



August is Membership Month

August is Membership Development Month and each Club needs to put their plan into place and all members need to get on with it.

In the words of Past RI President Bill Boyd from New Zealand: "Membership comes down to one simple statement: Strong clubs lead to a strong Rotary. Without strong clubs, no amount of recruitment and retention efforts will help Rotary grow. With strong clubs, Rotary will flourish and provide another 100 years of service to the community."

Membership development is everyone's responsibility – don't leave it all to your Club Membership Director or a few members.

How long is it since you invited a prospective member to come to a Club meeting? How about inviting a neighbour, work colleague or friend to enjoy the friendship and opportunities in Rotary?

Invite along people who have been touched by Rotary programs such as parents of exchange students, GSE members or school teachers.

We need to ensure that our Clubs are welcoming of visitors, have interesting meetings and spread the word about the good work that Rotarians do in their community and the wider world.

Clubs need to have active projects so that their members are involved and can feel a sense of achievement to ensure retention.

Membership needs to recognise the changing world and adapt appropriately.

Running a Club Visioning exercise



is an opportunity for all members to have input into the Club – contact District Membership Chair Ros Ceddia to organise one for your club.

We also need to engage more effectively with younger generations. Orange Daybreak has an Associates program and several Clubs in the District have Friends of Rotary as a way of engaging with people in the community and keeping them in touch with Rotary.

RI President Ray Klinginsmith has exhorted us to make our Clubs - **Bigger, Better and Bolder.**

Lets just do it!!

IP Ray Klinginsmith with DG Neal Fogarty

Rotary Magic!

The magic of Rotary is that it allows ordinary people to achieve the most extraordinary things. By using the powerful synergy of one, people unite to achieve exceptional global change. Many ordinary members of Rotary have developed projects that brought significant change to the world. Around the world there are 1,210,047 Rotarians in 32,774 clubs and 34,000 Rotarians in 1164 clubs in Australia

Rotary International President – Ray Klinginsmith

District 9700 Board Members:

District Governor – Neal Fogarty
Governor Elect – Ian Simpson
Governor Nominee – Greg Brown

Dir. Administration - Fred Loneragan
Dir. Membership & P.R. - John Egan
Dir. Foundation – Bruce Barber

Dir. Service Projects – Ian Tooke
District Secretary – Peter Byrne
District Treasurer – Geoff Tancred

Rotary Clubs

■ First Impressions: Good Venue – Best Meeting Day & Time

■ Club Image: Meet & Greet – Room Layout & Appearance - Badges – Appropriate Speaker Gifts

■ Time – QualitySpeakers - Variety – Short Topical Sergeant's Sessions

■ Quality Projects: Both Fund Raising & Donating to Causes

■ Communications: Bulletin – Website – Board Reports - PR

■ Social Content: Friendship Program Beyond Club Meetings

■ Community Links: Strongly Connect with Your Community

Training tip

Consider brainstorming with your training team, or your whole club, about the next Rotary year. Think about how you will generate new ideas.

Consider having your team/club members write down their suggestions before brainstorming verbally. Writing instead of speaking allows individuals' thoughts to flow freely, without interruption. It can also allow people to contribute equally if you have quieter or more outspoken individuals. Also if you run out of time you can collect the ideas for future reference.

As participants begin to share their ideas verbally, be ready to record new ones that are generated verbally.

Club Visioning Training

Article prepared by RC Rob Wylie

We need more trained Club Vision facilitators in D9700 as the program continues to expand.

Coming training events are listed below:
28 August, Newcastle:

4 September, Melbourne

Contact: John Egan or Ros Ceddia.

On the Wallaby

News from around the Clubs and District 9700

On your Bike!!

Bike rides are becoming very popular events.

Orange Daybreak had a contingent in the Mulga Bill ride at Yeoval (near Molong) on 25 July – and they all made it home!!! (photo).

Other Clubs that are organising bike extravaganzas next year are:

Orange Calare – Batlow to Orange to conclude with a dinner on Sat 5 March

Cootamundra - RIDE the 120 Km Cruising to Cootamundra and Renewable/Green Energy Challenge March 12th & 13th 2011

Bathurst Daybreak, with assistance from other Clubs: Blayney to Bathurst (B2B) Cyclo Sportif the weekend 9-10 April 2011.

