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PDG PARTNER'S PROJECT
2012/13 PROUDLY PROVIDES
FOUNDATION WITH FUNDS TO SEE



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CELEBRATING DIVERSITY
SEE WHAT THE ROTARY CLUB OF
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NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN
HAVE YOU GOT SOMEONE YOU WOULD
LIKE TO NOMINATE FOR THE D9670
RYPEN CAMP FOR 2014? CHECK OUT
THE DETAILS ON HOW TO APPLY.

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District *digest*

COMMUNITY, STRENGTH AND VALUES



*Well it's finally here...its Conference time! **District Governor Brian Atkins** extends an invitation to every Rotarian from District 9670, their families and friends to this year's "Our Vision, Our Future" Rotary District Conference. Although the plans have changed, the last weekend of March looks like its going to be an entertaining and exciting event...*

My Fellow Rotarians,

There has been a **change** to the Marching Band and Entertainment Spectacular on Friday 28th March after Conference Chair PDG Ted Atchison met with the Hunter Stadium Management.

The **inaugural Spectacular** at the Hunter Stadium will be **post-poned** for the general public.

PDG Ted said "We wanted to start the conference off with a bang so we approached some **talented bands** and it just grew from there. We then thought this would provide a **great new event for the region**, we weren't sure how it would be received, but we went for it anyway. It soon became apparent that there was a **hunger** for a larger event of this nature of which time just did not allow for us this year."

It appears the advertising Eclipse Media, Pro Ticket and Ticketmaster had in place to sell tickets to

the public has not worked.

The Hunter Stadium Management would have to outlay around \$35,000 to cover the cost of the package and be offset by pre-selling 5,000 entry tickets to the public.

Ted discussed this extremely important matter with me and it was obvious that involving the public in the spectacular **was not financially viable** on this occasion with a major loss predicted.

In regards to family and friends that you have already invited, they are still **welcome** to join you. Guests will pay a cost-recovery fee if they require dinner and a special entry pass will be available.

I **sincerely thank** the Conference Committee for an amazing job in pulling the event together.

We will get over this difficulty and have a **great conference**. The

only sad part is that we will not be able to have a conversation with the public this time.

See you at the Conference

Warm Regards

Brian Atkins



OUR VISION

OUR FUTURE



Still making her shining mark...

The Past District Governor's Partner, Margaret Raynor, gives District 9670 a final update on the success of her Partner's Project for 2012-2013. Sponsoring the Macular Degeneration Foundation Australia, District 9670 should be proud of our achievements in supporting a charity that combats the leading cause of blindness in Australia.

It is with great pleasure that this month I got the opportunity to present the Macular Degeneration Foundation Australia with the proceeds of the Partner's Project 2012-13.

I felt so honoured to present a cheque to the Foundation's CEO, Julie Heraghty for **\$23,500** which was the money that was collected for my Partner's Project throughout Peter's year as District Governor (2012-13). These funds were very gratefully received by the Foundation.

The Macular Disease Foundation Australia (formerly Macular Degen-

eration Foundation) is a charity committed to reducing the incidence and impact of macular diseases, including macular degeneration, the leading cause of blindness in Australia.

★ Congratulations Marg on your outstanding achievement. We are all sure that there will be a few more sets of eyes out there saved from the impacts of macular degeneration simply because of your amazing fundraising efforts.

Right: Proud as punch. PDG Peter Raynor's Partner, Margaret Raynor presents the CEO of the Macular Degeneration Foundation Australia, Julie Heraghty with the proceeds of her Partner's Project for 2012-2013. Well done Marg!!



They've made it safe and sound...

Our GSE team have safely arrived in District 7570 in the USA for their exchange — braving a snow storm and slight weather changes between here and there.

The team have set up a Facebook page to enable us to follow their journey. You can check out their progress at <https://m.facebook.com/GSE9670?id=635822393151441&rd=635822393151441>

Please pass these details along to Rotarians in the district for their information/ reference. More details

on the exchange program can be accessed via the District 9670 website under the "Rotary Foundation" tab at <http://www.clubrunner.ca/Portal/SitePages/SitePage.aspx?accountid=50229&pid=89147>

The inbound (US) team will use a similar format to enable us to follow their journey.

Right: Introducing the 2014 GSE team to District 7570. Winter woollies have been advised with District 7570 which takes in Tennessee and Virginia



Marching Band and Entertainment Spectacular

Entry 5:30pm Program 6:00pm



FOR ROTARIANS, PARTNERS AND FRIENDS ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE

We promise you the best and most dynamic opening to a District 9670 Conference ever!

