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### Stories

#### [Engage Rotary, Change Lives Through Vocational Service](#)

Posted by Geoff Tancred on Sep 23, 2013

RI President Ron Burton is asking Rotarians to emphasize Rotary's unique commitment to vocational service by leveraging professional opportunities to Engage Rotary, Change Lives. Through vocational service initiatives, we can engage Rotary in our workplace. And by combining professional expertise and service, we can have a positive impact on local and international communities. Here are just a few ideas for activities your club can undertake:

- **Start a career counselling or vocational training program** and invite non-Rotarian community members to attend.
- **Organise a discussion or workshop** on workplace ethics and invite local non-Rotarian business leaders to attend.
- **Sponsor a career day** in which club members bring young people to their places of business to inform them about career opportunities.
- **Nominate a member of your community** for the District 9700 Vocational Service Excellence Award (nominations close with Peter Gissing on 31 October).

Completing one of these activities can help your club qualify for the **2013-2014 Presidential Citation**.

**SHARE YOUR CLUB SERVICE PROJECT**

<b>Coota Bike Festival</b> Coota Scout Hall Nov 09, 2013 07:30 AM - Nov 10, 2013 04:00 PM
<b>Presidents Forum &amp; D9700 AGM</b> Temora Nov 10, 2013
<b>Rotary Foundation Dinner</b> Orange Ex-Services Club Nov 26, 2013 06:00 PM
<b>Youth Exchange De-brief</b> Grenfell Feb 02, 2014
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District News

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.

We would like to hear from Clubs telling us what they have done. Please include a summary (approx. 150 words), a couple of photos and contact details, and forward to DG Geoff at [gjt@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gjt@bigpond.net.au)

Many thanks

**DG Geoff Tancred**

News items

Posted by Michael Milston on Sep 23, 2013

In the NEWS section of this Newsletter (left side below District Events) are three additional items:

A remembrance of three exceptional Rotarians – Bill Kloosterman, Ken Post and Norm Murphy, and

An update on Youth Program contacts.

Info and Links for:

the Annual Rotary Motor show in Griffith on 26 October,

the Wagga Wagga Garden Outdoor Festival on 26-27 October, and

the Coota Bike Festival on 9-10 November

And don't forget to read all the News stories as well

Hat Day

Posted by Michael Milston on Sep 23, 2013

Hat Day is Australia Rotary Health's community action and awareness day. In recent years ARH have received hundreds of grant applicants looking to research mental health issues, however a lack of funding has seen only 5% of these receive funding.

Australian Rotary Health will be hosting their next Hat Day on Friday the 11th of October, when are you hosting yours? Do you want to do something to show your support for mental health research and reduce the stigma of mental illness in Australia?

ARH is encouraging everyone to host their own Hat Day during Mental Health Month (October). It could be a morning tea at work, a fancy dress day at school or a dinner at home. Your club could even encourage members to wear a hat to one of their weekly meetings. Get your family, friends and club involved, together we can lift the hat off mental health issues in Australia.

By taking part in Hat Day you will be helping the four million Australians affected by mental illnesses. By donating to mental health research you are helping Australian Rotary Health fund research aimed at finding treatments and cures for mental illnesses such as depression, anxiety and schizophrenia.

The three page information and **Contact sheet for Youth Programs** can be downloaded [here](#)

#### We Pay our Respects to Bill, Ken and Norm

Sep 23, 2013

by Michael Milston

Unfortunately the Rotary clubs of Orange Calare, South Wagga and Griffith and indeed the wider communities of their home towns lost three very dear friends and fellow Rotarians in Bill Kloosterman (10 August), Ken Post ( 23 August) and Norm Murphy (29 August).

#### Annual Rotary Motor Show - Griffith - 26th Oct 2013

Aug 22, 2013

by Robert Clegg



Annual Rotary Motor Show, which will be held in Griffith on 26th October 2013.

