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Message from the DG

DG Writes, April

Welcome to Magazine Month

All Rotarians in Australia (Zone 8) have the choice of getting the "ROTARIAN" magazine, which is also serves North America or "ROTARY DOWN UNDER" published here in Parramatta.

I urge all Rotarians to read and make use of our wonderful RDU Magazine. A quick read can keep you abreast of the many things happening in Rotary and is a great resource for new Rotarians. It is a truly professional production with a monthly message from the RI President, letters to the editor, features on Rotary Club programs and even a couple of jokes on the back pages. If you prefer you can even read it on line at www.rotarydownunder.com.au.

On page 16 of this month's edition is a summary of the three Multi-District President Elects Seminars (PETS) held in Australia and New Zealand in March. It makes for interesting reading and food for thought for this district to become involved with our neighbours in future years. RI Director Stuart Heal underlined the importance of greater investment of Rotary time and money in training presidents. We expect a lot from them but training has not been upgraded for many years.

The current edition of RDU on page 32 features a report on Lyn Jarman from Nelson Bay who is currently in the United Kingdom doing an intensive training course to become Australia's first female Shelterbox Response team Member. Husband and Rotarian Scott also received a late call up to join Lyn to do the same training. Congratulations to both Lyn and Scott as they had to go through a very competitive process to be selected. They have also been wonderful ambassadors for Shelterbox.

On page 38 you can also read about a tremendous idea from Briana, an inbound exchange student at Newcastle, to raise money for Rotary Disaster Appeals.

Membership is always a relevant topic and is even more so with our district needing to pass 1200 and stay over that number. Please put Saturday 7th May in your diaries to attend the District Membership Seminar at Singleton. District Chair Wendy Hawthorn has a wonderful program organized where you will pick up and exchange many great ideas.

With club changeovers fast approaching could I please ask club secretaries to let me know the date you have selected. The District Changeover is at Cessnock on Saturday 2nd July.

Hope everyone had a great time at the District Conference and left with a greater understanding of what Rotary can achieve. Thank you all for the very positive feedback.

Marjorie and I along with several others from this district, will be attending the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans in mid May. This is our first. We are really looking forward to this highlight of the Rotary International calendar which usually attracts about 20,000 attendees.

The presidents and AGs meetings for May and also the Finance and District Management meetings have been moved to the weekend of 27th, 28th & 29th May because I will be in New Orleans the previous weekend.

By next month I should have some more positive information on the formation of two or maybe three new Rotary Clubs in D9670 including an E-club. Stay tuned. (See also Page 11)

Until then let's keep on *Building Communities, Bridging Continents*.

Your Friend in Rotary

Don Stephens
DG 2010-11 District 9670



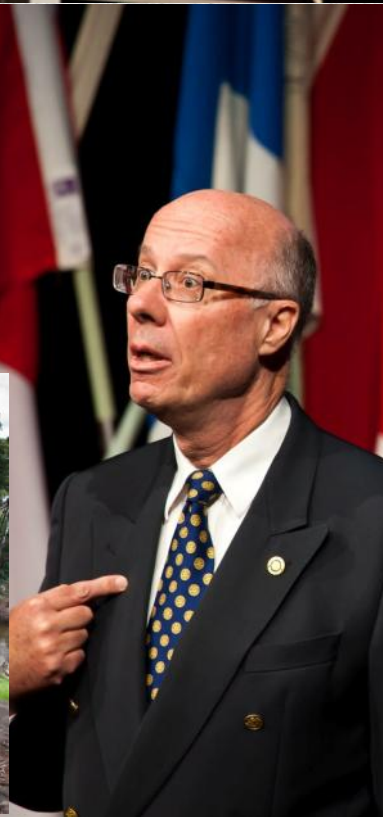

BUILDING COMMUNITIES
BRIDGING CONTINENTS

Rotary District 9670

"Spirit of the Bush"
Conference
Dubbo
2011

Photos courtesy of
Henk Tobbe
Lyn McDonald
Owen Bjorgan









International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians

NZIFCR tour of NSW November 2011

A group of cricketers, partners and supporters will be touring NSW in November this year.

