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# District Governor's Newsletter



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## Message from the DG

Hello, every one!

With November being Rotary Foundation Month, it is with pleasure that I can say that the Rotary year just gone saw a truly tremendous effort by Clubs in our District for supporting the Foundation. I've been sent some material to congratulate some Clubs on their fine work in donating to the End Polio Now campaign. I've asked PDG Don and Foundation Chair Gerard to be involved in the recognition of those Clubs – so names will come next time!

This past week saw a special start early to the month with World Polio Day on 24 October. It was good to see the Press has picked up on this, and even though the Sydney Morning Herald article was written by PM Julia Gillard and Bill Gates, Rotary got a very good mention. As well as being very close to eradicating Polio, Rotary is very close to meeting the \$200 million challenge, and will do so seven or eight months ahead of schedule. Well done, Rotarians!

Last year, then DG Don set a District target of \$100,000, and the contributions flowed in. The target was well and truly surpassed, so this year I (with the backing of the District Foundation Committee) have set the bar even higher – let's try for \$150,000! Apart from the End Polio Now campaign, there are many other ways of contributing to the Foundation – best way to learn about all this is to attend the Foundation Seminar. Invitations have gone out to Clubs, but I would encourage everybody who can to come. There is one on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> November at Singleton, and then another on 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2012 in Dubbo. And at both seminars, you can be inspired by the great humanitarian work that is done by our Rotary Foundation.

Steve and I have really enjoyed our "outings" with Clubs – the official visit program is now almost complete. The hospitality shown to us has been most humbling. There are so many inspiring projects that District Rotarians are working on, some involving on-going commitment to make a difference to the local environment, the many RAWCS (Rotary Australian World Community Service) projects, and to the assistance given to children via Club members in a reading program, or providing breakfasts, or creating skate-parks, or . . . the list could last many pages! I have asked that Clubs send in to our Newsletter Editor, Nora, a description and a few photos – how we can inspire others through our stories!

Cheers to all,

*Janette.*

### Special note

In the course of the official visits, I have asked Club officers to ensure that the Club constitution is up-to-date with the latest official RI version. I have been very pleased in the conscientious way that those officers have engaged in "good governance". Now is the time for Clubs to have their AGM's, to comply with our responsibilities under incorporation, and one important thing is to elect a Club President for 2012-3. I have a plea – could that information be sent to DGE Greg Bowen at [fambow@tpg.com.au](mailto:fambow@tpg.com.au).

And for current Club Presidents – PLEASE remember the District Special General Meeting, of which you have already been notified. This is to comply with the reporting requirements for the District to lodge the necessary return to Department of Fair Trading. The magic date by which your vote should be sent is Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December.



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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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## **RYCAGS 2011 Camp** **Rotary Club of Narromine Inc.** **Post 2011 Camp Report**

The Rotary Youth Crops, Agronomy, Grain and Seed (RYCAGS) Camp conducted by the Rotary Club of Narromine Inc. was held at Narromine from Sunday 23 October 2011 to Friday 28 October 2011. Thirty students were accommodated, and nourished, at the Narromine Showground by Rotarians and their partners from the Rotary food van. The students participated in a variety of activities including a visit to two farms, machinery retailers, a cattle feed lot, a research station and witnessed grain grading, cleaning, storage, weighing and transport operations. A tungsten points manufacturer, crop insurance and crop financing was explained to the students. Five agronomists explained and demonstrated various aspects of agronomy including the role of an agronomist, hybrid seed breeding, genetic modification in crops and agriculture of the future. This was a full on camp enhancing many activities associated with grain and seed.

The social side was also busy with a survival exercise, trivia and games night and a get-to-know you activity. A formal dinner was held at the USMC and an award winning farmer was the guest speaker.

The aim of the camp was to show students, on -site the operations of cropping and to have explained the techniques of farming with a view to a career path after leaving high school. If one student settles on tertiary education or a career stimulated from this camp, then we have done our job.

