



The Governors Newsletter

District 9700 Australia



RI President : Frank J. Devlyn

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District Governor: Ray King



Message from DG Ray October is Vocational Service month.

This second avenue of Rotary Service evolved from the classification principle—a feature originally unique to Rotary—that limits active membership to one representative from each business and profession. Thus members have an obligation to serve as a representative of that classification within the club. Their knowledge and experience gives the Rotary club the resources to be able to undertake projects that can address all aspects of Vocational Service. **However I need to say that membership development is first and foremost a search for the right people and not the people with the right classification.**

In my official visits I have found that many clubs offer a Pride of Workmanship Award or make an Efficient Business presentation, carry out mock job interviews with secondary school students, support the Shine On Awards which recognise outstanding community service given by people with disabilities, arrange industry visits for the club, promote four minute talks by members about their occupation, discuss the 4 Way Test, raise issues about ethics in business, and debate the relevance for today of the *Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions* (Directory, p13). Wouldn't it be good to video the awardee in his/her workplace and play the video at the award presentation. This would go down well with the media and be fun to do.

Next month is Rotary Foundation Month and we are running the District's first daylong FOUNDATION WORKSHOP on 18th November, at the Wagga Wagga RSL. It will be followed by a FOUNDATION DINNER and ALUMNI REUNION to which all the GSE members over the last 20 years, and Ambassadorial Scholars have been invited. What an interesting night that will be. The Rotary club of South Wagga Wagga has kindly agreed to run the dinner. Come along and share some home hosting by a Rotarian family. I'll see you there. For more information contact your ADG or PDG Peter Walsh.

ROMAC UPDATE

There is one thing that anyone associated with the ROMAC program comes to expect – that is the unexpected. We ran into difficulties talking the local visiting GP on Tanna Island into carrying out chest X-rays for Dick and his uncle, Thomas. This has now been left to Rtn Ron and Ann Hartland who left for Vanuatu in September to arrange X-rays in the capital Port Vila – this should now be complete.

The other unexpected was Sydney Southwest Private Hospital (who offered their services free of charge) have recently run into financial problems and we are awaiting further advice in this regard.

The National ROMAC Medical Director, Dr Theong Low, has also been working on a visa for a 9 year old Vietnamese boy, K. Chin, who needs urgent orthopaedic work on a broken leg. The ROMAC Committee is presently working on arrangements to host the boy in Orange, probably in the new year. Work has also begun in seeking another patient for the Wagga Wagga area.

ROMAC Chairman, Ed Chenery



**District Governor
Nominee:**

Ian Tooke

Congratulations to PP Alister Lockhart

of the Rotary club of Forbes for his Shine On award and for his front page appearance in September's Rotary Down Under.

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Overseas youth exchange students attending the second orientation weekend at Barambola, Wagga Wagga, prepare for a visit to The Rock guided by John Gray

Youth Exchange orientation day at Barambola

Inbound students and outbound students, short and long term students, with parents, relatives, committee members and others met for the second orientation weekend under the guidance of chairman George Weston at Barambola on Saturday and Sunday, October 7th and 8th. We were all fortunate that Evena who is an Ambassadorial Scholar from Russia was able to attend and she gave a brief impromptu talk about her feelings as an Ambassadorial scholar. The weekend was, as usual, informative and enjoyable. The training that is given to our exchange students prepares them very well for their exchange experience. The team is to be congratulated for their dedicated work for the students.

Chairman George Weston reports that the student allowance for inbound students is now raised to \$110.00 per month. All clubs need to pay their students this amount but please keep the payments at this level rather than increase them. In the past, clubs paying amounts exceeding the agreed upon payment have caused problems when students compare notes and find that some clubs are paying in excess of the amounts set at the regional level.

Does New Child Protection Legislation affect Rotary?