Members of Orange Daybreak enjoy the Mulga Bill ride near Yeoval.



Grenfell – Care West Lodge

An outstanding effort by the Rotary Club and Grenfell community has seen over \$50,000 donated to the Cancer Care West Lodge which is being built as part of the new Orange Base Hospital.

The Club has also received a donation of \$3000 from the Rotary Club of Beecroft as part of an ongoing relationship for training of young local people in the community.

They have also initiated a new project to build shelters in Rotary Park in association with Council.

The Club is also implementing a Friends of Rotary program.

Wollundry Wagga Wagga

Wollundry recently donated \$30,000 to the Renal Dialysis Unit at Wagga Wagga Base Hospital.

Wagga Wagga Koorinal RAWCS project

Congratulations to the Club on initiating a RAWCS project with the Rotary Club of Mwanza, Tanzania D9200, to assist street orphan children.

Lockhart supports LearnGrow

Lockhart recently donated \$1000 to the LearnGrow program.

We heard a great presentation on the program at the District Conference in Bathurst.

The LearnGrow program has a unique worldwide agronomic data base, which is helping educate communities especially in the Pacific nations to grow and use their local adapted plants that provide a more balanced diet and more sustainable production system than introduced crops and practices.

World first for Parkes

The outstanding achievements of the Parkes club were highlighted at their recent Changeover:

■ First Rotary Club in the world with 100% Life Members of RFFA (Rotarians for Fighting Aids) – banner presented by Australian RFFA Chairman PDG Fred Loneragan.

■ Parkes Club also had the top contributions in the District to the Rotary Foundation – Annual Program Fund \$US6298 (\$US143.12 per member) and to Polio \$US10,017

■ The Club also had the top contributions to Australian Rotary Health (\$A48,000)

■ Two babies are to be born to Club members this year – how appropriate is that for Membership Development!!

■ A great surprise (to John) was the awarding of a Paul Harris Fellow sapphire pin to PP John Pizarro.



The Parkes Club is showing the way, proudly displaying their banner for being the Worlds First Rotary Club to have 100% Life Members of RFFA. Pictured with DG Neal Fogarty are PDG Fred Loneragan, Pres. Ken Engsmyr, PP John Glassford (RFFA Board Member), PP John Pizarro.

South Wagga Wagga – Nepal RAWCS project

Congratulations to the Club on initiating a RAWCS project with the Rotary Club of Kathmandu in D3292 to build a technical institute (Samudayik Technical School)

The project will provide student and staff accommodation for the school that will provide agricultural, forestry, engineering, health and services educational courses in the Sindhuli area of Nepal and further the Rotary goal of world peace and understanding.

Well done to Club members Bruce Duffy and Mick Lucke who travelled to Traralgon recently to lend a hand with recovery from the Victorian fires –fencing and shed building.

Young

This year the Club will be pursuing a matching grant with Pierre/Ft Pierre club in the USA to help a community in Honduras to have clean water.



Outstanding Donations The Rotary Foundation -

The total District 9700 contributions to the Annual Program Fund of the Rotary Foundation in 2009/10 were \$US64,664, which was \$US54.20 per District member. The Clubs with the highest total contributions were: Parkes \$US6,298, Wollundry Wagga Wagga \$US3,916, Orange Daybreak \$US3,718 and Wagga Wagga \$US3,673. The highest per capita contributions were: Parkes \$US143.12, Orange Calare \$US111.72, Blayney \$US110.95, Boorowa \$US103.03 and Junee \$US102.81.

Total contributions to Polio Plus were \$US63,082, with the highest Club contributions being: Parkes \$US10,017, Wagga Wagga \$US4,186, South Wagga Wagga \$US4,031, Orange Daybreak \$US3,758 and Blayney \$US3,636.

Australian Rotary Health

Total contributions from D9700 to Australian Rotary Health were \$109,206. The highest Club contributions were: Parkes \$48,000, Wollundry Wagga Wagga \$33,150, Orange Clare \$8,800, Orange North \$2,800 and Grenfell \$2,340.

