

# District Governor's

## D9670



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### Message from the DG

Don writes

As February is World Understanding Month it may be a good time to pause and reflect on some of the international projects of Rotary Clubs in our district. There are many and this was highlighted in reports to the meeting of Eastern Region RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) held in Dubbo on 7th February as well as in my discussions with club members.

Examples are, refurbishing of an orphanage in Indonesia by RC of Morisset, building of a school and associated structures in Cambodia by RC Dubbo, continuing work in PNG and Solomons by Salamander Bay and East Maitland, provision of medical facilities to Timor Leste by Dubbo South (proposed). Although these projects have a sponsoring club, rotarians from any club or district can join the work parties as can non-rotarians. There are many more similar projects being implemented by clubs all of which lead to Building Communities, Bridging Continents.

During my visits to clubs I have been supporting the theme of International President Ray Klinginsmith of the need for change and modernizing of Rotary. I don't expect that change will happen overnight and I don't expect that we need to change the basic core values of Rotary. At the same time I believe we need to look at Rotary through the eyes of our clients and our clients are our potential new members, the corporates we approach for support and the public who participate in our programs and activities and support us in fund raising. We need to show ourselves as "with it" and "up to date" if we are to gain the support of our communities and at the same time we need to respect some worthy traditions.

The core values named in the Rotary International Strategic Plan are: Service, Integrity, Diversity, Leadership and Fellowship. Young people prefer the word Networking to our word Fellowship but it matters little which is used. To quote RI President Ray he says "Both words lead to lasting friendships in our clubs, which keep us together between projects and which make Rotary membership truly priceless. Friendship is clearly the most essential element of Rotary's DNA".

What better way to enhance this friendship than to attend the District Conference to meet up with old friends and meet new ones. I extend a special invitation to new members, presidents and presidents-elect to attend the Saturday breakfast at the conference to hear a great speaker from USA in DG Tim Parker from District 5520. Sunday morning Australian Rotary Health breakfast will also be worth putting on your registration.

Information on the Rotary Club Golf Championship has just been sent to clubs and information on the bowls will follow. (Also see district website) If your club has increased membership by 3 (small clubs) or 5 (big clubs) you have until 28th Feb to nominate a member for free conference registration.

For those who are thinking of attending the International Convention in New Orleans in May I ask you to refer to last month's newsletter. It is a great way for Presidents Elect to get a step up for their year.

I had promised some news on change of district boundaries by now but this is still ongoing. I will put out a special newsletter when a final decision is made.

Meanwhile keep on building Bigger, Better and Bolder Rotary Clubs in D9670.

**WE NEED THEM AND SO DOES YOUR COMMUNITY!**

Your Friend in Rotary

Don Stephens  
DG 2010-11





Almost half of the Australian population (45.5%) experience mental illness at some point in their lifetime

Everyone is invited to this important

# One-day Mental Health Seminar

'It's about moving towards healthy mental health'

*Providing targeted information from nine skilled professionals for everyone, including the young, the elderly, carers and those who just want information about mental health issues. The team is led by:*

**Mr Craig Hamilton**  
ABC Newcastle and [beyondblue](#) ambassador

**Professor Mike Hazelton**  
Professor of Mental Health, University of Newcastle

**Doctor Frances Kay-Lambkin**  
Hunter Medical Research Institute

This event is **FREE** and a light lunch is provided.

## Soldiers Point Bowling Club

10.00 am to 4.00 pm

**Saturday 26 March 2011**

(register from 9.30 am)

*Further information?*  
**Call Alan on 4981 5225**



Another community project of the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay proudly supported and assisted by [beyondblue: the national depression initiative](#); the Greater Building Society; and Soldiers Point Bowling Club



**Let the Good Times Roll**

at the

## **2011 Rotary International Convention.**



**NEW ORLEANS USA**

**21-25 MAY 2011**

The District has received early copies of the following (only 10 available)

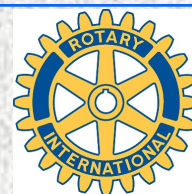
Convention Invitation and Information sheet.  
Registration and Ticket Order Form.  
Host Event Order Form.  
Hotel Reservation Form

If you would like a copy of these forms please contact PDG Alex McHarg by email ([alexander.mcharg@bigpond.com](mailto:alexander.mcharg@bigpond.com)) with your mail address for delivery for delivery through the postal service.