We encourage all Rotarians to register urgently now.

Your registration fee for Friday night includes:

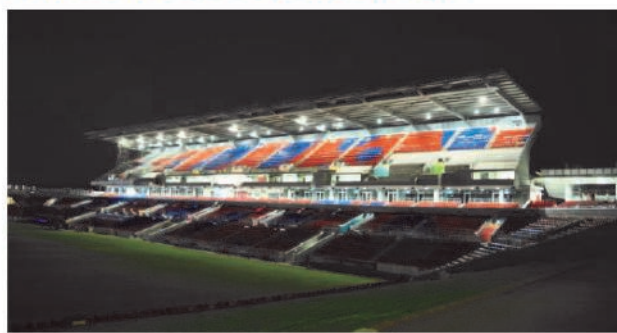
- Three marching bands – The Marching Koalas, Hunter School of the Performing Arts Marching Band, and the combined City of Newcastle RSL, City of Maitland and the United Mineworkers Federal of Australia Pipes and Drums, all performing on the arena
- Puppets galore
- Massed Pipes and Drums Finale and the Lone Piper
- Aboriginal Dancers and Acknowledgement to Country
- Specially designed performance stage in the Broadmeadow Room featuring Internationally renowned Hunter Singers, Country and Western Superstar Catherine Britt and Star Struck Singers performing with a live four-piece band
- Official Opening of the District 9670 Conference
- Official Launch of planned Marching Band, Music Spectacular, Mini Tattoo presented by Rotary District 9670 in association with Hunter Venues, August 2015
- Canapés and Noodle Box dinner in the Broadmeadow Room with your Rotary friends
- Drinks available for purchase from the bar



FRIENDS AND FAMILIES OF ROTARIANS ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE

Only a Gold Coin donation per person to enter and enjoy the Marching Band Spectacular

Please note the General Public canteens will NOT be open for food



Final Conference Newsletter District Governor Brian Atkins and Conference Chair PDG Ted Atchison



Eastern Region Meeting.

3rd and 4th May 2014 Club Macquarie, Argenton

Eastern Region's May 2014 meeting will be hosted by clubs of D9670 at Club Macquarie, 458 Main Rd Argenton, Phone 0249588499.
Saturday afternoon – Training session, focussed on providing assistance to new projects and project managers and to give experienced Project Managers a chance to pass on what they have learned.
Saturday evening – Meeting with guest speaker.
Sunday morning – General Meeting, including RAWCS Eastern Region AGM.
All meetings will be in the same rooms.
Elevators in both buildings for patrons' use.

Costs:

\$5 per head for light refreshments during daytime sessions.
\$35 for Saturday evening.
Complimentary Tea and Coffee will be available continuously.

Accommodation:

Macquarie Inn is on this site, with 36 apartments.
NB. All Bronze rooms have already been booked by wedding parties.
The accommodation will certainly book out early, so reserve your room early.

Special Offer to Rotarians:

Inn Management have offered complimentary hot breakfast to Rotarian attendees.

\$16.50 value per head at

NO CHARGE TO ATTENDEES,

but you must mention Rotary when you book.

Home hosting:

If there is demand, home hosting will be arranged for visitors from the western parts of D9670 and every other District in Eastern Region of RAWCS.

John Bennetts
H: 0265 724 095
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PO Box 480 SINGLETON NSW 2330
jben5797@bigpond.net.au



Empower Women—Change the World

Across the globe, the 8th March 2014 signaled a day where women were celebrated for their achievements and recognised for their valuable contributions to society. **Jo Windeyer, from the Rotary Club of Salamander Bay**, fills us all in on how their Club celebrated International Women's Day 2014 in style with a fundraising dinner feast.



International Women's Day



International Women's Day has been observed since in the early 1900's, a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialised world that saw booming population growth and the rise of radical ideologies.

The new millennium has witnessed a significant change and attitudinal shift in both women's and society's thoughts about women's equality and emancipation. With greater equality in legislative rights, and an increased visibility of women, female role models can be found in every aspect of our lives.

The Rotary Club of Salamander Bay held an very successful dinner to celebrate this day of recognition. Guest speaker and impressive role model, Detective Superintendent

Deborah Wallace took centre stage, sharing her "life of crime" in the NSW Police Force. All 180 guests listened intently as they were treated to a glimpse of her personal career and some very interesting cameos on life in the NSW police force.

