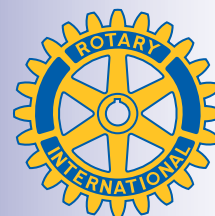




Rotary District 9700 Newsletter



NOVEMBER 2011

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION – *‘Doing good deeds in our world’*

The Foundation is ‘Our Rotary Charity’ which enables Rotarians who share a vision of a better world to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace.

Collectively we can all make a difference through our support for the Foundation through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

There are three main Foundation program areas for our District:

- End Polio in our world campaign – Rotary’s \$200 million Challenge
- Implementing Humanitarian Grants Programs – such as District Simplified and Matching Grants.
- Participating in Educational Programs – especially Group Study Exchange.

This newsletter will present activities that our District has undertaken in Foundation programs and projects in recent years.

But first, a look to The Future.

The Trustees of The Rotary Foundation have developed a new approach to supporting district and club humanitarian and educational projects.

The overall aim is to streamline operations for improved efficiency and focus efforts to achieve greater impact and public recognition.

After examining a range of humanitarian issues addressed



worldwide by Rotarians, six areas of

focus were identified for a new grant structure.

The Rotary Foundation’s new six Areas Focus are:

- Peace and conflict prevention / resolution;
- Disease prevention and treatment;
- Water and sanitation;
- Maternal and child health;
- Basic education and literacy; and
- Economic and community development.

These areas reflect critical humanitarian issues and needs that Rotarians in clubs and districts can support to best achieve substantive and quantifiable results.

I know you and your Rotary club will support The Foundation now and into the future.



FUTURE VISION GRANTS

Under Future Vision, The Foundation will offer two types of Grants:

1. DISTRICT GRANTS – block grants that allow clubs and districts to address immediate needs in their local communities and overseas.

Districts may request up to 50 percent of their District Designated Fund (DDF) for one grant annually.

The District manages and disburses the funds to support district- and club-sponsored activities, including vocational training teams, scholarships and, humanitarian service projects (provided they align with the

Foundations mission).

2. GLOBAL GRANTS – offer opportunities to participate in strategically focused, high-impact activities with support from the Foundation ranging from US\$15,000 to US\$200,000.

These grants fund large international humanitarian projects, vocational training teams, and scholarships that have sustainable, measurable outcomes in one or more areas of focus.

These grants and the projects they fund will align Rotary with other international development efforts and strategically further the Rotary

Foundation’s mission.

FUTURE VISION PILOTS OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION.

100 Rotary districts and their member clubs are currently undertaking a 3 year Future Vision pilot series.

In year one (2010-11), the Foundation awarded 208 global grants, totalling almost US\$12 million, that supported large-scale, sustainable activities aligned with Rotary’s areas of focus in 46 countries.

The world launch of the Foundations Future Vision will be on 1 July 2013.



SCHOOL KITS FOR VILLAGE CHILDREN IN INDIA

A Matching Grant was used to supply 4000 individual school education kits to village children of West Bengal, India.

These school kits are essential to basic classroom activities and were made available through the Foundation's Focus Area - Basic education and literacy

The US\$55,163 Matching Grant was completed through a funding partnership between District 9700 and Rotary Club of Castle Hill, Australia and District 3291 and the Rotary Club of Calcutta Mega City, India and The Rotary Foundation.

Photo: New school kits proudly displayed by village children in India



COOLAMON HOUSE CLINIC, HOUT BAY, SOUTH AFRICA

The establishment and equipping of Main Road Clinic (Coolamon House) in Cape Town, South Africa has been a partnership project between the Rotary Clubs of Coolamon (D9700) and Hout Bay (D9350).

The clinic serves the local community of 30,000 people who live nearby in a 'shack' township.

Its dual aims are to provide health advice to facilitate HIV/AIDS intervention and support treatment of patients with Tuberculosis (TB).

The Clinic is part of Operation



Medical Hope to save children and build the future of South Africa. Foundation funding was made available through the Focus Area - Disease Prevention and Treatment.

Photo - Above - Coolamon House Clinic in Cape Town, South Africa

Photo - Left - Operation Medical Hope saving children





A REAL ROTARY SUCCESS STORY - THE 'END POLIO CAMPAIGN'

Rotary's top philanthropic goal for the last 25 years has been to eradicate polio worldwide funded in part by the Rotary Foundation's focus area of Disease prevention and treatment.

