



# Rotary District 9700 Newsletter



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Mar 21, 2014 - Mar 23, 2014

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Applications to be with DG  
Mar 31, 2014

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

District Foundation Grants  
Close  
Apr 01, 2014

D9700 Board Meeting  
Henry Lawson High School  
Library, Grenfell  
May 03, 2014

## Stories

### START ASKING PEOPLE TO YOUR ROTARY CLUB TODAY

Posted by Geoff Tancred on Mar 16, 2014



Over the last couple of years we have made a concerted effort to increase membership. A lot of Clubs have become more focused on membership as they realise the challenges ahead for their Clubs if they don't start to do something now for the future.

Membership has to be an ongoing plan and strategy for us as an organisation; it has to become part of our DNA. We need Rotarians from across the District to not only talk about membership at every opportunity but also to be constantly identifying potential Rotarians in their towns and localities.

Let's be enthusiastic about getting new members, start asking people to your Rotary Club today. Let them get involved with Rotary as you have; so they too can **Engage Rotary and Change Lives**.

DG Geoff Tancred

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Wagga Sunrise Autumn Soiree  
May 17, 2014 02:30 PM - 05:30  
PM

District Changeover  
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Jun 28, 2014 06:00 PM - Jun 29,  
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## District News

### Wagga Sunrise Roaring 20's Drinks & Canapes

Mar 16, 2014  
by Len Wade  
Chair: Leonard Wade  
Date: Apr 05, 2014 at 06:00 PM -  
09:00 PM  
Location: International Hotel,  
Wagga Wagga  
The Rotary Club of Wagga  
Wagga Sunrise will hold a  
Rotary Foundation function on  
Saturday 5 April 2014 at the new  
International Hotel in Wagga  
Wagga.

### Wagga Sunrise Autumn Soiree

Mar 16, 2014  
by Maxwell Chapman  
Date: May 17, 2014 at 02:30 PM -  
05:30 PM

Enjoy an elegant afternoon in  
magnificent gardens at Max &  
Sue Chapman's place.

### COOLAMON ROTARY CLUB INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

## DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2016-2017 NOMINATIONS

Posted by Geoff Tancred on Mar 16, 2014

Nominations are called for Governor of Rotary International  
District 9700 for 2016-2017.

Applicants need to complete the Governor-Nominee Data Form,  
which is available from the RI website - click [here](#).

A Governor-nominee must:

- Be a member in good standing of a functioning Club in D9700,
- Have served as a Club President for a full term,
- At the time of taking office have completed seven years of Rotary membership.

Interviews for all Applicants will be held at Grenfell on **Saturday, 3 May, 2014**.

Applications need to be submitted to the DG by **Saturday, 5 April, 2014**

# Rotary



## RYPEN 2013

Posted by Darren Wallace on Mar 15, 2014

RYPEN 2013 was attended by 68 year 9 students (47 girls and 21 boys) from 27 schools, being sponsored by 21 Rotary Clubs from across the district.

The camp ran from 5 pm Friday November 30th to 1pm Sunday December 2nd and was held at the Borambola Sport and Recreation Facility located 25kms east of Wagga Wagga.

The RYPEN 2013 program was jam-packed with amazing speakers and fantastic activities and the weather was perfect (although the flies were out in force!).



## COOLAMON ROTARY CLUB INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Feb 05, 2014

by John Glassford

Saturday, 10th May at the Ganmain Hall

Focus on Kenya with proceeds to aid endangered Rhinos and Elephants

## Roaring Twenties and All that Jazz

Feb 05, 2014

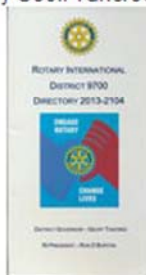
by Leonard Wade

The Rotary Club of Wagga Sunrise are holding a "Roaring Twenties and All that Jazz" evening on Saturday 5 April 2014 at the new International Hotel in Wagga.

