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**District Governor  
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# District Governor's Newsletter

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December, 2011



## Message from the DG

A warm Christmas greeting to all!

In this month of festivities, it is good to remember that this Rotary Family Month. I'm sure that our own nearest and dearest surely come into that category – but perhaps we can also think of the wider Rotary family. If you have visited other Clubs or attended conferences, or joined in activities associated with the many various Rotary Fellowships, then the enjoyment of these connections with other like-minded people you've met is something to be treasured. We also have the much broader Rotary family – the exchange students who have been part of the Club's life for a year or so, the New Zealand student who has spent time in an Aussie family, and hopefully, had the opportunity to meet with Club members. We also have the wide world of our Group Study Exchange program – our Clubs have been sponsoring out-bound team-members for many, many years. Those people are also part of our Rotary family. And for many, there are friendships that have developed through hosting visitors from other parts of the World. Rotary does us a great service with its connections all round the world, and it is wonderful to be part of big Rotary Family.

Some of us have had the privilege to have just attended a Conference in Brisbane. This is referred to as the Institute, and this year there were delegates attending from NZ as well. There were special sessions for the DGN's, and I'm sure that Peter and Margaret gained a lot from that experience. Also, segments for the DGE's, with Greg and Ilse being introduced to more of the Rotary information necessary for taking up the role of leading the District. DG's were programmed for a special seminar, which was devoted to facing some of the challenges of our organisation into the future.

Rotary leaders provided some great insights – World President Elect Sakuji Tanaka is making a huge effort to speak fluent English – and he understands heaps, even our Aussie jokes. The new Secretary General, John Hewko, attended. He is keen to learn, and make contact with rank and file Rotarians, and spoke on how he sees the organisation stepping into the 21st century. This includes streamlining the administration, which will make it easier for you and me to be better informed and better prepared Rotarians.

This gathering again brought home the clear message that we are part of a big family. We are inclusive (but that does not mean that we all have to have the same views!), we enjoy being of service (and Aussies are so good at that!), and we can enlarge our family even more by inviting other to join us.

Do enjoy the festive season! Steve joins me in sending good wishes for wonderful times, to keep in good health, to have a good break, and may the New Year be a sparkling event for you and yours!

Cheers,

*Janette.*

Rotarians in District 9670 are shocked at the sudden death of DGE Greg Bowen. Our condolences go to Ilse and the family and our thoughts and prayers for their well-being are extended to them. We understand that the funeral will take place at the Church of Christ the King, Toronto, on Tuesday 20th December at 1.30pm.



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Fellow Rotarians

### Diary Dates 2012

We are in the time of year when we chase up 2012 diaries and start to enter important dates there in.

So along with those other important dates such as your wedding anniversary and the odd birthday that causes you grief when you forget, please enter the following dates as well.

2nd and 3rd March

Assistant Governors and District Committee training.  
Fellowship Dinner Friday Night  
Training Sessions Saturday  
Location – Singleton (details to follow)

14th April

President Elects Training Seminar (PETS)  
Fellowship Dinner Saturday Night  
Location – Singleton (details to follow)

15th April

PETS and District Assembly  
Fellowship Dinner Saturday Night  
Fellowship Breakfast Sunday morning  
Location – Singleton (details to follow)

28th April

Western PETS and District Assembly  
Fellowship Dinner Saturday Night  
Location – Dubbo (details to follow)

Yours in Rotary Service,

PDG Alex McHarg

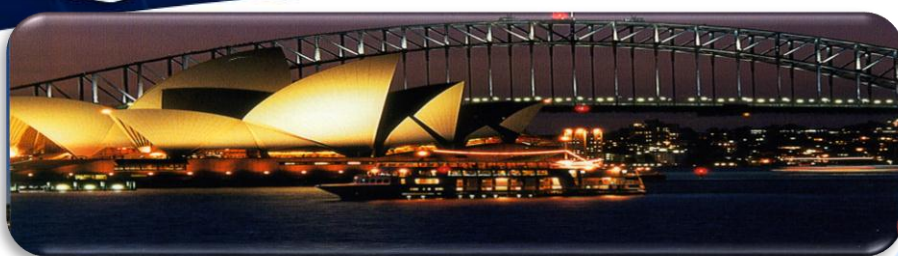




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## THE ROTARY CLUB OF MAITLAND Inc

*Invites you to join their 2012 fundraiser event on Sydney Harbour.  
Profits raised from the cruise will be distributed to local charities.*

## SYDNEY HARBOUR CRUISE

**FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> to SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2012**

## Cruise Sydney Harbour with Captain Cook Cruises

*Relax on board the Cruise Ship for two exciting nights and three days*

**LIMITED NUMBERS AVAILABLE - FIRST IN FIRST SERVED**

### Itinerary

**Friday 5 pm** - The friendly crew welcomes you at Number 1 King Street Wharf, Darling Harbour. As the city lights begin to shine we depart for our dinner cruise at 5.45pm. Tonight we anchor in Farm Cove by the shores of the Botanic Gardens, close to the sails of the Sydney Opera House.

