



## June is Rotary Fellowships Month

In June we are celebrating Rotary Fellowships Month.

Rotary Fellowships offer Rotarians the opportunity to make friends with others in Rotary who share a common vocation, hobby or recreational interest.

A lot of Rotarians in the District belong to one of the many Rotary Fellowships available. They are as diverse as Cricket, Bird watching, Flying and Caravanners, to name just a few (see page 28 of the District Directory for contacts). A complete list of worldwide fellowships and contacts is available at: [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/fellowships\\_flier\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/fellowships_flier_en.pdf)

Barbara and I have just returned from a great Rotary Convention in New Orleans and that event was a great place to celebrate with Rotary friends. It was also an opportunity to hear some inspiring speakers, interact in workshops, see some great project displays and have lots of good food, music and friendship.

Rotary is doing some great things around the world to build communities and make lives better.

As President Ray Klingensmith said, "We have much to be proud of as Rotarians. There has never been a more exciting time to be Rotarians, as we approach the end of polio and anticipate the favorable publicity that Rotary will receive for its three decades of work and commitment.

"Our community service projects around the world are estimated to provide local investments of about US\$1 billion every year, and our youth and young adult programs are the best in the world. And our Rotary Foundation continues to gain strength as it assists our clubs and districts with international service projects."



Congratulations to all the Rotarians and Clubs in D9700 on your achievements this year and thank you and your Club Officers and particularly your Club President for taking on the leadership roles this year.

Also thank you to all those who took on District roles, which ensured that we had a very successful year.

I know it has been a lot of hard work, but I trust it has also been very satisfying and fulfilling for you.

As this Rotary year draws to a close it is time to review and quantify what has been achieved and to further inform the community about what Rotary has done.

To this end I have asked the Clubs to give me information to summarise the achievements across the District.

Last year over \$1.4 million was raised by Clubs in the District and donated back

to the community and Rotary programs. We need to make sure that Rotary gets recognition in the community for these efforts.

This is my last Newsletter and it has been a privilege to serve as Governor. It has been great to see the achievements of the Clubs, some of which have been highlighted in the Newsletter over the year. Rotarians and Clubs in D9700 have truly been Building Communities and Bridging Continents.

I trust you have enjoyed the Newsletter and I would like to thank Ian Davison in particular for putting it together each month, and Paul Murray for distributing it.

I look forward to catching up with many of you at your Club Changeover and the District Changeover.

*DG Neal*

### Rotary International President – Ray Klingensmith

#### District 9700 Board Members:

*District Governor – Neal Fogarty*

*Governor Elect – Ian Simpson*

*Governor Nominee – Greg Brown*

*IPDG – Irene Jones*

*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 Convention 2011-New Orleans



The RI Board has adopted the modern, but simple statement as the core essence of Rotary:  
**“Rotary is a worldwide network of inspired individuals who transform their passions into relevant social causes to improve lives in communities.”**

Over 18,000 attended in the Convention Centre, where many were housed after Hurricane Katrina 6 years ago.

Inspiring speakers included Bill Gates and Aussie Michael McQueen who you recall spoke at the D9700 Conference. Of course there was lots of jazz!

RI President Ray Klinginsmith said in his keynote address -

“Let me ask you, if I may: Why are we here today? Indeed, why are we all in Rotary? I believe we are here because we care, and because we see both what’s wrong in the world, and what’s right. And we want to carry forward what’s good, build on it, expand on it, help it grow — while taking a hard look at what needs to be changed in our lives and then doing what we can to change it.”

