

District Governor's D9670



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Message from the DG

DG Don Writes,

May is the month when a club can assess its achievements for the past year, make some strategic decisions and prepare for a smooth handover to the next president. Presidents Elect with the advantage of training from PETS and District Assembly are busy training their teams and developing their plans. We hope this is working well for your club. There have been some wonderful achievements by clubs in this district both in local communities and further afield during this year and I believe the spirit of Rotary is alive and strong in D9670.

We set out to build bigger, better, bolder clubs. Was there progress towards these ongoing goals in your club?

From reading club bulletins and receiving reports from AGs I have been very encouraged by the number of clubs that have closely examined their meeting procedures and other traditions and if changes were required were prepared to implement some changes. This of course is a long term process and a very good tool to use is the Club Visioning Program.

Congratulations to those clubs represented at the recent Membership Seminar so very successfully conducted by District Chair Wendy Hawthorne. While I was unable to attend, all reports indicate a very successful event where many new ideas were exchanged.

Membership remains a focus for this district and numbers still sit at 1174 just a slight increase on this time last year. This is below the figure required by RI to support a district. By the end of this month we will have a decision from RI on our submission regarding boundaries. I will keep you informed.

May I urge club presidents and secretaries to register new members on the RI website (and the blue book) as soon as possible after induction. This all helps to give the true numbers at any one time. Plans for two new clubs plus an e-club are also progressing well.

We are moving in to changeover time and all clubs have now informed me of the dates. PDGs have been allocated to represent me and your club will be informed in the next few days. Changeover is a time to celebrate the achievements of your club for the year. What a great opportunity to share that celebration with your community by inviting representatives to attend. Also share it with your Non-Rotarian friends.

If you are rewarding a member of your club or community with a Paul Harris be sure to get your order to Parramatta early to avoid the rush. The staff at Parramatta will do their best but cannot guarantee delivery on time if orders are received after 6th June. Keep in mind also that if you require the medallion you need to order that separately.

Awarding of a Paul Harris means a donation to The Rotary Foundation. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had every club make a donation to TRF even if it is a small one. Now is a good time to donate to the Foundation while the R.I. exchange rate is 95c for May. This means a dollar US, which donations are measured in costs only \$A95c and a PHF just \$A950.

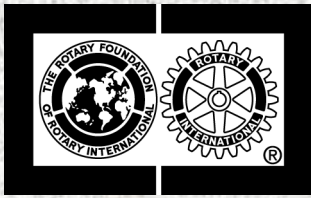
Marjorie has also been very pleased with the support for her partners program, Interplast, but would like to ask those clubs who have not yet contributed to consider this cause when allocating end of year funds. A special thank you to Nelson Bay and Charlestown who have held special meetings to support Interplast.

I am writing this message from Mexico as Marjorie and I make our way to New Orleans for the International Convention. I look forward to catching up with some of the other ten members from our district in attendance as well as being able to report back to the presidents from this great event. The final Presidents and AGs meetings will be held on 27th May (Maitland) and 29th May (Dubbo). Please contact District Secretary Malcolm Cockrum with numbers attending for catering purposes. I look forward to strong support for these meetings where all are welcome to attend. The Finance Committee and Chairs meeting will be held on Sat 28th at East Maitland.

Hearty congratulations go to Peter Raynor on being selected as District Governor for 2013-14 from a very strong field of candidates. Peter is a member of R.C. of Warners Bay and supported by wife Margaret has conducted the Foundation Raffle for the past few years. He has been Assistant Governor for Zone 6 for two years and president of his club in 2004-05. Well done Peter.

Let's keep on Building Communities and Bridging Continents and having fun while we do it.

Yours in Rotary
Don Stephens
DG 2010-11



ROTARY DISTRICT 9670 FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Inc.

INC9881998

Governor: 2010-11 Don Stephens, RC of Dubbo west Inc.

Chairman: PP Gerard McMillan, RC of Singleton Inc.

Secretary: PP Bob Thomas, RC of Mudgee Sunrise Inc.

