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Message from the DG



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Firstly, I'd like to mention that this is the month of Vocational Service. Many Clubs schedule Pride of Workmanship Awards for this month. I'd like to suggest that there can be other ways to highlight our important vocational Rotary roots: there could a broader award of customer service, recognition of TAFE and/or apprentices – both of these bringing families, workplace colleagues, and business people. Club members have great imaginations – perhaps a plan for 2012 could be in the making!

We've just had New Generations Month. I'd like to quote from a DG in India: "Rotary's programmes like RYLA, Rotaract, Interact, Ambassadorial Scholarship and International Youth Exchange serve to strengthen the Emotional Quotient of our young people. These programmes are aimed at developing leadership and communication skills, team work, a concern for others and most importantly, treating both success and failure with the same equanimity, appreciating the fact that a number of imponderables impinge upon and determine the outcome of an event. A positive attitude exemplifies the approach that whatever happens, it is for one's good and growth, and is the ultimate hallmark of one's strength of character.

Our clubs are one of the surprisingly few places in many communities where young people can get the chance to Interact with and be mentored by adults who they can genuinely trust, look up to, and respect.

New Generations Service, the Fifth Avenue of Service, recognises the positive chance implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding."

This certainly applies to Australia! My appreciation to the involvement of many Clubs in various youth activities at this time of the year: YEP and RYLA spring to mind, and Australia's own RYPEN. Appreciation is to be accorded to our dedicated bands of Rotarians who work hard to ensure that these programs continue with excellent opportunities.

I was able to drop in on MERV during the week just gone. MERV makes a great opportunity for men at the non-youth end of the scale! One must say "well done" to the team, and I must single out the wonderful work of PDG Tony Mackenzie – he takes the van from site to site, mostly west and north of Dubbo, on a daily basis over three weeks. He loves this jaunt, but it is a truly generous of him to make this contribution. The work of the nurses must also be commended – MERV wouldn't "work" if it weren't for them.

And now we are approaching Foundation month. Foundation is Rotary's own financial powerhouse. More will be announced about our money boxes, and our forthcoming raffle, and there's more (!): the Foundation Seminar on 12th November. An invitation to all to attend – it will give lots of information – details will follow! Keep the date in your diary!

I must also express my appreciation to all the Clubs which responded to the message about getting the SARs completed, and the RI dues paid! The District has only a small debt now, and a lot of that is from small amounts arising from calculation that are a bit askew! Nothing to worry about!

Cheers, and keep up the Rotary work!

Janette.





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Rotary District 9670

Special Club Public Relations Project Grant for 2011-2012

To assist Clubs to promote themselves and the Rotary mission in their local community, District 9670 is offering three matching grants for this year each to the value of \$500.00. These grants are competitive. The three Clubs who are judged to have the best image building projects will receive the grants.

Public image of Rotary is about what OTHER people think about Rotary. It's not about what Rotarians know about Rotary; it's what others outside Rotary think that is important!

Clubs are required to match the amount to be eligible for the District Grant and the grant can only be used for the purpose of promoting Rotary's general image and your club image in the local area.

The grant cannot be given towards funding a particular on-going project which is part of the Club's annual program or is a one-off fundraiser. The real question to be answered in looking towards eligibility for the grant is:

What can your club do to improve its image in your community?

Applications close 31 January 2012

Contact Alan Barr at alanbarr@tpg.com.au for an application form or for more information.

JOIN OUR RDU TOUR GROUP

FOR THAT SPECIAL BANGKOK CONVENTION EXPERIENCE ...

by *Bob Aitken*

Are you one of those people who have often thought about attending a Rotary Convention but then abandon the idea because no one in your Rotary club shares your enthusiasm?

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Touring with the 'RDU Team' is a sure way to guarantee plenty of Rotary fun and fellowship. We plan to have groups departing from Auckland and Sydney – led by senior staff members including Beryl Robinson, Mark Wallace, Barry Antees and me.

In recent years, Mark Wallace and I have led successful Convention tours to Birmingham, England; Montreal, Canada; and New Orleans, USA.

They have been great fun and we endeavour to provide

special Rotary experiences by arranging tour group make-up visits en route to, or in, the city of the Convention.

We are delighted to partner with Venture Holidays to promote Convention tours each year because we know the team at Venture guarantees quality and reliability with all their international tours. Leaders of the travel company are Rotarians and they know what Rotarians enjoy!