In 1979 the then world president of Rotary International, Australian Sir Clem Renouf, started a campaign to rid the world of Polio by immunisation.

It commenced with a successful national immunisation of 6 million in the Philippines against Polio.

The focus then moved to South America ridding the countries in that vast area of the crippling disease.

The World Health Organisation, the Center for Disease Control, UNICEF and in recent years the Gates Foundation, later joined the program.

Over the years, Rotarians have raised over US\$1.2 billion in funding for the Rotary "End Polio Now" campaign.

Polio has now been successfully eradicated from all countries except Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Nigeria.

The key to the success in eliminating



Polio is the program of National Immunisation Days.

In 2010, Rotary funded vaccine to the value of \$80 million for a mass immunisation program across Africa.

This follows on from successful mass immunisation days in India in recent years.

Millions of children are immunised in a single day, an incredible humanitarian and logistical achievement that just has to be "seen to be believed".

Currently Rotary has raised about

\$192 million for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge.

These contributions will help to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Gates Foundation.

These efforts are providing much needed vaccines, operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment and educational materials for health workers and parents.

Photo - End Polio Projection Wagga Civic Centre, February 2011

RESULTS OF DG's '100 DAY' CENTURION CHALLENGE

The aim was to have 100 District Centurions 'join-up' in the first 100 days of this Rotary year - by Monday, 10th October 2011 which is the 10th day of 10th month.

161 District Rotarians and Friends of Rotary joined in the challenge from 32 of the 40 Clubs.

Thanks to Club Coordinators and everyone who joined the District Centurions to make this a success.

In our District, the Centurion Program was the idea of the late PDG Peter Walsh of Wagga Wagga Rotary Club and keeps alive his initiative for our support to The Rotary Foundation.

Donations to the D9700 Centurion program are a personal contribution of AUD \$100 to The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust.

Anyone can join the District 9700 Centurion movement.

Donations made through the Trust are tax deductible and count towards personal Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

When Centurion contributions are submitted through District Centurion Chair PDG John Egan, a Tax Receipt is issued by the Trust and mailed direct to the contributor.



Photo - Orange Daybreak Centurion Coordinator Dennis Morgan accepts payment from Margaret Thomson



CLUBS SUPPORT CANCER PATIENTS IN BANGLADESH

Following the successful completion of a first Matching Grant (US\$32,000) to establish an Operating Theatre in the Rajshahi Cancer Hospital, further assistance was requested for the supply of Paediatric and Adult Laparoscopy equipment for use in their theatre to provide surgical intervention for their patients.

The grant proposal was formulated with a US\$35,000 funding partnership between Blayney and Bathurst East Rotary Clubs, Districts 9700 and 3280 and The Foundation:

RC Blayney \$4,000 cash

RC Bathurst East \$3,000 cash

RC Padma Rajshahi \$3,000 cash

D9700 DDF \$ 7,000

D3280 DDF \$ 3,000

The Rotary Foundation \$15,000 (#)

(#) Dollar for dollar against contributed DDF amounts and 50 cents in the dollar for the cash contributions.

The support from D3280 was offered when Blayney Rotarians attended the opening ceremony of the Operating Theatre a few years ago.

The theatre and its equipment was used for the second only full hip replacement surgery in Bangladesh, bringing credit to D9700, RC of Padma Rajshahi and RC of Blayney



for their initial support in assisting with the funding of the first project.

PDG Ian Tooke, Project Coordinator

Photo - The laparoscope being used in the Bangladesh hospital which was made possible through a Foundation Matching Grant

GREAT CLUB SUPPORT FOR THE ROTARY FOUNDATION FROM DISTRICT 9700

This is tremendous support with 93% of Clubs contributing to the Annual Program Fund, Polio Challenge, the Bangladesh Hospital Matching Grant and other RI disaster appeals for Pakistan, Haiti and Japan.

US \$86,675 was contributed to the Annual Program that funds a range of humanitarian, health and educational programs worldwide, including the Group Study Exchange program.

Congratulations to the Clubs with the highest per capita contributions to the Annual Fund:

Condobolin US\$224.48; Orange Calare US\$219.30; and, Orange Daybreak US\$146.91.

Nine other Clubs also exceeded the RI target of US\$100 per member: Blayney, Boorowa, Griffith Avanti, Leeton Central, Narrandera, Orange, Parkes, Temora and Wagga Wagga Murrumbidgee.

