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## Message from the DG

**This month is Membership and Extension Month.  
Next month is New Generations Month.**

Greetings all!



Perhaps the cold is not going to be around much longer! I hope the inlanders are getting some moisture – it would be great if there was another good season for the farming communities. Steve and I have been on a few Club visits, and we've enjoyed the experience with all Rotarians. It is obvious at there is no set model – each Club is different, but then we all have much in common, and the camaraderie we've encountered is one of those wonderful common features. You will note that this August in Membership and Extension Month. It is early in the Rotary year to have that as a high-light yet, but I'd encourage all Clubs to really focus on that issue. As at 28th July, our official District figures stand at 1170. There are two messages there: firstly, please make sure that all data is correct on the RI website (and if you've got a problem entering that information – just get in touch with me!), and secondly for each Club to gain one member by the end of this year!

In the next month, we'll be wandering further through the District, and compared to some other Australian Districts, ours is pretty spread out. But I had a newsletter from the DG of the District below:

### District 2450 at a Glance

Country	Clubs	Members	Country	Clubs	Members
Armenia	4	87	Jordan	10	305
Bahrain	3	170	Lebanon	24	590
Cyprus	19	810	Palestine	1	41
Egypt	77	2212	South Sudan	1	20
Georgia	2	32	Sudan	1	25
UAE	3	184			

And wouldn't that involve some travel! Not to mention diplomacy! But it does remind us again that Rotary is part of world-wide group of "friends you've not yet met".

At the top I mentioned that next month is New Generations Month. This is an opportunity to further the work that our Clubs already do with young people, and to make something of publicity about our great projects. Perhaps we can encourage our younger folk to put their Rotary involvement on their blogs or into their Facebook pages, and to write about RYPEN or RYDA if they've been either.

The good news is that we've sent off an application for the e-club to be a Provisional Club. Please see the District website for other details. AG Alan Barr and AG Chris Boswell have been driving this project, and they both deserve our congratulations. I would ask you to seek out further members – the nearly Provisional Club does need a few more to build up to the magic number of 25 for the chartering of a new Club.

Cheers,

*Janette.*





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LEADERSHIP  
2011-12

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## Vocational Voice for August

**Below is an extract from Morisset's Bulletin. What a fantastic idea!**

Kerry would like to introduce a new section in the Bulletin as part of the Vocational programme. Rotary was founded on the vocational interests of those first Rotarians, and the promotion of excellence. This column in the Bulletin is designed to promote pride of workmanship and excellence in people's vocations in this area. Each week (or whenever she receives them) we will publish a story about a local business that you have had a positive experience with. This might relate to a one off event, such as a business really going the extra mile for you, or someone who is just consistently good. We'll send a copy of the Bulletin to the business who is nominated in that edition to let them know, and it may also raise their interest in Rotary as well. Kerry start this week – see her but she would like all members of the club, and Friends of Rotary, to make a contribution to this column.

Please send your story and perhaps a business card or photo to her and she get them into the Bulletin (so that we don't have lots one week and none the next). This is a great opportunity to promote vocational excellence, and to promote Rotary to the wider business community in Morisset.

Bouquet to Synergy

Most people know how much I love my Jazz, so when the clutch recently died, died (in

fairness after 250,000 kms), I needed it fixed – quickly. My mechanic, Dennis de Zordo at Synergy Automotive (49732006) in the industrial estate, is just a one man operation, and this job would normally be a bit bigger than one person would do. Dennis worked with another colleague to get the job done quickly, and at a very competitive price. (In comparison, the Honda dealer took almost as long to get a quote to me as Dennis took to finish the entire job.) Dennis is always helpful and obliging, with the cleanest workshop I've ever seen!

Now Dennis is known throughout District 9670 for his excellent work. What a tremendous way to share the message and maybe add one or two members to our club.

Congratulations, Dennis

Another thing that I came across this month was a place in Rotary's website where speeches from Rotary International conferences are printed.