Flat Chat News (Narromine paper) and Western Magazine were in attendance for stories and interviews. Both took several photos. The LAND and other newspapers will be provided editorial and photos.

The co-operation of businesses in supporting the camp was very encouraging and several businesses provided hours and staff to explain their operations to the students. Costs were defrayed from sponsorships, many of whom were also presenters. Some sponsorship is in hand and we have ensured the program will continue for the next two years. The students embraced the program and took in a wealth of knowledge. Their eyes were opened at the enormity of some operations and the figures quoted especially in relation to tonnage of grain bought, sold and transported.

The compatibility of the group was amazing. Respect for property, Rotarians, presenters, etc., was paramount and it could not be faulted. The behaviour of the group was good. The next camp will be re-structured in accordance with the cropping process and some trips will be shortened. Maybe another farm will be added to the camp. Nominations from schools with RYCAGS 2011 students are being taken on a waiting list as from this date.

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## What strategies can a Rotary Club use to develop ideas for future direction?

At this time of the year, Rotary Clubs are starting to think about their Annual General Meetings, election of officers and how much has been achieved since the change over dinner in June. Now is perhaps also the time to think about the continuing directions for the Club as moves into 2012.

One strategy that has proved useful to many Clubs, provided they have thought through its implementation, is Rotary Club Vision Facilitation. Our Rotary District is very fortunate in having an active Rotary Club Vision Facilitation team. This team has been involved in over 15 events at Clubs. It has even re-visited Clubs who undertook the Vision Facilitation in 2009.

Comments from Rotarians who have participated include:

- This gave us a broader understanding of fellow members' thoughts.
- Enjoyable and thought provoking evening!
- It gives a realisation of our needs to project our Club into the future.
- I really did not want to attend tonight – came just to make up the numbers – but I have been surprised at how rewarding this has been for me personally. I had fun!
- Could not believe that we could achieve so much in 4 hours.

Each member of the team has been trained as a facilitator and has undertaken as part of this training to comply with the requirements of Rotary Club Vision Facilitation. The event takes up to 4 hours, sometimes it can be achieved in about 30 minutes less.

Some Rotarians have complained about the length of time it takes. But have you taken into account of how long people readily agree to cook at a BBQ or participate in a certain program – many of which take much more than 4 hours. The 4 hours expended in Rotary Club Vision Facilitation really does reap extraordinary benefits for the Club well into the future.

If your Club is interested in being involved contact either Pam Wellham, Chair person, Rotary Club Vision Facilitation team for Rotary District 9670 ([pwe12476@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pwe12476@bigpond.net.au) or 0437 479 886) or Wilma Simmons, Vision Coordinator ([wilmasimmons@hotmail.com](mailto:wilmasimmons@hotmail.com)). A couple of members of the Vision team can attend any Rotary meeting to give an overview of the process for members – the Board can then decide for further involvement (or otherwise).

Now is a good time to book in dates for 2012 – it is never too early to claim the credit for your Club's Rotary Club Vision Facilitation.

Pam Wellham

Chair, Rotary Club Vision Facilitation Rotary District 9670



## How can you help improve Indigenous health?

Even in an age where a person can receive basic medical treatment over the phone, Australia's Indigenous population remain the sub group of Australians with the highest number of health problems

Members of the Indigenous population are nearly twice as likely to develop heart disease or die from a lifestyle related cancer. Diabetes is 3.5 times more common in Indigenous communities and those over the age of 18 are twice as likely to develop psychological distress than someone of non-Indigenous descent.

Almost a quarter of Australia's Indigenous population live in remote Australia, where access to medical services and facilities is limited. Further complicating matters is the fact that Indigenous Australians are known to seek out treatments from other members of the Indigenous community with whom they feel a spiritual understanding. ...Cont.





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## How can you help improve Indigenous health?

The Indigenous Health Scholarship program is a collaborative project between Australian Rotary Health, participating Rotary Clubs, the State Governments of South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria and the Australian Government.