Griffith Avanti led the Polio Challenge with a massive contribution of US\$9,196, with Parkes also contributing US\$5,039.

The total contributions to Polio were US\$58,777 with an additional US\$10,090 in other restricted giving.

The Clubs with the highest total contributions across all the Foundation Funds were Griffith Avanti US\$12,772, Blayney US\$11,086 and Parkes US\$10,029.

These contributions help The Rotary Foundation to do good in the world, through improving water and sanitation, maternal and child health, disease prevention, education and literacy, economic and community development and peace. Keep up the great work this year.

*Neal Fogarty
Governor 2010-11*

FEDERAL VOLUNTEER GRANTS – AN UNTAPPED RESOURCE

Condobolin Rotary Club has again been successful in obtaining \$5000 under Volunteer Grants 2011 program to support its Rotarian volunteers.

The Club assists in providing essential leadership skills for local youth, as well as organising welfare and recreational projects to encourage social integration and improve quality of life for individuals and families in the community.

A grant of \$1,000 and \$5,000 was available to eligible not-for-profit community organisations to help their volunteers and encourage volunteering.

Rotary Clubs are one of the recipients of the 2011 Grants because we provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help to create global goodwill and peace.

The following link provides information the grant: http://www.fahcsia.gov.au/sa/volunteers/funding/vg2011/Pages/vg2011_q_a.aspx

Further information contact President Dave Carter Ph 02 6895 4400



WORLD OF ROTARY

9700 GSE TEAM TO SCOTLAND RETURNS IN TRUMPH

GSE Coordinator for D1010, Jim Slater made the following comments about our District Team to Scotland in September.

“Overall the team were a great credit to District 9700.”

“Feedback from all host clubs was highly complimentary.”

“The impact the team had on the clubs they visited has heightened interest and awareness of Group Study Exchange in D1010”.

“It was a joy listening to the team members and they were so smart in their uniforms.”

“Do pass on my thanks and congratulations to them all and I do hope that their stay in Scotland was first class.”

Members of the Team led by John McKenzie of Orange North Rotary are keen to share their experiences of Scotland and the exchange.

The 9700 GSE Team to Scotland were Cindy Nutley, a Communications Officer with the Roads & Traffic Authority in Parkes, Alissa Brabin an Educational Designer, Neal Molineaux who manages the facilities at Charles Sturt University, Wagga and Forbes Advocate newspaper journalist Stacey Miller.

Photo - Stacey Miller shares GSE experiences with Forbes Rotarians Chris Finkel (left) & Jeff Herdegen



DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS

Rotary Clubs in 9700 have put their hands up for District Simplified Grants. A few examples include -

In 2010-11, Parkes Rotary Club planted hundreds of trees and shrubs in the surrounds of the Parkes community Playground and Arboretum which were mostly paid for by a District Simplified Grant.



Photo on right shows left Rotarians Colin Offner, Tony Horsington & Ken Engsmyr plant trees at Parkes Arboretum

Photo left - 2011-12 Simplified Grant project to repair damaged shelters in Rotary Park, Grenfell





WORLD OF ROTARY

WAGGA WAGGA ROTARY'S DARKNESS TO LIGHT PROGRAM

'Darkness to Light' came to the Riverina region in October when 12 families from 12 different towns converged on the Borambola Sport and Recreation Centre for a day of fun activities and information for visually impaired children and their parents.

The successful day was organised by Wagga Rotary Club members Ruth Barber and eye surgeon Dr Alok Sharma in collaboration with Lyn Butler from Vision Australia and Wagga based Itinerant Support Vision Teachers.

A major benefit was the establishment of an informal support network for families who often feel isolated in their own communities as they may be the only family with a Vision Impaired family member.

Parents meeting other parents in the same situation and siblings discovering that they are not the only children in Australia with a Vision Impaired brother or sister came as a revelation to most of them.

An information forum enabled the parents of younger children to feel confident "Looking Ahead" into the future that their children will be able to cope with what life offers to them.

Photos - Top - Negotiating low ropes with Rotarians Ellen Brasier (left) & Graeme Callander

Middle- Vision Impaired students take on archery

Bottom - Large ball games for under 8 age group



*Well done Wagga
Wagga Rotary!*



DREAM CRICKET TO BE PLAYED IN DISTRICT

Dream Cricket provides primary school students who have a disability with an exciting and fun time through their participation in a game of cricket.

