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Grenfell
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PolioPlus Film Night - Wagga Wagga

Forum Cinema Wagga Wagga
Feb 20, 2014

Assistant Governor Training

Cherry Blossom Motel, Young
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President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS)

McCauley Centre, Young
Feb 22, 2014 12:00 PM - Feb 23, 2014 04:00 PM

Rotary's Birthday

Feb 23, 2014

Rotary Peace Day & Wagga Community Service Awards

Victory Memorial Gardens, Wagga Wagga
Feb 23, 2014 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

District Conference

Orange Civic Theatre
Mar 21, 2014 - Mar 23, 2014

Presidential Citation Applications to be with DG

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Mar 31, 2014 08:30 AM - Apr 05, 2014 12:00 PM

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Wagga Sunrise Roaring 20's Drinks & Canapes

International Hotel, Wagga Wagga
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D9700 Board Meeting

Henry Lawson High School Library, Grenfell
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Henry Lawson High School, Grenfell
May 04, 2014

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Blayney
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District News

**Eastern Region
RAWCS Conference
held at Forbes**

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District Governor's Message

Posted by Paul Weston on Dec 15, 2013

On 26 November the Rotary Club of Orange Daybreak hosted a very successful Foundation Dinner. A capacity audience of 220 Rotarians and friends attended. The guest speaker was the Napali Consul-General Deepak K. Khadka. A full report on the night will follow in the next Newsletter.

Congratulations to Mary Brell and her team who received a Shine Award of \$1,000 at a recent Rotary Australia World Community Service meeting for the project in Nepal. Chris Finkel's report on the RAWCS meeting provides further information.

D9700's Got Talent - Please take a few minutes to read the Future Leaders Seminar reports contained in the News Items of this Newsletter.

I would like to acknowledge the generosity of those clubs who donated not only to the recent New South Wales Bushfire Appeal and also donated to the appeal to assist those effected by typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.



Finally, Bettye and I extend Seasons Greetings to all. We trust you will enjoy a happy and safe holiday period with family and friends. We look forward to catching up with you in the new year.

DG Geoff Tancred

News items

Posted by Paul Weston on Dec 15, 2013

See District News section for three new items:

Dec 15, 2013
by Paul Weston
RAWCS Eastern Region represents six districts from Australia's Eastern seaboard, namely districts 9650, 9670, 9675, 9685, 9700 and 9710, which comprise of 270 Rotary clubs and 7000 members. Since the inception of RAWCS in 1973, formerly FAIM (Fourth Avenue in Motion), last weekend was the first time that that Forbes has been selected as a conference venue.

(click headline for the full story)

Phil Liggett to speak at Wagga RSL on 14th January

Dec 15, 2013
by Paul Weston

The Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga is very pleased to announce that Phil Liggett, noted champion cyclist and commentator of the Tour de France and other international sporting events, will be a guest speaker at their dinner meeting on 14 January, 2014. A limited number of tickets will be sold, so make your booking soon. Full details can be found in the flyer (click [here](#)).

Future Leaders Seminar

Dec 15, 2013
by Paul Weston

Three Rotarians recently attended the Zone 8 Future Leaders Seminar in Canberra: Debbie Schache (Bathurst Daybreak), Lauren Slater (Wagga Wagga Murrumbidgee) and Lynette Bullen (Orange Daybreak). Here are impressions of the event from two of the attendees:

Lauren Slater: I've had some time to think and reflect upon what I heard, saw and discussed at the Zone 8 Future Leaders Seminar. We hear a lot about our Rotary Club and our Rotary District 9700 but we often don't hear enough about other districts and Rotary in Australia. It was fantastic to speak to Rotarians from all over Australia and although we may live far apart we were all there for the same reason, to learn more about becoming better leaders in rotary. (click [here](#) for Lauren's full report)

Lynette Bullen: I would like to thank District Governor Geoff Tancred for the invitation to attend the recent Zone 8 Future Leaders Seminar and the 2013 Rotary Institute in Canberra. To meet passionate Rotarians from across the country and to share ideas and learn more about what wonderful activities Rotary is doing around Australia and internationally was a highlight for me.