For the most up to date information on the Convention visit the Rotary International web site.  
[www.rotary.org/convention](http://www.rotary.org/convention)



## Rotary District 9670 Foundation Raffle.



***Time is Running out***

The District Foundation Raffle will be one of the major fundraisers for our District Foundation this year. **If all tickets are sold the Foundation will raise in excess of \$70,000.**

**1<sup>st</sup> - \$3000 worth of travel from Harvey World Travel Toronto,**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - \$1600 worth of Appliances from The Good Guys, Warners Bay or  
\$1600 worth of goods from Astley's Plumbing and Hardware, Dubbo and**

**3<sup>rd</sup> - 12 bottles of quality Peterson's wines.**

***Tickets are to be sold by 28 February 2011  
Cheques made payable to : Rotary District 9670 Foundation Committee.***

***Cheques. Stubbs and unsold tickets to  
P.O. Box 992 Warners Bay 2282***

This year, funds from the sale of Raffle Tickets will accrue Foundation Points for Clubs. That is, for every \$US1000 of tickets sold, a Paul Harris Recognition can be awarded. What a great opportunity, particularly for smaller Clubs to earn these points and reward the Service above Self of a fellow Rotarian or community member.

One of the great honours we can bestow on a Rotarian is to award a Paul Harris Recognition and the only way a club is entitled to make this award is to donate \$US1,000 to RI. In every Club and community there is a special person, who more than deserves this award. We now have an opportunity to raise these funds without interfering with our regular club fundraising activities.

Additional books are available and the returning date for the tickets is not until 28 February 2011.  
Prizes will be drawn at our District Conference at Dubbo in March, 2011

If your Club needs additional books, or merchandising posters please contact me at

[pmraynor@bigpond.com.au](mailto:pmraynor@bigpond.com.au) or at any time on 0416 082270

Thank you for supporting the Rotary Foundation

**A.G. Peter Raynor  
District Foundation Raffle Committee**



## Group Study Exchange

### Team Preparing for Texas and New Mexico



The Group Study Exchange team is well prepared for their upcoming exchange to Texas/ New Mexico in April 2011. The team consists of Darcy Geale, Rotary Club of Nelson Bay as the Team Leader and the team comprises Melissa Hayes, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Newcastle Sunrise, Rhianna Foord, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Newcastle, Ed Nixon sponsored by the Rotary Club of Warren, and Mary Anne Crawford, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise. the team is looking forward very much to a very busy and exciting schedule.

Helen Ryan  
GSE Chair D9670

The team are from L to R  
Melissa Hayes, the Rotary Club of Newcastle Sunrise, Darcy Geale, Team Leader, the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay, Mary-Anne Crawford, the Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise, Ed Nixon, the Rotary Club of Warren, Rhianna Foord, the Rotary Club of Newcastle







## NEWS UPDATE



....ROMAC .....

“the dream to reality”

The Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children's Mission Statement" to provide medical treatment for children from developing countries and/or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country "was full filled here at the John Hunter Hospital Newcastle in September.

A team of surgeons and medical staff from the John Hunter Hospital provided surgical treatment for Inosensia Abuk (17) and Martin Martin (15) free of charge to remove life threatening tumours in both their jaws.

I have just returned from West Timor with the surgeon Dr Bob Sillar who originally found Inosensia and Martin in Halilulik. It was amazing to see the girls 5 month on after their operations. Their operation sites have healed with very little scarring and no swelling. Their smiles reflex the wonderful work of ROMAC changing children's lives and giving them a brighter future. Both girls have returned to school and are studying hard and hope to become nurses.

