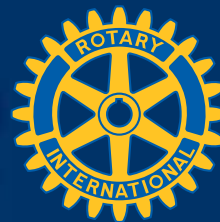




Rotary District 9700 Newsletter



NOVEMBER 2010

November is Rotary Foundation Month

The Rotary Foundation is our charity, that does good in the world. The mission of the Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. It helps us fulfill the 4th Object of Rotary:

The advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

There are many programs funded by the Foundation, such as Group Study Exchange (GSE), Polio Plus, Matching Grants, Ambassadorial Scholarships, Peace Scholarships, District Simplified Grants and Polio, in which Rotarians and

young business and professional people with a unique opportunity to study their vocation and experience the culture, while being home hosted by Rotarians in another country. Through Matching Grants several D9700 Clubs have been able to help overseas communities, such as provide clean water in Thailand, equip an operating theatre in Bangladesh, help establish and equip a HIV/AIDS clinic in South Africa, provide schooling for orphans in Kenya. Three Clubs this year (Cowra, Lake Cargelligo and Parkes) are also using District Simplified Grants to support projects in their local communities.

Eradication of polio from the world is very close thanks to the Polio Plus program of the Foundation. Over the last

RI has also pledged to meet the Polio Challenge to match the Gates Foundation donation of \$US355m with \$US200m. Individuals can also support the Foundation by becoming a Centurion and making a tax deductible donation of \$A100 per year.

Pakistan Floods

Congratulations to all those Clubs that have supported the appeals for the flood victims in Pakistan (and other disaster areas). I am aware of at least 16 ShelterBoxes, 4 Disaster Aid Australia Family packs and 2 AquaBoxes that have been donated so far to the respective disaster agencies.

Shelterbox Australia: Temora, Murrumburrah-Harden, Wagga Wagga Sunrise, Bathurst daybreak, Orange North (2), Orange Calare, Leeton, Orange (2), Griffith (2), Condobolin, Forbes, Forbes Ipomoea, Lockhart,

Disaster Aid Australia: Orange Daybreak (2), Narrandera (2)

Acquabox: Bathurst daybreak, Grenfell

DG Neal



Clubs in D9700 have actively participated.

We have recently selected two GSE Teams to go to the Philippines and Oklahoma in the new year. We will be hosting a GSE Team from D3830 Philippines leading up to our District Conference, with the Oklahoma Team being here in 2012. Each GSE Team provides four

25 years we have seen a 99.99% reduction in the cases of polio worldwide, with the virus only remaining endemic in 4 countries.

The Rotary Foundation is our charity so let's make it our charity of choice. Clubs need to continue to support Annual Giving to ensure funds are available to continue the very worthwhile programs.

RI Convention Bookings Now Open

RI President Ray Klinginsmith and Judie invite all Rotarians and their guests to attend the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans from 21st to 25th May 2011.

If you are thinking about attending the 2011 Convention, contact DGE Ian Simpson Email <isimpson@ix.net.au> for a copy of the Registration and Accommodation Forms.

Deadline for early bird registrations 15 December 2010

"Let the good times roll....again!"

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 Foundation Successful Matching Grants in District 9700



Coolamon – Hout Bay, South Africa

The Matching Grant project between the Rotary Clubs of Coolamon and Hout Bay resulted in a completely re-furnished and equipped Clinic “Coolamon House” in Hout Bay. The project, part of “Operation Medical Hope” was driven by the need to improve HIV/Aids facilities in the local community and help fight the scourges of TB and HIV/Aids locally. At the opening in November 2009, Dr Ivan Bromfield, City of Cape Town Director of Health, said it was a “wonderful example of international communities and Rotary working together to save lives”. It will seriously begin the fight back on HIV/Aids and TB in the nearby poverty-ridden shack township of Imizamo Yethu. Over 4,500 patient calls a month are handled by Sister Carolus in what have been difficult conditions. PP John Glassford was the driving force to raise funds through the team of Australians he led to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, the highest mountain in Africa. Operation Medical Hope continues with educational and support programs for mother care and hospice teams.

Photographed at Coolamon House, Hout Bay South Africa, Dr Ivan Bromfield, with Sister Esther Carolus (centre) and staff.



South Wagga Wagga - Rainwater Harvesting Project – Thailand

Project- to provide clean water for Ban Maetoen a village of 300 houses & 1400 people, 20km from Thoen, Lampang Province in the north west corner of Thailand.