This is the second year that it will be held.

Hereunder are details of last years event:-

- \* We raised over \$17,000.00 (profit).
- \* 2000 people attended
- \* over 176 New, Classic, Vintage and Veteran Cars and Motor Bikes participated
- \* Car restorers were able to buy part at a Swap Meet
- \* Remote Cars were displayed and demonstrated
- \* Entertainment was provided for children – Jumping castle etc.
- \* Food and drink Stalls

This year it is planned that it will even bigger and better with many more Cars planning to participate plus Vintage Tractors and old Motors.

#### Wagga Wagga Garden & Outdoor Festival

Sep 27, 2013

by Michael Milston

October 26-27, details contact John Wood 0428 244 393



#### Wagga Wagga Diners' Good Fortune sheds Light

Posted by Ruth Barber on Sep 23, 2013

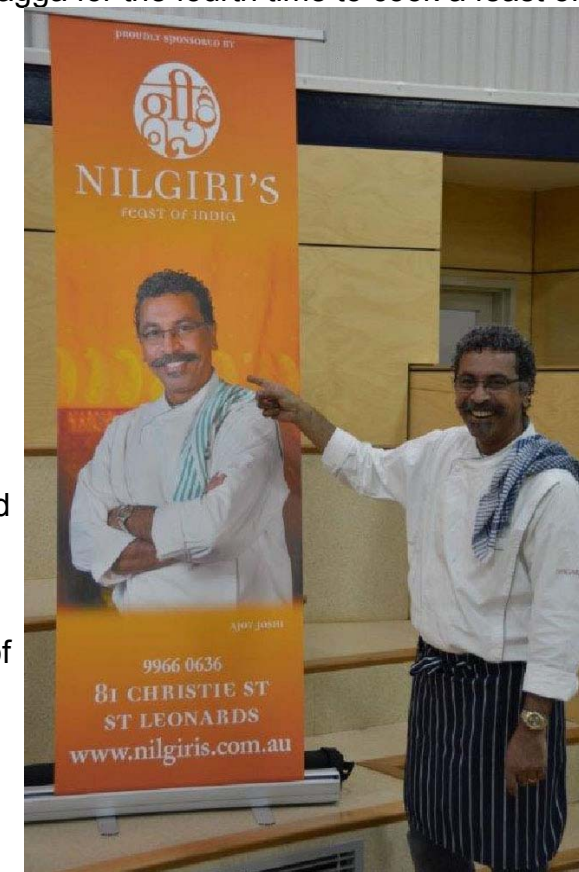
Indian “MasterChef” Ajoy Joshi visited Wagga Wagga for the fourth time to cook a feast of Indian delights for 300 lucky Guests at the Mater Dei School Hall last Saturday.

This generous, renowned, Chef delighted his guests with some of the most popular dishes from his Restaurant at St Leonards, Nilgiris, for the **Darkness to Light Project** which is the dream of Dr Alok Sharma, a member of the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga. This project is all about restoring sight to the poorest people in India and supporting Vision Impaired young people in the Riverina.

With generous support from local businesses and a packed hall of guests, **approximately \$30,000 was raised** from the fourth Fund Raising Dinner which Ajoy has prepared for Wagga Wagga residents. This will be spent restoring the sight of approximately 300 Indians by operating to remove their cataracts and supplying glasses to hundreds more.

An adjunct to the Darkness to Light Project, which commenced in 2005, is the Riverina component where young, Vision Impaired people in the Riverina are supported in a variety of ways to achieve their full life's potential.

For more information go to the website: [www.waggarotary.org](http://www.waggarotary.org)



#### World Polio Eradication Update

Posted by Ian Simpson on Sep 23, 2013



Posted by Ian Simpson, Rotary Foundation Director

**Rotarians need to combine to finish the job of eradicating polio in our world by 2018.**

The administration of oral vaccine to protect against polio costs around \$1 a child and a \$1000 contribution to Polio vaccinates 1000 children for lifetime immunity.

