



## Hello and Welcome to our November Newsletter

### Redistricting

Again, we have been busy with very enjoyable visits as well as a meeting in Sydney to hear more about the Redistricting that will take place in 2021 for us and in 2020 for the metropolitan districts. The meeting was very constructive and International Director Noel was comfortable with the plan to be put forward to Rotary International.

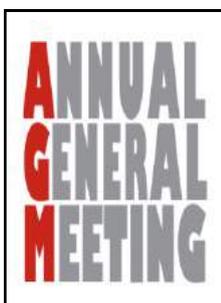


The plan at present is that District 9670 will join forces with District 9650; District 9685 will join with District 9675 and District 9700 and District 9710 will become one District with New South Wales having 3 districts.

District Secretary Phill has emailed the 2 letters regarding the redistricting for you all to see. DGE Brian has written an excellent summary of the proposal and I encourage you to read it. The proposals are every exciting and will not affect the day to day Rotary management of the clubs.

### A.G.M.

I mention this as this is a slightly different format from previous A.G.M.s and it has been constructed so as to save travelling. The District Secretary Phill has emailed every President and Secretary a reminder about the AGM which will be held on November 25. This is an electronic meeting, so all voting must be completed electronically and be in the hands of the Secretary by 2:00 p.m. on November 25. I urge all clubs to take part in your A.G.M.



### South Pacific and Philippines Office

Bruce Allen is the new manager of the South Pacific and Philippines office. District 9670 congratulates Bruce on the appointment and we look forward to working with him.



Helen and husband Mike

### DISTRICT DIARY

**Nov 18, 2017**

Million Dollar Dinner with RIVP Jennifer Jones, Rydges Hotel

**Nov 19, 2017**

Rotary Learning Institute, Maitland

**Nov 19, 2017**

Million Dollar Dinner, Port Macquarie

**Nov 25, 2017 – Nov 26, 2017**

YEP Final Briefing weekend 2018, outbound

**Nov 25, 2017 – Nov 26, 2017**

Final briefing 2018 outbound and parents, Tocal

**Nov 26, 2017 8:30 AM**

YEP briefing Tocal

**Dec 10, 2017 11:00 AM – 4:30 PM**

PDG Christmas luncheon, TBA

**Feb 4, 2018**

District Youth Summit and Training Session, TBA

### NEW Member Links

[New Facebook Link](#)

[District Conference 2018 Web Page and Video](#)

[District 9670 YouTube Link](#)

[Linked In](#)

[Pinterest](#)

[ShelterBox Australia](#)

[Twitter](#)

[YouTube](#)

### Tree Planting

2017-18 RI President Ian Riseley challenged every Rotary club to make a difference by planting a tree for each of its members. "It is my hope that the result of that effort will be far greater than the environmental benefit that those 1.2 million new trees will bring," Ian Riseley said. "I believe the greater result will be a Rotary that recognizes our responsibility not only to the people on our planet, but to the planet itself." Several clubs have taken up the challenge and I both thank and congratulate them for that. It is an excellent program and provides another opportunity to promote Rotary in the community.



### District Conference

All is going well with the planning for the District conference and we are really looking forward to your attending and Joining the Conversation. You will see in this newsletter a reminder for you to make your booking before December 31 so as to get the Early Bird Discount. Our website and Facebook pages are up and running for your information.

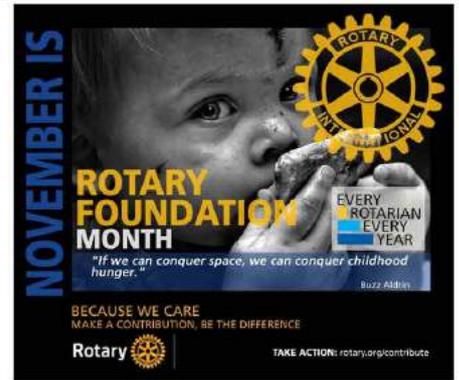


### Promotions

Many of the clubs will have now received the new "YOUR ROTARY CLUB NEEDS YOU" posters. The public relations committee has been working hard to try different ways to make Rotary prominent in the community and encourage you all to use these posters when you are working in the community. It provides an excellent opportunity for the public to ask about Rotary and for you to continue Making a Difference.



Helen



Clubs and Districts call attention to the programs of The Rotary Foundation and frequently cultivate additional financial support for the Foundation by promoting contributions for Paul Harris Fellows and Sustaining Members.



The Rotary Foundation is a nonprofit corporation that supports the efforts of Rotary International to achieve world understanding and peace through international humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs. Wikipedia

**Founder by:**  
Arch C. Klumph

**Founded:**  
1917

**Headquarters:**  
Evanston, Illinois, United States

**Parent organization:**  
Rotary International

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

During the past 100 years, the Foundation has spent \$3 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world.

## IT'S TIME TO BOOK! ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE 9670

Held in Nelson Bay, Port Stephens

Friday 16th to Sunday 18th March, 2018

**EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT - CLOSES 31ST DECEMBER 2017**

To book and pay online or to download a registration form to print out and send via mail. Simply, go to our website link below:

<https://www.rotarydistrict9670conference2018.org/registration>

So, don't delay!