Bill Gates: praised Rotary for its continued success in the effort to eradicate polio, but cautioned that Rotarians will

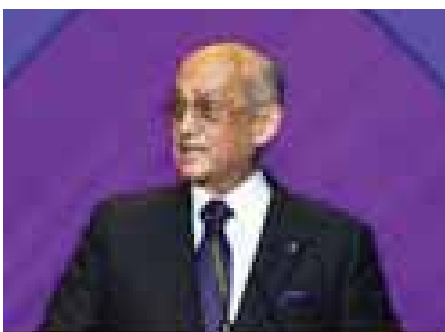


need to redouble their efforts to keep the disease from spreading - and threatening hundreds of thousands of children. Gates said that because of Rotary, there are many places in the world where polio is no longer



considered a threat. “That’s a blessing and a curse. The blessing is that in many places, polio is a disease of the past. The curse is that it is now harder for us to raise awareness that, in some places, polio is also a disease of the present. If we fail to help leaders around the world understand this, polio is certain to be a disease of the future.”

RI President-elect Kalyan Banerjee: asked Rotarians to go back to their communities and think of “new and different ways” to take on the challenges



of today. He said “We are the doers of our communities, the leaders, the ones who are most involved, who see the problems and have the means to find the solutions. I am asking you to reach within and unleash your inner power and then use it to embrace everything and everyone around you.”

Banerjee said Rotarians should be guided by three emphases - the family, continuity, and change. “The family is the building block of the community. If we wish to see a world that is more joyous, we first have to make sure that the families of the world are more joyous, that they have the things they need to be happy, to thrive, and move forward. So we have to look at housing, at clean water and sanitation, at health care, at all the issues affecting mothers and children.”

Continuity involves continuing and strengthening those things Rotarians do well. “There are so many areas in which we have been successful - working for clean, safe water; spreading literacy; working in so many ways with Generation Next, our youth. And of course, our greatest project, polio eradication. If we want to really achieve the impossible, we have to have

not only persistence, but vision - we have to be looking past what we are doing now, at what we can and should be doing in the days and years to come.”

“Change is the third emphasis. If Rotarians wish to achieve peace, reduce child mortality, prevent hunger, and stop environmental degradation, they must be the instruments of that change.”

Michael McQueen said that the next generation represents an enormously exciting opportunity for Rotary.

“There are three reasons why. One, having grown up with the Internet and being so interconnected, young people are acutely aware of global issues and concerns. They believe that such a small world really can be changed. Two, they are socially engaged. Recent studies have shown that 70 percent of Generation Y actively volunteers on a weekly basis. Not



only does this group feel it can make a difference, it genuinely wants to. Three, they are ambitious. Young people today are desperate to get ahead in their careers and are looking for mentors and networking opportunities.”

Speeches from the Convention are available at: [http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/110522\\_IC11\\_speeches.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/110522_IC11_speeches.aspx)

Future conventions are planned as follows:

The 2012 Convention is in Bangkok (6-9 May 2012).

The 2013 Convention is in Lisbon and 2014 is in Sydney.



# Rotary Rounds.....



*Mark Oliver, who was sponsored to National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) in January by Wagga Wagga Sunrise was subsequently selected to represent Australia at the Canada Wide Science Fair in Toronto in May. Congratulations Mark!*

*Our photo shows President Denise Flockton with Trevor, Janice and Mark Oliver and David Dunn (South Wagga Wagga)*

## Polio Update

From Dr Bruce Aylward, the Canadian physician and epidemiologist who heads the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI):

The struggle continues to eliminate those last traces of this dreaded disease from the face of our earth and every day new successes and new challenges are being faced. Looking at the raw statistics you would imagine the situation is worsening but the reality is that huge progress is being made in key areas and great optimism exists in others.



On the up side, the spectacular progress made in India (1) Nigeria (8) and Afghanistan (1) continues to hold firm with just 10 cases reported between the three countries as at April 27th. Uganda, the Russian Federation, Liberia, Nepal, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Senegal, Mauritania and Sierra Leone are all clear

after minor outbreaks last year. Tajikistan, where 458 cases were reported last year, is also clear year to date with the last case being reported in July 2010.