The history of poliomyelitis (polio or infantile paralysis) infections extends into **prehistory**. Although major polio **epidemics** were unknown before the 20th century, the disease has caused paralysis, misery and death for much of human history.

Many readers would remember their early school days when some classmates with

## Cootamundra Bike Festival

Sep 24, 2013  
by Jim Della-Vedova



The Rotary Club of Cootamundra is holding it's annual bike festival here in Cootamundra on November 10/11 this year. We are raising money to benefit local health initiatives especially Cootamundra Hospital. We are also hoping to invigorate the local community with this new event which involves a weekend of activities based on two main bike events but also including a full weekends entertainment at the Cootamundra Scout Hall on Parker Street. We are looking for assistance to increase the numbers we have riding in our 70 kilometre and 35 kilometre social ride. This ride is not a race but a fun time for the participants; entry is \$25. See the [Events link](#) for more details of this great activity.

## 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 committeeperson Julie Stott. It is a PowerPoint presentation about Rotary and the Social Media. Click on it and check it out.



**Facebook** < img alt="" src="http://www.clubrunner.ca/data/5040/journal/9457/Story123403/linkedin\_icon.gif" /> **LinkedIn** **Twitter** **YouTube**

## Update on the Rotary International Convention, Sydney 1-4 June 2014

Sep 27, 2013  
by Michael Milston



The latest newsletter can be downloaded [here](#)

## 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](#).

residual polio paralysis wore callipers on their legs to compensate for lost function. And the iron lung, which saved many thousands of lives during the polio epidemics, was one of the features of 'side-show ally' on the local show circuit.

The cost of ending polio is around one billion dollars a year and while Rotary does not have to foot the entire bill, we certainly have to play our part.



## The Fight Against Polio Intensifies

Posted by Ian Simpson on Sep 23, 2013

Source: *RI Regional Information Bulletin, August 2013*

**There are more cases of polio this year-to-date than there were last year-to-date, but this is entirely due to an outbreak in the Horn of Africa, an area previously polio free.**

As at August 7th, there were only 67 cases in endemic countries (106 last year) but cases in non-endemic countries have risen to 110 from a zero figure last year.

Details of recent polio cases:

Country	2013 (7 Aug 2013)	2012 (8 Aug 2012)
Pakistan	21	23
Afghanistan	3	13
Nigeria	42	62
Somalia	100	0
Kenya	10	0
TOTAL	177	111

As was proved in Tajikistan three years ago, outbreaks of this nature are brought under control quickly with vaccination programs and the main emphasis still rests with the endemic countries where success is slowly being achieved.

**The good news is** that the last case of polio paralysis in Afghanistan was on June 6th, more than two months ago.

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 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 Member Access. This is a correction to the District Directory.

#### Council on Legislation Report

Jul 21, 2013  
by John Egan

PDG John Egan represented District 9700 at the recent Council on Legislation Conference in Chicago.



#### 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 : -  
**DG Geoff Tancred** - [gjt@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gjt@bigpond.net.au)  
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**DGN Gary Roberts** - [robwag2@bigpond.com](mailto:robwag2@bigpond.com)  
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#### Summary of Mt Kenya Climb in 2015

Jul 23, 2013  
by John Glassford



Join John Glassford on the Mt Kenya climb  
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Pakistan is also looking good with the last case there being July 3rd. Nigeria is still a key prevalent area but the last case was July 14th and they are still below the YTD figure of last year.

### Polio Paralysis - Once More The Children Suffer

Posted by Ian Simpson on Sep 23, 2013

Source: Donald McNeil, SMH News Review 24-25 August 2013

**The global effort to eradicate Polio is facing serious set backs in two continents.**

The virus is surging in Somalia and the Horn of Africa, largely free of cases for several years. And a new outbreak has begun in a part of Pakistan that a warlord declared off-limits to vaccinators 14 months ago.