Why – the village has been using contaminated water from an old Fluoride mine for many years, resulting in serious health problems.

How – “KISS principle”, gutters, drainpipes and tanks (jumbo jars) – see photo.

Funding - Rotary Matching Grant with support from South Wagga, Thoen Downtown Rotary, District Fund and Rotary Foundation.

Contact – Supapon Smerchuar a former Rotary Exchange Student (1965) to South Wagga Rotary Club and now a leading nurse and Charter President of Thoen Downtown RC.

Result – employment for villagers, fresh water, less health problems.

Photograph shows the simple but effective rainwater harvesting at Ban Mae Toen, Thailand undertaken with the assistance of the South Wagga Wagga club.



Blayney – Bangladesh

Matching Grant 69747 between the Rotary Club of Blayney, District 9700, and the Rotary Club Padma Rajshahi (D3280-Bangladesh) provided essential medical operating theatre equipment for Rajshahi Cancer Hospital and Research Center.

This grant totalled \$US32,000 and provided the following equipment: Anaesthesia Machine; Patient Monitor; Diathermy Machine; Oxygen Sets; Nitrous Oxide Sets; Post Op Hospital Beds; Air Conditioner; Operating Table and Theatre Light. All equipment was purchased locally through Bangladesh suppliers. The theatre is fully operational and a group from Blayney visited for the opening of the facility last year.

Photo shows the new theatre in operation

Rotary Foundation Successful Matching Grants in District



South Wagga Wagga - Hospital Equipment – Thailand

After completing our fresh water project in Ban MaeToen, we were asked if we could further assist the region with the purchase of urgently needed medical equipment for the Ban MaePrik Hospital. The Club contributed \$US5,000, District Designated Fund \$US6,500 and with Matching Grant Funds from the Rotary Foundation, over \$US20,000 worth of equipment was purchased, with an official handover ceremony at Ban MaePrik Hospital.

Photo Some of the urgently needed medical equipment at the Ban MaeToen hospital



Rotary Rounds

Centurion Club

A Centurion is a Rotarian or a friend of Rotary who pledges \$AU100 each year to the Rotary Foundation. Donations are tax deductible, members receive a badge of recognition, a certificate acknowledging their involvement and accrue Paul Harris Fellow credits. The commitment is less than \$2 per week.

To join simply fill in the form and send it with your payment to:

PP Ray Pluis, 91 Maiden Ave, Leeton NSW 2705

Orange Daybreak used a novel approach to encourage Centurions - \$100 in 100 days challenge with the members who reach the goal going in a draw for three bottles of wine.

GSE Team to Oklahoma

Jenna Gibbs joined the GSE team to D5770 Oklahoma. Jenna who works in accounting and administration at Kurrajong Waratah and is sponsored by the Wagga Wagga Sunrise Club has replaced Rod Smith who has withdrawn from the Team.

D9700 Alumni 'Reconnect Program'

The program encourages past participants (Alumni) in Rotary Foundation programs, such as GSE and Ambassadorial Scholars to maintain their links with Rotary through their local Rotary Club. It may open up opportunities for new

members from Alumni, their partners, families, friends or associates.

Organise a special meeting or event and invite Alumni to come along. Have one or several Alumni as guest speakers. Invite potential GSE or other Foundation candidates to come along and understand more about the family of Rotary and the Foundation.

ShelterBox Australia

ShelterBox currently has ongoing deployments in Pakistan, Haiti, Guatemala and Niger. Here is a brief update on our operations in these regions.

Pakistan: We continue to work with our key partners, NRSP and World Vision, to ensure that our operations in Pakistan can run smoothly.

Water purification systems are being distributed in partnership with the Pakistani and German Red Crescent Societies. The following aid has been committed with the majority distributed and a small percentage still in transit or awaiting distribution:

2,224 full ShelterBoxes ; 9,323 tents; 20,000 water purifiers; 10,000 water carriers

<http://www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au>

Your Voice, Your Solution Best Practices

An RI Website to share ideas and solutions:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Training/ForAllRotarians/Pages/yvys-bestpractices.aspx>

Inaugural Aust. Rotaract Conference

Rotaractors and Rotarians are invited:
When: 10:30am for 11am start, 28th November 2010

Where: Novotel, Sydney Olympic Park Hotel, Homebush

Registration: \$50 (Online at www.rotaractaustralia.org)

Also Regional Rotaract Conference website www.aprrc2010.org

BowelScan Report

The report for the Northern area of the District showed 1822 kits were sold with 1293 tested and 12 positives that required medical follow up. Thanks to all the Clubs throughout the District for participation in this very valuable Rotary health screening program.