I would like to acknowledge the support of District 9670 and Novocastrians for their enthusiasm and commitment in bringing about a brighter future for Inosensia and Martin. They have no words to express their gratitude and feel very privilege to have been giving a second change.

Thank you ROMAC

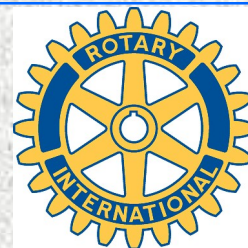
Lyn Thorpe  
Rotary Club of Newcastle Sunrise







## Do You Want to Make Your Mark on Medical Research?



The Global Financial Crisis has left its mark on health and medical research funding agencies around the world. Local disasters such as recent droughts, cyclones, floods and bushfires also have an effect.

However, thanks to the dedication of a number of Rotary Clubs and Districts around the country, Australian Rotary Health is pleased to announce that its Funding Partner program continues to grow from strength to strength, despite its supporters many competing priorities.

This year Australian Rotary Health is delighted to welcome 12 new PhD scholars into its Funding Partner program. Researching topics as diverse as epilepsy, cancer, motor neuron disease and depression, these scholars are providing vital new insights into a number of health and medical fields important to Rotarians.

Now in its ninth year, Australian Rotary Health's Funding Partner PhD program provides a tax-free stipend of \$29,000 a year to a researcher who is conducting a study into a particular area of health. The field of choice is determined by the Rotary Club who sponsors the research project, allowing Rotarians even more influence over how their donation is spent.

If there is a field of health research that your Club or District would like to support, or if you would like to find out more about our Funding Partners program, please contact the Australian Rotary Health's Research Officer.

**Kelly-Anne Martinez**

kellymartinez@australianrotaryhealth.org.au  
02 8837 1900



### Australian Rotary Health Charity Golf Day

#### District 9670 Inter Club Challenge

All funds raised will go towards Australian Rotary Health



Venue: Dubbo Golf Course, Newell Highway Dubbo

Date: Friday 18th March 2011 RSVP: 11th March 2011

Tee off: 10 am (9 OR 18 holes)

Registration: 9:30 am

Format: Two Man Ambrose

Individual players: \$ 30 per person (18 holes)

\$ 20 per person (9 holes)

**Numbers are limited  
so please confirm  
your booking as  
soon as possible.**



Name/Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Please tick holes to be played: ☐ 18 holes ☐ 9 holes

Contact Ph: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Player (1): \_\_\_\_\_ Player (2): \_\_\_\_\_

Player (3): \_\_\_\_\_ Player (4): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Payment Options

1. If mailing, please send your cheque to Chris Boswell PO Box 166 Hamilton NSW 2303
2. OR fax this form with your credit card payment to 02 49 62 5102
3. OR EFT payments to XXXXXXXXXXXX

If paying by credit card (please TICK one) ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard

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For any queries please contact:

**Bob Urry** from Newcastle Rotary Club on **0417496669**

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

CLUB	Current M'ship	Jan %	Jan RANK
ADAMSTOWN/NEW LAMBTON	0	0	#N/A
BELMONT	11	81.81	9
BENNETTS GREEN	28	71.42	16
BOURKE	0	0	#N/A
CARDIFF	38	85.29	5
CESSNOCK	0	0	#N/A
CESSNOCK WINE COUNTRY	17	95	3
CHARLESTOWN	23	70.65	17
COBAR	21	80	10
DENMAN	42	70.63	18
DUBBO	45	84.84	7
DUBBO MACQUARIE	0	0	#N/A
DUBBO SOUTH	0	0	#N/A
DUBBO WEST	41	100	1
DUNGOG	0	0	#N/A
EAST MAITLAND	0	0	#N/A
KURRI KURRI	0	0	#N/A
MAITLAND	0	0	#N/A
MAITLAND SUNRISE	25	69	19
MERRIWA	23	65	21
MORISSET	0	0	#N/A
MUDGEE	0	0	#N/A
MUDGEE SUNRISE	23	77.62	13
MURRURUNDI	0	0	#N/A
MUSWELLBROOK	61	85.2	6
MYALL COAST	57	56.25	25
NARROMINE	0	0	#N/A
NELSON BAY	26	61.54	22
NEWCASTLE	0	0	#N/A
NEWCASTLE ENTERPRISE	0	0	#N/A
NEWCASTLE SUNRISE	18	52	26
NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	0	0	#N/A
NYNGAN	0	0	#N/A
PATERSON	14	57	24
RAYMOND TERRACE	0	0	#N/A
RUTHERFORD / TELARAH	9	94	4
RYLSTONE / KANDOS	39	73	15
SALAMANDER BAY	0	0	#N/A
SCONE	40	61.38	23
SINGLETON	28	69	19
SINGLETON ON HUNTER	0	0	#N/A
TORONTO	18	82.2	8
TORONTO SUNRISE	0	0	#N/A
WALLSEND / MARYLAND	0	0	#N/A
WARATAH	33	100	2
WARNERS BAY	18	80	10
WARREN	0	0	#N/A
WELLINGTON	0	0	#N/A
WILLIAMTOWN	0	0	#N/A

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CARDIFF	38	85.29	5
MUSWELLBROOK	61	85.2	6
DUBBO	45	84.84	7
TORONTO	18	82.2	8
BELMONT	11	81.81	9
COBAR	21	80	10
WARNERS BAY	18	80	10
MUDGEE SUNRISE	23	77.62	13
RYLSTONE / KANDOS	39	73	15
BENNETTS GREEN	28	71.42	16
CHARLESTOWN	23	70.65	17
DENMAN	42	70.63	18
MAITLAND SUNRISE	25	69	19
SINGLETON	28	69	19
MERRIWA	23	65	21
NELSON BAY	26	61.54	22
SCONE	40	61.38	23
PATERSON	14	57	24
MYALL COAST	57	56.25	25
NEWCASTLE SUNRISE	18	52	26
ADAMSTOWN/NEW LAMBTON	0	0	#N/A
BOURKE	0	0	#N/A
CESSNOCK	0	0	#N/A
DUBBO MACQUARIE	0	0	#N/A
DUBBO SOUTH	0	0	#N/A
DUNGOG	0	0	#N/A
EAST MAITLAND	0	0	#N/A
KURRI KURRI	0	0	#N/A
MAITLAND	0	0	#N/A
MORISSET	0	0	#N/A
MUDGEE	0	0	#N/A
MURRURUNDI	0	0	#N/A
NARROMINE	0	0	#N/A
NEWCASTLE	0	0	#N/A
NEWCASTLE ENTERPRISE	0	0	#N/A
NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	0	0	#N/A
NYNGAN	0	0	#N/A
RAYMOND TERRACE	0	0	#N/A
SALAMANDER BAY	0	0	#N/A
SINGLETON ON HUNTER	0	0	#N/A
TORONTO SUNRISE	0	0	#N/A
WALLSEND / MARYLAND	0	0	#N/A
WARREN	0	0	#N/A
WELLINGTON	0	0	#N/A
WILLIAMTOWN	0	0	#N/A

## From the Editor's Keyboard

Welcome to the 8th (February) edition of the District Governor's Newsletter for 2010—2011.

March is fast approaching and so is the Annual Conference at Dubbo, the "Spirit of the Bush". The conference is set to be a cracker of an event with a whole host of exceptional speakers that will motivate and entertain. For more information on the list of speakers please visit the D9670 website.