Dream Cricket was introduced to District 9700 at pilot days in Young and Cootamundra with the support of cricketers, school teachers and School Principals.

Local High School students will be assisting the Rotarians with the activities.

In our District Young Rotarian John Hamblin will coordinate the project and the local coordinators are:

- Group 1 - Ross Williams, Forbes
- Group 2 - Murray Paterson, Orange Daybreak
- Group 3 - Gordon Browne, Yenda
- Group 4 - John Hamblin, Young and Simon Thompson, Cootamundra
- Group 5 - John Gray, Wollundry Wagga
- Group 6 - Anthony Johnston, Bathurst

Dream Cricket aims to:



- Maximise the quality of sporting experience for primary school students with a disability;
- Provide a model for schools and communities to follow by fostering & arranging dream cricket activities in their communities; and
- Raise the standards of citizenship and behaviour through education, high expectations, standards of discipline and enjoyment.

All primary school students with a disability are eligible to participate and this provides an opportunity to fulfill

dreams and build self-esteem.

Dream Cricket is an initiative of the Movement Disorder Foundation and was established by the combined Rotary Clubs of Berrima District, Bowral-Mittagong and Moss Vale.

It is supported by the Bradman Foundation, Cricket Australia, Cricket NSW, the Cerebral Palsy Foundation, Northcott Disability Services and many generous supporters.

Photo - PDG Brian Pattinson briefs players & officials on Dream Cricket at Bradman Oval, Bowral

HELP IMPROVE INDIGENOUS HEALTH

Even in an age where a person can receive basic medical treatment over the phone, Australia's Indigenous population remain the sub group of Australians with the highest number of health problems.

The Indigenous Health Scholarship program is a collaborative project between Australian Rotary Health, participating Rotary Clubs, the State Governments of South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria and the Australian Government.

Since 2002, Indigenous Health Scholarships have been available

to encourage Indigenous students to undertake training as a health professional in areas including medicine, nursing, social work, physiotherapy, psychology and dentistry.

An Indigenous Health Scholarship can make the world of difference to a struggling student.

For a commitment of only \$2,500 per year, your Rotary club could directly help improve the health and wellbeing of Australia's Indigenous population.

This contribution is matched by Government funds to make up the \$5,000 grant to each student.

Further Information contact Cheryl Deguara, Programs Co-ordinator, on 02 8837 1900 or email cheryldeguaara@australianrotaryhealth.org.au.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- President Elect Training Seminar (PETS), Young – 25 & 26 February 2012
- District 9700 Conference, Young - Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th March 2012
- RI Convention, Bangkok - 6-9 May 2012 (join the District 9700 party)
- D9700 Rotary Rovin – Boorowa to Blayney via Balranald – 20th to 27th May 2012



CLUBS SUPPORTING LOCAL PEOPLE IN NEED

TWO BEAUTIFUL STORIES ABOUT PEOPLE IN NEED, WHEELS AND ROTARY.....

No.1 - THE STORY OF RON KING, BATHURST EAST ROTARY AND A MOTORISED WHEELCHAIR

For reasons now lost in the mists of time, the Rotary Club of Bathurst East is in possession of a motorised wheelchair.

It was purchased by the Club, lent to a deserving person and was returned when no longer needed. Then it had been carefully stored for some time in a member's shed until recently discovered.

When Bathurst resident Ron King lost his left leg due to a sudden blood clot that necessitated amputation above the knee a decision was made to 'permanently' lend the chair.

Bathurst East Rotarians David Russell, Greg Madden, Robin Price and President Terry Mahony were present at the handover.



No.2. - HOW OBERON ROTARY CLUB HELPED TONY BOOTH

Oberon Rotary is also the owner of a motorised scooter that is made available to locals in need in the community.

Recently Oberon resident Tony Booth was presented with his scooter with Rotarians (from left) Gary Hart, Kevin McGrath, President John Philp, & Kevin Hansen there to witness the handover.



LOCAL POLICE OFFICER NAMED AS ONE OF STATES 'TOP COPS'

Senior Constable Judith Crawford based at Trundle has been recognised by the Lachlan Local Area Command and is one of three nominees in the Rotary Community Award section of the NSW Rotary Police Officer of the Year Awards.



Parkes Rotary Club President David Hughes initiated the nomination of Senior Constable Crawford in collaboration with Acting Superintendent Scott Rayner of the Lachlan Area Command.

The winner of each category was announced at a function hosted by the Rotary Club of Sydney and attended by the Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione.