- Report on Eastern Region RAWCS meeting in Forbes
- Wagga Wagga's Phil Liggett dinner
- Future Leaders Seminar reports

Parkes Rotary Annual Cubby House Raffle

Posted by Paul Weston on Dec 15, 2013

For quite a few years now Parkes Club has conducted a Cubby House Raffle in the two months leading up to Christmas. Initially it was a cubby house on a box trailer and it was very successful. However changing registration regulations and the loss of the trailer donor meant that just the cubby house would be the prize.

The original intention was to each year select a worthy local cause and donate the proceeds to them and that was fine whilst we had plenty of members prepared to give up their time to sell tickets in the street with the cubby house mounted on a loan Holden 4wd Ute from the local dealer. But like most clubs they started running out of puff so they went to plan B.



The cubby house is still raffled each year and the club still looks for worthy causes with the big difference being the worthy causes have to supply the personnel and they retain the proceeds of all the tickets that they sell. The great benefit of this is that the proceeds are spread over a wider part of the community. For example the local scouts have been very enthusiastic sellers and have made enough money to fully fence their property and buy a container to house their canoes. It is still seen as a local Rotary project.

The world is truly a global village

Posted by Paul Weston on Dec 15, 2013

The following heartwarming letter was received from District 2430 in Turkey:

(click headline for the rest of the story...)

Youth Program contacts

Sep 23, 2013

by Michael Milston

If you are looking for information about applications, closing dates, venues and program details of any **Youth Programs** please refer your questions to the Program Chair/Coordinator/Convener. These names and contact details are also in the D9700 Directory that has been made available for all members. The three page information and **Contact sheet for Youth Programs** can be downloaded [here](#)

Are you on Facebook?

Aug 22, 2013

by Julie Stott

Are you on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn or Youtube? Well, Rotary is. The link below was sent in by District IT committee person Julie Stott. It is a PowerPoint presentation about Rotary and the Social Media. Click on it and check it out.

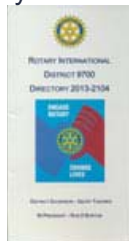


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District Directory

Jul 21, 2013

by Geoff Tancred



The **2013-2014 District Directory** has been distributed to Club Presidents. We all realise that any hard

copy is out of date the moment it is printed. If there are any mistakes to your personal contact information, please login to the [district website](#) and update your details. If you have not logged in yet, this would be a good time. If you need assistance logging in, [click here](#).

If there are mistakes to your club information please contact your club Secretary and ask them to make the corrections.

If there are any mistakes to



NB If you're having trouble reading the letter, you can view a full-size version [here](#).

Highly Successful Fundraiser for Typhoon Victims by Coolamon Rotary

Posted by Paul Weston on Dec 15, 2013

The Rotary Club of Coolamon held a very successful fundraiser for victims of the horrific typhoon Haiyan that recently devastated vast portions of the Philippines. Club members set up a tent and gear contained within a Rotary shelterbox in Coolamon and Ganmain on two consecutive days and raised over \$2,500 through sale of raffle tickets and collection of outright donations. Remarkably, one family also donated funds to purchase one additional shelterbox. The overwhelming community support was both surprising and heartwarming, and, combined with donation of funds from our own treasury, will result in five shelterboxes being sent to needy victims of this natural catastrophe.

the District Committee information, contact District Secretary, Michael Milston with the correct information. All details of new members, deceased members, resignations or terminations are to me made on the **District website** and not on the **RI Member Access site**. The District Directory link has been adjusted for changes made to September 2013.

This is YOUR Newsletter

Jul 23, 2013

by Geoff Tancred

I advised the Presidents' Elect at the District Assembly **"this is your Newsletter not the Governor's"**. Therefore the Newsletter will be only as good as your input. Please forward articles which you consider to be of interest together with photographs to **DG Geoff**

Request for Club Bulletins

Jul 23, 2013

by Geoff Tancred

Please ensure that an electronic copy of your Club Bulletin is sent to :-

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Grahame Miles, Ian Durham and Ian Jennings posing by the shelterbox display.