In July 2000 new legislation was introduced in New South Wales that will affect all people working with children. The new laws are the *Commission for Children and Young People Act 1998* and the *Child Protection (Prohibited Employment) Act 1998*. The intention of these Acts is to create workplaces where our children are safe and protected. It seems that the changes in the law will also apply to voluntary groups as well as those in paid employment. What is envisaged is that people who may pose a risk to children will be excluded from being engaged in roles where they have direct, unsupervised contact with children. Voluntary organisations such as Scouts and Guides have already instituted checks on their personnel. I should think that we in Rotary will have to determine whether the same sorts of checks and restrictions will apply to Rotarians (and non Rotarians I should think) working in Rotary activities with under 18 year olds (e.g. RYPEN, Youth Exchange hosting, transporting students and counselling them etc). I will keep you updated on this issue.

Recognition

South Wagga Wagga Rotary club celebrated its 70th anniversary on Monday September 25th. Three Charter members attended: Les Kennedy, Barney Greenway and John Morrison. We heard about the bad old days of Rotary where classifications were strictly adhered to and meetings were controlled with a rod of iron. The trio told of their experiences in setting up the new club which was fathered by Wagga Wagga Rotary Club.

Lockhart, aged 45 years, will celebrate this on 21st November. Leeton intends to celebrate its 60th birthday on December 16th. Are there any other clubs planning to celebrate their birthday during 2000?

The Oberon Club conferred honorary membership on Ron Hartland; Tony Ronnfeldt (Lockhart) was presented with a Paul Harris recognition on 21 September. Michael Cain (Orange Calare), has accepted the board's recommendation that he be President-Elect. Congratulations to Michael, Ron and Tony. PDG Nevin Hughes has been appointed Regional Coordinator for the Eastern Region of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund. This is a significant honour for PDG Nevin and for the District.

Recruitment

Michael Lowe has been inducted to Oberon Rotary Club, Graham Draffin to Orange Rotary Club, John and Sue Hart to Lake Cargelligo, David Evans to Canowindra, and Robert Slade and Hedy Bryant to Bathurst Daybreak. Welcome to these new members who bring our total of new Rotarians to 28.

Retention

We have lost Anne King (Wagga Wagga Sunrise), who has moved; Gordon Geraghty (Forbes), who has a business transfer, John Morris (Canowindra) who has moved.

Vale

We regret the passing of PP David Pierce (Orange Rotary Club), PP James Keith (Parkes) and PP Robin Tilston (Orange North). Robin was a District Group Representative, PHF and a very active member of his club right to the last. Their fellows in Orange and Parkes will sorely miss all three dedicated Rotarians

Notes from the DGE

Our incoming World President, Richard King, has recently written to me expressing his deep concern regarding the trend of declining worldwide membership at a time of great need for local and international community service. "Please ask each of your Club Presidents to appoint the most influential member of their Club as a Membership Development and Retention Chairperson so that everyone in your District is working together to strengthen Rotary." There is much merit in this suggestion and I personally believe we need to do more within our Clubs. I have written to the President Elects in this regard and I ask all (continued on page 3)

DGA'S NEWS

Group 1 (Yvonne Shaw). Condobolin was the venue for the meeting on September 3rd attended by seven members representing four of the five clubs. Discussion topics included Redistricting, membership development, CAP grants, and support for the International Peace Conference. Forbes donated \$540 for the Orissa appeal, financed school supplies to New Guinea (\$100.00 donation), discussed the effect of new requirements for assisting at bars, MUNA team sent to Wagga Wagga, and breakfast for 150 at the Kidney Kar Rally. Lake Cargelligo reported a great changeover with Bob Aitken, new Probuc President inducted, meals on wheels deliveries, approval by Council for a second rotunda awaiting agreement from traditional landowners of the site, Pianist Peter Horan 26th October. Condobolin reported combined meeting with Lions and combined activities with Lions and Quota, purchase of jumping castle for hiring out, and assisting at the Retirement Village Fair,