Problems still exist in Pakistan although with 33 cases at April 27th, the position is being well managed. Africa continues to give some cause for concern. Chad and the Democratic Republic of the Congo being the main trouble spots with 76 cases between the two of them but Governments in both countries are firmly committed to attacking the problem with high levels of urgency. The Congo reported 384 cases last year but only one so far this year (22 January) so the signs are also good in that country.

It's interesting to note that of the 120 cases reported up to April 27th, 111 are Type 1 and only 9 are Type 3. At this time last year the cases were 50/50.

Let's not slow down now. We are much too close to victory for that!

See a video of his great speech at:  
<http://club.coolamonrotary.com/?p=1028>

## Follow the yellow boat road - around Australia for Polio

Robert Pennicott and Mick Souter, departed Sydney on 31st May to circumnavigate Australia anticlockwise in two 18ft dinghies. Their 12,000 nautical mile journey is divided into 77 segments, ranging from 60 to 420 miles. On 48 of the segments, one or two seats per boat will be auctioned to the highest bidder. All of this of course is to raise funds for polio eradication and conservation through D9830 Tasmania. If you want to bid for a seat or follow their progress, check out the web site <http://follow.theyellowboatroad.com/>.

## You are cordially invited to dinner *District Changeover Dinner*

Saturday 2 July 2011, 6pm

Ex-Services Club Orange

All invited. \$38 per person

RSVP by 24 June to:

Glen Stewart, phone (Bus H) 63624866

Email [stewartg@stgeorge.com.au](mailto:stewartg@stgeorge.com.au)

*Book early so you don't miss out*



# Rotary Rounds.....

## Great roll up for District Assembly at Grenfell



There was a lot of interest and lots of information for the incoming Club Officers at the recent District Assembly training hosted by Grenfell Club.

DGE Ian Simpson announced that Grenfell Club had been successful in their application for the 2011/12 District Simplified Grant from the Rotary Foundation to upgrade the shelter shed in Rotary Park.

*Our photos show a small part of the crowd who gathered at Grenfell for a day of training.*

## Challenging Rotary Culture

Earlier this year, Rotary International Director Stuart Heal addressed a joint meeting of Ballarat Clubs in D9780 and challenged all Rotarians to hold discussions relating to changing the culture of Rotary.



Stuart argued strongly that the day of attendance is over - it is time to measure service. Most Rotarians join the organisation to give service; service is Rotary. But we measure performance by attendance at weekly meetings - all are encouraged to discuss how this can be done in our clubs.

The word "club" is out dated, young people no longer join clubs; they join causes. To attract young people we need to market the brand "Rotary" and then invite people to our cause.

Rotary language also needs updating. What is 'make up'? What is a 'House of Fellowship'? Rules, as well as language, are stifling initiative.

## Women in Rotary

A national team, sponsored by RI Director Stuart Heal and Rotary Coordinator Noel Trevaskis, and including Mary Brell from Orange Daybreak, has been formed to address the need to recruit and retain more women in Rotary. The team want to create dynamic Rotary Clubs where men and women work together to expand and build on existing strengths with the benefits of diversity to improve

the lives of individuals and communities in a way consistent with the RI strategic plan.

Initial targets are to:

- Double women membership to 40% in five years
- Change the public image of Rotary
- Strike gender balance in 20% of clubs in five years
- Ensure 40% of District Board positions are held by women in five years
- Create plans and programs which can be applied to other aspects of diversity

## GND Selected

Geoff Tancred has been selected to be the District 9700 Governor Nominee Designate for the year 2013/14.

Geoff brings a wealth of Rotary experience and knowledge to the position. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Orange Calare for 25 years, was President in 1989/90 and has served as District Treasurer and Insurance Officer for almost 20 years.

Congratulations and thank you to Geoff and his wife Bettye for taking on the leadership responsibility for the District.



# Rotary Rounds.....



MUNA simulates the working of the United Nations Assembly by having teams of secondary students represent UN nations in debates on matters of world political and social concern. The program builds bridges of goodwill for world peace through encouraging young people to learn respect and tolerance for people of all races, religions and nationalities. There were 16 teams from Blayney, Boorowa, Canowindra High and Wagga Wagga at the successful District MUNA held recently at Wagga Wagga.