## District Directory

Jul 21, 2013

by Geoff Tancred



The 2013-2014 District Directory has been distributed to Club Presidents.

## Request for Club Bulletins

Jul 23, 2013

by Geoff Tancred

Please ensure that an electronic copy of your Club Bulletin is sent to the following people:

## Are you on Facebook?

Aug 22, 2013

by Julie Stott

Are you on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn or Youtube? Well, Rotary is. The District's Facebook page is [here](#)

## Youth Program contacts

Sep 23, 2013

by Michael Milston

If you are looking for information about applications, closing dates

The program commenced Friday evening with sessions from NRMA and Wagga businessman Peter Clucas followed by ice-



breaker/team building activities with Sport and Rec staff and ending with a discussion of social issues from RYPEN stalwart David Mills.

Saturday was a very busy day with sessions from Wagga magistrate Michael Antill, The NSW Police Service, MEGT Apprenticeships and Training and Toastmasters as well as wall climbing, the low ropes course and team games activities. The day ended with an amazing (and exhausting and slightly crazy) theatre workshop session with actor Matt Coleman.

Sunday morning was spent learning about the Rotary Youth Exchange program with the highlight being meeting and chatting with exchange students currently visiting Australia from Peru, Germany and Austria as well as a past Australian exchange student that visited Faroe Islands in Denmark. The morning ended with the RYPEN mini-olympics followed by presentation to all students of their RYPEN shirt and a group photo.

The students really embraced the weekend's activities and everyone there (young and old-er) had a great time. It's always interesting to see how on Friday evening the students are reserved and quiet, then on Saturday they start to relax and get to know each other and by Sunday they have made many new friends and don't want to go home!

The magic of RYPEN is that this large group of young students from varying backgrounds are brought together in an informal setting where they meet and hear from business and community leaders and are exposed to workshops, discussions, physical, entertainment and team building activities - all the while being encouraged participate, interact, think, debate, learn and get to know their peers...and have a whole lot of fun. Before they know it, the students are improving their teamwork and leadership skills and broadening their horizons culturally, socially and academically.

RYPEN 2013 was very successful and we have received excellent feedback from students, parents and clubs.

Thanks to the David Mills and Rotary Clubs of Wollundry and Murrumbidgee who assisted with supervision at the camp. Thanks also to the 21 clubs that sponsored students - next year we want to see many more clubs participating!!

The full RYPEN program (and photos) can be viewed on the district web site under [Youth > RYPEN](#). RYPEN 2014 is planned for the weekend of 22/23 November.

## BATHURST CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Posted by Iain McKean on Mar 15, 2014

Neville Dawson was recently presented with the Citizen of the Year for Bathurst. He has been a member of The Rotary Club of Bathurst for 50 Years. He is a wonderful ambassador for Rotary.

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# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION SYDNEY JUNE 1-4 2014

Posted by Marilyn Roberts on Mar 15, 2014

Now is the time to make your decision regarding attending the Rotary International Convention. This will be the easiest, cheapest Rotary International Convention you will have the opportunity to attend. Travel wise it is only a few hours away and I guarantee you will enjoy every moment.



The convention is well organised with excellent quality speakers, Dr. Bruce Aylward (pictured left) Assistant Director-General for Polio, Emergencies, and Country Collaboration at the World Health Organization will speak on Tuesday 3 June Plenary session

During five plenary sessions you'll be inspired by Rotary International's president and other leaders as they share stories about Rotarians worldwide who exemplify Service Above Self. Rotary Foundation leaders will present the latest news about polio eradication and updates on Foundation grants and the wonderful work that does to make the world a better place. Gemma Sisia, School of St Jude will be one of speakers in the breakout sessions. For more information go to the < a href="http://riconvention.org/" target="\_blank">riconvention.org website. You can register for the convention on this site.



## Human Nature will be performing at the Opening Ceremony

### District 9700

DG Geoff Tancred has made arrangements for accommodation in central Sydney for Rotarians of 9700. There are still some rooms available; however, you will need to book soon as the offer closes in March. I have a few places left on the Harbour Cruise on Saturday 31st May, \$100 per head all inclusive.