Watch for the October issue of Rotary Down Under and turn to the double page spread outlining full details of the two exciting Convention tours.

Call Adele at Venture on 1300 303 343 if you want further details.

Adele urges potential Convention patrons to book as soon as possible. These tour offers are too good to miss – and there are excellent air fares available right now!!!

• *Bob Aitken is the Executive Director of Rotary Down Under. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains and a Past Governor of District 9690, Rotary International.*



Rotary International 2012 Convention tours – hosted by Bob Aitken, Beryl Robinson, Barry Antees and Mark Wallace

Full details of the tours will be published in a double page spread in the October issue of *Rotary Down Under*, as part of our first Convention feature in 2011/12. Don't hesitate to contact me personally if you have any questions.

With thanks and best wishes,

Bob Aitken

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2011-12

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Rotary Fellowship

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It is probably fair to say that, with a few exceptions, most Rotarians know little of the extensive range of fellowships that exist in Rotary.

Rotary Fellowships started informally in 1928. Formally, the oldest continually running fellowship is the Yachting Fellowship which started in 1947. Like Fellowships not only communicate on a district basis but internationally. A great example is the pending visit of a team of cricketers from New Zealand (NZIFCR), who will be touring NSW in November.

Space limitations in this issue will only allow the names/addresses of contacts in our district. However, I have spoken to all of them and they would welcome any enquiry relating to their fellowship. If I have made any errors or omissions, please let me know.

Best wishes,
Phillip Kesterton
Fellowship Chair 9670



District 9670 Fellowships

International Fellowship of Bird Watching Rotarians

Peter Sivyer
RC Myall Coast
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International Fellowship of Cricket Loving Rotarians

Terry New
RC Rutherford Telarah
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International Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians

Ross Dickson
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International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians

Steve Jackson
RC Maitland Sunrise
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International Home Exchange Fellowship of Rotarians

Larry McGrath
RC Williamstown
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International Travel and Hosting Fellowship

PDG John Glass
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International Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians

Bill Pitt
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02 4943 4437



International Fellowship of Fishing Rotarians

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International Fellowship of Rotarians of Amateur Radio

Henk Tobbe
RC Nelson Bay
02 4981 9246



International Fellowship of Computer Users

Bill Hoyer
RC Cessnock Wine Country
024930 7444



International Fellowship of Quilters and Fibre Artists

Lyn Grigor
RC Salamander Bay
02 4982 8876



International Fellowship of Wellness and Fitness Rotarians

PDG Alex McHarg
RC Singleton on Hunter
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International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians

David Brown
RC Newcastle Enterprise
02 4952 2799





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So what is a fellowship?

Rotary Fellowships are autonomous, international groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and Rotaractors who join together to:

- Share a common interest in worthwhile recreational activities (sports, hobbies, etc.)
- Further their vocational development through acquaintance with others of the same profession
- Make new friends around the world
- Explore new opportunities for service
- Have fun and enhance their Rotary experience.

How to get involved? Consider joining a Rotary Fellowship that addresses your interest. To get started,

- A full list of Fellowships can be found at http://www.rotary.org/Rldocuments/en_pdf/fellowships_flier_en.pdf.

A few years ago, I was asked to join the International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians. I have now played in about a dozen games since then and was involved in the running of the 2006 World Festival of Cricketing Rotarians, hosted by the Cessnock Rotary Club. We hosted a couple of hundred people from all of the cricketing nations and many old muscles were strained and many more stories were stretched during our week of festivities.

Some may say that this fellowship is a selfish one, but it is not always so. Not long after this event, the Tsunami hit Sri Lanka, India and many other places in that vicinity. It was through the contacts made at this festival that the Rotary Clubs around the Maitland and Cessnock area filled a double container with pushbikes and sent them to Chennai in India. I know that the Accountants Fellowship is working to find and remove landmines around the world, and there are many more projects such as these.

Tennis, Golfing, Scuba Diving, Caravanning, Lawyers, Doll collecting and Motor Cycling are just a few of the Fellowships in existence. Our very own DG's husband, Steve, is an active member of the Flying Fellowship. So please check out the website and if there is not something of interest in the existing fellowships, follow the instructions to start another.

