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### [DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE](#)

Posted by John McKenzie

#### **THANKS D9700 FOR A WONDERFUL ROTARY YEAR**

Bettye and I wish to thank everyone for making our year so enjoyable and one that we will remember for such a long time. The support that we have received from the District Board, Assistant Governors, Presidents, Committees and Club members has been tremendous.

The highlights this year included the District Conference, the Nepal Global Grant and the recent Rotary International Convention in Sydney. Reports on the latter two are included in this Newsletter.

During our visits and on reading the Club bulletins we were amazed to learn of the many and varied community and overseas projects in which the Clubs are involved. We were particularly thrilled to hear that all Clubs are actively involved in one or more of the many Youth programs.

No matter how big or small, all Clubs have truly Engaged Rotary and Changed Lives.

**DG Geoff Tancred**

### [TEACHER TRAINING IN NEPAL](#)

Posted by John McKenzie

In April this year our District 9700 Community Development team led by the Rotary Club of Orange Daybreak (RCOD) continued their work in the high Himalayas. On this the fourth trip to Nepal one of the highlights was Ambassador Glenn White's visit to Maidi a day's journey from Kathmandu, the capital of Nepal. Ambassador White and District Governor 9700 Geoff Tancred officially opened the community hall and the literacy platform, built to encourage English literacy skills throughout the village.

Glenn White is pictured above with his wife Marianne being welcomed to the village with traditional red tikka and garlands of flowers. Walking beside them is Prakash Aryal, our "in-country" organiser, an essential person for our work in Nepal.

The work this year built on that conducted by the previous teacher training teams from Australia, as part of a Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) project. This work can now be



extended with \$40,000 provided through a Rotary Foundation Global Grant. The project is supported also by many individuals, schools, organisations and local Rotary clubs. The teams have worked with community leaders to assess local needs and have trained 220 teachers across 26 schools. By the time of completion of the project in 2015, more than 350 Nepalese teachers will have been given direct access to the teacher training.

For the full Nepal Friendship Project newsletter click [here](#).

## DISTRICT 9700 RYLA 2014

Posted by John McKenzie

RYLA 2014 was held from March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 5<sup>th</sup> and was a huge success. There were 27 participants (22 males and 5 females) who arrived Monday morning at Camp Kurrajong and were thrown in the deep end with icebreakers and a talk on Rotary.

Guest speakers throughout the week included real estate mogul Charles Tarbey, PDG John Egan, Financial planner Peter Hastie,

Detective Inspector Sandy Green, Rotarian and Ronald McDonald House Manager Deborah Braines and life coach Jeremy Hutchings. Speakers also included past RYLA participants Patricia Dawe talking about her Kokoda Trek, Matt Dombrovski now a solicitor talking about legal responsibility such as wills, and many other aspects of growing up that participants hadn't previously considered and James Lanham talking about how RYLA changed his life.

Activities throughout the week involved a day trip to Kapooka Army Base and a self defense class run by Aikido Yuishinkai instructors showing RYLarians how to protect themselves and get out of a situation safely.

Each speaker gave their advice on Leadership and what makes a successful leader. As the week progressed each RYLarian opened up more to the group and a remarkable change was seen in each one by the end of Saturday morning. For Head Director Lauren Slater's full report [PRESS HERE](#).



## ATTRACTING - KEEPING MEMBERS

Posted by John McKenzie

*Ron Burton's Message, Rotary Leader May 2014 – Volume 4, Issue 6*

We've talked a lot in recent years about attracting members to Rotary, but we haven't talked enough about keeping them. Part of your job as Rotary leaders is to identify those clubs that are standing still — or worse, losing members — and help them turn things around. And that means doing things differently.

Some of the best ideas are coming from our newest clubs. My wife, Jetta, and I recently attended a Saturday morning meeting of the Charlotte End-of-the-Week Rotary club in North Carolina, USA, chartered last year. There wasn't a business suit in sight. Off in a corner, the members' children quietly entertained themselves with some paper, crayons, and toys.

Most of the members are from the Haitian community, with an average age of 35, and they aren't wealthy. Nobody pays for meals; someone brings bagels or sweet rolls. Nobody misses work to be there, and nobody misses time with their kids. They're also doing some great service projects, from volunteering at a local food bank to partnering with other Rotary clubs in Haiti.

If we want to engage young Rotarians and keep them as lifelong members, we have to think harder about their lives and the cost. That's not a problem we can solve in Evanston. This year, RI dues cost \$53, about one cup of fancy coffee a month. But too many people can't afford the costs set by clubs and districts, which can reach thousands of dollars a year. Some clubs want the nice meal in the fancy restaurant, and that's OK. But we need to encourage Rotarians to make changes that work best in their communities, an idea that is central to the regional membership plans.