**Saturday** - Active types can board our tender for a quick trip to Man O'War Steps beside the Opera House and a cool morning stroll through the Botanic Gardens. Once back on board, tuck-in to a hot buffet breakfast before we head for the upper reaches of the Parramatta and Lane Cove Rivers. See foreshores and bay-sides packed with historic sites, trophy homes and prestige residential developments while your on-board commentator shares stories galore from the past and present. The afternoon brings us back to town for an on-shore exploration of Sydney's historic Rocks district. Among immaculately preserved colonial architecture, you will find fabulous market and retail shopping, corner pubs, top art galleries and plenty of busking talent. Then we set sail across the harbour and anchor off the northern foreshore for the Captain's Dinner and an evening of live music and dancing.

**Sunday** - The early morning crew is out again, this time for a walk through the bush and the old artillery.

Emplacements on Bradley's Head. The hike is well worth it for the glorious harbour views from the headland. The mid-morning's cruise takes us into the territory of Sydney's rich and famous – the Eastern Suburbs. Your commentator lays out their history and relates intriguing anecdotes as we sail past huge homes and glamorous yachts bobbing at close-packed moorings. At beachside Watson's Bay, we head ashore to explore the charming old fishing village and historic naval establishments which make up this exclusive suburb. You can take a guided walk to The Gap, an optional sea kayak tour around the picturesque bays, or relax in the waterside pub. Once again on board, lunch is served al fresco on the top deck and we cruise back to Darling Harbour arriving around 3pm.

<b>Gold Fare</b>	<b>Twin Bed Cabins</b>	<b>B &amp; C Deck</b>	<b>\$890.00</b>	<b>(Limit of 29 cabins)</b>
<b>Silver Fare</b>	<b>Upper &amp; Lower Berth</b>	<b>D Deck</b>	<b>\$690.00</b>	<b>(Limit of 12 cabins)</b>

**INCLUSIONS:** Cruise & sightseeing; two nights' accommodation and all meals on-board cruise ship.

**EXCLUSIONS:** Transport to Sydney (see below); Bar Purchases (drinks to be paid for separately)

**NOTE:** No BYO

**OPTIONAL TRANSPORT COSTS – RETURN COACH TRAVEL SYDNEY - \$ 40 (per person)**

*Booking enquiries should be directed to:*

*Malcolm Knight on: 0249 300 966 or email: [mknight2009@bigpond.com](mailto:mknight2009@bigpond.com)*

**To reserve your berth complete the attached Booking Form and mail together with a deposit of \$250 to:**

**Rotary Club of Maitland Inc. PO Box 115 Maitland 2320. Balance due 1st February 2012.**





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## Belmont Rotary Wooden Toy Donations for Christmas

The Rotary Club of Belmont recently made some wooden toys to be used for presents for children who might otherwise go without this Christmas. The toys will be distributed through Hope House, a ministry of the Eastlakes Salvation Army. Over half the Rotarians in the club were directly involved in making the toys and donations were received from many sources as far away as Wagga Wagga. The toys were presented to Mark Anston from Hope House on the 1<sup>st</sup> December with the toys to be distributed to the children on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Pictured from left to right are, Kevin Hincks and Bruce Molloy from the Rotary Club of Belmont, Mark Anston from Hope House, Penny Black and Bruce Hilliar from the Rotary Club of Belmont.



## Supporting young minds

Most people look back on their youth with pleasant memories. For some, however, the teenage years can be a very challenging time of life.

Studies have revealed that within a 12 month period, 7% of Australians aged between 0-17 years and 26% aged between 16-24 years were experiencing mental health problems. Other studies have found that only one quarter of these young people had received professional health care for their illness.

Australian Rotary Health has this year commissioned seven new projects that will be funded in the year 2012, all of which will centre on Australian Rotary Health's new focus; the mental health of young Australians.