Group 2 Report (Peter Darley) for October 2000

Molong Rotary will be holding mock job interviews during October in conjunction with Molong Central School. The Rotary Club of Orange Calare held a very successful Mental Health Awareness Dinner with excellent support from the other three Orange Clubs. Guest speakers were Dr Phillips and Fay Jackson and DG Ray spoke about Rotary's role in reducing mental illness. The Rotary Club of Orange is doing a great presentation in the Monday addition of the Central Western Daily (Local Newspaper). This column is available to all clubs in Group 2 but sadly there has been no support from the other clubs. Orange Daybreak Club will have again run their annual Garden Expo, by the time this has been published. Date of the Expo 15th October. I am told it will be bigger and better than last year. Orange North Club is on track in organising The Golden Jubilee Conference for 2001 with a great program already organised. November 26th will be the date for the annual Door Knock, in aid of Careflight's Operation Eagle arranged by the Orange North Club. Congratulations to Blayne Rotary Club on the appointment of PP Ian Tooke and Elizabeth to the position of District Governor Nominee for year 2002-2003. I am sadden to advise the death of two of Orange's most prominent business men and devoted Rotarians, PP David Pierce (Orange Club) and PP Robin Tilston PHF (Orange North). My sincere sympathy goes to their families, they will be sadly missed.

Group 5 (Jim Tweddle) All seven clubs were represented at the meeting held on 6th October and one President-elect attended. A Peace conference report was given and the following key issues were addressed: the support of the new Mental Health Centre, Orissa project progress, catering for the 900 Scouts passing through Wagga Wagga on route to the Sydney Jamboree, Interact clubs (video shown), incorporation responsibilities, the paralympics Rotary meeting on 20th October, and the Rotary Foundation workshop and dinner hosted by South wagga Wagga. DG Ray spoke about Child Protection Legislation, a Rotary Community Chest for Wagga Wagga as a pilot project, CAP grants and the possibility of matched grants with Orange County

Calendar of events

October

23th Yenda and Griffith Combined Donald MacKay Churchill Fellowship dinner
26th Peter Horan-pianist visits Lake Cargelligo
30th Close of CAP grant applications

November

4th-5th GSE Team selection at Young
5th. Group 1 meeting at Condobolin Service Club 12 noon.
12th Meeting of DGAs at Young followed by ROMAC committee meeting
18th Rotary Foundation Workshop and Alumni Reunion dinner
19th-25th The 35th Rotary Institute, Townsville
21st Lockhart 45th birthday dinner

December

1st, 2nd, 3rd RYPEN at Griffith
2nd College of Governors and Finance and Administration committee meeting
16th Leeton 60th birthday
17th DG's birthday (no age information supplied)

Interact clubs

Interact is Rotary's oldest youth program. It takes its name from the words *International* and *action*. It has 161,000 members in 6992 clubs in 105 countries. Seventeen of the twenty-three Rotary Districts in Australia have Interact clubs.

Interact clubs must be sponsored by Rotary Clubs and membership is open to secondary school students aged 14 to 18 years. Clubs may be formed from groups in the local community but it is usual for them to be school-based.

Young people are provided with opportunities to work together in a world fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding. They work to solve local problems, improve the quality of life and make new friends locally and overseas. They are required to carry out two service projects each year: one must serve the school or local community and the other must be at the international level. Clubs interested in establishing an Interact Club should talk with Peter Olson (page 49 of your directory).

Sister Club

The Rotary Club of Sae Nam San (District 3640) established in 1969 wishes to create a sister club relationship with a club in Australia. If your club is interested, please contact Tai Hee Lee through fax 82-2-549-3714 or by emailing him at thtrd@unitel.co.kr



Lake Cargelligo's Secretary John Tracey, President John McFadyen and wife Sherene with DG Ray on his official visit to the club.

DGE Notes (continued from page 2)

Presidents and Club members to support this proposal and appoint a membership chair at your forthcoming AGM and Election of Officers. If this receives your support, the District will also be increasing its focus on membership issues in order to provide more assistance and resources to the Clubs.