Update from Henty

Posted by Paul Weston on Dec 15, 2013

Members of Henty Rotary Club have been kept busy recently. The Henty Machinery Field Days have just celebrated their 50th anniversary and from the beginning the Rotary Club has manned the Field Day Gates as a fund raiser. Beginning by standing at the entrance to a paddock with nail nags around their waists, they now occupy purpose built gates complete with cash registers and EFTPOS machines.



Henty members relax at the conclusion of the Henty Machinery Field Days.

Members have also taken on the task of setting out the gardens and lawns at the recently extended local Medical Centre (pictured below).



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Tax deductability for local Rotary projects

Posted by Paul Weston on Dec 15, 2013



**ROTARY AUSTRALIA
BENEVOLENT SOCIETY
(RABS)**

RAWCS has now heeded requests to widen its responsibilities to include on shore (Australian) projects. The arm will be known as **Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS)** and it has been created to assist Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts within Australia to respond to needs within their own communities and to gain tax deductibility for donations made to their particular project.

RABS Projects can be registered by Australian Rotary Clubs. A Rotary Club can only register one RABS project at a time but in addition to registrations by Clubs, Rotary Districts can register up to two District projects. Rotary Clubs and Districts operating RABS projects are deemed to be acting as agents for RAWCS Ltd.

The ACNC Act requires that all Benevolent Society projects must address one of the following criteria that **arouse the compassion of a local community**:

Poverty
Misfortune Disability Sickness Destitution Suffering Distress
Helplessness

The main requirement for RABS projects is that they provide relief to people in need. If the clients are disadvantaged, the relief should target that disadvantage, i.e. a place to sleep for the homeless, food and support for those in poverty, counseling and support of those in distress. The relief provided is only for people. The project must also show that it works for a section of the community that clearly needs help, in other words 'people in need'.

Benefits can be directed to a section of a community rather than the community as a whole.

To Learn more, or download rules and project criteria; project registration forms, or to locate contact details of our Officers, please go to our website address below. There you can read the list of projects currently registered which you may wish to support.

Please visit

www.rawcs.org.au

NB If you're having trouble reading the letter, you can view a full-size version [here](#).

World Polio Day Celebrated in Wagga

Posted by Paul Weston on Dec 15, 2013

World Polio Day asked Rotarians to celebrate the work we have done and the work we will continue to do to make a polio-free world.

Wagga Rotary had a very successful day on Wednesday 23rd October. Present were:

- Mayor City of Wagga Wagga - Rod Kendall
- GM Wagga Wagga City Council - Phil Pinyon
- NSW Police - Act Supt Rod Smith
- GM Wagga Wagga Health Services - Denis Thomas
- Editor Daily Advertiser newspaper - Paul McLoughlin
- RAAF Forest Hill - WOFF Geoff Banning
- ABC Radio Morning Show - Grant Luhrs
- Miss Wagga 2013 - Tracey Coleman

Kapooka had an "Army Safety Day" which involved the entire base, and Col David Hay sent his apologies

Twelve Rotarians were in attendance with each Wagga Rotary club being represented.

The format of the day was kept simple. From 12.20pm WIN TV and the Daily advertiser interviewed various people. At about 12.45PM, there was a 5 minute talk about World Polio Day and Rotary's PolioPlus Project. Then each of the dignitaries were presented with an "End Polio Now" pin by a representative of each club. This was followed by more interviews and discussion between community leaders and Rotarians.

WIN TV broadcast a story on the local news and Sarah Burnell, the presenter, was wearing her "END POLIO NOW" badge.

I believe the aim of "spreading the word about PolioPlus - the world's best kept secret" went a long way to being achieved as evidenced by not only the picture piece in today's Daily Advertiser but also the Editorial piece which I hadn't expected.

All in all, a great success.

Graeme Callander, District Polio Plus Coordinator

Polio-Plus Awareness Day in Henty

Posted by Noelene Bedggood on Dec 15, 2013

A mail out to all the Henty community and a window display in the main street to raise awareness about Polio and publicise a raffle raised **\$1000** for Polio-Plus.

The committee of Rotarians Kevin Fogarty, Graeme Booth and Foundation Director Mark Janetzki, initiated and organised this great event.