Regards

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Rotary's opportunity to 'rebirth' vocational service by Bob Aitken

Since the demise of the Shell Livewire mentor program, many Rotarians have been frustrated by the lack of vocational mentoring programs that heighten awareness of Rotary's vocational service base. Rotary clubs and Districts still do vocational awards and careers nights with considerable success but the satisfaction that comes from mentoring young tradesmen and women, young professionals, or young people in business is very special.

Earlier this year, a National Skills Survey by the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry revealed an ongoing national skills shortage.

National Skills Week – taking place between 1st- 8th October, 2011 – is a new initiative; a collaborative approach dedicated to raising the status of practical and vocational learning. National Skills Week aims to provide a focus to Vocational Education & Training (VET), its achievements, opportunities and success stories.





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Rotary's opportunity to 'rebirth' vocational service...*Cont*

Rotary's Vocational Service Month – October – coincides with National Skills Week and Rotary Down Under has agreed to become a collaborating partner in promotion of vocational skills, activities and events nationwide.

One of the main aims of National Skills Week will be to dispel the myth that a university education is the only path to success – and to raise the status of vocational education among parents, teachers, students and careers counsellors.

Rotary clubs and/or districts are being encouraged to organise a special event, dinner or activity that acknowledges the importance of vocational service – with a focus on ethical consciousness and community awareness.

This is a splendid opportunity for Rotary's Club and District Vocational Service Directors to plan a unique event during Vocational Month 2011.

National Skills Week is supported by the Australian Government and more information is available on www.nationalskillsweek.com.au

Rotary clubs can get involved in many ways:

- Organise formal lunches/dinners for local business and community members – hosted and catered for by hospitality students and apprentices.
- Organise horticulture/landscaping students from TAFE colleges to do 'make-overs' on local parks and gardens to make communities aware of the talents of such students.
- Liaise with local high schools to organise special assemblies/barbecues with representatives from Australia's past WorldSkills teams, or past training award winners to attend and address students on training and career opportunities within modern trades.

Rotary leaders keen to organise special events to highlight Rotary's involvement in and support for National Skills Week may contact Rachel Small or Kerrie Gale at SkillsOne for further information and assistance.

Rachel and Kerrie have access to a growing list of young trades/business volunteers prepared to support Rotary, either in a conceptual capacity, helping to instigate or coordinate activities, or as guest speakers at events. Vocational Service Directors are encouraged to contact Rachel or Kerrie immediately:

Kerrie Gale: kerrie.gale@skillsone.com.au

Rachel Small: rachel.small@skillsone.com.au

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From sheet metal workers and cooks to bakers, hairdressers and gardeners, the range of trade skills for showcasing to communities is enormous.

These young people include many who have won medals at the WorldSkills "Olympics" and are high achievers in their own right. For more information on WorldSkills, this year's event of which will also coincide with National Skills Week, visit www.worldskills.org.au.

The outstanding SkillsOne organisation is a government/industry sponsored organisation, launched in 2007 to deliver trade objectives of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

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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.

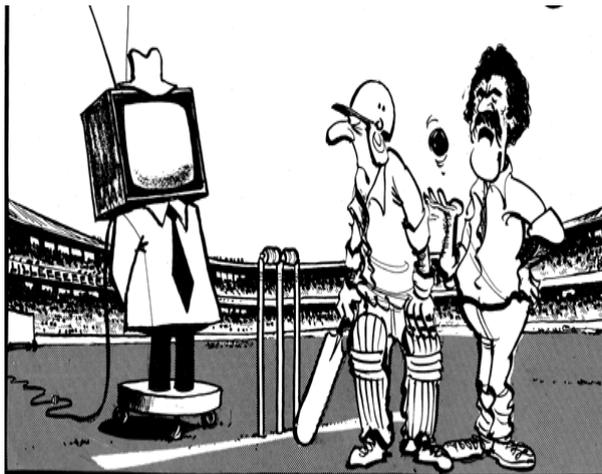
We have two umpires lined up already – but there is room for at least another one.

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
- Trevor Holden (RC Maitland Sunrise) – 0400 006 598 or trevorholden15@gmail.com
- Terry New (RC Rutherford-Telarah)– 4933 3746 or dyna-duo@bigpond.net.au

Terry New
Board Member – IFCR Australia



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

HELP PLEASE!!!