The studies vary in focus from an in-depth look at the social costs of young Australians with mental illness and self-based self-help intervention for young people experiencing suicidal thoughts, to a look at intervention strategies for young people witnessing a parent undergo cancer treatment.

The studies will also look at known associations between mental ill health and drug and alcohol abuse and new treatment therapies for first episode psychosis patients who subsequently develop post-traumatic stress disorder.

Mental illness is the leading cause of disability in young people worldwide. The success of these studies will help relieve the burden placed on young Australians by mental illness.

For more information about these new projects or to find out how your club can be involved in funding a research project, contact Australian Rotary Health on (02) 8837 1900, or visit [www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au](http://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au).

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**Hat Day**  
for Mental Health Research







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## 2012 Rotary Convention Bangkok

<http://rotaryconvention2012.com>

### BASE PACKAGE OPTION (price is based on 4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> May)

Return Economy class airfare with Thai Airways including all international taxes

Departing: Sydney at 11:00 am Arriving: Bangkok at 4:30pm

Departing: Bangkok at 7:15 pm Arriving: Sydney at 8:20am on the 12<sup>th</sup> May

7 nights accommodation staying at the Century Park Hotel in a Superior room including breakfast daily

Return coach transfers to and from your hotel

Package price based on twin share: \$1,338.00 per person

### Strictly limited availability: Book now to receive a free upgrade to Junior Suite

NB: Subject to the group numbers we can add return transfers from Newcastle to Sydney airport.

This would bring your package price to approximately \$1,388.00 per person

### OPTIONAL TOURS

- Bridge over River Kwai & Tiger Temple tour (duration 9 hours) – Cost per person: \$144.00
- Grand Palace tour (duration 3 hours) – Cost per person: \$45.00
- Bai Pai Thai Cooking class (duration 4 hours) – Cost per person: \$81.00
- Floating Markets & River Kwai (duration 9 hours) – Cost per person: \$95.00
- Temples & City tour (duration 3 hours) – Cost per person: \$39.00
- Floating Markets & Rose Gardens (duration 9 hours) – Cost per person: \$77.00

### OPTIONAL SIDE TRIP - PHUKET

Return Economy class airfare with Thai Airways including all domestic taxes

Bangkok – Phuket – Bangkok

5 nights accommodation (as listed below) including breakfast daily and late check-out

Return coach transfers to and from your hotel

- Merlin Beach Resort – rates not available yet
- Moevenpick Resort & Spa – Cost per person based on twin share: \$923.00
- Holiday Inn Busakorn Wing – Cost per person based on twin share: \$937.00
- Phuket Graceland Resort & Spa – Cost per person based on twin share: \$646.00

### OPTION SIDE TRIP – KOH SAMUI

Return Economy class airfare with Bangkok Airways including all domestic taxes

Bangkok – Koh Samui – Bangkok

5 nights accommodation (as listed below) including breakfast daily and late check-out

Return coach transfers to and from your hotel

- Chaweng Regent Beach Resort – Cost per person based on twin share: \$799.00

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## Rotary International District 9670 Conference Warren 16, 17 and 18 March 2012: Update

Planning is well underway for the District Conference in Warren during the period 16, 17 and 18 March, 2012. Registration forms will be posted to members during December 2011.

Warren is quite some distance from the east coast - probably about 6 hours driving and longer if towing a caravan or trailer - but drivers would need to take one or two breaks along the way. The easiest and probably shortest way from the east is up the New England Highway to the intersection with the Golden Highway, along that Highway through Merriwa to Dunedoo, along the Castlereagh Highway to Gilgandra and finally via the Oxley Highway to Warren.

Dinner at the Racecourse on Friday evening will be from 6.30pm to 9.30pm to allow attendees time to travel, arrive and enjoy some fellowship. There will be some entertainment, but it mainly a time for settling in, meeting old and new friends, and having a reasonably early night. On the Saturday and Sunday mornings, District Governor Janette is departing from some older formats and is asking all conference attendees to come to the Conference Fellowship Breakfasts from 8.00am. The conference sessions will commence at 9.30am on each day. The Rotary International President's Personal Representative (the RIPPR) is a person known to many in this District, he having been a member of the Rotary Club of Toronto and the Chair of the Youth Exchange Committee for some years. We are pleased to welcome PDG John Lamb and Claire, now from Mackay in Queensland.