**We need to be bold, flexible, and tolerant, because Rotary is a place where we embrace our differences. All that really matters is that we put Service Above Self.**

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL COVENTION IN SYDNEY

Posted by John McKenzie

It is finally over, all that planning for such a few days. However, it is the planning that makes it all worthwhile.

The RI Convention Committee did an amazing job, a tremendous accomplishment. I heard that 20,000 Rotarians attended the convention, and yet we were all able to attend Plenary sessions and Breakout sessions without too much difficulty. The NSW Government were supportive in their assistance of free public transport. The trains to Olympic Park were plentiful and on time. Meeting our fellow Rotarians from all over the world while travelling on the train was definitely a highlight.

To read Marilyn Roberts full report on the Convention [click here](#).



## SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Posted by John McKenzie

### Sheahan successful in Science and Engineering Challenge

The team from James Sheahan Catholic High School won the Science & Engineering Challenge held in Orange recently. Over 200 Year 10 students from 8 schools in Orange, Molong and Bathurst competed. The Challenge is designed to inspire young people about the opportunities available in science, technology and engineering through fun and practical hands-on activities. A close second in the Challenge was the team from Canobolas Technology High School followed by Kinross Wolaroi School.



The Challenge was a huge success with participating students exhibiting great enthusiasm and determination to win for their school. Teachers from the schools involved have indicated that the Challenge has had a significant, positive and lasting effect on the students' approach to science and technology in the classroom.

The fourth annual Challenge program was designed by the University of Newcastle and was sponsored and run locally by the four Rotary Clubs in Orange. This year the event was held at Kinross Wolaroi School. There were 8 activities with 3 to 4 students from each school competing to design, build and test various devices and structures in each activity. Points were allocated

according to their level of success in each activity. In *Helter Skelter Shelter*, the students constructed a tall earthquake-proof tower using only basic materials, sound engineering principles, and ingenuity, with the towers put to the test on an earthquake simulator. "*Who Gets the Water?*" involved building pipe networks to gravity feed water from header tanks to the receiving tanks as quickly as possible. In *Hover Frenzy* the students constructed a small hovercraft from motorised propulsion units, Styrofoam trays, balsa, plastic and tape, with scoring based on manoeuvrability, speed, and ability to negotiate obstacles. The *Bridge* involved designing and building a small bridge from balsa, pins, tape and paddle pop sticks, with points awarded for strength and load-carrying capacity when tested with dynamic loads.

Photo: Claudia Dean, Olivia Cargill, Jesse Lyon and Della Cudden from James Sheahan Catholic High School competing in the *Who Gets The Water?* Challenge activity

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## PREPARING FOR 2014/2015 ROTARY YEAR

Posted by John McKenzie

Have all Clubs entered their incoming officers in the RI database using 'My Rotary' yet? The President and Secretary can provide information on the following officers at the click of a button:

- President
- Secretary
- Club Executive Secretary (optional)
- Treasurer
- Foundation Director
- Membership Director

If at least the President and Secretary are not in the database prior to 30 June 2104, then no-one in the Club will be able to update information. Even if the current officers are continuing, this must be notified as it is not 'assumed' given that ideally each officer serves only one year in the same role.

If Clubs are using a third party such as Club Runner to update the information, please be aware that these updates may not always be instant, and in some cases do not flow through to the RI database at all.

**District Governor Geoff.**

## ANOTHER BOUQUET FOR DREAM CRICKET

Posted by John McKenzie



## Koorringal Public School

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26th November 2013

Dear Rotarians

On behalf of Koorringal Public School, I would like to thank you for your generous donation a dream cricket kit for the IO Support Class, it will assist them to develop their hand eye coordination whilst having fun with their class mates and school peers.

It was lovely to have a parent come in and comment on the conversation she was able to have with her son after school about playing cricket with the big boys and how they had taught him to bowl.



Thank you very much for your very generous donation.  
Yours sincerely

Julie Masters  
Classroom Teacher

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## DISASTER AID INTERNATIONAL

Posted by John McKenzie

Disaster Aid international (DAI) is an Australian Rotary Club based project that delivers humanitarian aid packaged solutions to people in developing countries who have suffered loss following natural or other disasters. Clean, sustainable drinking water, home repair kits, tents, tarpaulins, solar lighting and other vital equipment so families and communities can rebuild their homes and their lives. In the event of a disaster a highly trained, volunteer, Disaster Aid Relief Team (DART) deliver aid solutions. DARTs are mostly Rotarians and they work closely with local agencies, authorities, NGOs and Rotary Clubs. Orange Daybreak

have a disaster aid box which has a tent and survival aids. If your Club would like to promote the program in your community by erecting the tent and displaying the box obtaining donations



to support the program please contact Graeme McLean at 6369 1510 or [everettandmclean@gmail.com](mailto:everettandmclean@gmail.com)

The motto of DAI is "WE REFUSE TO BE VICTIMS: WE CHOOSE TO BE RESOURCES".