DGE Ed Chenery

CAP (Community Assistance Program) Update

RI has informed me that 10% of the money donated by clubs in this district to the Rotary Foundation last year amounts to US\$3,060.97 (A\$5,570.96). This money will be available for CAP grants during my Rotary year. However I am also informed that the minimum award for any one project is to be A\$1,820.00. RI advises that "Brochures and applications will be distributed to all districts in December 2000 and the Foundation will begin accepting applications on January 1, 2001. This timing is very tight since clubs tend to be less active during Dec and Jan, and a selection committee has to decide on which projects will be recommended to RI, so I will keep to the original closing date of 30th Oct and will hold the selection meeting on

9700 District Banner

Believe it or not, our district banner will be available in two to three weeks time. It will be a collector's piece. District Secretary Paul Murray and I created the design and the prototype met with the approval of the College of Governors (Fellowship of Governors!). The cost will be \$7.50 a banner with a reduction for the purchase of ten or more.

WHO SAYS ROTARY CAN'T CHANGE?

-New Models for Rotary Clubs?

It is thought that the current operational model for a Rotary club could be an impediment to membership growth and retention in some parts of the Rotary world. To test an alternative Rotary club model and determine its viability as a framework for future Rotary clubs, ten clubs will be selected from each of 20 countries to trial a new structure of Rotary club. The new structure is designed to lower the age of club members, increase membership, and appeal to younger professionals who live and work in a faster paced, urban environment.

Membership will be similar to present rules but the club will determine the locality that it will serve. The time, place, frequency and content of club meetings will be determined by the membership. Attendance requirements will be similarly determined by the membership. Leadership will be by election by club members and the club structure will be determined by the function (membership development and education, service projects, club administration, Foundation, fellowship events). Club members will pay the normal district and RI dues and, as usual, the club members will set club dues.

The Council on Legislation would have to adopt a modification of the bylaws to enable this pilot programme to take place. As yet we have no further details about how the ten clubs will be chosen but we do know that this is a three-year project and that clubs would have to report to RI at specified times as to how the new rules were working. This is an exciting innovation. I will report on it as information comes to hand (Parramatta has no information as of now).

September Attendance and Membership

CLUB	July	Sept	Mtngs	Percent	Rank
Bathurst	32	32	4		
Bathurst Daybreak	22	22	4	85.0	4
Bathurst East	30	25	4	68.0	20
Bathurst Macquarie	23	23	4	60.0	27
Blayney	25	25	4	70.8	15
Boorowa	11	10	4	77.5	10
Canowindra	13	12	4	91.7	3
Condobolin	13	11	4	80.0	9
Coolamon	25	24	4	61.5	25
Cootamundra	19	18	4	83.5	5
Cowra	60				
Forbes	28	27	4	61.8	24
Grenfell	33	33	4	68.9	19
Griffith	53				
Griffith Central	21				
Griffith East	34	34	4	62.9	23
Hay	23	22	4	66.0	22
Henty	26				
Junee	7				
Lake Cargelligo	18	18	4	81.0	8
Leeton	45	45	4	75.6	13
Leeton Central	23	24	4	81.6	7
Lockhart	8	8	4	96.0	2
Molong	8				
Murrumburrah-Harden	25				
Narrandera	26	24	4	82.4	6
Oberon	25	24	4	77.5	11
Orange	40	39	4	72.5	14
Orange Calare	20	20	4	97.4	1
Orange Daybreak	30	30	4	70.8	16
Orange North	48				
Parkes	45	46	4	65.8	21
South Wagga Wagga	48				
Temora	29	29	4	66.0	22
Wagga Koorinal	53	52	4	70.5	17
Wagga Wagga	54	53	4	60.6	26
Wagga Wagga Sunrise	44				
West Wyalong	16	15	4	70.0	18
Wollundry Wagga	57	56	4	75.9	12
Yenda	24				
Young	38				
TOTALS	1222				

September Attendance Winner

Orange Calare