PDG Bernie Huxtable OAM represented our District at the Awards presentation where Judith was presented with a State Finalist Certificate.

Judith is the Lock up Keeper at Trundle and the only Police officer in town.

She is originally from Junee where her father was employed on the railway.

Judith knows the Riverina well but has found in the three years she has been based in Trundle to be very rewarding.

Photo - Parkes President David Hughes congratulates Snr Constable Judith Crawford from Trundle

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL – MEMBERSHIP AWARDS 2010-11



- Highest Member Retention – Junee, Lake Cargelligo, Molong, Murrumburrah-Harden, Blayney (100%)
- Most New Members – Wollundry Wagga Wagga (9)
- Highest Member Growth Rate – Condobolin (5/11=45%)
- Small Club Growth Awards – to >=15 Condobolin
- Small Club Growth Awards – to >=20 Cootamundra, Lake Cargelligo, Narrandera

Photo - PDG Neal Fogarty with RI Membership Award recipients for 2010-11

RYDA AGAIN FOCUSES ON YOUNG DRIVER EDUCATION

The spring series of RYDA was held recently in Orange and Wagga.

Around 1000 Year 11 students attended from the local and surrounding High Schools and were hosted by the combined Orange Rotary Clubs and the Clubs in Henty and Wagga.

The Orange RYDA Theme this year is "Be alive at 25".

The focus was on practical tips and exercises that brought home

the practical reality of driving a motor vehicle.



Some of the bumper

sticker slogans that the students developed fitted the scene perfectly.

"Use your head – Plan ahead" and "Be a hero – Stay on zero" were good examples.

RYDA will be conducted at a number of locations throughout the District early next year.

Photo - Above - RYDA stopping distance exercise surprises students

Photo - Left - RYDA presenter Andria Hamilton-Vaughan at the Alcohol, Drugs and Fatigue Session

DISTRICT PR SEMINAR AT YOUNG

District PR Chairman, PDG John Egan conducted a Successful PR Seminar attended at Young by 20 Rotarians from nine Clubs. District Webmaster Paul Murray also presented at the seminar.

Topics included - Ideas for a Rotary PR event, Writing Press Releases for Rotary, Photography Tips, Using the print media, How to get published, Creating successful Power Point presentations.



The link was made with membership recruitment through a Check List to review Club image in the community. The list includes - 1st impressions of your Rotary Club by a visitor Club image - both self-image and external image, Quality and success in conducting Service projects, Meeting structure and format, Communications with and relationship to the public, Social content of Rotary ie having fun within and outside Club meetings, Community networks through Rotary and connection to the community.

Photo - Preparing the Rotary news Arthur Bradley, Doug Allan, Malcolm Rosborough, DGN Geoff, DG Ian & Paul Murray

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

We hope you enjoy Rotary as much as we enjoy having you!

Wayne Stewart - Parkes
Denise Sinclair – Parkes
Stuart Robilliard - Junee



IF YOUR CLUB HAS NEWS ABOUT EVENTS, FUNCTIONS, PROJECTS, OR JUST SOME GOOD NEWS YOU WOULD LIKE TO LET OTHER ROTARIANS KNOW ABOUT, CONTACT THE EDITOR AND WE WILL TELL THE WORLD.

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APF / EREY / SHARE - *What are they?*



Taking the Mystery out of Rotary Acronyms – by Nannette Stevenson

The Annual Programs Fund (APF) is the primary source of unrestricted support for The Rotary Foundation's humanitarian and educational programs, primarily Ambassadorial Scholarships, District Simplified Grants, Group Study Exchange, and Matching Grants. (Future Vision pilot districts: The fund supports Rotary Foundation Global Grants and District Grants).



The mission of the Annual Programs Fund mirrors that of The Rotary Foundation: to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) is the fundraising vehicle for the Annual Programs Fund.

EREY encourages Rotarians to participate in Foundation programs and to support them financially with APF contributions.

2011-12: Worldwide EREY fundraising goal (Annual Programs Fund Goal) is US\$104 million.

Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund through the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative are the primary source of funding for Foundation programs, which cover more than 160 countries and geographical areas on seven continents. From digging water wells for villages in Africa to teaching basic literacy skills to children in Latin America, during any given moment, thousands of Rotarians volunteer their time and expertise. All contributions to the Annual Programs Fund are spent wisely on quality Rotary projects.