RI Director for Zone 8 – 2012-14

PDG John Boag from the Rotary Club of Tamworth North has been nominated by the Zone 8 Nominating Committee as a Director of RI for 2012-14.

Need a Guest Speaker for your Club?

Contact Sue Chambers from the Law Society who provide free speakers throughout NSW.

Sue.Chambers@lawsociety.com.au



On the Wallaby

News from from Around the Clubs in District 9700



Orange – Live Skype report from Sweden

Rotary Exchange student Sally Kable who is sponsored by Orange Club was the guest speaker at their recent Club meeting – live from Sweden where she is currently on exchange. Sally regaled those assembled with amazing and awesome stories of her time so far in Sweden. She is living in a town called Falkenberg and is currently with her second host family. Highlights included a trip to a Spa in Norway and a 17 day Euro tour through Poland, Czechoslovakia, Germany, Italy, France and Belgium. Sally is having a wonderful time and thanks the members of Orange Rotary for giving her this opportunity.

Sally showing off Sweden to the Orange Club via Skype.

Well, someone has to do it



Friendship Exchange to England

Eight couples from the Rotary clubs of Narrandera, Koorringal, Temora, Orange North, Orange Daybreak and Boorowa recently returned from D1080 in England.

The visit completed the Group Friendship Exchange which was instigated by Mike Butcher, leader of that memorable GSE team which visited D9700 in 2008.

Over a ten day period the team visited Sandringham, Cambridge, Norwich, The Broads, Somerleyton Hall and Southwold. The hospitality and organization was outstanding.

Photo: (l to r) Mike and Janette Butcher, John and Ann Fraser (Orange North) and Carol and Dennis Bishop (Koorringal) enjoying and English Breakfast at Gorleston-on-Sea (note the weather).

Condobolin – Youth exchange student from Denmark

Rotary Youth Exchange Student Jonas Lotz from Denmark, recently visited Condobolin with his host parents Graeme and Faye Scott, from the Horsham Rotary Club, District D9780 which has 16 exchange students this year. Jonas' parents insisted that he earn \$3000 first or he could stay home, so he grabbed a job in a pet shop and the rest is now history.

Photo: Jonas Lotz from Denmark gets familiar with one of Dave Carter's big rigs



Lake Cargelligo – Lend a Hand from Corrimal

Recent visitors to Lake Cargelligo Club was a group from the Rotary Club of Corrimal's Farm Aid project, Noel Causer, Mike Graham, Col Cheltham and Alan Dougherty. As well as Lend a Hand they had also helped with Blaze Aid in Victoria and had given seaside holidays to 5 families from Victoria, 5 from the Lake community, 1 from Cobar and some from other areas. They had visited Naradhan and Rankin Springs Schools and been entertained by and entertained the children.

Lake Cargelligo club played host to a group from Corrimal RC Farm Aid project and a good time was had by all!



Henty- GG Visit

President Noelene Bedgood and Trevor represented Rotary during the visit of Governor-General Quentin Bryce AC to the Henty Field Days. *Governor General, Quentine Btyce at the field days*

Wrap with Love

To date this year Wrap with Love has sent out 21,000 wraps. In the last few months 5,000 wraps have been despatched to flood victims in Pakistan, 2,600 to Mongolia, and nationally to indigenous settlements outside of Alice Springs, to homeless and marginalised people in CBD hostels and to refugees arriving from the Sudan.

Thanks to those Clubs involved in collection and transport to Sydney: Leeton, Temora, Bathurst Daybreak, Orange North, Parkes, Condobolin, Wagga Wagga and Wagga Wagga Sunrise, Cowra, Henty, Griffith.

Condobolin – Prostate Cancer Bowls Day

The Condobolin Rotary Club held a very successful Bowls Day.

22 teams competed, raising \$1300 in support of the Prostate Cancer Awareness Foundation. The day included a popular 'Pit Stop' health check.

Wagga Wagga- Darkness to Light- School Project

Dr Alok Sharma was again in India during September and with the assistance of members of the Rotary Club of YamunaNagar Riviera and his family they held a School Camp at Budia. The village is 250km north of Delhi and is of historic importance because Birbal the Chief Minister of King Akbar hailed from Budia.