They will be visiting Maitland from 3rd to 6th November.

Games are planned for the Hunter Valley on Fri 4 November and at Maitland on Sunday 6th November.

We are looking for an early indication of Rotarians, supporters and friends who would be interested in home hosting the NZ tour members for the period 3-6 November. Also we are seeking interest from players for the 2 matches from around our region. Individual Clubs may also be interested in inviting/hosting the tourists to meetings or other events on during this time.

Please contact bobkerr52@bigpond.com, Terry New dyna-dua@bigpond.net.au, Trevor Holden trevorholden15@gmail.com or Paul Murray pandkmurray@bigpond.com to register your interest.

To find out more about the Rotary Cricketing fellowship check out our website

www.rotarycricket.org

April is Magazine Month!

It may have nearly passed but that does not mean that the Rotary Down Under magazine is not important.

It is Rotary International's official regional magazine.

Find out more about the magazine;

- why articles are sometimes not included;
- how things can be improved and many other aspects.
- Invite us to be a guest speaker to provide information and answer questions at any meeting - it does not just need to be in April!!!!

Many thanks,

Pam Wellham

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The screenshot shows the Rotary Down Under website. The header includes the Rotary logo and navigation links: Home, About Rotary, Links, Editorial, Enquiries, and Advertisers. The main content area features the April 2011 issue cover of 'Rotary Down Under' with the headline 'Rotarians doing Business'. Below the cover, there are sections for 'Latest News', 'Rotarian Life & Leisure', and 'Rotary Events'. The right sidebar contains a search bar, a Facebook link, and a 'Find us on Facebook' button. The bottom of the page has a footer with contact information and a 'Rotary Day' logo.

From the desk of the Tim Holmes our District Attendance Officer, comes the figures from March.

CLUB	Current M'ship	MAR %	MAR RANK
ADAMSTOWN/NEW LAMBTON	30	90.08	4
BELMONT	0	0	#N/A
BENNETTS GREEN	0	0	#N/A
BOURKE	0	0	#N/A
CARDIFF	11	83.63	10
CESSNOCK	30	70	22
CESSNOCK WINE COUNTRY	0	0	#N/A
CHARLESTOWN	0	0	#N/A
COBAR	0	0	#N/A
DENMAN	17	93	3
DUBBO	22	70.02	21
DUBBO MACQUARIE	20	76.25	15
DUBBO SOUTH	43	85.58	9
DUBBO WEST	45	75.61	17
DUNGOG	0	0	#N/A
EAST MAITLAND	45	62.65	24
KURRI KURRI	15	69.23	23
MAITLAND	36	79.2	13
MAITLAND SUNRISE	0	0	#N/A
MERRIWA	19	98.6	1
MORISSET	26	80	12
MUDGEE	0	0	#N/A
MUDGEE SUNRISE	23	86	7
MURRURUNDI	0	0	#N/A
MUSWELLBROOK	20	53.7	29
MYALL COAST	23	78.66	14
NARROMINE	13	61	26
NELSON BAY	0	0	#N/A
NEWCASTLE	57	55.68	28
NEWCASTLE ENTERPRISE	31	62	25
NEWCASTLE SUNRISE	27	58.02	27
NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	0	0	#N/A
NYNGAN	0	0	#N/A
PATERSON	18	82	11
RAYMOND TERRACE	0	0	#N/A
RUTHERFORD / TELARAH	30	89.29	5
RYLSTONE / KANDOS	0	0	#N/A
SALAMANDER BAY	25	73.6	20
SCONE	9	89	6
SINGLETON	40	74	18
SINGLETON ON HUNTER	0	0	#N/A
TORONTO	0	0	#N/A
TORONTO SUNRISE	28	93.57	2
WALLSEND / MARYLAND	0	0	#N/A
WARATAH	19	85.7	8
WARNERS BAY	0	0	#N/A
WARREN	0	0	#N/A
WELLINGTON	36	76	16
WILLIAMTOWN	18	74	18

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NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	0	0	#N/A
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RAYMOND TERRACE	0	0	#N/A
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SINGLETON ON HUNTER	0	0	#N/A
TORONTO	0	0	#N/A
WALLSEND / MARYLAND	0	0	#N/A
WARNERS BAY	0	0	#N/A
WARREN	0	0	#N/A

From the Editor's Keyboard

Welcome to the 10th (April) edition of the District Governor's Newsletter for 2010—2011.