OPEN LETTER TO ALL DISTRICT 9670 ROTARIANS

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Charity owned by all Rotarians

Now is an excellent time to take advantage of the strong Australian Dollar. In recent years our dollar would buy us less than a dollar US. In May due to the Rotary Exchange rate we can buy US\$1.05. This makes your contribution to the Rotary Foundation work even harder.

Tax deductible donations for individuals can be made through the Australian Rotary Foundation Trust, just make your cheque payable to the Australian Rotary Foundation Trust and forward it to; -

The Rotary Foundation
RI SPPO
PO Box 1415
Parramatta NSW 2124

These donations go into the Annual Programs Fund and form part of the District Designated Fund available for District use in 3 years time. And a major change to the District Designated Fund in 3 years is that 50% of this fund will be available for District Simplified Grants, up from the current 20%.

The other way of giving to The Rotary Foundation is to donate to the Permanent Fund. It is only the earnings of the Permanent Fund which are used so your donation goes on working in perpetuity. You can become a District 9670 Immortal with a 'one of' donation of AU\$100 to the Permanent Fund, or by becoming a Rotary Foundation benefactor.

And a reminder to all Clubs that again the District TRF Committee has issued a challenge to Clubs to contribute to the Gate's Polio Challenge. The TRF Committee will match Club donations to PolioPlus from the District Designated Fund up to a total amount for the District of \$25,000.

If you require any further information, or some one to talk to your Club on the above please contact a member of the District TRF Committee or the undersigned.

Yours in Rotary service,

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Rotary Club of Dubbo West Inc
Proudly Presents

An Evening with James Squire Of “Tales and Ales”

Wednesday
17th August
7pm to 10.30pm

An entertaining evening
with the makers of the
world famous James
Squire range of beers.

Match your favourite
style of beer with the
perfect accompaniment
in our sumptuous 6
courses of canapés.

Fabulous door prizes
and great entertainment.

Free soft drinks to all
designated drivers.

Special sneak preview
of the new
“150 Lashes Pale Ale”

\$35 per head includes
beer tasting.

Please book early as
seats are strictly lim-
ited to 200 maximum.

All monies payable to
Rotary Club of Dubbo
West Inc
BSB 032646
Acct 224472
Westpac Dubbo
Ref Surname, Beer Night

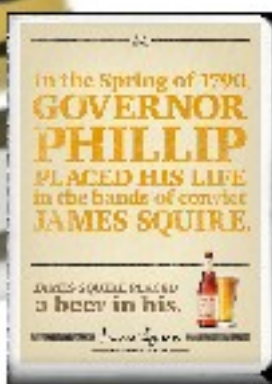
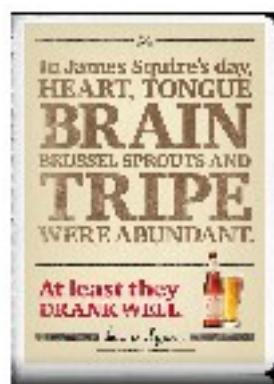
No ticket sales on the night.

Contact Peter Judd
0437 847 263
pljudd@yahoo.com.au

Accommodation packages

Big 4 Parklands Dubbo - 10% discount
with free courtesy bus to and from event.
Ph 1800 033 072 and mention beer night.

Macquarie Inn—10% discount
Ph 6884 1955 and mention beer night





Mental Health: **the attention it deserves**



In a move that has mental health experts and supporters around the country rejoicing, this year's Federal Budget has allocated a much needed 1.5 billion towards mental health. Much of this funding is going towards direct service initiatives and it is great to see our country's decision makers highlighting the importance of mental health and the impact mental illness has on our society. However, despite the boost in funding, mental health remains a big problem. The World Health Organisation states that by 2020 depression will be the leading cause of disability worldwide. Bringing mental health issues into the spotlight is helping, but more needs to be done to prevent and effectively manage a wide range of mental disorders and illnesses.

