



MAY 2011

May is Australian Rotary Health Month

Australian Rotary Health is a Rotary International approved project supported by all Rotary Districts in Australia.

It has grown to be one of the largest independent medical research funds in the country, funding over \$2m in mental health research projects and scholarships each year.

While the current focus is mental health research and education programs, it also supports a broad range of other health related projects. Australian Rotary Health also offers Indigenous Health scholarships and Rural and Remote Medical and Nursing scholarships.

Has your Club supported Australian Rotary Health to sponsor a scholarship this year?

Australian Rotary Health is fighting to reduce the impact of mental illness. By 2020 it is predicted that depression will be the main cause of disability – meaning lost days at work and inability to function in a family situation. Rotary clubs have been magnificent in their support and funding

–we also need the help of the community and business, if we are to be able to fund more research.

That's why Hat Day has been planned to raise awareness of Mental Health and promote and gain funding support for Australian Rotary Health from the community.

We are 10 months into the 2010/11 Rotary Year. Clubs will be finalizing their projects and fundraising efforts. Please ensure you make those

contributions to The Rotary Foundation, both for the Annual Program Fund and Polio Plus. Also have those prospective new members inducted so you have the renewed lifeblood to ensure your Club is going forward in a more healthy and sustainable manner.

DG Neal



LearnGrow: Australian Rotary project goes global

Rotary International has officially recognised the LearnGrow project by establishing the Food Plant Solutions Rotarian Action Group Established to support it.

LearnGrow chairman Buz Green said "Current approaches to food security and malnutrition are clearly not working, as there are still one billion people in the world who go to bed hungry every day along with a further billion, mainly women and children suffering from a lack of essential micronutrients such as vitamin A and iron. The challenge facing these people is to double their output, using far less water, land and fertiliser."

LearnGrow's approach of using the diversity of the world's food plants to

combat food security and malnutrition is making great advances.

Last year, LearnGrow launched its first major project in Solomon Islands in an effort to help the people better utilize their natural food resources. Other programs are being developed in New Guinea, the Philippines, Sierra Leone, Timor Leste, Nigeria and Haiti. It was the brainchild of Tasmanian agricultural scientist Bruce French, who has spent 30 years on a voluntary mission to document information on the food plants for all countries of the world.

The objectives of Food Plant Solutions include:

■ Promote LearnGrow to Rotarians, clubs and districts internationally

■ Facilitate the development of LearnGrow groups to undertake food plant programs in developing countries

■ Promote the incorporation of LearnGrow into existing aid projects

■ Develop a platform for communication between LearnGrow groups and foster membership of Food Plant Solutions

Please help this Australian project of global significance reach its potential by:

■ Joining Food Plant Solutions RAG (register at www.learngrow.org)

■ Donate or raise funds for LearnGrow

■ Promote LearnGrow

■ Conduct a "Food For Thought" meal in your own club or community

For further information: www.learngrow.org Buz Green, Rotary Club of Devonport North, or D9700 Coordinator John McKenzie

Rotary International President – Ray Klinginsmith

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 Rounds.....

Group Study Exchange (GSE) News



Congratulations to the GSE Team members selected at Young on 17 April to go to D1010 Scotland in September.

The Team is Alissa Brabin, educator (sponsored by Wagga Wagga

Murrumbidgee), Stacey Miller, journalist (Forbes), Neal Molineaux, building construction (Wagga Wagga Koorringal) and Cindy Nutley, communications (Parkes), with the Team Leader John McKenzie.

Photo: L to R: Alissa Brabin, Cindy Nutley, John McKenzie, Stacey Miller and Neal Molineaux

Welcome Home ...

The GSE Team led by Gary Roberts to D5770 Oklahoma USA has just returned and by all accounts had a very successful GSE. Make sure you invite one of them or one from the Team that has returned from D3830 Philippines to make a presentation to your Club – it will be a great night.

And ... make a booking for next year's visiting teams

We look forward to welcoming the GSE Teams from D5770 Oklahoma, USA and D1010 Scotland to our District in February/March 2012.

An Opportunity too good to believe!