This one was from Bhichai Rattakul, Past RI President at the 2011 Assembly and was entitled *Our Core Values and Vocational Services*.

Here is the link; it is worth reading in its entirety.  
[http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/ia11\\_speeches\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/ia11_speeches_en.pdf)

I thought I would include an excerpt.

Vocational service is, without doubt, the foundation of all Rotary — an activity that can only be demonstrated through the example that each one of us can give through our behavior, and our conviction that is a guiding principle in one's life.

And with that conviction I have come to see that Rotary should address itself both in thought and in action, because unless the ideals we profess and exemplify can become flesh of our flesh, can become bone of our bone, can become life, can become action, and can become power, there is truly no hope for us!

Let me say without hesitation: Membership is the greatest asset of our organization, and this has been the work of Rotarians. Having said this, we must always keep in mind that the most important element is qualified members. The qualifications of a prospective member must be beyond any doubt.

My fellow Rotarians, the fact that our membership is made up of such diverse professions and business classifications ensures us a many-sided approach to any given problem.

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*Did you play cricket when you were younger? Still follow the game to some extent?*

**Good**, then this is an opportunity for you to combine Rotary with Cricket - so how about you rekindle your youth by playing a game against some touring New Zealand Rotarians in November.

And, if you live in the western part of D9670, it is also an opportunity to catch up with your Hunter Valley cousins.

The games are scheduled **Friday, 4 November** and **Sunday, 6 November** in the Maitland area. Batsmen, bowlers and wicketkeepers are all required – just let one of the committee members listed hereunder know of your availability.

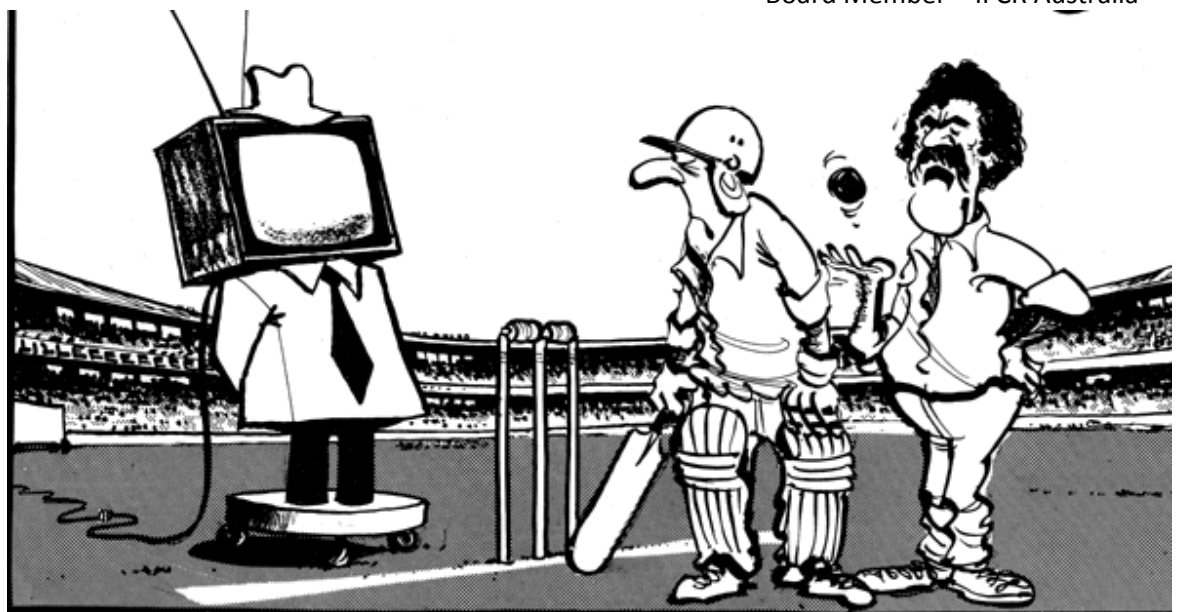
We have two umpires lined up already – but there is room for at least another one.