Please contact me on [robwag2@bigpond.com](mailto:robwag2@bigpond.com) for booking information re accommodation and cruise.

I cannot recommend enough the value of attending this Rotary International Convention in Sydney. It is hard to explain the experience of meeting Rotarians from all over the world and seeing the work Rotary has achieved.

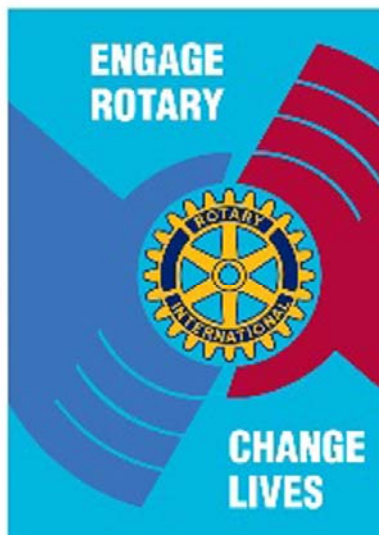


## PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

Posted by Geoff Tancred on Mar 16, 2014

The 2013-14 Presidential Citation recognises Rotary Clubs that achieve an array of accomplishments that promote membership growth, enhance humanitarian service, and strengthen community ties through the family of Rotary. To qualify for a citation, a Club must complete three required activities and at least three additional activities per category as listed in the 2013-14 Presidential Citation Brochure (900A-EN). This brochure was handed to Club Presidents at the time of the DG's Club visit. Club Presidents need to fill out and sign a copy of the brochure and send it to the DG Geoff by 31 March 2014.

Here is a link to the brochure - [900A-EN](#)



## PEACE ACROSS THE INDIAN OCEAN

Posted by Neal Fogarty on Mar 15, 2014

Rotarians from D9700 recently helped Chandigarh in India celebrate 10 years as a Peace City. The Rotary Peace Communities program was initiated in District 9700 in 1992 by the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Koorringal to promote peace locally and internationally. Rotarians committed to furthering Peace, set up Peace symbols on suitable sites in association with local authorities. PEACE ACROSS THE INDIAN OCEAN.

These symbols serve as a focus for peace projects and recognition of local citizens who have contributed to peace in their community or the wider world.

Chandigarh became a Rotary Peace City On 12 December 2003, with the aim to strive for:

- Community harmony
- Cultural diversity
- Rejection of violence
- Resolution of conflict
- Reconciliation of differences
- Freedom of expression

A group of 14 Rotarians and friends from Wagga Wagga and surrounding Clubs participated in a ceremony at the Peace monument with Past RI President Rajendra Saboo, who was world President in 1992 when the program was initiated. The group was also hosted at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Chandigarh of which Rajendra Saboo is a member. The idea of Peace Communities has been embraced by many overseas Rotary Districts and Clubs.

Some 57 Peace Cities have been recognized by the Rotary District Peace Communities Program (RDPCP) in New Zealand, Japan, Philippines, Canada, South Africa, USA, Namibia, Zambia, France, Israel, India, Mauritius, Northern Marianas, Argentina, Thailand and Yugoslavia. Wagga Wagga has also hosted Rotary Peace Communities International Conferences in 2000 and 20012, with proceedings of the latter published in Peace in Action.



## 2014 PETS Held in Young

Posted by Paul J Murray on Feb 23, 2014



The District 9700 Presidents Elect Training Seminar (PETS) was held in Young on the weekend of Feb 21-23. The training was organised by DGE David Kennedy and the district training team led by Mary Brell, Michael Milston and Julie Fleming.

The weekend was well attended, well planned and well executed with 2014-15 Assistant Governors and District Board members key presenters. To download some of the Presentations click on the above menu tabs **Admin**, then **Training**, then **PETS**. [To view a photo album of the weekend click here.](#)