Most Clubs are looking for ways to increase their membership.

There is a very easy opportunity.

After over twenty years of women being welcomed into Rotary in Australia and New Zealand they still only account for 20% of our membership.

Did you know that men volunteerism has dropped and women have increased in the last decade.

Women are one of our greatest opportunities to increase our membership; they are there in the professional, business communities and they are there in our communities as leaders in different areas.

Research has shown that when women are involved in management there is a 35% higher profit return – so imagine what the introduction of women can do to your Club.

When I think about how we can get more women into Rotary, it seems to me

that the best way is for women to get women into Rotary and for your Club to take on a women sensitive project.

From an article by Assistant Rotary Coordinator Noel Trevaskis in Rotary On The Move (May 2011) – see the full article for practical suggestions to make it happen in your Club.

Nominations called for Governor for District 9700 for 2013-2014

Applicants need to complete the Governor-Nominee Data Form, which is available from the District Secretary Peter Byrne, and return to him by 31 May 2011.

A Governor-Nominee must:

■ Be a member in good standing of a functioning Club in D9700.

■ Have served as a Club President for a full term

■ At the time of taking office have completed seven years of Rotary membership

Rotary Peace Centre - Sweden

After a year-long, world-wide search process, the Rotary Peace Centers is excited to announce Uppsala University in Sweden will become the seventh Rotary Center for international studies in peace and conflict resolution.

The Rotary Peace Center at Uppsala will welcome its inaugural class of Rotary Peace Fellows in September 2012. All applications for the new Rotary Peace Center must be received by 15 August 2011.





RYLA – Bridging Continents with Young Peaceful Leaders

The Rotary Club of Uludag in D2440 Turkey, organised an International Peace RYLA Seminar in April. The seminar was inspired by Ataturk's – Founder of the Republic of Turkey – words "peace at home, peace in the world".

Young community leaders of the future were brought together from all the countries that were involved in the Gallipoli War.

The seminar provided lessons from history to permanently instill the meanings

of peace, brotherhood and human rights in their minds.

D9700 was very ably represented by Angie Fanello from Parkes, who was selected because of her involvement and strong support and advocacy for RYLA over several years. Angie was able to attend the Seminar thanks to the generous support of the Rotary Clubs of Parkes, Bathurst Daybreak, Orange Daybreak, Wagga Wagga, Wollundry Wagga Wagga and South Wagga Wagga.

Angie's summary of the experience:

If I was asked to sum up my experience in Turkey with one word - I couldn't. I experienced a rollercoaster of emotions every day, and my heart will now always hold a special spot for the Turkish people. We got to experience so many things - food, sights, feelings. I believe my age

(older than the average attendee) was a benefit. I was able to lose myself in every moment, remembering our history with Turkey and gaining an indepth understanding of Australia's strong bond with this wonderful country. The seminar was amazing. Life changing. We were given the history of Turkey and the story of one of the most wonderful leaders in world history; Kemal Ataturk. We had talks on global warming and what we can do to change it by Akin Ongor; art and literature with Gul Kircil; we had a piano concert from 18 year old Ata Ustun Bilgin and learned about "The Cruel Within" from Emre Konger. I made life lasting friendships with people not only from Australia, but Turkey, New Zealand, Germany, America and Canada. Being at Anzac Cove has changed my life. To have stood in the very same place men fought and died for their country has been etched into my mind, but to have realised the bond past enemies have now formed has been etched into my heart. One thing that stood out was that I did not feel foreign in Turkey - the people were so warm and welcoming and the language barrier was no problem. I recall some free time we had in Mudanya. We wandered down the street and found a quaint little coffee shop. We went in and neither our group of Aussie girls nor the Turkish shop keepers could speak the others' language, but we eventually got our message across with sign language and smiles. With all our silly hand gestures and pointing; laughter was what united us in the end... A truly magnificent journey, thank you Rotary.

Youth Exchange

Nine strong candidates were interviewed by the Youth Exchange Committee for the 2012 outbound program on Sat 30 April at Young.