The winning team, Gabrielle Hewitt and Harmony-Joe Mewburn, represented Somalia and came from Boorowa Central School. They also won the award for the Best Debaters.

Other award winners were:

Knowledge of United Nations - Oscar Jefferson and Brendan Ray from Kildare Catholic College representing Morocco.

Cultural Representation - Kaysie du Plessis and Zareen Qayyum from Wagga Wagga High School representing Pakistan.

Critical Analysis - Andrea Butt and Amelia Van Der Rijt from Kildare Catholic College representing Norway.

MUNA 2012 will be hosted by the Rotary Club of Boorowa.

*Our photo shows MUNA 2011 participants in national dress*



## District Vocational Excellence Award - Dr David Michalk

The inaugural presentation of the District 9700 Vocational Excellence Award was made at the District Conference in Orange. One of the recipients, Dr. David Michalk, was presenting a paper to an overseas conference at the time and the award was

recently presented at a meeting of Orange Daybreak, who nominated David. As the Director of the Orange Agricultural Institute, David's work involves research and educational support to the meat, wool and horticultural industries. He is responsible for the leadership and mentoring of a staff of 100 scientists, technicians and assistants.

Photo: Dr. David Michalk with District Vocational Committee Chairman Graeme McLean



# Rotary Rounds.....

## Mental Health gets the attention it deserves

In a move that has mental health experts and supporters around the country rejoicing, this year's Federal Budget has allocated a much needed 1.5 billion towards mental health. Much of this funding is going towards direct service initiatives and it is great to see our country's decision makers highlighting the importance of mental health and the impact mental illness has on our society.

However, despite the boost in funding, mental health remains a big problem. The World Health Organisation states that by 2020 depression will be the leading cause of disability worldwide. Bringing mental health issues into the spotlight is helping, but more needs to be done to prevent and effectively manage a wide range of mental disorders and illnesses.

Australian Rotary Health has long

been an ambassador for mental health. We've directed more than \$26 million towards health research since 1981 and now we're focusing on the mental health of young people to help reduce the burden of debilitating and costly mental disorders.

You can make a difference by donating today to help improve the mental health of Australia's young people. It's devastating to know that today, more than one in four people aged between 12 and 25 will be affected by a mental problem in any given year. In fact, it is estimated that approximately 750,000 young people's mental health needs are not currently being met. These young people are our future and deserve the support that research can provide.



To find out more about our research or to donate, please visit [www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au](http://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au)

*Photo top right: Wagga Wagga Sunrise President Denise Flockton presenting Emily McGruer with plaque in recognition of her success as a postgraduate nurse at Calvary Hospital.*

## Cheers ... to some truly great hats

ARH Hat Day was celebrated in style at most clubs around May 22nd. The day's focus was on raising funds for the mental health research but the sideline was an expression of fun as some most sensational hats were given an airing.

*Our photos show Wagga Wagga Wollundry and Griffith Avanti, both turned out in strength equipped with some great head gear.*



## RFFA – National HIV Testing and Counselling

Over 1,000 Rotary volunteers from 102 Clubs in Kenya and Uganda recently held a nationwide HIV Testing & Counseling Day at 125 sites with wraparound health services! They called it the Rotary Family Health Day! The Coca-Cola Africa Foundation (a six year partner of RFFA) provided \$100,000 in mobilization

costs for this event. Rotary Clubs held fundraisers to support the event. Thirty or more other technical partners in provided pro bono technical/medical support for this mission, working with the Ministry of Health in each country.