The African outbreak began in May with two cases, one in Mogadishu, Somalia's capital and the other in the huge Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya where Somalis have fled to escape from the internal conflict. Now there are 121 cases in the region; last year there were only 232 cases in the world.

The new Pakistan outbreak is in North Waziristan, near the frontier with Afghanistan. Before this outbreak, Pakistan had seen only 24 cases this year, about as many as it had in the same point in 2012.

Although only three children have contacted polio since the warlord ban on vaccination programs, even one case shows that the virus remains in the area and could spread. The Pakistan outbreak is particularly frustrating, because vaccination programs had been going steadily forward towards eradication.

Dr Elias Durry, emergency coordinator for polio eradication in Pakistan for the World Health Organisation (WHO), says the equation is simple.

***Where you can immunise against polio, the virus goes away. Where you cannot immunise children, the virus gets in.***

These new outbreaks may delay the recently announced \$5.5 billion plan to eradicate polio by 2018.

Photo: *Our regular contributions all help to End Polio Now*



### Update on the Rotary International Convention, Sydney 1-4 June 2014

Posted by Marilyn Roberts on Sep 23, 2013

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*By Marilyn Roberts, RI Convention D9700 Coordinator*

There has been great interest in the RI International Convention in Sydney next year. To date I have had 46 enquiries with 57 Rotarians from this District stating they are intending to attend. Some have already registered. Although there is no urgency in registering at the moment, I believe there will be a price rise in registration fee around December. Also note, the earlier you register your allocation for Opening will be session one. I will follow this up and report to you in the next newsletter.



There have been numerous enquiries regarding accommodation with 10 rooms booked to date and 13 others are in the process of booking. 50 rooms have been allocated to D9700 attendees. Please note that this is a private arrangement through DG Geoff Tancred for D9700. You can also access accommodation organised by Rotary International through their website: <http://www.riconvention.org> when registering. Contact me should you wish more information.

In regards to the Harbour Cruise, I have 30 Rotarians signed up with another 30 who have indicated they wish to be part of the group. I need a minimum of 50 for the cruise to go ahead and I am very confident that the number will be reached. However, I would like to have the 50 people as soon as possible to ensure success with this event. There is a maximum limit of 100 participants.

In the future I am planning to organise a restaurant night on Wednesday 4th. Will keep you informed.

I am also in the process of arranging post convention home hosting holidays for our USA friends, along with Bettye Tancred and Russ Martin. I have a friend in Oklahoma who is on the Convention Committee and is a friend of Ron Burton, RI President. She is keen to promote the home hosting tours to her fellow USA Rotarians. At this stage we have Orange and Wagga Wagga interested, if you wish to include your town, contact me. This will be reliant on the numbers we get from USA. We will just see how this "pans out".

The Host Organising Committee (HOC) have now updated their website [www.rotary2014.org.au](http://www.rotary2014.org.au) This has more information regarding the host events, venue, transport etc. When you have time, open the website and browse through it.

## Rotary Club Constitution Review

Posted by Con Bunnik on Sep 23, 2013

*By Con Bunnik, District Administration Director*

Every three years Council on Legislation meet to consider and vote on proposed legislation to change the Standard RI Constitution and Bylaws. District appointed PDG John Egan as our representative at the last Council on Legislation and his report is in the NEWS segment of this Newsletter (see left hand side).

Proposed legislation recently passed will be included in the new Manual of Procedure.

[Zone 7-8 Web site](#)

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Your Club upon receiving its Charter of Rotary International agreed to be bound by the Constitution, Bylaws and amendments thereof, thus forming part of your Club Constitution. You either have Standard Rotary Club Constitution as your Club Constitution with separate Club Bylaws, or, incorporate the RI Constitution in your Club Constitution/Bylaws. With Club AGMs fast approaching it's a good time to adopt the new Standard Rotary Club Constitution and review Club Bylaws.