The cricketers from New Zealand will be staying with Rotarians in the Hunter Valley, arriving on Thursday 3rd November, and will leave for Armidale on Monday 7th November. During that time, they will play cricket on the Friday and the Saturday and we are looking for cricketers and hosts for our Kiwi friends.





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

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- 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
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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

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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



Conference venue – Warren Sporting and Cultural Centre





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District 9670 & Community Embrace Young PNG Visitors

Sunday 17th July, four children arrived to spend a very busy month attending school, learning about our area, teaching us about PNG and meeting the Rotarians supporting the RAWCS project being implemented in their school and villages back in PNG.

Wendy, Margreth, Jackson and Alu are 6th Class students chosen by their school, Nondugl Administration Community School as their representatives for this unique educational and cultural experience. East Maitland Public School eagerly embraced them and integrated them into their school community. Teachers and students spent time prior to their arrival learning about PNG, and engaging in fundraising activities to support the implementation of library in the PNG school.

This was an experience filled with lots of 'firsts'; working on a computer, borrowing a library book, stepping onto an escalator, going across the water in a boat, catching a train, swimming in the ocean, patting a koala, running a hot shower and having cereal for breakfast; just to name a few. These 'firsts' were witnessed by many of us who had the privileged to spend time with them, and it was a very vivid reminder of all the things that we take for granted in our day to day lives.

While many Rotarians had the opportunity to meet and interact with the children at meetings and on excursions another group of people were also touched by their presence. The concept of putting together packs to encourage PNG Mums to come to a health clinic to give birth, has captured the hearts of many, spreading way beyond the bounds of Rotary. There are countless people in the community donating goods, knitting jumpers, and scouring the second hand shops for suitable items. A group of knitters from a local Retirement Village were approached to knit baby jumpers, which they agreed to. While the children were here, they visited these ladies and personally thanked them for their efforts. This small gesture has given the ladies a sense of connection to the project and they have offered their time to sort all the items and pack the kits ready for shipping.

Apart from all that the children learnt, and we have learnt from them, this is truly Rotary publicity in action. It is not often in our lives that we have the privilege to learn about life from such humble, and yet extraordinary young people. I would say that those who met them, were impressed by their humility, their ability to adapt, their 'give it a go' attitude, and of course their happy disposition and huge smiles.

Many thanks to the host families and the Rotary Clubs of East Maitland, Kurri Kurri, Morrisett, Nelson Bay, Maitland Sunrise, Rutherford/Telarah, Paterson, Maitland, Belmont for providing funds and organising activities for the children during their time in the District. A RAWCS volunteer team will be travelling to PNG in November to work in their school and villages improving access to clean water, building a school library, installing beds in the health clinic, delivering the Mother & Baby packs, and checking in with our new young friends.

Christine Roach
East Maitland Rotary Club
RAWCS Project 6/2010-2011





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little eyes'n'ears

Screening primary school entrants for undetected sight and hearing impairment

Newsletter

The name and logo above may be a work in progress, but we need to start to communicate with those who are helping us with this project and with those who may wish to become involved as volunteers or as sponsors further down the track.

What is the 'little eyes'n'ears' project?

It is a joint project of the Rotary Club of Warners Bay and the locally based charity 'Give love to children'. We have learned from school principals and from advice received from Regional Department of Education professionals that many children suffer unknowingly from partial vision and/or hearing loss. This causes a child to miss so much of the learning experience that is going on around them. Often they are bored and turn to misbehaviour, disrupting the learning activity for other children as well. To 'bring them back' they may only need some professional attention. They will then get the start in school that all our children deserve.

In recent years, four public schools in the lower Hunter, Windale, Gateshead, Gateshead West and Mount Hutton acquired once-off funding to conduct a screening. The 'little eyes'n'ears' programme will deliver it at no cost to schools or to parents.

The screening programme will be conducted by trained volunteers working with schools, on school premises, to deliver basic screening tests for hearing and for vision impairment.

The tests are being devised by Audiologist Susan Tegg-Quinn, and by Optometrist Stephen Chapman. They will also train the early volunteers who will pilot the programme in the schools mentioned above, at the beginning of term in early 2012.

The tests will simply identify whether each child has normal hearing and sight, in no way will it seek to identify cause or reason, but will deliver an appropriate report via the school to parents. If the screening shows cause for concern, the school will offer advice to parents that the child needs to be examined by an appropriate health professional.