The NZ-ers will arrive here on Thursday, 3 November and depart on Monday, 7 November, so we are also looking for hosts for the team. If you can help, please contact a member of our committee.

Organising Committee for this NZIFCR visit to Maitland and the Lower Hunter Is:

- Bob Kerr (RC Rutherford-Telarah) – 0408 221 398 or [bobkerr52@bigpond.com](mailto:bobkerr52@bigpond.com)
- Trevor Holden (RC Maitland Sunrise) – 0400 006 598 or [trevorholden15@gmail.com](mailto:trevorholden15@gmail.com)
- Terry New (RC Rutherford-Telarah)– 4933 3746 or [dyna-duo@bigpond.net.au](mailto:dyna-duo@bigpond.net.au)

Terry New  
Board Member – IFCR Australia



**"NOW there'll be no more disputing umpires' decisions."**





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## Rotarians...side by side...making a difference

The United Nations now estimates that more than 12 million people desperately need housing, water and food in the Horn of Africa (Somalia, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nairobi, South Sudan, Mogadishu) – the mortality rate continues to rise to epidemic levels.

**Disaster Aid Australia** and its international partners Canada, USA and UK & Ireland are proud to advise that we have formed an alliance with Hope Without Borders, a not-for-profit charity working in the Kenya region since the early 80's and founded by Rotarians Lance and Julie Parve of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"This alliance means once again, we as Rotarians are delivering the aid so desperately needed with fellow Rotarians – side by side," Jenni Heenan, CEO of Disaster Aid Australia said.

**Disaster Aid International** Training and Deployment Manager, Ed Cox attended the Rotary Club of Nairobi on day of his arrival seeking assistance from Rotarians and met with the folk from Hope Without Borders – thus our alliance was formed.

"100 Family Survival boxes were air-shipped and another two containers are on their way by sea. Our trained teams on the ground will assess how we can further assist over the coming days and weeks," Jenni said.

To add to this delivery of aid, Hope Without Borders is delivering water drilling equipment, medicine, food and sanitation to help alleviate the pain and suffering of so many. Joining Ed Cox in the devastating deployment is Cliff Overton from Melbourne and Jared Marley from Alberta, Canada, both volunteer Disaster Aid Response Team members.

We, as Rotarians need your help too... to ensure these survivors are housed safely as a family unit. Please sponsor a Family Survival box so that we can assist as many survivors as possible now, and into the future.

Please help, if you can

**Patron: Max Walker AM**

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## 2011 Northern NSW Super Science & Engineering Challenge Final Series

Twenty four of the highest scoring high schools competing from 23 to 25 August at the Newcastle Basketball Stadium, Broadmeadow for final places in the 2011 Grand Challenge at Wangarratta Victoria. Daily Activity Assistants are welcome and would be appreciated



For more information on the 2011 Newcastle Challenge Program contact Brian Atkins  
Rotary Club of Waratah and Newcastle Regional Chair of the Science and Engineering Challenge Coordinating Committee

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Post: PO Box 357, New Lambton NSW 2305

### ***Join in the fun of competition at the Newcastle Science and Engineering Challenge Maitland and Newcastle Discovery Days 2011***

Newcastle Science and Engineering Challenge Discovery Days 2011 for Year 6 Students

Maitland: Thursday 8 and Friday 9 September at ASC St. Peter's Campus,

St. John's Parish Hall, Cathedral Street Maitland

16 Primary Schools to be invited

Newcastle: Monday 19 to Friday 23 September at Kahibah Public School Hall, Kahibah

40 Primary Schools to be invited

### **Missing in action ....!**



#### **Foundation Money Boxes**

Please locate and empty the boxes. Write a cheque for the value of their contents to 'The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust'

And post to: Alex McHarg  
1 Sister Luke Place  
Singleton NSW 2330

**For a tax receipt include the name of a Rotarian and a return address.**



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**ROTARY DISTRICT 9670 FOUNDATION COMMITTEE Inc.**  
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Governor: 2011-12 DG Janette Jackson, RC of Cessnock Inc.