Another month has passed really quickly and we have seen a great turn out for the D9670 District Conference. For those who were fortunate enough to attend, the weather was kind and the “Spirit of the Bush” turned out spectacular sunsets to enhance the backdrop of what was memorable evenings. Many thanks to Henk Tobbe, Lyn McDonald and Dubbo West’s Canadian exchange student Owen Bjorgan for the multitude of photographs that appear on the previous pages.

Included in this month’s edition is a reminder that “Rotary Down Under” is our magazine, with Pam Whellham asking that if any clubs require more information regarding the magazine, she is more than happy to assist in answering these questions.

Speaking about speaking, Breast Screen NSW has put a general announcement out to any club in the district that would like to have one of their spokeswomen out to give an update on current Breast Screen protocols and cancer prevention.

Finally, included on the last page is information on the new initiative regarding “E-Clubs”. Attached to your email is an expression of interest form.

Yours in Rotary

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If you have any articles or reports for publishing, they make a more interesting read if there are photos or sketches included.



Sophie's storey ...



"The New Generations Program was exactly what I was looking for as a post-grad. It combined vocational training, which is nowadays so hard to come across, as well as an opportunity to learn about another country and its culture.

"It has been a great experience that has allowed me to gain skills and acquire knowledge that will, without doubt, benefit me in the future. I enjoyed every second of the experience and met some very good friends along the way. It has unquestionably opened more doors for me, made me a more independent person, and encouraged me to branch out and pursue new things.

"As a result of New Generations, I now intend to continue on and pursue a career in Australia. Without this program, I would not have as many opportunities opening up for me as I do today."

Regards

Sophie Bowler

December 2010

Sophie's bio ...



Sophie Bowler and Cr Greg Piper, Mayor, City of Lake Macquarie, MP Lake Macquarie, outside NSW Parliament, Sydney

Sophie graduated in International Relations at the University of Leeds, England in 2010. She has successfully completed three months of vocational training working with Greg Piper, NSW Member of Parliament based in the MP's office in Toronto and also experienced NSW Parliament in Sydney. She was fortunate also, to experience NSW local government through Greg's dual role as the Mayor of the City of Lake Macquarie. Sophie intends to pursue a career in politics.

Sophie was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Skegness, England, and jointly hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Toronto Sunrise and Wallsend-Maryland.

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New Generations Exchange Program



Rotary District 9670

*For 20-25 year olds,
your passport to an
international vocational
experience!*

In a nutshell, what's it all about?

Opportunity Plus

- ♦ Opportunity to enhance your skills and aspirations in your chosen career path by engaging in unpaid employment
- ♦ Opportunity to experience another culture
- ♦ Opportunity to engage in another community
- ♦ Opportunity to make life-long friendships
- ♦ Opportunity for personal development



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Who's it for?

- ♦ Young people aged 20-25 years (at time of departure) fulfilling one or more of the following:
 - ~ TAFE qualification with minimum 75% completed
 - ~ Apprenticeship with minimum 75% completed
 - ~ University graduate or in final year
 - ~ Currently employed
 - ~ Working voluntarily in a chosen career path
 - ~ Completed minimum HSC

What do I need to do?

- ♦ Complete an application form, including a maximum two page curriculum vitae
- ♦ Submit your application to Rotary District 9670
- ♦ Remit \$50 application fee
- ♦ Attend a half hour interview
- ♦ If selected, attend a briefing session prior to departure
- ♦ If selected, attend sponsor and host Rotary Club meetings

What will it cost me?