Tim Holmes our attendance numbers guru has asked that all attendance figures be forwarded to his email address and not Gareth Howells. His email address is [timholmes50@yahoo.com.au](mailto:timholmes50@yahoo.com.au). He has a new computer now and finds he has more leisure time available due to no longer needing to feed the coal into the steam driven PC he was using. Well done Tim!

By now, quite a few members would be getting District Conference Newsletters in their email box. These will be sent out on a weekly basis and have been compiled by Geoff Smith from Narromine, so if you get one, please pass this on to the other members of your club for their information.

Until next month, yours in rotary;

**Peter Judd**

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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.







## **“ Phase Out of World Community Service ”**

***By Ryan Hyland***

***Rotary International News -- 29  
December 2010***

The World Community Service and Rotary Volunteers programs will be phased out by 30 June to reinforce the priorities and goals of the RI Strategic Plan and to shift from a program-based model to a resource and support model.

The goal of this new model, approved by the RI Board at its November meeting, is to expand the resources available to clubs for connecting and partnering with each other.

"A significant component of Rotary's new strategic plan is the transformation of Rotary's involvement from monitoring, regulating, and administering specific projects to functioning in a highly supportive mode of providing clubs and districts with essential resources in their international service," says RI Director Kenneth W. Grabeau.

***RI Director Kenneth W. Grabeau, 2010-12, USA***

The World Community Service program has helped Rotarians find partners for international service projects. RI will continue to fully support Rotarians in their efforts to serve communities in other countries.

While recognizing the importance of Rotary Volunteers, the Board supported an approach to volunteerism that would provide guidance and resources to a greater number of Rotarians, clubs, and districts. Rotarians are encouraged to include volunteers on service projects, both locally and abroad.

"The primary benefits of this evolution are a greater focus on club and district service, enhanced resources in the development of sustainable and more significant projects, and the development of cooperative relationships between and among the participating parties," Grabeau says.

## **“What about RAWCS?”**

***From: Susan Schneider (Supervisor, International Service Programs, R.I.)***

***Sent: Thursday, 27 January 2011 5:57 AM***

***To: Rob Wylie***

***Subject: RE: World Community Service***

Since many Australian Rotary clubs work through Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) to support international service projects, the phase out of RI's World Community Service program will have little to no effect on them. It will have no effect on Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS); since RAWCS is an independent activity managed by Rotary districts in Australia, the group can continue to operate as always.

International service projects are the heart of Rotary, and RI will continue to support Rotarians in their efforts to partner on service initiatives. Unfortunately, we do not have any documentation that we can share with you regarding the new framework as it is in the earliest stages of development. Resources currently offered to clubs will be reviewed and those that are working, such as ProjectLINK, will be enhanced to make them even more effective.

We are proud to have such dedicated Rotarians addressing the humanitarian needs of communities around the world. As we transition from administering the WCS program to rolling out the new resource and support model, we will be updating the RI website and developing new resources. In order to assist Rotarians with a smooth transition, we will begin promoting new activities and materials after the conclusion of the program. The new website information and international service resources will be widely promoted when they debut and we invite Rotary clubs in Australia to use them as needed. We look forward to sharing them with the Rotary world when they are finalized.

Kind Regards,  
Susan Schneider



*The Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise  
District 9670, Australia*

*is delighted to welcome to our District, the Group Study Exchange Team, from*

*West Texas / New Mexico D5520 USA*

*A Welcome Function is being held at*

*Club Macquarie  
458 Lake Road, Argenton*

*Tuesday 15 March 2011*

*6:30 for 7:00pm*

*\$35.00 per person*

*Rotarians, Partners, and Friends are invited to attend*

*Please RSVP to*

*Graeme Hooper [gshooper@iinet.net.au](mailto:gshooper@iinet.net.au)*

*before Monday 7 March 2011*

*"Promoting World Peace through Understanding"*

*Peter Hollingsworth  
President*

*Graeme Hooper  
GSE 2011 Welcoming Coordinator*



NSW – Waratah



Texas – Bluebonnet / New Mexico – Yucca

