She has been on the Committee of Wagga Women's Health Centre for more than 35 yrs, and is currently vice president. She has been involved with Sister Housing, and Linden Place which supports the victims of child sexual assault.

Jan is truly an outstanding community person, well chosen to receive a Paul Harris Fellow.



Paul Cox from Rotary Club of Orange Calare

Gary and I had the pleasure of witnessing the awarding of another PHF to Paul Cox, Paul is an energetic

and tireless worker for Rotary and his recent efforts for the Ice Forums has been outstanding. Well done Paul, and to Judy as well who was presented with flowers for her support to Paul in his endeavours.

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 be report my progress through this newsletter.

Best wishes and keep up the good work for Rotary.
Marilyn

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Patchwork



Are you interested in Patchwork?

Partners Program Coordinator- Marilyn Roberts

As part of the Partner's program, a number of partners and I have been discussing the possibility of holding a Quilt Sale at the District Conference in Wagga Wagga in April 2016. I have many interested participants and have decided to go ahead with the project.

Participants will create a quilt made from their "stash". For those who don't know what a stash is, it's the fabric they have sitting in their cupboards that will one day make a quilt.

Participants will donate that quilt to the partner's program quilt sale in Wagga Wagga.

Size:

The quilts are to be:

Minimum size: 1.20cm x 120cm

Maximum size: 1.50cm x1.50cm

Price:

The smaller quilt will be priced at \$100

The larger quilt will be priced at \$150

These prices barely reflect the cost of the material, and do not reflect the hours of the quilters in creating these beautiful quilts. A handmade quilt for \$100- \$150 is a bargain. My aim to have 100 quilts for sale. Please offer the opportunity to fellow quilters who may be interested.

Rotary Foundation - Maternal and Child Health will be the recipient of the funds raised from this quilt sale. If the quilts are not all sold at the Wagga Wagga Conference, I will arrange to have sales within the District at difference towns. Again if any quilts are not sold they will be given the various charities around the district for use or fundraising or given to Nursing homes, respite centres etc.

If you require more information or wish to be involved, or donate a quilt please contact any of the coordinators below.

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Rotary World Convention



Connect with Korea – Touch the World

28th May – 1st June 2016

For those of you who have made enquiries as to what is happening regarding the Rotary International Convention in Korea. I have made contact with a travel agent who is presently creating a packaged travel deal for D9700. I have asked for an itinerary regarding a tour of some of the highlights of Seoul and Sth Korea, as well as accommodation and flights to Seoul to attend the convention.

If you are interested contact me and I will make sure you receive the details once the agent finalized tour package. These arrangements are in early stages and will I publish information as it come to hand.

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6th Annual Royce Abbey Oration

6th Royce Abbey Oration and Luncheon

Racism in the 21st Century – The New Tribalism

presented by

Steve Mark AM

Chairman, Australian Section of the International Commission of Jurists
and
Co-Founder of Creative Consequences

to mark

International Day of Peace

Sunday, 20th September, 2015

at

Wagga Wagga Country Club
Plumpton Road, Wagga Wagga

from

12:00 noon

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Steve Mark AM](#)

and

[Click here to download history of the Royce Abbey
Oration](#)

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[RYPEN](#)

[RYPEN is on again this year in Wagga Wagga.](#)

Wollundry Wagga Wagga have been running it for 10 years and District is looking for another club to take it over in 2016.

RYPEN 2015 will run in Wagga Wagga in November at Borambola and a new club would be most welcome to attend and learn the ropes.

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