In addition to HIV Testing & Family Counseling, ancillary health services promoted the wellness of the entire family:

- Dental clinic and hygiene education
- Blood sugar level screening; blood

pressure

- Malaria and TB screening and referrals
- Distribution of treated bed nets
- Cervical and breast cancer screening
- Sanitary towels for girls ("Freedom for Girls" packet)
- Polio immunization at some sites
- De-worming for all children, Vitamin A supplements
- Pharmacies were established at many of the sites



# On the Wallaby

News from Around the Clubs in District 9700

## Coolamon – 40 years of Rotary Service

Coolamon recently celebrated 40 years of Rotary service. There were lots of visitors from surrounding Clubs including a busload from their sponsor Club Narrandera. Returning Charter Member George Hutcheon helped President Ian Durham cut the 40th anniversary cake. There were also lots of tributes from Rotary Clubs around the world that have been touched by Coolamon over the years.

Part of one such tribute from President Patrick McLaughlin, Rotary Club of Hout Bay, South Africa, read: "Coolamon has special values for us all here. When you drive out of our home town here there is the biggest sign on our local clinic on the Main Road which says "Coolamon House", so your message is here big time, all the time. May that message also always declare our friendship and common values. We wish you a happy celebration from each one of our members here and we shall toast the Rotary Club of Coolamon at our Tuesday meeting."

*Photo: President Ian Durham and Charter Member George Hutcheon cutting the 40th anniversary cake.*



## Griffith Avanti – RAWCS project Solomon Islands

Four volunteers from Griffith Avanti (Bob Campbell, Peter Sparks and Neil Bruce) and Griffith (Ang Maloni) recently travelled to the Solomon Islands to refurbish the existing Tinaguhulu Clinic building. Prior to leaving they dispatched 2 pallets of donated medical equipment, supplies and other goods. Paramedic Peter also provided training to medical staff in the Solomons. The project was initiated through David Clark, who lives and works in the Solomons, who provided local assistance and financial support from his company. The team also took donations to assist an adult learning centre and kindergarten in the same community.



## Wagga Wagga Murrumbidgee Teddy Bears Picnic

Over 500 children and their teddies were attracted to the Teddy Bears Picnic held in the Wagga Wagga Botanic Gardens. They spent the day playing games, painting and playing in the sunshine. The Club raised \$2,000 for Ronald McDonald House Wagga Wagga incorporating 93.1 Star FM Kids Kottage, doubling the amount raised last year!

How appropriate for one of the districts youngest clubs to be raising money by playing in the park!



Congratulations to WaggaWagga Murrumbidgee Club which has been selected by RI to be a pilot club to participate in the Innovation & Flexibility pilot program. This is an exciting opportunity to experiment with some new approaches, techniques and methods of operating.

*Top: L to R: Nick Shepherd (President), Wagga Community Princess Melissa Potts, Jenny Fyfe (Secretary) Miss Wagga Stephanie Anderson, treasurer Jenny Lovekin, Club members Julianne Horsman and Erin Fyfe.*

*Left: Face painting - Service Projects coordinator Lyn Lockwood with Jackson Speer*



## Wagga Wagga Wollundry – Vietnam project revisited



The importance of helping overseas communities in need was recently highlighted by a talk on a Wollundry project initiated in Vietnam some years ago. Wollundry donated \$8000 to build a School in Hac Dic, a village between Vung Tai, on the coast, and Nui Dat /

Long Tan, where Australians fought in Vietnam.

The \$8000 was matched by the Vietnam Reconstruction group, mainly ex servicemen, who have a continuing presence in Vietnam. Further funding of \$16,000 came from the Australian Consul General in Ho Chi Minh City, with the Local province providing the site.

Two photos : 1. Ken Cook, Graham Burmeister, Rick Priest, James Hamilton and Michael Knight travelled to Hac Dic in April 2004 to meet the staff, and inspect the facility.