Some 500 students were screened for eye checkups with over 100 pairs of glasses prescribed. Four students had serious problems, lazy eyes, one a congenital cataract, while one child could barely see 30cm ahead and when

given glasses could see about 6 m. Dr Sharma said that it is difficult to describe the happiness this brought. The Rotary Club of YamunaNagar Riviera has been making people aware of eye donations and there have been 25 sets of eyes donated in the past 11 years. During funeral services a certificate for the donation is presented to the mourners.

PP Dr. Nikhil Srivastava (a Consultant Pedodontics and Teaching Dentistry) and his Dental College team screened the students and they received toothpaste, instructions on dental hygiene and a delicious apple. Any with problems will be treated free of cost at a local Dental Clinic. Psychiatrist Rtn Dr. Vikram Bharti also spoke to 30 staff members about ADHD.

Dr. Alok Sharma made this Camp a real family affair for volunteers, with Mrs. Geeta Sharma, Dr. Mamta Sharma and Ms. Vandana Sharma (3 of Alok's sisters) along with his wife Mrs. Meenakshi Sharma (logistics and managing son Varoon) and his mother Mrs. Premrata Sharma for moral support.

Photographed above: Some of the 500 children who underwent eye tests at a School Camp held at Budia, India.



Parkes-\$10,000 for Yum centre

Parkes Club organised sponsorships for the Demolition Derby Car at the Parkes Show, which raised \$10,000.00 for the YUM Centre. The Club sees the YUM centre as becoming a focal point for the youth of Parkes to get together in an informal venue to learn and hone new skills such as cooking, gardening and music. Receiving the funds on behalf of The YUM Centre, Emma Bird, Director of Unseen Youth Ministries, said "The funds will be used to aid The YUM Centre's most popular project, Friday Jam Night, which gives young people the opportunity to express themselves through music. Some of the funds will be used to provide equipment and resources to learn and improve their musical skills in the safe and comfortable environment."

PP John Pizzaro and Colin Lamrock with Emma Bird and youth at the YUM Centre.

Henty – Community action after the flood

In the small community of Henty, help is always at hand. The members of the Henty Fire Brigade, staff and parents at Henty Public School, individuals and the Rotary Club of Henty assisted a young family and their children with accommodation, furniture, clothing and the clean-up following the flood. Visiting Red Cross officers offered support and advice.

Our photograph shows Philip Morison, Jason Morey & Nick Bedgood loading the truck



Griffith Avanti – Lake Cargelligo – Battery Drive

An early morning start for Avanti members resulted in 6 pallets of batteries packed at Lake for a great combined Club fundraiser. President Betty provided a great smoko.



Bathurst Daybreak - Foreign correspondent

On Wednesday I attended the lunch meeting of the Rotary Club of Kowloon Golden Mile. Check out their website and you will see that they are a great bunch of people. They have 56 members, 30% Chinese, 30% Indian and the remainder NINCS (Non Indian Non Chinese). We like to think we are irreverent and informal but we have to lift our game to match them. At the same time they can be very serious.

The guest speaker was from the AmCham (American Chamber of Commerce) who was very impressive. He was peppered by questions from the floor that Laurie Oakes or Tony Jones would have been proud of but he was able to answer without reference to notes (just as he was when he gave his talk). For example, a Spanish member asked a question regarding his homeland's economic situation and was given a quick fire run-down of Spain's economy, the relationship with China and why Spain has to do a lot of work to build bridges with China. (Apparently they threw a lot of Chinese workers out a few years ago and can expect to pay the price for years to come). It's said that Americans don't know about the world outside their boundaries but this bloke knew more than the expats and locals about the global outlook for each individual nation.

For the record the US is not as bad off as portrayed, Britain is worse off than they think, Germany is the only worthwhile economy in Europe, Hong Kong and China are going to be worse off next year than this. Bad for HK and China means only 3% growth instead of 7%.

The club has it fines session straight after the intro and fines run to \$20HK, about \$3AUD. The meal cost \$250HK, about \$37AUD, but it was a multicourse Chinese banquet. The meeting was great in all respects, fun, fellowship and education. No regrets for taking two hours out of the holiday to attend. Your foreign correspondent.

Tony Thurling

How can you help improve Indigenous health?