Australian Rotary Health has long been an ambassador for mental health. We've directed more than \$26 million towards health research since 1981 and now we're focusing on the mental health of young people to help reduce the burden of debilitating and costly mental disorders.

You can make a difference by donating today to help improve the mental health of Australia's young people. It's devastating to know that today, more than one in four people aged between 12 and 25 will be affected by a mental problem in any given year. In fact, it is estimated that approximately 750,000 young people's mental health needs are not currently being met. These young people are our future and deserve the support that research can provide.

To find out more about our research or to donate, please visit www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au or call 02 8837 1900.

New Rotary Song to benefit the fight against polio.

Mudgee Sunrise Rotarians Bill Avery and Dave Miles have used their vast musical talent to write and produce a new song for Rotary. The CD was launched at the recent Rotary District 9670 Conference in Dubbo and proceeds of sales will go to Rotary Foundation for the fight against polio.... a cause about which they are both very passionate. The song was recorded in Dave's Sun Power Studios in the Totness Valley just 1/2 hour outside Mudgee. Shortly visitors will be able to listen to the song by clicking on the link at Sun Power Studios. The words are also available by clicking on the Rotary Song tab of this site.

Order requests can be emailed to
Bill Avery at billsbusiness@westnet.com.au.

Cost is \$10.00,

proceeds to Rotary Foundation.



I'm a Rotarian

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

CLUB	Current M'ship	APRIL %	RANK
ADAMSTOWN/NEW LAMBTON	30	89.6	4
BELMONT	25	78.5	10
BENNETTS GREEN	0	0	#N/A
BOURKE	0	0	#N/A
CARDIFF	11	90.9	3
CESSNOCK	30	71.15	20
CESSNOCK WINE COUNTRY	0	0	#N/A
CHARLESTOWN	0	0	#N/A
COBAR	14	62.8	27
DENMAN	17	91	2
DUBBO	22	81.82	6
DUBBO MACQUARIE	21	86.7	5
DUBBO SOUTH	43	75.97	15
DUBBO WEST	46	66.78	24
DUNGOG	0	0	#N/A
EAST MAITLAND	45	71	21
KURRI KURRI	15	77	12
MAITLAND	0	0	#N/A
MAITLAND SUNRISE	0	0	#N/A
MERRIWA	0	0	#N/A
MORISSET	27	72	19
MUDGEE	0	0	#N/A
MUDGEE SUNRISE	23	81	7
MURRURUNDI	0	0	#N/A
MUSWELLBROOK	21	59	30
MYALL COAST	24	70	23
NARROMINE	13	57.6	31
NELSON BAY	60	80.96	8
NEWCASTLE	58	60	29
NEWCASTLE ENTERPRISE	31	63	26
NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	23	77	13
NEWCASTLE SUNRISE	27	60.19	28
NYNGAN	0	0	#N/A
PATERSON	18	78	11
RAYMOND TERRACE	0	0	#N/A
RUTHERFORD / TELARAH	30	92.06	1
RYLSTONE / KANDOS	0	0	#N/A
SALAMANDER BAY	25	73.6	16
SCONE	0	0	#N/A
SINGLETON	40	73	17
SINGLETON ON HUNTER	24	71	22
TORONTO	40	63.72	25
TORONTO SUNRISE	28	57.1	32
WALLSEND / MARYLAND	0	0	#N/A
WARATAH	19	79.2	9
WARNERS BAY	0	0	#N/A
WARREN	0	0	#N/A
WELLINGTON	35	72.8	18
WILLIAMTOWN	18	77	14

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BELMONT	25	78.5	10
PATERSON	18	78	11
KURRI KURRI	15	77	12
NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	23	77	13
WILLIAMTOWN	18	77	14
DUBBO SOUTH	43	75.97	15
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WARNERS BAY	0	0	#N/A
WARREN	0	0	#N/A

From the Editor's Keyboard

Welcome to the 11th (May) edition of the District Governor's Newsletter for 2010—2011.