The night was such a great success and this was revealed by one of the corporate sponsor's tables (Newcastle Permanent Building Society) taking a "selfie" to show they're celebrations.

The Rotary Club of Salamander Bay would like to extend a big thank you to all those Rotarians, their friends and families who came along to support the club on the night.



Above: Recognising diversity. President Elect Leah Anderson, Guest Speaker Deborah Wallace and Bernie Fitzsimmons a retired police officer and Club member, celebrate the increased visibility of women.

Right: Say Cheese! Proud staff members from corporate sponsor, the Newcastle Permanent Building Society, take a Selfie of their celebrations.



Left: Ready to party. The Rotary Club of Salamander Bay celebrate the empowerment of women and how this can lead to change in our world.



Friends from afar need your help...

Have you ever wished you could provide assistance to Rotarians all over the world by hosting their visit in your country? **Rotary Friendship Exchange Facilitators Pat and Trish Moore**, put the call out for Rotarians in District 9670 to assist in an upcoming exchange prior to the Rotary International Convention. Are you interested and can you help out...

A group of twelve Nigerians are visiting District 9670 in the two weeks before the Rotary International Convention in Sydney (i.e. from Wednesday 14th May to Wednesday 28th May). Following this, our friends will depart for Sydney to attend the convention.

The group consists of seven male and three female Rotarians from various clubs in District 9140. As well, the group is accompanied by the teen-aged daughter of one of the male Rotarians and the young adult son of the District RFE Chair (who is not a Rotarian but is a Paul Harris Fellow).

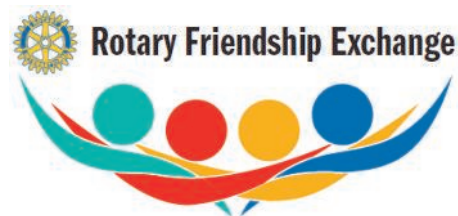
All the Rotarians in the group seem to be dedicated Rotarians and a number have attended most con-

ventions over the past few years.

The challenge facing District 9670 now is to provide hosting and accommodation for this period of two weeks.

So, we are asking fellow Rotarians in the district, especially those based in the Lower Hunter, to consider participating in this Rotary Friendship Exchange by hosting these visitors. If it also possible, we are also asking these volunteers to see their way clear to participate in a return visit

However, we are also interested in hearing from anyone who would consider hosting the visitors here without being particularly keen to undertake a return visit.



★ Can you help out? Or would you like to be involved? Why not drop Pat and Trish Moore an email at patnpat1@bigpond.com or phone 0417-407-130. In your response, please consider how long you would be prepared to host (one week or two and if you are able you would be to provide transport during our friend's stay with you.



Alzheimer's Australia's **Your Brain Matters** program guides you on how to look after your brain health. To live a brain healthy life, you need to look after your brain, body AND your heart. This program will show you how with **5 Simple Steps** to Maximise your Brain Health.

SESSION

DATE :- Monday 14th April 2014

TIME :- 1pm to 2.30pm then repeated 5.30pm to 7pm

ADDRESS :- Wallsend Sporties
5 Fogo St Wallsend NSW 2287

Supported By:



Rotary Club
of Wallsend-Maryland

CONTACT: Pam Wellham Project Director
Phone: 0437 479 886 Email: pwe12476@bigpond.net.au

SUITABLE FOR:

Anyone in the general community who is interested in learning what they can do to keep their brain healthier and reduce their risk of developing dementia.



YOUR BRAIN MATTERS:
A GUIDE TO HEALTHY HEARTS AND MINDS
Alzheimer's Australia's brain health program

This program is supported by funding from the Australian Government under the Chronic Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Fund

yourbrainmatters.org.au

NATIONAL DEMENTIA HELPLINE
1800 100 500

Jazz on the Lines

Enjoy an afternoon of
Jazz, Wine & Fine Food on the
of the Toronto Heritage Railway Station.

Relax and 'swing' away the afternoon listening to
Jazz by 'Half Nelson'
while enjoying delicious foods and fine wines overlooking the Lake.

DATE:	Sunday 13th April 2014.
VENUE:	Toronto Railway Station Victory Parade, Toronto.
TIME:	1p.m. - 5p.m.
COST:	\$75 per person (Includes food, wine and music)
CONTACT:	Anne Anderson Ph: 0401-208-503 Email: cyberannie2283@yahoo.com.au

Limited numbers so book early.