Indigenous health students and PhD research scholarships are being funded by Parkes, Wollundry Wagga Wagga and Orange North. Last year Community Health Forums were held by Condobolin, Cootamundra, Grenfell, Narrandera and West Wyalong.

Rotary Clubs in Orange and Wagga Wagga also hosted medical students under the rural Doctors program while they were doing clinical placements in each city.

Hay – new vision with Breakfast meetings

Hay Club is now moving ahead with a new vision from President Sam Barnes. The Club now meets for Breakfast on Thursday at the Long Paddock Café & Grill. It has a push on for new members with quite a few prospects as well as interest in re-establishing the Probus Club.

If your club has news or in information on projects, let us now so we can tell the world!
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It's a great pleasure to welcome New Members

Welcome to new members of Rotary in D9700:

Michael Skeen – Orange

Daniel Sharpe – Bathurst East

Andrea Bradley, Vikki Richards - Wagga Wagga Sunrise

Kevin Read, Keith Dawe, Frances Dalzell - Condobolin

Pasul Mullins - Molong

May you enjoy Rotary as much as we do having you join us

Congratulations to the new Paul Harris Fellows in District 9700

Craig Corrigan, Grahame Miles – Coolamon

Con Diamond (posthumous Sapphire pin), John Pizzaro (Sapphire pin),

Ian Allen, Peter Wood – Parkes

Noelene Hogan – Wagga Wagga Sunrise

Robert Hendren – Narrandera

Maurice Schuller – Henty

Brian Welch – Bathurst East

David Weekes – Bathurst

Linda Alexander – Blayney

Ros Cummings – Boorowa

Hugh Hamilton – Cootamundra

Greg Brown, Allan Brumfield – Leeton

Richard Sleeman – South Wagga Wagga

Murrumbidgee Club in Vanuatu

Members of the Murrumbidgee Rotary Club recently retruned from a working trip to Tanna Island Vanuatu.

The team of 9, led by then President Gary Roberts, spent 2 weeks on Tanna and lived with the Ni Van villagers.

They worked at 3 schools and the hospital, renovating

classrooms, repairing a pump on a well and an air conditioning unit at the hospital dispensary.

The people, NiVans, are wonderfully happy people and were very appreciative of the work we achieved.

The majority of the people still live in villages in bamboo huts with thatch roofs and live a subsistence lifestyle.

They are progressing slowly to develop local tourism and community gardens to support their communities.

George Weston repairing a pump at the hospital.

Let your fingers do the walking - Teleconference saves \$2000

The District Foundation committee met by teleconference on Sunday night.

That meant 10 people did not have to travel a total of over 2000km (even with shared vehicles) and spend a total of 42 people hours in a car.

At a modest cost of 60c/km and \$20/hr that is a saving of over \$2000 for those involved.

The successful meeting, chaired by PDG Bruce Barber, planned activities for the 2010/11 year. (It also meant that the DG got to 2 Committee meetings that day!!!)

D9700 now has a teleconference facility to help the District Board, Committee Chairs and AGs reduce the cost and time involved in meetings.

Contact District Secretary Peter Byrne for details.



Club Attendance for June 2010

Club	Members	Net	Change
Attendance %			
Bathurst	23	0	76.58
Bathurst Daybreak	25	-1	93.26
Bathurst East	23		
Blayney	26	0	94.00
Boorowa	6	0	92.50
Canowindra	10		
Condobolin	13	1	82.50
Coolamon	18	0	72.00
Cootamundra	18	0	90.00
Cowra	54	0	78.90
Forbes	26		
Forbes Ipomoea	11	0	77.27
Grenfell	30	-2	61.11
Griffith	59	1	84.74
Griffith Avanti	28	-1	88.79
Griffith East	34	-2	67.30
Hay	7		
Henty	19	0	88.42
Junee	7		
Lake Cargelligo	18	0	68.06
Leeton	45	0	85.20
Leeton Central	23		
Lockhart	13	1	75.38
Molong	6	0	91.67
M'burrah-Harden	28		
Narrandera	20	1	78.41
Oberon	17	0	69.00
Orange	39	1	85.40
Orange Calare	24	0	96.00
Orange Daybreak	45	-1	77.00
Orange North	49	0	79.70
Parkes	40	0	81.67
Sth Wagga Wagga	39	0	82.00
Temora	28	-1	74.50
Wagga Wagga	51	0	80.10
Wagga Koorringal	35	0	84.61
Wagga Murrumbidgee	16	-2	60.40
Wagga	17		
Wollundry-Wagga	74	1	74.10
Yenda	28	4	81.75
Young	39	0	67.69
Total	1184	0	79.65