- ♦ \$50.00 application fee
- ♦ A return airfare to and from the country of exchange
- ♦ Passport and visa expenses
- ♦ Comprehensive travel and medical insurance
- ♦ Funds to cover the cost of any personal purchases including additional travel while on exchange

How does it work?

- ♦ Exchange term is typically three months
- ♦ Rotary District 9670 facilitates the exchange for the outbound applicant
- ♦ The receiving host Rotary District facilitates all vocational and home hosting arrangements
- ♦ The applicant acts as an ambassador for Rotary International and their community

Where can I go?

Rotary District 9670 exchanges with many countries around the world with it's various youth programs, however, as this is the inaugural exchange for this program, your destination is Lincolnshire in the East Midlands of England.

When can I go?

It is anticipated this exchange will be completed by mid 2012.



Rotary Club of Williamtown



will be hosting a
12 hour Mental Health First Aid Workshop
on

**Saturday 4th June and
Sunday 5th June, 2011**

9am—4pm

An invitation is open to Community Members to attend this 12 hour course
(over 2 consecutive days)

Mental Health First Aid is the help given to someone developing a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis. The first aid is given until appropriate professional treatment is received or until the crisis resolves. The course covers helping adults in mental health crisis situations and/or in the early stage of mental health problems.

Crisis situations covered are:

- Suicidal behaviours
- Acute stress reaction
- Panic attacks
- Acute psychotic behaviour

To secure your seat contact
Graham Giddey
on 0435 225 929
BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Booking Fee of \$30
will cover the cost of the Manual
Light Lunch will be provided

Positions are limited to 20 only

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID



*Program funded by Commonwealth
Department of Health and Ageing*



Calling All Club Secretaries and Meeting Co-ordinators

BreastScreen NSW Hunter/New England are keen to update Rotarians and their families on current BreastScreen protocols and cancer prevention.

Nerida Walker is the Spokeswoman of the Marketing and Recruitment of BreastScreen NSW, Hunter/New England Region of NSW Health.

She can be contacted on 0409 316 154

For those outside the Hunter/New England area, contacts with BreastScreen NSW are as follows :-

BreastScreen NSW
Australian Technology Park
Level 9, 8 Central Avenue
EVELEIGH NSW 2015
Australia.

PO Box 41
ALEXANDRIA NSW 1435
Australia

Tel: 02 8374 5600

Web: www.bsnsw.org.au

Email: information@cancerinstitute.org.au



50th Anniversary 12th June 2011

50 Years Service

The Rotary Club of East Maitland is celebrating the club's 50th Anniversary at a celebration luncheon to be held at the East Maitland Bowling Club in Banks Street, East Maitland, on Sunday, 12th June, 2011 at 12 Noon.

The cost is \$50 per person.

Accommodation in the Scarborough Room limits us to 150 persons.

You might like to attend on this very special occasion. Partners are very welcome.

Please note that the 12th June is the Sunday of the long weekend.

Tickets are available, until all 150 have been purchased, on a first to pay basis.

Payment may be made by cash or cheque.

A cheque, payable to The Rotary Club of East Maitland Inc., may be mailed to Earl Morris at 4 Collinson Street, Tenambit 2323.

Alternatively payment can be made by direct deposit to Maitland Mutual, BSB 646000, Account number 100038343. Please identify yourself in the transaction and advise Earl of your residential address without delay, so that your ticket(s) can be issued.

Yours in Rotary,...

Earl Morris
E mail

4933 3136
earlemorris@gmail.com



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Membership Makeover



A one-day membership seminar focusing on strategies to

- **develop a membership plan**
- **attract members**
- **retain members**
- **maintain member engagement**
- **involve more women in Rotary**
- **increase age and cultural diversity**

9.00am to 4.00pm, Saturday May 7
Singleton Returned Services Club, Alroy Park Complex

Cost \$25 per head includes tea/coffee and lunch

Enquiries: Wendy Hawthorne 49555371
wendyhawthorn@bigpond.com



E-Club for District 9670

The first District 9670 e-club is on the way!