SERVICE Above Self
The Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise
supporting the local community.

Cyclists give 2014 the thumbs up...

What could be better than circling the shores of Lake Macquarie? **Mary O'Neil, from the Rotary Club of Warners Bay**, updates District 9670 on the great success of the 2014 Loop the Lake event. Considered a fun day out for the local community, this is the 17th year that this event has been run and it is a great fundraiser for many worthy charities.



Above: Wheeling heaven. Local bike riders enjoying a great Autumn morning out at Loop the Lake 2014. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Warners Bay this event was successfully run for its 17th year.

The 17th Loop the Lake cycle event around Lake Macquarie, run by the Rotary Club of Warners Bay was a great success again this year. On a perfect autumn day, around 1,900 cyclists from far and wide enjoyed the ride.

The Mayor of Lake Macquarie, Councillor Jodie Harrison launched the ride on Sunday 9 March. "Loop the Lake is a fun day out that provides a wide-range of economical and health benefits for the local community," Cr Harrison said.

Rotary Club of Warners Bay President, Toni Gemmell, said "the club is pleased to sponsor this annual event, which is strongly supported

by other rotary clubs, community services and local businesses.

"We proudly donate proceeds to the John Hunter Children's Hospital, the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children, Mercy Ships and other worthy charities,"

"Of course, without our loyal cyclists, there would be no event, and we are grateful to them for their participation. The feedback from them this year has been excellent," Ms Gemmell said.



INVITATION
 To join the Rotary Club of Cessnock And friends in their fundraising
 For RAWC'S PROJECT - TEACHERS ASSIST KOKODA







Teachers Assist Kokoda provides free professional development and classroom essentials for currently employed teachers in the Oro Province of Papua New Guinea.

This program operates with the co-operation of PNG DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

WHERE: Glendale Cinema Complex, Glendale

WHEN: Friday 6th June, 2014 6.00 for 6.30pm

COST \$20 per person

INCLUSIONS: Movie viewing, 1 x raffle ticket, aperitifs.

Contact: trish_davies@bigpond.com 0413 760 606


Rotary Club of Waratah Inc
 Invites you

Annual Trivia Night

Trivia, Games, Raffles, Auctions!

\$400 Cash First Prize for Winning Team!

Many great prizes to be won!

Join us for fun, laughter and a great atmosphere!



Friday 9 May
6:30pm Start

Memories Function Centre
4-6 Charles Street, Wallsend
(Parking off Harris Street)

Table bookings of 8 and 10
in advance a must!

Only \$10 per player

Complimentary nibbles on arrival.
Light meals, finger food, snacks, beverages
available for purchase.
No BYO food and drink due to licencing Laws



Bookings Essential:
Contact Madeleine Atkins from Rotary Club of Waratah
Email: madeleineatkins@bigpond.com or Mobile: 0447 523 221

Funds raised from this event will support **ROADWHYZ** an Educational Program of "Choice & Consequence" for Year 11 students
www.roadwhyz.com



Aimed at L and P-plate drivers to provide them with the skills needed to stay safe on our roads. It does not teach students how to drive. It teaches them the **serious responsibility** of holding a licence.

We now invite your business to become a sponsor or supporter:
Major Sponsors – Minor Sponsors – Gift Cards – Auction Items – Raffle Prizes

For more information please contact:

NAME: MADELEINE ATKINS PHONE/MOBILE: 0447 523 221





THIS BED NET IS SAVING A LIFE

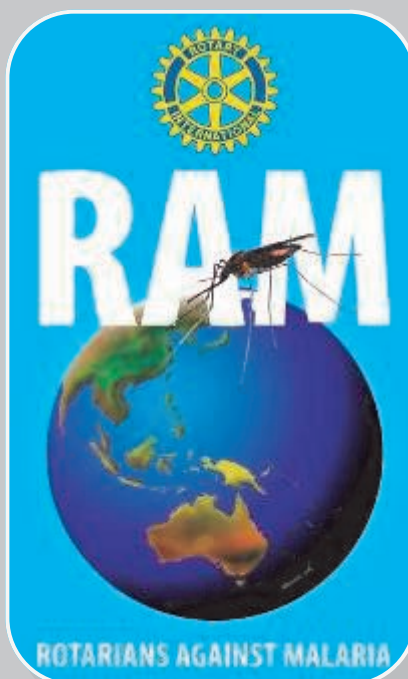
Rotarians Against Malaria— National Project of Rotary Australia World Community Services (RAWCS)

RAM is best known to local Rotarians through their program for distribution of **bed nets** in Papua New Guinea and the related **Adopt-A-Village Program** which has run for almost 20 years.