Download the [Standard Rotary Club Constitution](#) and [By Laws](#) from the RI website. **You must register any changes to your Club Constitution and Bylaws with The Office of Fair Trading** within 28 days of approving changes, using [Form A6](#).

## Cowra's Citation from RI President Marks 75th Anniversary

Posted by Michael Milston on Sep 23, 2013

*From RDU*

Chartered within the shadow of World War 2, the Rotary Club of Cowra, NSW, celebrated 75 years of outstanding community service with appropriate pride and emotion on August 31.

Highlight of the evening came with the presentation of a special Rotary International Commemorative Citation by District 9700 Governor Geoff Tancred to Cowra President John Rankin. The congratulatory message of acknowledgement was signed by RI President Ron Burton.



Club stalwart and PDG Peter Chivers was chairman for the evening and the 130 strong guest list was headed by Cowra Mayor Cr Bill West. Cowra Rotarians and partners were joined by an impressive array of Past Presidents and partners, along with numerous Past Governors and partners from all parts of western NSW.

Photo: *District Governor Geoff Tancred presents the Rotary International 75th anniversary citation to Cowra Club President, John Rankin, at the club's celebration evening.*

Rotary Down Under Executive Director, PDG Bob Aitken and his wife Ann were also special guests for the evening. As keynote speaker, Bob told of the changing face of the media – from 'typewriters to twitter' – and of Rotary's great value and inspiration to our world.

Chartered in 1938, Cowra Rotary has served its local and world communities with distinction. Food parcels to Britain during and after the war, assistance with the formation of a special school, funding for local ambulance service, growing relationships with Japan and other countries via annual Festival of International understanding, unstinting support of all major Rotary programs and projects – along with local community organisations and youth groups, and establishment of Europa Park on the eastern approach to Cowra as a Rotary Centenary project are just a few of the notable achievements.

## New Working with Children Checks

Posted by Ian Tooke on Sep 23, 2013

*By PDG Ian Tooke*

All clubs have now received information by email about how the new **Clearances for**

**Working with Children** can be obtained. The process involves 2 steps – going online to register your details and get an application number; and then attending a Roads and Maritime Services Office (or other authorised local Council run Government Services franchise) to present your identification and application number.

You will be issued with a Clearance letter beginning WWC with 7 digits and ending with the letter V if you have registered as a Volunteer, or ending with the letter E if you are registering as an employed person working with children.

You must give your Name, Date of Birth, Clearance Number and expiry date to your Club Protection Officer, who will record them in your club's records.



This process replaces the previous Volunteer Declaration Forms that we used to do each year, and the currency of the NEW Clearance is for 5 years. You can use the same Clearance with ALL groups that you Volunteer with, instead of having to submit separate forms to each organisation.

While Rotary is not required to move fully into this NEW system until 2015, it is an easy and efficient way to have new members and those working in our Youth programs register and have their Clearance noted.

If you need any clarification or assistance in regard to this process, details can be discussed with D9700 Rotary Youth Exchange Chairman PDG Ian Tooke on email: [d9700yx@gmail.com](mailto:d9700yx@gmail.com) Information about the need for us to be involved can be found on the website: [www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au)

## **A Year in Barellan: German Rotary Youth Exchange Student Arrives**

Posted by Michael Milston on Sep 23, 2013

*By Yenda Rotary Club*

**Stefanie Koegler**, from Mainz, Germany (population 200,000), has begun her year's Rotary Youth Exchange at Barellan (population 300).

Stefanie arrived at Griffith Airport in Thursday afternoon's beautiful winter sunshine to be greeted by her first Host Family, David and Helen Foy and son Dean. Also there to welcome Stefanie was Brian Edwards, President of Yenda Rotary Club, and some of the members of Yenda RC.