Two District Rotarians AG Alan Barr and AG Chris Boswell have commenced planning and developing the club, which probably will be the first e-club to be based in Australia, joining many others from around the world that are already in the USA, Great Britain, Finland, Hong Kong, Brazil, Taiwan and Singapore – to name a few. The first e-club was formed in Colorado in the USA in 2002.

E-clubs are fully approved and endorsed by RI and there can only be two per District.

E-clubs must meet and sometimes exceed all of the requirements necessary to form and maintain a traditional Rotary club. The security implications attached to safeguarding members' information are stringent.

E-clubs are an adjunct to more traditional Rotary clubs – they are not a substitute. They do extend Rotary to eligible people everywhere – who are unable to meet usual attendance requirements.

Two types of e-club This first District 9670 e-club, provisionally to be known as 'The Rotary E-Club of District 9670 East' will be centred in the eastern part of the District and will be a 'pure' e-club. This means that membership can be worldwide, and all of the club's business will be transacted on the internet. Face-to-face meetings will be held occasionally.

The second type of e-club is known as a 'hybrid' club. Hybrid clubs draw most of their membership from the local area and therefore have more regular face-to-face meetings – perhaps even monthly. Hybrid clubs transact most of their business on the internet.

After this first pure club in the District is implemented, a hybrid club could be in the planning pipeline for the western part of the District.

A typical Rotary e-club has a public website for visitors and a separate members' clubhouse that is closed to visitors.

E-club Membership in an e-club is open to:

- People who have no previous Rotary membership who meet normal membership eligibility requirements and who might serve more effectively on line rather than in the standard Rotary club.
- Former Rotarians who wish to renew their association with Rotary and want to give service.
- People under the age of 35 who don't necessarily have time or financial resources to be a member of a standard Rotary club.
- Current Rotarians unable to sustain standard Rotary club membership because of business commitments, health issues, geographic location or a mobile lifestyle.

Applications for membership are vetted rigorously, perhaps even more so than applications to join a traditional Rotary club.

Do you know any potential non-Rotarian members?

If you know of anyone who has an interest in Rotary but might be a bit hesitant to join due to the need to fulfil all of the requirements of membership of a traditional Rotary Club, then why not direct them to Alan or Chris. If they have a burning ambition to do something for their local and worldwide community then joining this e-club might be the perfect opportunity to get in to Rotary. They will need to complete an application and then go through the vetting process for membership.

Rotarian's interest

If you are a serving District Rotarian and are genuinely interested in our e-club then you may want to complete the attached 'expression of interest form'.

Completion of an expression of interest is not an application to join the e-club. Rotarians cannot be a member of two Rotary clubs simultaneously. Serving Rotarians are not eligible simply to move from their traditional club to an e-club without a sound reason for doing so, ie they need to demonstrate that they can no longer continue membership in their current traditional club because of business commitments, health issues, geographic location, their mobile lifestyle or other personal reasons.

A good proportion of former experienced, dedicated and enthusiastic Rotarians are essential to the success of the e-club in its first year of operation. So anyone who meets these criteria might find the opportunity afforded by e-club membership to be an exciting development in their Rotary life.

E-Club membership is not a 'soft' Rotary option and indeed the expectations and challenges, particularly in the early and formative years of the new e-club, will be demanding and extensive but the rewards involved in this exciting new development should far outweigh the added investment of time and effort.

So please talk with Alan or Chris or contact them on the email addresses below if you want to know more. Chris is attending to the technical and internet security requirements involved in the set up; and Alan is working on the chartering, administration and new membership aspects.

Alan is at alanbarr@tpg.com.au or Chris who is at chris.boswell@strategicit.com.au

Completing the Expression of Interest Form

If you are a Rotarian and want to fill in the expression of interest form just do the following:

1. First save the blank form to your computer with your unique file name, for example 'expression of interest_[insert your surname].pdf'.
2. Second, fill in the different fields (you can tab between them).
3. Third, when complete, save the file again.
4. Finally, send the completed form as an email attachment to Alan as soon as possible.