On World Polio Day Kevin Fogarty, proudly wearing his PolioPlus T-shirt, raffled off a hamper donated by Les & Mary Dale.

The Rotary Club funded the mail-out to all households explaining Rotary's PolioPlus project and seeking donations.

Large posters were displayed all about the town with three designated businesses collecting donations and issuing receipts.

All expenses were paid by the club which meant that all donations will be forwarded to the Rotary Foundation for PolioPlus.



Kevin Fogarty accepting a donation from Julie Parker.

ANZAC Exchange Proposal

Posted by Paul Weston on Dec 15, 2013

At a recent gathering of all District Rotary Youth Exchange Chairs from across Australia, a representative from Turkey D2430 floated a proposal that during the 2015 year when we celebrate 100 years since the battles at Gallipoli, their District is seeking to have students placed in their communities and to act as representatives of their home district at Gallipoli commemorations.

This is a once in a century opportunity, and while we have not committed to being involved, if any Rotary club has a student interested in Youth Exchange for 2015, and they have a connection through family to those that fought at Gallipoli, we would be interested to hear from you. Maybe you could liaise with your local RSL group, and work together to find a suitable candidate to propose for this program.

The District committee will be seeking candidates for all of our 2015 overseas programs during the first few months of 2014. Now is a good time to get started. Don't leave it until the last minute to look for candidates.

Currently we have 6 student overseas in Japan, Denmark, Germany Austria, Peru and Sweden, and they return during January 2014. Our Debriefing day is set for Sunday 2 February in Grenfell. Come and hear their stories about how they have just had a life changing year away. All Rotarians are welcome on the day. Come and learn more about the program and how you can share in the opportunities it creates.

Rotary Foundation recognises outstanding D9700 Clubs

Posted by Ian Simpson on Dec 15, 2013

At the Presidents Forum in early November (Rotary Foundation Month), many clubs in our District were recognised for their support to the Rotary Foundation.

Top 3 highest per capita clubs to the Annual Fund in 2011-12:

1. Orange Calare
2. Temora
3. Boorowa

Top 3 highest per capita clubs to the Annual Fund in 2012-13:

1. Orange Calare
2. Parkes
3. Temora

Certificate of Appreciation for Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge

In 2011-12, the following Clubs were recognised for contributing more than \$2000 to Rotary's Challenge to **End Polio Now**:

Cowra, Griffith, Griffith Avanti, Griffith East, Henty, Oberon, Orange, Orange Calare, Orange Daybreak, Wagga Wagga, Wagga Koorinal, Wagga Sunrise, Temora, & Young.

100% Sustaining Member Club for 2012-13

Boorowa Rotary with every active member personally contributing US \$100 or more to the Annual Fund during the Rotary year based on membership as of 30th June

District 9700 EREY (Every Rotarian, Every Year) Award for 2012-13

Boorowa Rotary Club achieved a minimum of US \$100 per capita with every active member personally contributing some amount to the Annual Fund on membership as of 30th June

The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation **congratulate** the President and members of all clubs recognised for their generosity towards in support of the Annual Fund and Rotary's challenge to End Polio Now.

Ian Simpson, District Rotary Foundation Chair

We have a winner!

Posted by Gary Roberts on Dec 15, 2013

The Winner of the Centurion Challenge for the individual Rotarian who signed up this year is:

PETER CLUCAS

Peter wins a Tap King and two 3-litre bottles of beer--enjoy your Christmas!



The club who wins the draw for signing up 50% of their membership is:



KOORINGAL

Congratulations to President Phillip and all the boys at Koorungal. You have won an Epson Digital projector.

Thank you to all those who signed up as Centurions; the response has been wonderful. The Centurion program is a District program inaugurated by the late Peter Walsh. Donations to Foundation must be recorded in the district to be recognised as a Centurion.

It's not too late to make a donation to the Foundation and to become a Centurion. We will be establishing a renewal date for our district of November ONE each year, so if you have not yet signed up do so now by sending your donation to PDG John Egan. You will receive a tax receipt from the Foundation and be recorded as a Centurion.

Gary Roberts DGN