Since 2002, Indigenous Health Scholarships have been available to encourage Indigenous students to undertake training as a health professional in areas including medicine, nursing, social work, physiotherapy, psychology and dentistry.

An Indigenous Health Scholarship valued at \$5,000 can make the world of difference to a struggling student. For a commitment of only \$2,500 per year, your Rotary club could directly help improve the health and wellbeing of Australia's Indigenous population.

If you would like to know more about this program and how you can help improve the health and education outcomes for Australia's Indigenous communities, please contact Cheryl Deguara, Programs Co-ordinator, on 02 8837 1900 or email [cheryldeguaara@australianrotaryhealth.org.au](mailto:cheryldeguaara@australianrotaryhealth.org.au).  
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## Attendance: October

CLUB	Current M'ship	October %	CLUB	Current M'ship	October %
BELMONT	25	85	NARROMINE	13	70
BENNETTS GREEN	N/A	N/A	NELSON BAY	55	79.87
BOURKE	N/A	N/A	NEWCASTLE	58	44.2
CARDIFF	13	85.2	NEWCASTLE ENTERPRISE	30	60
CESSNOCK	32	78.8	NEWCASTLE SUNRISE	25	74.99
CESSNOCK WINE COUNTRY	N/A	N/A	NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	N/A	N/A
CHARLESTOWN	39	77.8	NYNGAN		
COBAR	14	77.1	PATERSON	17	60
DENMAN	17	95	RAYMOND TERRACE	N/A	N/A
DUBBO	N/A	N/A	RUTHERFORD/TELARAH	30	77.94
DUBBO MACQUARIE	21	82.8	RYLSTONE/KANDOS	N/A	N/A
DUBBO SOUTH	43	90.7	SALAMANDER BAY	N/A	N/A
DUBBO WEST	45	70.12	SCONE	9	88
DUNGOG	N/A	N/A	SINGLETON	45	74
EAST MAITLAND	44	66.5	SINGLETON ON HUNTER	24	63.54
KURRI KURRI	13	82.69	TORONTO	37	58.32
MAITLAND	36	70.1	TORONTO SUNRISE	31	82.3
MAITLAND SUNRISE	N/A	N/A	WALLSEND/MARYLAND	N/A	N/A
MERRIWA	19	90	WARATAH	19	84.4
MORISSET	21	59	WARNERS BAY	N/A	N/A
MUDGEE	24	55	WARREN	N/A	N/A
MUDGEE SUNRISE	N/A	N/A	WELLINGTON	N/A	N/A
MURRURUNDI	N/A	N/A	WILLIAMTOWN	15	80
MUSWELLBROOK	N/A	N/A			





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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

All Rotarians and their partners are invited to the 2012 Rotary District 9670 District Conference to be held in the central western town of Warren in March, 2012.

Warren is the Heart of the Macquarie Valley, and is situated on the banks of that river 120 kilometres north-west of Dubbo and 465 kms west of Newcastle. It is a typical and quiet rural town with a population of 2200. It describes itself as the Wool and Cotton Capital of Australia. Other local produce includes wheat, oats, sorghum and maize.

District Governor Janette Jackson chose Warren as the location for the conference partly because of the hardship the local inhabitants have endured through a prolonged drought and then flood, and the possibility of an influx of Rotarians for a conference being able to introduce a much-needed economic injection of funds to the town. And going to Warren is an adventure and Thinking outside the Square! Warren Rotary Club and the local Shire Council are 100% behind the venture. The conference facilities are excellent and local businesses are involved with catering.

There are motels, hotels and caravan parks at which conference attendees can stay. Warren is used to having influxes of people for various events, and a system of "home stays" is in place to enable couples and families to stay with local residents. There are no strangers in Warren – only friends you have not yet met!

Information about accommodation and further details about the Warren District, places of interest to visit, sporting facilities and preliminary details of the conference program are posted on the District Website at:

[www.rotary9670.org.au](http://www.rotary9670.org.au)



Conference venue – Warren Sporting and Cultural Centre