These interviews are also the last for retiring Youth Exchange Committee Chairman George Thomas, who is handing over to PDG Ian Tooke.

George has done a stirring job in the Chair over the last 3 years and we thank him and Kay for the great work to ensure a strong Youth Exchange program.

George will continue to have involvement with the Rotary Youth Exchange program at a national level. While Ian Tooke officially takes over as Chair on the 1 July, all Youth Exchange matters from now on should be referred to Ian, as George and Kay are heading overseas to the RI Convention in New Orleans.

The email address and fax contact for the Committee Chair are unchanged.

\$\$\$ 2 million dollars up for grabs \$\$\$

There's \$2 million dollars in the pot. It's earmarked for Educational Scholarships for frontline staff employed in the Not for Profit sector.

Would you like to be able to support your favourite Not For Profit charity in a really meaningful way?

Do you know an outstanding person whose leadership capabilities would be enhanced with further education and training?

The Australian Scholarships Foundation and the Rotary Club of Sydney have formed a collaborative partnership to launch a two year Pilot Program with a \$2 million budget over two years.

The aim is to identify and select appropriate candidates for the various

scholarships on offer from leading educational institutions and corporations.

These Scholarships are obviously hotly contested.

Rotarians nationwide however, are being given a unique opportunity to submit names of potentially worthy candidates to Project Director Robert Funke - rfunke2@gmail.com at the Rotary Club of Sydney or Rotarian Liz Jeffrey - sharland@ozemail.com.au

Coolamon – phone book

An innovative community service project, which has proved a great fundraiser is the latest edition of the Coolamon Rotary Telephone Directory. What a great way to promote Rotary and provide a valuable service to the community. An excellent job all round by small committee in the Club.



On the Wallaby

News from Around the Clubs in District 9700

Blayney – Foundation Matching Grant success

Congratulations to Blayney Club with support from Bathurst East. Their Matching Grant project to supply \$US35,000 worth of laparoscope equipment to Rajshahi Cancer Hospital in Bangladesh has been approved by the Rotary Foundation. Blayney had an earlier Matching Grant to help get the hospital operating theatre established and visited it a couple of years ago. The Project is in cooperation with the local Rotary Club of Padma Rajshahi in D3280.

The project will provide a badly needed laparoscope to meet the special needs of cancer and general patients. The hospital will continue to render modern

diagnostics and treatment to the community at an affordable cost or no cost at all. The equipment will reduce postoperative hospitalization and improve the overall health and well-being of the people of the community.

The Rotary Foundation provided \$US15,000, with the RC Padma Rajshahi \$US3,000, Blayney \$US4,000, Bathurst East \$US3,000, D3280 DDF \$US3,000 and D9700 DDF \$US7,000 for the project. So from a relatively small Club contribution a significant project can be funded by combing resources from Clubs, using District funds



available from the Foundation (DDF) and The Rotary Foundation.

Photo: Theatre in operation

Coolamon – Community Day Markets

The Coolamon Up-to-date Store and Coolamon Rotary conducted their 3rd Annual Community Day Markets recently.

The stands carried excellent quality produce and merchandise. There was a steady stream of traffic throughout the day with a big spike just after church.

Both committees worked hard towards this annual event to make it a success and sustainable into the future. They received several wonderful compliments on the quality of produce and of course on the venue.

The Lamson Cash Conveyance System is a significant feature of retail history.

Installed in the Coolamon Up-To-Date Store during the early years of Lamson's entry onto the Australian retail stage, the Cash Conveyance System is an integral feature of the Store.

The Lamson Cash Conveyance System focuses on the store owners' desire to have the very best in equipment in the newly constructed Up-To-Date Store.

The system sped cash contained in a cylinder across the store to a central cashier and change returned by the same method.

An agent for the Lamson System was first appointed in Australia in 1889.

The installation of the system in the Store in the early 1900s, demonstrated the proprietors wish to be 'most up-to-date' in retail technology.

It was said at the time "that the system was designed to solve the 'problem of women being less numerate than men', a statement we are sure would not be 'politically correct' or accepted today.

Our photo shows the system being demonstrated at the Community Day Markets.