VALE PDG John Clough AOM 1916-2010

John was a farmer near Wagga Wagga and enlisted in the RAAF in 1942. He trained as a navigator/bomb aimer and served in Europe and the Middle East with 454 Squadron. Of the 120 men who went overseas with John only 10 returned. Two weeks before he was posted overseas he married Marge. After the war he took up a soldier settlement block near Junee.

John dedicated 51 years of his life to Rotary service. He joined the Junee Club in 1959 and was President in 1961. In 1969/70 he was Zone representative and served as Governor in 1971/72 for District 270. This was the era before faxes and email and the District extended through Eden, Canberra, Condobolin, Wagga and the Snowy mountains. John was active in forming Rotaract Clubs and led a Group Study Exchange Team to Virginia USA. The Team visited the Oval Office to meet President Nixon, but the Watergate scandal broke that day and the President was otherwise engaged! John twice attended the Council on Legislation (1979/80 and 1982/83). After moving back to Wagga Wagga, John transferred to the Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Koorringal in 1989 and actively set about forming Probus Clubs throughout District 970, now D9700.

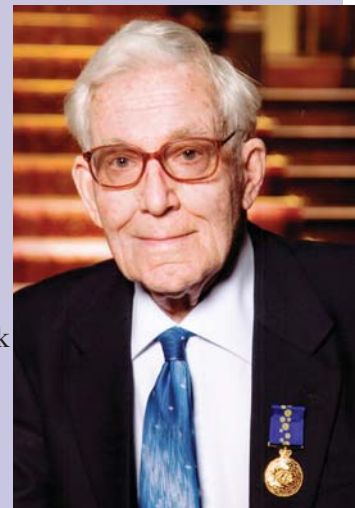
In 1975 John was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship by the Rotary Club of Junee and in 1995 a sapphire pin by Wagga Wagga Koorringal.

John provided gentle mentoring and advice to many and his hands on approach to service and the community culminated in him being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in 2007. Last year Rotarians and family celebrated his 50 years of active Rotary service. At the dinner John concluded with these words, which go a long way to epitomising this wonderful man.

"We can't all have greatness and I'm not saying I am great, but I do try to do good. And because of that I have made wonderful friends from around the world and have had amazing experiences."

Safe journey Cloughy and thank you for everything.

PP John Gray.



Leeton's Deb Ball

Leeton Club held a very successful Rotary Ball with 13 debutantes and their partners presented to DG Neal and Barbara Fogarty. The Belle of the Ball was Heidi Klaus, partnered by Josh Celi.

Rotary Remembers

Some hardy souls from the Orange and surrounding Rotary Clubs attended a tree planting and unveiling of a memorial plaque for the late Peter Andren, independent member for Calare, at Rotary Park on Mount Lindsay in Orange.

Peter's family attended along with Rotarians from Orange Calare, Orange Daybreak, Orange North, Molong and AG John McKenzie and DGE Ian Simpson.



Australian Rotary Health

Scholarship opportunities for Clubs

Here are a few opportunities for clubs to sponsor scholarships:

Indigenous Health Scholarships (scholarship cost \$2,500 – sponsoring with Commonwealth Government \$2,500)

Rural Doctors – In 2010 we have made this program available to clubs to sponsor students. Here is an opportunity that we can get the applications from University of NSW to apply for placements in Wagga and Orange. (Scholarship cost \$5,500)

Rural Nursing – (Scholarship cost \$13,750)

Contact: Cheryl Deguara: cheryldeguara@australianrotaryhealth.org.au

Rotary Scholars have their say ...