The Every Rotarian, Every Year Newsletter offers Annual Programs

Fund updates, features on what Rotarians are doing to meet their club goals, and stories illustrating how the Annual Programs Fund contributions enhance people's lives. Updated quarterly, the newsletter will be produced throughout the Rotary year.

Every Rotarian, Every Year aims to

- Engage every Rotary club member in the life-changing programs of our Rotary Foundation and strives to:
- Encourage every Rotarian to participate in a Foundation program every year

- Encourage every Rotarian to personally contribute to the Foundation's Annual Programs Fund



every year.

With their volunteerism and generous philanthropy, Rotarians are at the heart of The Rotary Foundation's mission to eradicate polio and further Rotary's humanitarian and educational programs worldwide.

Financial support of the Annual Programs Fund (APF) from every Rotarian is the key to helping rebuild suffering communities and nations by resolving conflict, eradicating disease, providing safe water, feeding the hungry, educating children and adults, and alleviating poverty.

Every Rotarian, every project, and every contribution makes a difference every year.

Educating Rotarians about the work of **The Rotary Foundation (TRF)**, is one of the most effective tools for gaining and broadening support, of our Annual Programs Fund and the Every Rotarian, Every Year effort.

The Weekly Rotary Foundation Thought is designed to inform members of the many ways that

Rotary does good in the world. The club president can begin the tradition by opening each meeting with a brief moment on The Rotary Foundation, but consider rotating ownership of the weekly reading among club members.

How to participate in EREY:
Each donation can mean a world of difference. For example, a contribution of \$100 can fund one year of tuition and books for two children in Kenya. (Click on web links for more information) Contribute now.

Recognition:

If you give \$100 per year through EREY, you automatically become a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member. By donating \$1,000 or more, you can be nominated to receive the Paul Harris Fellow award.

You also can honor a friend or family member through a named gift to the Annual Programs Fund.

The SHARE system is the mechanism for distributing Rotary Foundation program awards worldwide. SHARE is the primary source of funding for Rotary Foundation programs. It's also the only Annual Programs Fund designation that generates funding for the District Designated Fund (DDF).

All district Annual Programs Fund contributions are evenly divided into two categories: District Designated Fund and World Fund. Contributions made in a given year will be eligible to be spent three years later. All club APF goals count toward the district's APF-SHARE goal. Rotary districts use their DDF to pay for the Foundation activities they choose to participate in.

World Fund contributions provide the Foundation's portion of funding for approved grants. Through the World Fund, the Foundation Trustees can allocate funds where the needs are the greatest.

Areas of focus contributions provide the Foundation's portion of funding for activities addressing critical humanitarian issues and needs.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOW PRESENTATIONS

Congratulations to the Rotary Clubs of Bathurst and Blayney for recognising hard working members of their communities with the award of a Paul Harris Fellow.

RUTH AUBIN PHF – ROTARY CLUB OF BATHURST

In recognition of the immense contribution made to Rotary and Inner Wheel in the local community over a period of 50 years and for ongoing services to the Bathurst Monthly Youth Citizen Awards.

Photo right - Bathurst President Anthony Johnston and DG Ian Simpson congratulate Ruth Aubin PHF



HOWARD AND RUTH THOMPSON PHF – ROTARY CLUB OF BLAYNEY

For long hours of veterinary service to the community of Blayney and exhibiting the principles and ethics espoused by Rotarians world wide.

They continue to support the education and training programs for both Sydney University and Charles Sturt University and perform many executive roles in Vocational organisations.

Photo Bottom right - Blayney President Alex Kruczaj (left) presents PHFs to local veterinarians Ruth & Howard Thompson



SIMON THOMPSON PHF - ROTARY CLUB OF COOTAMUNDRA

Simon is a local Cootamundra businessman who has contributed significantly to Rotary with eighteen years of local membership, holding many directorship roles within the Rotary Club of Cootamundra over that time, including President.

DESTINATION BANGKOK RI CONVENTION 2012

There are two timeless images of Bangkok, Thailand – the City of Angels in the Land of a Thousand Smiles.

One is the temples and the other the canals and floating markets.

Join the D9700 crew attending the RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, from 6-9 May 2012.



Bookings can be made on-line and Marilyn Roberts (AG Gary Roberts wife) has put together an easy to follow 'How to Register for the Bangkok Rotary Convention 2012 for 1st Timers'.

Further information is available in the October edition of Rotary Down Under – out now.