Once the screenings and reporting systems have been trialled in early 2012, the programme will be offered to other primary schools. More volunteers will be trained and more sets of test equipment will be acquired either through community fundraising sponsorships or donations.

A Note to Club Presidents from Janette

I receive newsletters from Districts all over the world (the ones in Spanish are a challenge!), and one thing which appeals is a feature page of Club projects. Having visited quite a few Clubs, I KNOW that there are heaps of great things being done. Can I suggest that you share some of these (and inspire others, perhaps) with a short report and a few photos? Golf days, book fairs, BBQs, garden projects, school reading program, dinner dances – all of these are among the many wonderful things being done in the name of "Service above Self" – and it is all so impressive! Newsletter Editor, Nora, will be pleased to have these sent to her at nora.jones@y7mail.com.

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The next step will be to offer the programme to other Rotary Clubs. This plan will share the know-how and the training so they can provide and administer a screening programme for schools in their own areas. There are 14 Rotary clubs in and around Newcastle and Lake Macquarie alone!

As mentioned earlier, we are very grateful for the enthusiastic support of Audiologist Susan Tegg-Quinn and Optometrist Stephen Chapman, who are designing the screening tests.

Our School Principal advisor is Donna Baguley, who represents the group of four schools who will pilot the programme. She has been an enthusiastic professional with the support of 3 other principals, in advising on the development of the plan, so it fits well into the school system.

Rotarian Liska Roberts, from the locally based charity 'Give love to children' will be the first to be trained to deliver the tests. Ultimately she will manage the screening schedules, working to coordinate schools and volunteers. Liska will also be compiling statistics that will later be useful in spreading the programme further afield.

Adrian Payne is the current President of the Rotary Club of Warners Bay, which also runs the popular annual cycling event, 'Loop the Lake' ... Adrian is helping to oversee the development of the 'little eyes'n'ears' programme. His contact number is 0425 204 815.

Rotarian, Greg Bayly, is project leader for a Charity Auction to be held on the 18th of November at Belmont 16 footers Club. This fundraising event will put some dollars 'into the kitty' to cover the costs of test equipment and other expenses that will be incurred to establish and grow the programme. Donations of goods and services that can be sold at the auction may be made through Greg, who will also arrange for their collection. His telephone number is 0408 836 359. Tickets to the fun-night planned for the Auction may be purchased at ten dollars each at www.warnersbayrotary.org.au. The team hopes that the auction will become an annual event.



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“Calling all Rotacyclists”



A Rotacyclist is the universal title for Rotarians who ride motorcycles and enjoy the Fellowship of the Road. This particular Fellowship is the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians (IFMR) which started in Australia and is now active in 17 countries. Have a look at our brand new Website www.ifmraustralia.org and via the simple and inexpensive process of registering as a member, join the other 140+ Rotacyclists spread throughout all Districts.

Robin Nuttall

President, IFMR, Australian Chapter

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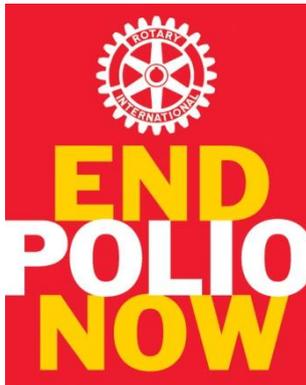


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Help us, help others for Christmas

A Christmas Collection –

Poems by Len Green



During the first half of the 20th century, polio crippled over a half a million people every year. Even today, children in some developing countries continue to fall victim to the disease. But thanks in large part to Rotary International and to the 1.2 million Rotary members worldwide, the disease will soon be all but a memory, eliminated worldwide –

we are this close.

Rotary clubs, here and around the world, are determined to do whatever it takes to achieve that goal. That may seem a daunting task, but Rotary's track record shows it can be done with perseverance and hard work.

Since launching its landmark PolioPlus Program in 1985, Rotary has already contributed more than \$800 million to the cause, not to mention countless volunteer hours logged by Rotary members. To help achieve our goal of a Polio free world the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will contribute a challenge grant of \$355 million if Rotary can raise an additional \$200 million.

Len Green, a prize winning Australian poet and as an old time doctor, can still recall the days when infantile paralysis struck many Australian children. Len who is also the publisher of more than a dozen books of verse for charitable organisations has contributed this special book of verse to help the Rotary End Polio Now.