Here's what two Rotary Scholars say about their placements in Wagga Wagga.

Emily McGruer

Charles Sturt University

Post Grad Year January 2010

Wagga Wagga, Calvary Hospital

The program Emily graduated from is based on respect for the individual and on the concept of an accomplished health care professional, who needs guidance and support to assist in the transition from university to registered nurse.

During the Program Graduate Registered Nurses will gain experience in Medical/Surgical, Nursing, High Dependency Nursing, Preadmission/Discharge Planning, Day only Procedures, Orthopedic Nursing, ENT, Gynaecology, General Surgery, Cancer/Palliative Nursing, Ophthalmology and coronary Care. .

Emily said that the wonderful world of nursing was, "All that I imagined and more".

"Since commencing my career in February, I have loved every minute, every opportunity and every experience. I have realised in the last three months, nursing is not a job, it is a destiny; it is my destiny.

Kasey Howes

Charles Sturt University

Post Grad Year January 2010

Wagga Wagga, Calvary Hospital

Kasey said that beginning to work as a registered nurse has been her biggest challenge so far.

"I am working for Calvary Hospital

in Wagga Wagga, As part of the Post Graduate course I will be working in 5 different areas within the hospital, spending about 8 or 9 weeks in each area.

My first rotation was on a Palliative and post operative ward. As I had previously worked as a live in palliative carer I found this ward to be a fantastic place to start.

In the beginning, the daily responsibilities were very overwhelming....So much to do, remember, learn, experience, ask and be responsible for. But with the wonderful support from the staff at Calvary everything seems to fall into place.

Hard work and a lot of overtime, to cross all my T's, dot all my I's and be certain I hadn't missed anything and to ensure my paperwork and documentation were correct paid off, I began to feel a little more confident and enjoy the challenges I would face on a daily basis.

I am very grateful for the support I get from all of the Nurses who continually offer to help and answer my millions of questions and all the staff at Calvary have made the transition from study to work a very enjoyable experience.

I am now currently working in the operating theatres, again like a fish out of water but absolutely loving every minute of it.

Charles Sturt University held our Graduation ceremony In April. It was so good to see all the other nursing graduates and hear about their experiences... which reminded us all we are not alone... everyone has to start somewhere."

And Rotary are there behind many students, helping, counselling and 'just being there'.

We, at Rotary, is grateful for the opportunity to assist many young people fulfill their ambitions in many fields of endeavour.

Dates for your Rotary Diary

Group Study Exchange (GSE)

Applications close Friday 6th August for 2 Team Leaders and Team Members

1. The Philippines D3830 (approx. 26 Feb to 25 March 2011)

2. Oklahoma D5770 (approx. 21 March to 19 April 2011)

We will be hosting the GSE Teams from The Philippines D3830 from 7 March to 4 April 2011 and a team from Oklahoma will be hosted from 4 March to 11 April 2012.

Further info. - GSE Chairman Dennis Bishop 69263022 ; 0404834884 email dennismbishop@bigpond.com

Australian Rotary Health Dinner

Canberra. 14th August 2010

Speak with both researchers and scholars who are assisted by the great work of this group .

At University House-The Hall, 1 Balmain Crescent, Acton.

Wollundry has a strong connection with ARH as we are about to grant our Gordon Braid Melanoma Research Scholarship. Contact John Egan.

Australian Rotary Conference

- Canberra 21-22 August 2010

The Conference will focus on ways to achieve a stronger Australian Rotary. R.I. President Ray Klinginsmith and R.I. Director Stuart Heal, This is an opportunity to share ideas and best practices on how we can make Rotary better.

On line registration

<http://rotarydownunder.com.au/australianrotaryconference>.

AND THERE'S MORE....

14 Aug - Leo Callinan Memorial Musica Internationale – Young

15 Aug - GSE Team Leader selections – Young

21-22 Aug - Australian Rotary Conference – Canberra

28-29 Aug - GSE Team Member selections – Young

11-12 Sept- Youth Exchange – outbound student briefing – Bathurst

14 Nov - PRESIDENT's FORUM & District AGM – Grenfell

1-3 April 2011 - District 9700 Conference – Orange