## YOUTH EXCHANGE

Posted by John McKenzie

### Changes to Youth Exchange eligibility

Over recent months, our District Committee, along with other districts covering the schools in New South Wales, have been moving towards the establishment of an Incorporated body who can act as our conduit to the Department of Education and Communities International (DECI). This government department is responsible for issuing the authority certificate we refer to as the AASES form enabling us to enrol students in NSW schools. All exchange groups must have an AASES form before we can offer a placement to an overseas student, and they must have it to obtain their student Visa. Our registered group name is now Rotary Youth Exchange New South Wales (RYENSW) and District 9700 is a part of this group, as DECI will not liaise with individual districts.

A recent further development is that we have just been advised that DECI will no longer recognise students participating in any exchange where they are regarded as a Year 13 student. Any student who has completed their secondary studies in NSW and done their HSC is regarded as a Year 13 student. While this is not totally unexpected, as other states have moved this way in past years, this sudden change will have a marked impact on our recruiting candidates for placement overseas in 2015, as they could be a student who has finished their HSC schooling in 2014.

Your D9700 RYE Committee believe that clubs should be connecting with our schools and identifying students well in advance of their final year of school for participation in the program. Sending younger students overseas retains our ability to bring in students under the reciprocal arrangements we have had with overseas countries for many years. Sending any older student overseas will now mean they do not count for bringing a reciprocal student to Australia, which means our overseas partners will not accept the older student now under most circumstances anyway.

This year, we have had enquiries from several students who have held over their application to a later year, and they will be significantly affected by these changes. We are endeavouring to seek some resolution to this in the short term, but recommend that clubs now seek candidates from Years 9 and 10 as their preferred participants in the program. Year 11 applicants are also accepted but due to the disruption a year away will have on their continuity of study for the HSC, they are less likely to want to be involved.

If you have any queries about this matter please contact D9700 RYE Chairman PDG Ian Tooke by phone or email.

## AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Posted by John McKenzie

A very well attended and successful evening was held in the Ganmain Hall on 10 May in aid of the endangered animal species in Africa, particularly the Elephant and the Rhinoceros. With Rhino Horns fetching \$40,000 the illegal ivory trade is a difficult one to eradicate. The guest speaker was Kenya's Ambassador to Australia, His Excellency Isaiya Kabira. The night was a joint effort between the Rotary Clubs of Wagga Wagga Sunrise and Coolamon and there was a lot of assistance from the local Kenyan community with the cooking of an African three course dinner. The newest Paul Harris Fellow, Susan Glassford was surprised when presented with her medallion, which she wore proudly for the remainder of the evening.





Kenyan Ambassador to Australia, His Excellency Isaiya Kabira and his wife, Betty

### JUNIOR SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD

Posted by John McKenzie

In 2013, the Rotary Club of Orange Daybreak (RCOD) created an annual award named the *Service Above Self Award*, aimed at recognizing the youth in Orange and district who have exhibited commitment to Rotary's ideal of service. The award recognized Year 11 students across high schools in Orange and Molong. All schools were asked to identify and nominate one student who had exhibited service to their school, or to the community; locally, nationally or internationally. It was not an academic award.



The calibre of applicants was outstanding, with five nominated by their schools and three interviewed. The nominees were: Elizabeth Clarke from Orange High School, Mark Evans from Anson Street School, Madison Kent from The Orange Christian School, Danielle Dugmore of Molong Central School and Eliza Harvey from James Sheahan Catholic High School.

Following interviews and consideration of *Portfolios of Service* submitted, the winner was Eliza Harvey of James Sheahan Catholic High School. She received a shield and a cash scholarship for \$300. In addition she was offered a Rotary Youth Leadership Award scholarship to be taken during the next three years anywhere in Australia and an additional \$200 to assist with out of pocket expenses and lost salary. Each of the other four nominees received a shield in addition to a scholarship for \$100.

In February 2014, Eliza was the speaker at a RCOD meeting and was joined by her parents. She spoke on her award and accomplishments leading to its presentation. She was involved in the planning, fund raising and eventual trip to Sri Lanka, called *Building Relationships across Border*, undertaken by 15 students and 3 teachers from James Sheahan. Eliza spoke of the 900 cupcakes home baked, a market themed on Sri Lanka and Eliza even donated blood! Funds raised were used for the trip and to purchase school books and educational materials for the children.