Yenda Rotary Club is Stefanie's Host Club and will support Stefanie while she is here but the community of Barellan was asked by the Club to take her into their homes for the year and the response was instantaneous.

Four families will be hosts to Stefanie; the Foys, Richie and Sarah Lees, John and Tina Haeusler, and Bruce and Bernadette Bandy. The children of the families have been looking forward to Stefanie's arrival with excitement.

Stefanie will attend Barellan Central School under the principalship of Mrs Stacie Luppi and with Mrs Kellie O'Keeffe as her Counsellor. Kellie has been a teacher at the school for quite a few years and was there at the Airport as well. She said, "Barellan Central and the community are really grateful to Yenda Rotary Club for the opportunity to host Stefanie. The kids of the school have been looking forward to this day for months".

Included in Stefanie's year in Australia will be trips to capital cities and tourist sites, a four week tour next May with other overseas Rotary Youth Exchange students staying in Australia, and many opportunities to experience the environment, animals and birds of Australia, hopefully none with snakes.

Stefanie will attend Yenda Rotary Club weekly meetings as often as possible, consistent with her school studies and other involvements with her families. The blokes at Yenda RC are looking forward to making Stefanie's acquaintance as soon as possible.



Greeting Stefanie at Griffith Airport: Yenda Rotary Club members Graham Bamford, President Brian Edwards, Dave Watson, Bob Allen and Kevin Farrell (rear), with Stefanie, Kellie O'Keeffe, and Dean Foy

### **Graffiti Removal Day**

Posted by Michael Milston on Sep 23, 2013

Sunday 20 October 2013, will be [Graffiti Removal Day](#)

Rotary Clubs already involved in Graffiti removal, or those that would like to acquire such skills and resources, are invited to register their expression of interest with D9700 coordinator, AG Bob Campbell as soon as possible (0410 562 669 or [bobsue54@gmail.com](mailto:bobsue54@gmail.com) ). Extensive sponsorship is available. Check out the photos on the [website](#)



*Graffiti Removal Day is a joint initiative between the New South Wales Government and Rotary Down Under.*

### **Eastern Region RAWCS Meeting, Forbes, 2/3 November 2013**

Posted by Michael Milston on Sep 27, 2013

RAWCS Rotary Australia World Community Service – enables Rotarians to advance International goodwill and cultural development through the improvement of health, support of education, infrastructure and alleviation of poverty.



From what was started as FAIM Volunteers at Inverell in the 1960s under Rotary's Fourth Avenue of Service has now grown nationally into RAWCS Ltd, which is divided into 5 Regions. Our District is one of the 6 NSW Rotary Districts forming the Eastern Region (ER) of RAWCS and our management representation comprises Vice-Chairman PP John Roberson and RAM Coordinator PDG Irene Jones with D9700 Chair PP Alan Chesworth.

Eastern Region RAWCS convenes a General Meeting every quarter and these meetings rotate throughout the 7 Districts. In recent years, we have hosted general meetings at Wollongong, Windsor, & Gloucester. The next Eastern Region RAWCS meeting scheduled for D9700 is for 2/3 November at Forbes. The venue will be Forbes Services Club.

A detailed weekend program will be published about the middle of October, but in the meantime it can be announced that it will include a Saturday session of a showcase of projects being undertaken by D9700, an evening dinner with the Eastern Region Management Committee also in attendance, as well as a guest speaker. With the ER RAWCS General Meeting on Sunday morning.

I strongly recommend that each and every Rotarian who is even slightly interested in World Community Service should attend this Eastern Region Meeting as an observer. You will come away with a very real appreciation of the extent and scope of World Community Service activities undertaken by your District within ER RAWCS Region.

Make a note in your diaries and look for the detailed weekend agenda and venue in the next newsletter or simply contact Alan Chesworth on 0269 556 489 or email, [alchessie151@bigpond.com](mailto:alchessie151@bigpond.com) or 0429 444 663

Yours in Rotary  
Alan Chesworth