Time is drawing to a close for this Rotary year and we all look forward to the incoming committees for the next year. On behalf of all club Rotarians I would like to thanks all of the very hard working committees that have put in such a fantastic effort over the last 12 months. They have built up a solid foundation for the incoming members to strengthen and add to.

By now for all of those clubs who have current inbound Exchange Students would be starting the process of goodbyes as they prepare for their journey's back to their homes. I wish them all the best and a safe return trip. Looking to the future we will now start the process all over again as we find out which clubs are to host the next batch of inbound students.

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.





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.

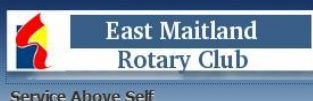
Games are planned for the Hunter Valley on Fri 4 November and at Maitland on Sunday 6th November.

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-duo@bigpond.net.au, Trevor Holden trevorholden15@gmail.com or Paul Murray pandkmurray2@bigpond.com to register your interest.

To find out more about the Rotary Cricketing fellowship check out our website www.rotarycricket.org



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,...

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E mail earlemorris@gmail.com





www.hatday.com.au

Hat Day

for Mental Health Research



Hat Day Newsletter - May 2011

HAT DAY TAKES OFF!

Lots and lots of Hat Days have been held and there are a lot more to come. Tasmania (D9830) will be having one next October at the Health and Wellbeing Expo in Ulverstone.

We have had hat functions and events at travel agencies, pharmacies, tourist bureaus, councils, libraries, a casino, an Australian Tax Office and of course all those Rotary club events - hat club meetings, hat fashion parades, hat theatre night and hat book sales. I am sure there are lot more—so tell me about them and send photographs wherever possible.

Sydney made a big effort and held their main event in Martin Place right in the heart of the CBD. Sydney City Council was very accommodating, making the amphitheatre available at minimal cost. Anaconda provided gazebos; Camden Hire the barriers tables and chairs, plus the big stage gazebo. Akubra gave four \$250 vouchers as hat prizes. Rotarians and non-Rotarians made up the bump-in and bump-out crews and the collectors. The NSW Fire Brigade offered a Fire Engine and a team of Brigade members to also act as collectors. Caii-Michelle Gordon (a member of the RC of Sydney CBD) provided vocals and dancers.



Britney Shipway took time of school to do some solo numbers and then a duet with Caii-Michelle. The renown hip-hop group *Royalty Crew* entertained with a very athletic display. John Burgess of *Wheel of Fortune* fame put in an appearance as did TV weather man Mike Bailey and Miss Helena from "Playschool".

Some magnificent colour was added by contingents of *Red Hat* ladies from around Sydney. There was even a Rotarian clown (Ted Sheedy).

There were some tense moments when the paper hat record attempt seemed as though it might fall short of numbers, but MC John Flower and Co-ordinator Terry Davies soon had sales of paper hats bubbling along and after ten minutes (Guinness requirement), the time keeper gave the thumbs up for new record - beating the old record by 51.

Sydney threw out the challenge to the rest of Australia - try and break our record. So let me know what you have done or are planning to do.

Thanks for all your support for research into mental health.

Dick White

Chairman Hat Day



**INVITATION BY
ROTARY CLUB OF
CESSNOCK
THURSDAY JUNE 9, 2011**

**AN INTERNATIONAL NIGHT CELEBRATING
PROJECTS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

**VENUE: Potters Tavern, Wine Country Drive Cessnock
Thursday June 9 TIME: 7.00 pm COST: \$20.00/head**

**GUEST SPEAKER: MR CHARLES LEPANI
PNG HIGH COMMISSIONER TO AUST**

INCLUSIONS:

- ✦ PROJECT DISPLAYS
- ✦ RAFFLE
- ✦ BUY A PLACEMAT.
- ✦ BUY A TROPICAL PLANT.
- ✦ LEARN A DANCE TO PNG MUSIC.
- ✦ ENJOY FINGER FOOD WITH A PNG FLAVOUR.

Dress : As tropical as you wish. (Perhaps a frangipani flower in the button hole or hair clip.)

**This is a fundraising night to aid Teachers
Assist Kokoda projects.**