Chairman: PP Gerard McMillan, RC of Singleton Inc.

Secretary: PDG Don Stephens RC of Dubbo West Inc.

## **To all Club Presidents and Rotary Foundation Directors 2011-2012.**

Congratulations to all Presidents, Rotary Foundation Directors and Rotarians for the good work of the 2010-2011 Rotary year. This was the most successful year for giving to The Rotary Foundation (TRF), one in which the Rotarians of the district meet the TRF target of \$100 to the Annual Programs Fund a (APF) per Rotarian. This year the District average per-capita was \$104 giving a total to the APF of \$122,198. Total giving to TRF programs for the year was \$144,487, or \$123 per Rotarian. Only 3 Clubs did not contribute funds to the TRF this year.

Top three Clubs in per-capita giving are; -

Charlestown at	\$297
Dubbo South at	\$290
Singleton on Hunter at	\$275

Twenty District Clubs exceeded the TRF giving bench mark of \$100 per Rotarian this year, congratulations to these Clubs.

The District TRF committee have again set goals for the 2011-12 Rotary Year. The first one is to match last years giving of \$100 per Rotarian. This is also one of the criteria for Clubs to receive an RI presidents citation. The other goals are as follows;

Total Giving to TRF programs	\$150,000
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY)	25% of District membership
Sustaining Members (\$100 per year)	10% of district Membership
District 9670 Immortal	10% of District Membership
Paul Harris Society member (\$1000 per year)	10

Congratulations to all District 9670 Rotarians for their support of The Rotary Foundation during the 2010-2011 Rotary Year

Yours in Rotary Service

PDG Alex McHarg.

D9670 Grants & Giving Chair

## **New Generations Exchange Update**

The District is seeking applications from 20-25 year olds to participate in the New Generations Exchange Program.

This is a work experience based program where the hosting overseas District will provide the work experience opportunity and hosting over a period for 6-12 weeks. The applicant can be a trainee, a student still studying at TAFE or University or working in a job. The cost to the participant is the airfare and incidental spending. Travel is by mutual agreement by the applicant and hosting District.(cont.)





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## New Generations Exchange Update (...Cont)


Applications for the current round close on 30 September 2011. Further details are available from Graeme Hooper, New Generations Chair at [gshooper@inet.net.au](mailto:gshooper@inet.net.au)

If you wish to hear first-hand about the exchange the Rotary Club of Wallsend Marylands currently have Emily Heather from the UK until end of August and the Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise will host Juliane Kroijer from Denmark arriving early September for two months.



**YOUR CAREER →**

- chances maximised
- work experience
- secure support
- challenge
- career prospects



**20-25 year olds, your passport to an international vocational experience!**  
**New Generations Exchange D9670**

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**shelter  
BOX**

AUSTRALIA

## GOLF CHALLENGE CAMBODIA 30 OCT – 5 NOV 2011

A CHARITY EVENT FOR ALL ROTARIANS  
AND FRIENDS OF ROTARY



### INCLUSIONS:

- 6 Nights at the Victoria Angkor Resort & Spa (5-star), Siem Reap
- 3 Rounds of Golf at three Championship Courses with personal Caddy and Cart
- Iced Water on the Courses
- Daily Champagne Breakfast Buffet
- Daily Lunches
- Daily Dinner Parties
- 3 Hours of Alcoholic and Non-alcoholic Beverages at all Dinners
- Local Cultural Entertainment Show
- Half Day Sightseeing 'Angkor Wat Temples' with Guide
- Free Entry into the ShelterBox Australia Raffle with daily Prizes
- Beautiful Trophies
- Fantastic Prizes—Daily and Overall
- Australian PGA Event Organization
- English Speaking Tour Escort
- Donation to ShelterBox Australia of US\$200.00 per person

Rotarians and Friends of Rotary from around the world are invited to join us for the first SHELTERBOX AUSTRALIA GOLF CHALLENGE staged in Cambodia to play in the three round competition on championship golf courses.