International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians – Fly-in at Dubbo

Some 46 members and partners from Brisbane, Toowoomba, Cessnock, Sydney, Orange, Castlemaine, Melbourne, Hamilton, Port Pirie, North Island New Zealand, and Los Angeles attended the recent Fly-in at Dubbo. The weekend of activities included visits to the Western plains Zoo, Dubbo gaol and Royal Flying Doctor Base. The dinner on Saturday night was combined with two of the Dubbo Clubs with the Chief Pilot of the RFDS being the guest speaker.

Photo: Part of the crowd at the IFFR Fly-in at Dubbo.

Wollundry Wagga Wagga – Seniors Week



President Frank Fuller recently accepted a Community Service award from the member for Wagga Wagga Daryl Maguire. The award was made to Wollundry in recognition of the Club's 21 years of support with a total of \$60,000 donations for Seniors Week and the many other local charities throughout Wagga Wagga and District.

Group 4 - Movie Night for Polio

Group 4 Clubs held a very successful combined meeting/movie night at Southern Cross Cinema, Young, screening Conviction.

Over 100 members and their partners enjoyed a chicken and champagne dinner together with good fellowship, prior to watching an inspiring movie.

Many members commented it was a fantastic idea to have a combined meeting giving the opportunity to meet and interact with Rotarians from other Clubs within our Group and it should become an annual event.

The movie was given the thumbs up by all and the very successful night raised \$1,876 for the POLIO CHALLENGE.





Bathurst Daybreak- Riders pushed to limit

The B2B Cyclo Sportif Challenge organised by Bathurst Daybreak was run under wet and wild weather which pushed cyclists to the limit. The conditions challenged even the best riders as they tackled the 110km long course and the 70km short course. Chief executive officer of Cycling NSW Kevin Young said a total of 2250 participants took part across the weekend. He said Saturday's criterium and hill climb events attracted some of the best riders in the country with an increase in entries this year.

A five day junior development camp for riders aged between 12 and 18 was held afterwards, which is helping to make Bathurst a cycling centre of excellence. B2B committee chair Garry Taunton said next year's endurance competition, which is set to run through Millthorpe, will take the event to a whole new level.

Henty – celebrates 125th anniversary

Rotary Club red shirts were conspicuous all weekend! Rotarians and partners, assisted by community members manned the barbeques serving hundreds, another welcomed visitors at the registration centre and some performed on the stage at the magnificent concert on Saturday night, while others catered for hundreds at the Community Club dinners, or entered their creativity in the Art Exhibition and Photography Display.

Another red-shirt escorted the guest of honour, Mr Bill Henty and his wife Adele. Morning tea was served by Rotary in the Rose Garden before the excitement of the Rotary Games and Easter Egg Hunt while popular tours were conducted at the cemetery and local museums. A Rotarian booked more than 200 helicopter flights while sales of the latest publication, Henty, NSW 1986-2100 were available all weekend. The window displays in Sladen Street, illuminated by the recently installed street lighting, were admired and finally, Rotary hosted a luncheon for the RSL on ANZAC Day. The occasion was truly, SERVICE ABOVE SELF.

Photo: Mark Janetzki showing the Rotary Wheel,



Parkes – hosts successful RYLA

Parkes hosted another successful Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) program in April at mamre Farm.

Despite the low numbers of only 20 Awardees it was a very successful leadership training program for the 18 to 28 year old's. RYLA is about learning, leadership and laughter; it is about co-operation, consideration, communication and confidence.

The program is a week long intensive program of interactive sessions covering many topics, they also meet and interact closely with guest speakers and Rotarians.

Thank you to the Parkes Club and the many speakers and organizers of the program of activities, including the 6 past RYLarian Directors.

Thank you to those Clubs who sponsored Awardees and we look forward to your continued support for RYLA in 2012.

All Clubs need to make it a priority to contact employers and past RYLarians to get candidates for 2012.



Photos: Top: Julie Layton speaking about Rotary programs

Below: RYLarians searching for the Grail

Orange North – swags for the homeless

With many homeless people facing the prospect of sleeping rough during the harsh winter, Orange North has provided St Vincent de Paul with 15 street swags.