*'COME AND JOIN THE CONVERSATION'*



Lyn Thorpe  
OAM



Annelise Bisset  
Ambassadorial  
Scholar



Jenny Devlin  
Peace Scholar



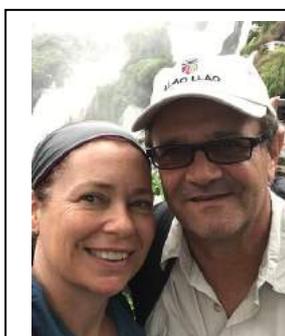
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AM, MBE, FRSA



Assoc Professor  
Kelvin Kong  
Ear, Nose and  
Throat Specialist

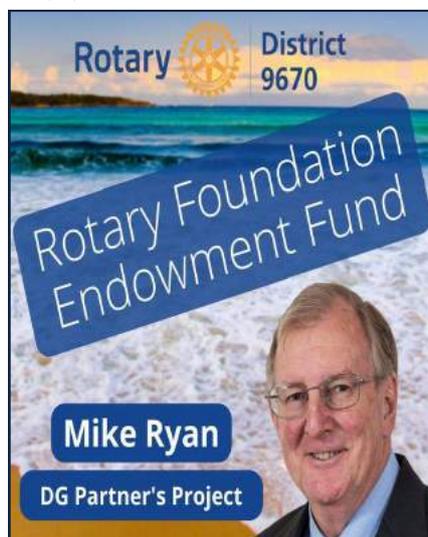


Marcus Akuhata-  
Brown  
Inspirational  
Educator



Mark Balla  
Dedicated Rotarian

*The District's biggest event*



## FANTASIC RYPEN 2017

November 3rd, 4th and 5th, 2017  
Myuna Bay Sport & Recreation Centre

RYPEN is for the average young person in everyday life. The aim of the program is to work with the group helping them see beyond their current outlook and approach life with purpose and direction to maximize their full potential.

### About RYPEN

R.Y.P.E.N. (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) is a Rotary program for teens that's main focus is introducing life skills and fundamental concepts that will start kids thinking about the transition that they will be making from kids to young adults, forming their own values and moral standards, and broadening the horizons culturally, socially and academically.

Run over a weekend, RYPEN is supervised by Rotary Club members. The program is delivered by an experienced group of volunteer facilitators, past attendees and Rotarians.

The program is designed to create a caring and fun atmosphere where attendees agree to abide by the RYPEN core values; respect, tolerance, responsibility, commitment and contribution, honesty integrity, fairness and justice in order to get the most for themselves out of the weekend.

### Program History

RYPEN in District 9670 has been running for the last 29 years. The program today has evolved from the very early days to something we know that gets results – teens talking and thinking about themselves and how they interact with family, friends, teachers, colleagues, communities and the world.

RYPEN camps are generally held twice a year at the Myuna Bay Sport and Recreation Centre in Lake Macquarie. Rotary clubs are engaged to take the responsibility for ensuring everyone is well fed over the weekend.

## INSURANCE RISK MANAGEMENT

There are a number of types of 'risk' associated with Rotary's activities, some of which are:

The risk that a particular project does not achieve its desired goal – or worse, that money is actually lost on the venture – sometimes called **business or opportunity risk**.

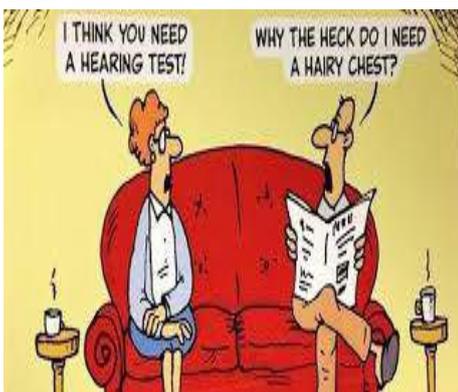
The risk that Rotary might injure someone, damage property, or incur a liability through actual or perceived negligence (lack of due care) on the part of a Rotary Club, Rotary District or Rotary organisation or its members – generally called ROTARY INTERNATIONAL of personal injury or sickness for one or more of its members whilst on Rotary duty either in the home country or overseas.

The risk of damage to Rotary or Rotarian's property.

Whilst there is a responsibility to control and properly manage all forms of risk to achieve a successful outcome, this paper is primarily concerned with 'Public Liability', personal injury to Rotarians and other Rotary participants while on Rotary duties, and damage to Rotary and Rotarian's property.

More to follow ...

### SMILE



## INSPIRATION AROUND EVERY CORNER

Join us at the 2018 Rotary International Convention, 23-27 June, where the vibrant city of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, will be yours to explore.

Don't know where to start? Take a ride on an iconic streetcar to discover Toronto's main Chinatown, one of five in the metro area. Or visit Casa Loma, an authentic castle with historic architecture and beautiful gardens. And don't forget to stop by the Hockey Hall of Fame, where you can try Canada's national pastime yourself.

Early-registration savings expire soon, so [register today!](#)

Don't forget to share the excitement by downloading the convention promotion kit or checking out the [Facebook event page!](#)

### ROTARY DISTRICT 9670 - OCTOBER, 2017

CLUB NAME	MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	ATTENDANCE %	COMMUNITY HOURS
Belmont	25	97	139.5
Cardiff	12	75	70
Denman	19	81	290
Dubbo	25	79.76	135
Dubbo Macquarie	22	86.67	111
Dubbo South	61	69.64	352
Dubbo West	44	87.52	280
East Maitland	38	82.98	266
Kurri Kurri Sunrise	19	75	126
Maitland	38	69.4	401
Maitland Sunrise	29	78	113
Merriwa	18	82.5	n/a
Mudgee	27	70	150
Myall Coast	20	88	114
Narromine	12	66	350
Nelson Bay	50	78.62	450
Newcastle Enterprise	28	63	281
Newcastle Harbour	20	71	10
Raymond Terrace	24	70	200
Rutherford Telarah	33	72.26	331
Toronto Sunrise	28	59.8	81
Wallsend Maryland	30	70	252
Waratah	21	87.2	96
Williamtown	13	70	65