Did you know that because of their lack of access to medical facilities, Indigenous Australians are one-and-a-half times more likely to have a disability or long-term health condition.

At Australian Rotary Health we are committed to ensuring better health care for all Australians through research, education and awareness. One of the targeted programs is our Indigenous Health Scholarship program that encourages Indigenous students to complete a health based degree.

Many of the graduates from this program spend some or all of their professional careers working in rural or remote communities, helping to better the lives and the health of the people they treat.

Stacey Lancaster is one such student. Currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Applied Science studying nutrition, food and health at Victoria University's Werribee campus, Stacey says that she has long been interested in using her degree to help people.

"I've always been interested in using food science and nutrition in the development of products that can prevent or help treat disease. Currently, I'm working with pro-biotic bacteria and antioxidants.

"Both of these have been shown to convey health benefits such as the reduction of cancer pathways, allergies, cholesterol and neural diseases such as Alzheimer's," she explains.

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.

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

Congratulations to the new Paul Harris Fellows

Congratulations to the new Paul Harris Fellows in District 9700

PDG Ray King (double sapphire pin), PDG Henry Gardiner (double sapphire pin) – Wagga Wagga Koorringal
Dr Tony Hobbs - Cootamundra

Welcome to New Members

It's a great pleasure to welcome:

Alan Banks – Orange
Chris Jackman – Bathurst Daybreak
Kathy Armitage – Lake Cargelligo
Erin Fyfe – Wagga Wagga Murrumbidgee
Sid Clarke Wagga Wagga Koorringal
Kylie Brooks – Bathurst Daybreak
Nola Noakes – Young
Mark Douglas, Lynne Douglas – Murrumburrah-Harden
Angelo Barone – Griffith
Tony Horsington, Pam Simmonds, David Edwards, Heather Chenhall, Christopher Williams – Parkes

Club Attendance

AUGUST 2010

Club	Members	Change	Attend %
Bathurst	22	0	69.96
Bathurst Daybreak	24	3	76.36
Bathurst East	21	3	82.85
Blayney	25	1	82.40
Boorowa	16	0	76.25
Canowindra	12	0	89.69
Condobolin	11	3	80.12
Coolamon	18	-3	60.00
Cootamundra	18	4	92.50
Cowra	45	1	78.40
Forbes	23	0	54.80
Forbes Ipomoea	10	-2	
Grenfell	30	0	65.60
Griffith	59	1	88.57
Griffith Avanti	26	0	89.19
Griffith East	31	0	79.14
Hay	6 -2		
Henty	18	0	82.22
Junee	7 0		
Lake Cargelligo	18	1	71.73
Leeton	43	1	82.50
Leeton Central	23	1	
Lockhart	13	0	73.07
Molong	6 1		
Murrumburrah-Harden	27	2	69.00
Narrandera	20	0	79.00
Oberon	17	1	71.00
Orange	38	3	
Orange Calare	24	1	96.00
Orange Daybreak	45	-4	68.80
Orange North	49	1	74.00
Parkes	40	3	73.68
South Wagga Wagga	38	-2	92.00
Temora	29	-2	71.30
Wagga Wagga	50	2	74.06
Wagga Koorinal	35	-1	73.60
Wagga Murrumbidgee	16	3	66.25
Wagga Wagga Sunrise	39	1	64.00
West Wyalong	13	0	82.00
Wollundry-Wagga	74	-3	70.09
Yenda	28	-1	79.75
Young	39	1	75.40
Total	1146	18	76.54

Dates for your diary

6 November – Rotary United Nations Day

7 November – Five Gardens in the Chatham Valley

– Oberon for Orphan Rescue Kits.

Contact Sue Arnison 63356307

14 November – President's Forum and District AGM – Grenfell

3-5 December – Zone 8 Rotary Institute – Perth

15 December – Early bird Registrations World Convention, New Orleans

6 February 2011 – Youth Exchange – rebound student debriefing – Grenfell

23 February 2011 – Rotary Birthday & Polio film night “CONVICTION”

26-27 Feb 2011 – President Elects Training Seminar (PETS) – Young

1-3 April 2011 – District 9700 Conference – Orange

11-16 April 2011 – RYLA – Parkes

18 April 2011 – Nominations close for District 9700 Governor 2013-14

1 May 2011 – District Assembly – Grenfell

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

2 July 2011 – District 9700 Changeover – Orange