Four interesting guest speakers have been booked:

Michael Condon is head of the ABC's Rural Department so it quite at home in the country. However several years ago he won a Churchill Fellowship and studied causes of suicide in rural areas in a number of overseas countries. His study has continued and we look forward to any new thoughts he may have as to ways to prevent this wastage of human resources.

Roger Fletcher is the owner and operator of the largest sheep meat processing plant in Australia, which is located near Dubbo, just down the road from Warren. The story of his progression from his beginnings as a drover to his present role with his company, which exports various by-product to more than 95 countries in the world, is fascinating.

Sam Bailey as a 19-year-old suffered a serious accident which left him a quadriplegic. However with assistance from many others and a lot of grit and perseverance, he learned to fly an aircraft and became a farmer. His story is truly inspirational.

Kerry Cue is something else again. A lover of mathematics, an energetic speaker and exponent of new media, and can relate to people from diverse backgrounds. She shows people how to use their own individual talents to improve their life and that of others around them. Witty and humorous, she will be a breath of fresh air on the closing day of our conference.

We are also negotiating with other speakers to fill short speaking slots of about 10 minutes each. We are asking for Clubs and District Committees to provide speakers on their activities. The Youth Exchange Students will parade the flags of their home countries. The Group Study Team from Denmark and Lithuania will make a presentation and our outgoing team to those countries will be introduced.

The Governor's Dinner on the Saturday evening will have a "green theme" - 17th March is of course St. Patrick's Day! Is there a leprechaun in the house?

After the introduction of future *District leaders* on the Sunday, and closing remarks by the World President's representative and the District Governor, the conference will close at 1.00pm. Lunch will be available for those who order it, and they can either consume it there or take it with them if they want to get on the road. The alternative, of course, is to stay for a few days and explore a part of the district that not many will have seen. There are some local tours available on the Saturday afternoon, but attendees may wish to see other things, including the Macquarie Marshes, which are about 100kms to the north-west of Warren.

For more information, visit the District Website [www.rotary9670.org.au](http://www.rotary9670.org.au)

Stephen Jackson,  
Conference Chairman

Conference  
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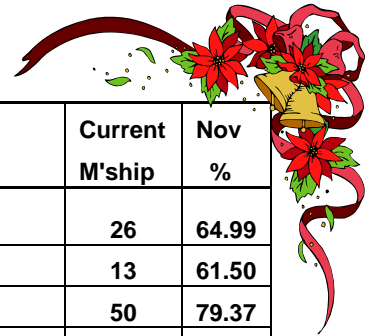
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## Attendance: November



CLUB	Current M'ship	Nov %	CLUB	Current M'ship	Nov %
ADAMSTOWN/NEW LAMBTON	28	74.3	MYALL COAST	26	64.99
BELMONT	25	82.40	NARROMINE	13	61.50
BENNETTS GREEN	0	0.00	NELSON BAY	50	79.37
BOURKE	19	71.00	NEWCASTLE	58	NA
CARDIFF	13	85.20	NEWCASTLE ENTERPRISE	31	73.00
CESSNOCK	32	75	NEWCASTLE SUNRISE	26	66.68
CESSNOCK WINE COUNTRY	0	0.00	NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	0	NA
CHARLESTOWN	38	79.81	NYNGAN	0	NA
COBAR	14	75	PATERSON	16	61
DENMAN	0	0.00	RAYMOND TERRACE	0	NA
DUBBO	23	83.70	RUTHERFORD / TELARAH	30	76.29
DUBBO MACQUARIE	20	NA	RYLSTONE / KANDOS	0	0.00
DUBBO SOUTH	43	81.43	SALAMANDER BAY	0	NA
DUBBO WEST	45	60.98	SCONE	9	NA
DUNGOG	0	0.00	SINGLETON	46	85
EAST MAITLAND	45	NA	SINGLETON ON HUNTER	0	0.00
KURRI KURRI	14	94.07	TORONTO	0	0.00
MAITLAND	36	78.33	TORONTO SUNRISE	37	48.63
MAITLAND SUNRISE	0	0.00	WALLSEND / MARYLAND	0	NA
MERRIWA	0	0.00	WARATAH	19	81.25
MORISSET	0	0.00	WARNERS BAY	0	NA
MUDGEES	23	NA	WARREN	0	NA
MUDGEES SUNRISE	25	79	WELLINGTON	0	NA
MURRURUNDI	0	NA	WILLIAMTOWN	0	NA
MUSWELLBROOK	21	76			

*Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year to all  
Hunter Rotarians*