More than a dozen clubs from D9670 have taken part in this project.

Rotary's work has helped this nation to reduce the impact of malaria by **over 70%** and is continuing.

RAM has undertaken other successful anti-malaria programs in countries including the Solomon Islands and **Timor Leste**.



Volunteer places are available for the next phase of the Timor Leste project.

In the words of Phil Dempster, National Chair of RAM:

"The Timorese project team will distribute the last 7,500 nets very late April/early May 2014. If you have volunteers who would like to accompany the team from D9650 then please forward their details

Rotarians Against Malaria is a project of Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) with the project covering Australia, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Timor Leste.

The project is focused on the prevention of mortality, and a reduction in morbidity and social and economic loss caused by malaria



to me so we can include them on the official invitation list when we have the final dates."

Rotarians, **here is the chance** to see at first hand and to help directly this very beneficial project.

Timor Leste has the **twin challenges** of being a very poor country with little infrastructure and resources, while simultaneously being amongst the hardest hit of nations, on a per capita basis by this avoidable parasite.

District 9650 is organising the team and would like to invite participation from other districts.

Date: April or May 2014 (TBA)

Contact: John Bennetts

RAM Eastern Region Coordinator

Phone: 0407-724-095

Email: jben5797@bigpond.net.au

Note: Rotarians from clubs which have financially supported RAM recently may receive preference if places are oversubscribed.

Rotary Australia World Community Services

<http://www.ram.rawcs.com.au/>

http://www.rawcs.com.au/RAWCSPrograms_malaria.htm



Have you checked out the RAWCS Rover yet?

The contents make good reading and are a "Must Read" for **ALL Rotarians. The stories show a small sample of what Rotary is doing in our world to **really help** small and large communities alike, who are nowhere near as well off as we are.**

Why not take a look at the **Eastern Region website at**

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

There is much to see there and you can also open a copy of the **Rover on the home page....**



Rotary District 9670 RYPEN Committee is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the RYPEN camp to be held on the weekend of April 25th, 26th and 27th 2014.

D9670 RYPEN Camp

Dates: 25, 26 & 27th of April 2014

Venue: Myuna Bay Sport & Recreation

Cost: \$230.00 per student

[Download nomination forms from the district website](#)

Contact: RYPEN Committee - Chairperson Duncan Burck 0417 312 768 for more information.

What participants say about their RYPEN and Rotary experience...

"There has never been a camp that has wowed me this much, an experience I would love to relive and share with everyone."

"Every activity was absolutely amazing! I would do this over and over again especially if it was with the same people, the best group of people I have ever met."

More information about RYPEN can be found on the district website and our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RYPEN9670>



ROTARY TRAINING, LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

Rotary District 9670 District Governor Elect, Gerard McMillan invites you to participate in **District 9670's Rotary Training, Learning and Development days**. The emphasis on each of these training and learning sessions will be on active participation and relevance.

Presidents Elect 2014–2015 & Partners (with AG's)

Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th April

Delroy Campus, Dubbo

9:30am—3:15pm

Morning Tea & Lunch Included



Club Assembly 2014–2015

(Directors, Boards, Interested Rotarians)

Sunday 13th April

Delroy Campus, Dubbo

9:30am—3:15pm

Morning Tea & Lunch Included

For further information or to nominate any topics to be included in these sessions, please contact Wilma Simmons on wil-masimmons@hotmail.com or snail mail to: 11 Kilpanie Road, Lambton, NSW, 2299.

NEWSFLASH

Please note that while renovations are being undertaken at the Maitland City Bowls Sports & Recreation Club, the Rotary Club of Rutherford-Telarah will be meeting at the Telarah Bowling Club, Clark Street, Telarah.

Time remains at 6.00 for 6.30pm

District Membership & Community Involvement

And we are off and racing for 2014...**Peter Sivyver, District Attendance, Participation and Contributions Chair** reports on how District 9670 is tracking for 2014 and looks forward to receiving more information of out each club this year.

CLUB STATISTICS - FEBRUARY 2014

Every month, Rotary Clubs all over our District catch up at meetings, participate in community projects and donate their time, money and resources to causes far and wide.