## Orange Daybreak – Pride of Workmanship Awards

At a recent dinner meeting seven very worthy recipients were presented with a Pride of Workmanship Award. The awardees were: Carol Allcorn (school assistant from Nashdale PS); Cindy Carnie (from Westpac); Cindy Collings (assistant from Pet Care Extrordinaire); Annette Reed (receptionist, Dr Howe's surgery); Maree Simpson (Assistant Professor from CSU School of Pharmacy); Cath Thompson (Farmers Market Manager); and Kara Wright (receptionist from Bell River Homes). The awardees were nominated by either their employer or an Orange Daybreak Rotarian and all their citations spoke in glowing terms about their dedication to their job, their excellent attitude towards their clients or customers and the fact that they were committed to going the extra mile in serving the public.

The awardees were all accompanied by a family member and/or a fellow employee and it was obvious that these guests were very proud to see the awardees recognised in this way. Two other recipients of a POW Award, Hannah Arnold and Christie Westcott were unable to attend the evening and they will be recognised at a future date.

## Here's an Idea ....

### Bathurst Daybreak - Books Donated to Burruga Public School

In lieu of giving a gift of appreciation to Guest Speakers, the Club donates a book to a local Primary School in the Guest Speaker's name. Hence 6 books have recently been donated to the Burruga Primary School.

*Great Idea!!! After all, who needs an extra pen? A book is a lasting memory for the club, the valued guest and the school kids will enjoy it also.*

## Forbes – Billycart Derby

The highly successful inaugural Billycart Derby attracted 70 entries from Forbes, Bogan Gate, Eugowra, Parkes, Cowra and Bathurst. The event was the brainchild of President Ron Penny, who sourced \$2500 in cash and prizes for the day.

The Forbes Council closed off two



cross streets to give competitors a clean run down to the shores of Lake Forbes in Rotary Park.

The Forbes Ipomoea club also organised a Grow and Bake Market Day in Rotary Park. A Rotary information desk was also manned by the Forbes Ipomoea club and received several enquiries. The combined Club efforts through catering, entry and site fees and raffles raised over \$3,500.

It was a great day for both clubs with around 80% of members participating.

*Photographed is Forbes President Elect Chris Finkel on his way to 2nd place in the 3 wheel section while hanging on for dear life!*

## Coolamon – Website

Congratulations to John Glassford who has done a great job with the Coolamon website – it has some great ideas for your Club, a great way to get the latest happenings in our Rotary world and a great way to preserve the history of your Club.

With one click you can see videos of Dr Bruce Aylward giving the latest Polio update, or RIPE Kalyan Banerjee giving his the inspirational speech to the New Orleans Convention.

Check it out now! <http://club.coolamonrotary.com>

## Griffith Avanti – Sue and Terry Metcalfe finish ride

Sue and Terry completed their 6,200 km ride from Wilsons Promontory to Cape York on 18 May, by walking the final kilometre to the northernmost point of the Australian mainland.

Terry said, “The final stage from Weipa to the Tip was over some of the most difficult terrain we have encountered.

The section along the Old Telegraph Track to Elliott/Twin Falls was through some deep creek crossings which saw water come over the bonnet of our 4 wheel drive ute. At that stage the road north had only been open for about a week and had sections severely damaged by a long and intense wet season. It is not an exaggeration to say there were potholes on the road metres wide and deep.

Terry on his bike, had his heart in his mouth as he watched Sue negotiate a particularly bad patch where she had to take a high and narrow path. He could only think of the weight on the top of the car. Sue pressed herself hard against the door to balance this!

Much of the final 300km were very sandy which was fine for the ute but impossible to cycle. The sand was so soft and deep that at times it was hard to push the bikes through.

We enjoyed a dip under the twin falls which had to serve as a shower that night”.

Congratulations to Terry and Sue from all Rotarians in District 9700. What a great effort and a wonderful adventure.

## Orange Daybreak – Partnership Agreement

The vocational opportunities for the special needs students at the Anson Street School will be enhanced through a new exciting Partnership Agreement with the School. The Partnership will use the joint resources of the school, local businesses and the business, financial and other expertise amongst the Rotary Club members. President Jill Everett said “it is very exciting that we can assist the school in this new way. Our Club has long been a supporter of Anson Street School through financial donations to Sailability and other programs at the school and some members are already involved in the individual advisory groups which provide

strategic direction to the School. I believe this Partnership will take our Club’s relationship with the School in a new and exciting direction.”