Enjoy a week with friends in the beautiful 5-star Victoria Angkor Resort & Spa, experience the Angkor Wat Temple, one of the world's most impressive UNESCO cultural heritage sites, get to know the local culture, win beautiful trophies and great prizes and last but not least, have lots of fun and make new friends.

Rotarian Tim Ireland, Member of the Australian PGA since 1968, is staging this great event as the first for ShelterBox Australia with many more to come. The event is sponsored by all parties involved to make it possible to offer this great week to you for this fantastic price.

Please bring your non-golfing partner to enjoy a great program to support this important disaster relief organisation, which has delivered aid to over 70 countries all around the world when it was most needed.



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Please check our fantastic Non-Golfer Program  
with Sightseeing & Spa Treatments!

This year, ShelterBox is celebrating its 10th Anniversary and a decade of delivering emergency disaster relief. For more information, visit:

<http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au/about.php?page=28>





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Attendance: July

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CLUB	Current M'ship	July %	July RANK	CLUB	Current M'ship	July %	July RANK
ADAMSTOWN/NEW LAMBTON	29	80.00	7	MYALL COAST	0	0.00	#N/A
BELMONT	25	70.92	21	NARROMINE	0	0.00	#N/A
BENNETTS GREEN	0	0.00	#N/A	NELSON BAY	59	86.38	1
BOURKE	0	0.00	#N/A	NEWCASTLE	59	52.17	27
CARDIFF	13	76.92	9	NEWCASTLE ENTERPRISE	0	0.00	#N/A
CESSNOCK	30	76.50	10	NEWCASTLE SUNRISE	25	74.13	13
CESSNOCK WINE COUNTRY	0	0.00	#N/A	NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	21	50.00	28
CHARLESTOWN	36	72.95	17	NYNGAN	0	0.00	#N/A
COBAR	14	75.00	11	PATERSON	18	73.00	16
DENMAN	17	85.00	3	RAYMOND TERRACE	0	0.00	#N/A
DUBBO	0	0.00	#N/A	RUTHERFORD / TELARAH	30	85.71	2
DUBBO MACQUARIE	0	0.00	#N/A	RYLSTONE / KANDOS	0	0.00	#N/A
DUBBO SOUTH	43	83.14	6	SALAMANDER BAY	0	0.00	#N/A
DUBBO WEST	46	69.21	23	SCONE	9	72.00	18
DUNGOG	0	0.00	#N/A	SINGLETON	44	84.00	4
EAST MAITLAND	44	66.50	24	SINGLETON ON HUNTER	24	64.58	25
KURRI KURRI	14	73.21	15	TORONTO	37	71.09	19
MAITLAND	0	0.00	#N/A	TORONTO SUNRISE	28	70.60	22
MAITLAND SUNRISE	0	0.00	#N/A	WALLSEND / MARYLAND	23	75.00	11
MERRIWA	19	73.60	14	WARATAH	0	0.00	#N/A
MORISSET	22	60.00	26	WARNERS BAY	0	0.00	#N/A
MUDGEES	0	0.00	#N/A	WARREN	0	0.00	#N/A
MUDGEES SUNRISE	24	71.00	20	WELLINGTON	0	0.00	#N/A
MURRURUNDI	0	0.00	#N/A	WILLIAMTOWN	20	78.00	8
MUSWELLBROOK	18	84.00	4				

From the Editor,

I hope that you enjoyed reading the August edition of the DG's Newsletter. I would like to thank all members who submitted articles to it.

Please note that the submission deadline for September is the first week of that month. Please submit in Word only with minimal formatting. Captioned photos are very welcome. Thank you.

Nora Jones

Please note my new email address: [nora.jones@y7mail.com](mailto:nora.jones@y7mail.com)