★ Interested in what knowing how your club is participating? Why not head to our new District website to check out what's been reported at

www.rotary9670.org.au

Can't see your club's stats here? Why not send an update to ppsivyver@bigpond.com and we will add them to our next edition.

ROTARY CLUB	MEMBERS	HOURS	%	RANK
Adamstown New Lambton	25	20	77.6	12
Cessnock	22	497	93.4	1
Cobar	15	29	90.39	3
Dubbo	21	120	80	10
Dubbo Macquarie	24		91.66	2
Dubbo South	44		71.59	17
Dubbo West	49		67.7	22
East Maitland	42		87.38	4
Kurri Kurri	18		84.26	6
Kurri Kurri Sunrise	27	20	70	19
Maitland	35	97	76.5	13
Merriwa	19		82	9
Morisset	20	111	73	N/A
Muswellbrook	26		84	7
Myall Coast	27	77	86	5
Narromine	12		58.3	25
Nelson Bay	55		74.43	14
Newcastle Enterprise	24	176	64	24
Newcastle Sunrise	21	46.5	74	15
Raymond Terrace	21	25	72.43	16
Rutherford -Telarah	31	10	70.94	10
Salamander Bay	32		56	26
Singleton	40		70	19
Singleton on Hunter	27	34	64.5	23
Wallsend-Maryland	18	113	80	10
Waratah	19		82.8	8
Williamtown	19	211	70	19

Do you have something to add to the District Digest?

Got an exciting event coming up? How about an outstanding project you would like some publicity for?

Well why not drop us a line at districtnewsletter@rotary9670.org.au and let us know what your up to.

All submissions need to be received by the **15th of each month** to ensure our editor has enough time to include them in the upcoming publication.

So hop to it...and drop us a line!



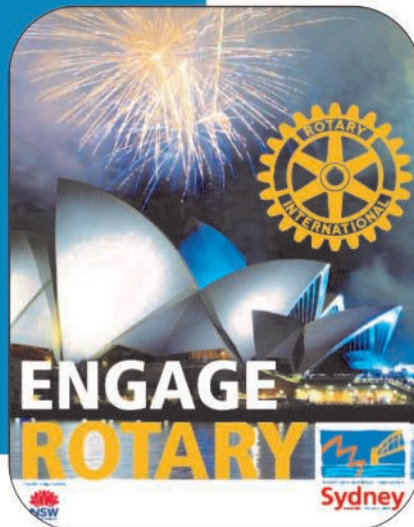
⇒ **EXCHANGE**
⇒ **ENGAGE**
⇒ **ENCOUNTER**

Thinking of attending the 2014 RI Convention—the *Sydney 2014 Corroboree*?

Why not check out the official website for the convention to get all the information.

Head to www.riconvention.org

for all the latest information and don't miss out on the great events!



6th Rotary Leadership Institute—Part 2
Dubbo
Singleton Diggers, Singleton
Club Macquarie, Argenton
Helen Ryan
Ph: 0409 842 455

12th— Rotary Training, Learning & Development

13th Presidents Elect & Club Assembly
Singleton High School
Wilma Simmons
wilmasimmons@hotmail.com

13th Jazz on the Lines
Toronto Heritage Railway Station
Anne Anderson
0401-208-503

14th Your Brain Matters
Wallsend Sporties
Pam Wellham
0437-479-886

24th - D9670 RYPEN CAMP

26th Myuna Bay Sport & Recreation
Duncan Burck
0417-312-768

Rotary Club of Salamander Bay's 10th Anniversary Dinner

All friends, past, present and future are warmly invited.

Venue: Soldiers Point Bowling Club
Date: Saturday 3rd May 2014
Time: 6pm for pre-dinner fellowship and canapés, formally commencing at 7pm.
Dinner: Two course meal
(Please detail any special dietary requirements when purchasing tickets)

Dress: Smart casual
Cost: \$40 per head (\$20 for children under 16)

MC: The Hon. Bob Baldwin MP, Member for Paterson

RSVP : closes 25 April 2014

RSVP and tickets: www.stickytickets.com.au/15902

Accommodation is available at Salamander Shores Hotel. Please call 4982 7210 for our 10th Anniversary Dinner Special Package - limited numbers available.

Come and join us in reflecting on 10 years of life, opportunity and fun.

For more information call 0407 984 402

All correspondence on District 9670 matters to be sent to:

PO Box 357, New Lambton, NSW, 2305



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community strength and values