The Club responded to an appeal by Vinnies because all emergency accommodation is full.

According to St Vincent de Paul's Regional President Allan Johnson, "what we can do for some people now is give them a blanket and a swag so at least they can stay warm and dry when they sleep on the streets."

Orange North member John Apps told the St Vincent de Paul representatives that the swags had a foam insert, "so at least people don't have to sleep on the ground, and there is a section in the swags so they can keep their belongings next to them."



Vale -

Jim Darbyshire PHF (Griffith)

There was a sombre pall over the Griffith Club meeting as members reflected on the life and tragic death of highly esteemed member Jim Darbyshire, who lost his life in a road accident south of Coleambally on Monday, April 4th.

Jim, who celebrated his 84 birthday last December 11th, was inducted into the Rotary Club of Griffith on 23rd February, 1971 and since that date has given tireless service to Rotary and the community of Griffith. He was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow by the Club in 2002.

Jim was talented pilot who had flown in Papua New Guinea, Catalina flying boats for Qantas on the Kangaroo route to the U K and Fokker aircraft for KLM in the Middle East.

In the 1960s he established Cropair, an agricultural air service in Griffith. While flying, he met and married his great love [the late] Patsy, an airline hostess, and together they raised four boys.

Since retiring [which he never really did], Jim gave valued service to the Griffith community through the Salvation Army and Rotary. He has twice been nominated as Griffith's "Citizen of the Year" for his community work.

In toasting the life of Jim, President Greg Murphy said that he was "a stalwart of the club, a very fine man, a sad loss for his family, his friends and the Rotary Club. He was always the first one up with his hand to volunteer for Rotary.... sometimes the only one."

Joan Breust

Wife of PDG Wal Breust, Wagga Wagga Koorinal.

It's a great pleasure to welcome New Members

Graeme Stribling – Orange
 Paul Burley – Griffith East
 Hank Doll, Sally Carson – Young
 William Simpson – Forbes Ipomoea
 Malcolm Robertson – Wollundry Wagga Wagga
 Jim Thomas – Young (transfer from Leeton)
 Philip Swinn - Cowra

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

Congratulations to the new Paul Harris Fellows in District 9700

John Walmsley – Grenfell

Dates for your diary

Club Secretaries – please forward to DG Neal the date for
 your Changeover

21-25 May 2011 – World Rotary Convention – New
 Orleans

2 July 2011 – District 9700 Changeover – Orange

Club Attendance

MARCH 2011

Bathurst	22	-1	75.26
Bathurst	22		
Bathurst Daybreak	27	0	70.40
Bathurst East	22		
Blayney	26	0	96.15
Boorowa	16	0	77.50
Canowindra	12		
Condobolin	15		
Coolamon	19	0	63.00
Cootamundra	21		
Cowra	52	0	72.00
Forbes	25	2	65.00
Forbes Ipomoea	8		
Grenfell	29	0	79.90
Griffith	61	0	82.84
Griffith Avanti	25	1	96.75
Griffith East	31	0	76.43
Hay	4		
Henty	19	0	82.89
Junee	7		

Lake Cargelligo	20	1	86.00
Leeton	41	1	82.30
Leeton Central	24	0	66.66
Lockhart	14	1	85.71
Molong	7	0	85.71
M'burrah-Harden	33	0	74.00
Narrandera	20	0	87.00
Oberon	18	-1	86.00
Orange	37	-2	83.30
Orange Calare	23	-2	96.00
Orange Daybreak	41	0	87.00
Orange North	49	-1	72.00
Parkes	37	-1	71.43
South Wagga	37	0	90.25
Temora	27	0	71.30
Wagga Wagga	49	0	88.36
Wagga Koorringal	30	-1	82.16
Wagga M'bidgee	17	0	77.50
Wagga Sunrise	41	0	76.00
West Wyalong	13	0	77.00
Wollundry-Wagga	76		
Yenda	29	0	66.00
Young	40	-1	71.25
Total	1164	-3	79.57