The Partnership will operate through a Management Committee of six, including two from the School, two from Orange Daybreak RC and one each from Cadia Mines and Wangarong Industries.

## Wagga Wagga - The Book Book Book Fair....

Well it’s come and gone and what a great event. Our tight-lipped Treasurer is still crunching the figures but all are agreed, it was very successful – regardless of the cash, we have run a wonderful event and the public support shows how much they enjoy it! The crowds on Saturday were huge!

The poor old customers lined up awaiting entry in the freezing cold foggy morning, gaining an early entry reprieve to attack the stock. Big crowds for several hours, with some learned estimates of 400 in the hall at a time over that period. A keen and dedicated sales team worn a bit ragged. Many big sales. One lady with bags of books filling her youngest kid’s stroller, with no room for the child. Many generous buyers and some a bit more focused on a bargain (got to be diplomatic). The usual wrangles with book dealers, keen to rat our stock but not always keen to pay our prices. Our wonderful senior members, Arthur & Flo, Ailsa and Bruce manning the door in the face of the winter chill. The complimentary Daily Advertisers disappearing fast. Barbeque team run off their feet and sourcing extra stock - maybe the bite in the air made a bite to eat seem pretty desirable. A thousand stories about the characters of the day. Many of our members enjoying the engagement with the community.

Around 30,000 books are in stock by Fair time. The uplift of stock is a huge task and this year we had collaboration with South Wagga Apex Club and great support from partners and other ‘Friends of the Book Fair’. The Fair started on a small scale in 2003 and we now regularly have about 2000 come through the door and take about \$30,000, with the total raised so far around \$180,000.



## Wagga Wagga Wollundry – Donation to Willans Hill School

The success of the record breaking 2011 Wagga Wagga Food and Wine Festival, run by Wollundry under Committee Chairman Kevin Roben, resulted in a donation of \$40,652 to Willans Hill School in Wagga Wagga. Willans Hill School is a special education school with 67 beautiful children. Principal Chris Lennon was very grateful for the donation and expressed her thanks to all the Wollundry Rotarians.

*Photo: Committee Chair Kevin Roben, President Frank Fuller and Wollundry members present cheque to Willans Hill School Principal Chris Lennon and students*



## Forbes – Fine Young Aussie Awards

The achievements of 13 young people from the Forbes community were recognised at a dinner among over 100 family, friends and Rotarians. The Fine Young Aussie Award, organised by Past President Keith Rawsthorne, has been an annual event for 11 years and focuses on recognizing students who excel in study, sport, community service, participation in arts and leadership. All 13 were worthy nominees, with the Fine Young Aussie Award going to Alex Umbers, who excelled in all categories. The special Shine On Award was presented to Eliza Woods for her heroic effort to overcome serious illness and be an inspiration to all. Some of the nominees provided the entertainment for the evening showing off their talents in dance, music and recitation.

*Photos - Left - Alex Umbers being presented with his Fine Young Aussie Award by DG Neal*

*Below- The 13 nominees for the Fine Young Aussie Award with PP Keith Rawsthorne and DG Neal*





## Orange North – PNG School uniforms

Kokoda Track Leader Peter Davis, on a recent trip to Papua New Guinea handed over 40 school uniforms to Abel Kovevi, a villager from Enivilogo Village which is located 2 hours tough hike in a gorge west of the centre of the Kokoda Track.

Abel has organized 3 villagers to carry the uniforms for the 4 day hike back to the village.

The brand new uniforms cost \$981, and were paid for by ex trekkers.

*Photo: Peter Davis presenting Abel Kovevi with the school uniforms.*

## Henty – Rotarian Landcare recognition



Congratulations to Past President John Ebsworth who was presented with the Urban Landcare Award at the recent Murrumbidgee Regional Landcare Awards held at Charles Sturt University. Congratulations, John, we are proud of your achievement.

*Photo above: John Ebsworth*

## Coolamon – Schools benefit

Six schools in Coolamon and the surrounding villages all benefited from the Monster raffle and markets held recently by the Club. The profit of over \$4,000 will benefit the schools on a pro rata basis depending on their ticket sales. Congratulations on an innovative fund raiser.

## It's a great pleasure to welcome New Members

Robyn Murphy, Liz Beasley – Orange Daybreak

Helen Allen, Len Wade – Wagga Wagga Sunrise

Rene Brummer, Carol Raysworth, Sandra Rosetto – Griffith Avanti

John Horton – Murrumburrah-Harden

David Druitt, Narelle Druitt – Bathurst Daybreak (returning after 2 years with Detroit Lakes Breakfast Rotary Club)

Kyle Zandona – Yenda

*Congratulations to the 100th new member for the District this year, John Horton and the Murrumburrah-Harden Club who have inducted 8 new members.*

*Who said Rotary can't attract younger members? Congratulations to Yenda and welcome to 19 year old Kyle Zandona.*

A warm welcome to Rotary and may you enjoy Rotary as much as we enjoy welcoming you.

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# Club Attendance

MARCH 2011

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|-------------------|----|----|-------|
| Bathurst          | 19 | 0  | 64.33 |
| Bathurst Daybreak | 26 | -1 | 80.72 |
| Bathurst East     | 22 | 0  | 92.50 |
| Blayney           | 26 | 0  | 92.30 |
| Boorowa           | 16 | 0  | 68.75 |
| Canowindra        | 12 |    |       |
| Condobolin        | 15 |    |       |
| Coolamon          | 19 | 0  | 72.00 |
| Cootamundra       | 21 |    | 76.00 |
| Cowra             | 52 | 0  | 68.25 |
| Forbes            | 25 |    |       |
| Forbes Ipomoea    | 9  | 1  | 87.96 |
| Grenfell          | 28 | -1 | 73.90 |
| Griffith          | 60 | -1 | 88.44 |
| Griffith Avanti   | 25 | 0  | 97.00 |
| Griffith East     | 30 | -1 | 80.00 |
| Hay               | 4  |    |       |
| Henty             | 19 | 0  | 96.05 |
| Junee             | 7  |    |       |
| Lake Cargelligo   | 20 | 0  | 80.00 |

|                  |      |    |       |
|------------------|------|----|-------|
| Leeton           | 41   | 0  | 76.80 |
| Leeton Central   | 24   | 0  | 56.94 |
| Lockhart         | 14   | 0  | 80.35 |
| Molong           | 7    | 0  | 85.71 |
| M'burrah-Harden  | 33   | 0  | 70.70 |
| Narrandera       | 20   | 0  | 80.00 |
| Oberon           | 18   | 0  | 94.00 |
| Orange           | 36   | -1 | 81.00 |
| Orange Calare    | 23   | 0  | 99.00 |
| Orange Daybreak  | 42   | 1  | 79.50 |
| Orange North     | 49   | 0  | 74.30 |
| Parkes           | 37   | 0  | 73.27 |
| South Wagga      | 37   | 0  | 73.60 |
| Temora           | 27   | 0  | 74.10 |
| Wagga Wagga      | 49   | 0  | 78.77 |
| Wagga Koorringal | 30   | 0  | 87.03 |
| Wagga M'bidgee   | 18   | 1  | 79.00 |
| Wagga Sunrise    | 41   | 0  | 70.00 |
| West Wyalong     | 13   | 0  | 64.00 |
| Wollundry-Wagga  | 77   | 1  | 78.00 |
| Yenda            | 29   | 0  | 71.00 |
| Young            | 41   | 1  | 75.00 |
| Total            | 1161 | 0  | 78.93 |