Renowned Australian artist, Nanette Basser, has also illustrated the Collection and the first 100 editions will be signed by both Len and Nanette

A copy of this limited edition book will cost \$20 (or \$22 post free within Australia). Publication costs have already been generously sponsored - all proceeds will go directly to the Rotary End Polio Now program.



Together we are this close

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Sample Verse



Say No to Polio

Let's just say no to polio,
Let's give polio the flick.
Heed this Rotarian scenario,
Then let's do it double quick.

Poliomyelitis is yucky,
Here it no longer exists.
Third world countries aren't so lucky,
Infantile paralysis persists.

Give support for our portfolio,
Let's agree to take a stand,
We can do away with polio
If good people lend a hand.

An Australian Summer

Cicadas are too hot to flap a wing,
Bedazzled leaves are frazzled in the heat,
Birds dry of throat have no desire to sing,
The country lane is dust beneath the feet.
Red summer desiccates the lush of spring,
Blue winter's well and truly obsolete.
If only there were clouds of grey to bring
A drop of rain to make my day complete.
But El Nino that little brat is King,
And up till now he doesn't miss a beat,
So why not go and have a final fling
Specifically go out and overeat.
Already there's a buzz, anticipation,
Of summer time and Christmas celebration.

Payment Instructions:

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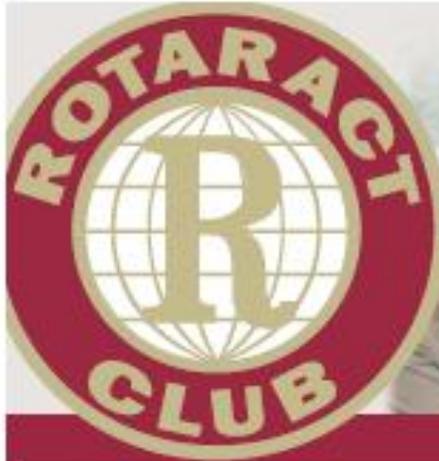
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SEE ROTARY IN ACTION!



Edition 1, October 2011

Welcome everyone to a brand new Rotaract year and the first edition of our quarterly newsletters that will be distributed this year after each gathering. They will hopefully have information on the next gathering, club contact details, photos of the recent gatherings, birthday celebrations, and any events that they may wish to advertise. These newsletters will then be circulated to all of the Rotaract clubs and the Rotary clubs in District 9670 so that they can see what Rotaractors have been up to and what fun we have been having, while undertaking both community and fundraising activities.

I am personally honoured to be able to represent Rotaract District 9670 for 2011-12 and wish to take this opportunity to thank IPDRR Sally Pittman for her work over the past couple of years.

There are exciting times ahead for Rotaract in 9670, including the possibility of establishing clubs in Maitland and Nelson Bay, as well as the prospect of some sensational occasions for the members.

Since beginning this term, I have been busy attempting to re-establish the Rotaract club in Newcastle (along with President Lydia Wardley, Rotary Club of Wallsend-Maryland) by presenting what Rotaract is and what the

clubs get up to, to various Rotary clubs in the area. We are hoping that a Rotary club will take on the role of sponsor club or support the existing sponsor club to find members, and encourage them to join. We are hoping that to have social/information nights early in the new year, and then have the club reinstated by the end of the Rotaract year. It is a big task, but both Lydia and I are up for the challenge.

I have also been busy compiling a training manual to use during our training weekend, which I hope that all new members attend. It will give you valuable information on what Rotaract is and the workings of it, plus how to undertake the various roles. It is not only for the current Board members but the future ones, so if you are interested in a particular position but uncertain of what is involved, I suggest that you come along to find out.

In closing, I want to personally thank DRR Craig Hargreaves for Chairing the District meeting in Dubbo recently. On behalf of the District Executive, we would also like to thank the Rotaract Club of Dubbo for hosting the gathering and to the organisers, you did a fabulous job – from what reports I have heard, everyone had a great weekend!

I hope to see everyone in Merriwa in the next few weeks, and then in

Singleton at the end of October. Until the next issue, have fun, spread the word of Rotaract and keep up the hard work to make local, national and international communities a better place.

-DRR, Nicole Shanks



Birthdays

Could each president create a list of members birthdays and send them through for inclusion in the next edition please.

Quarterly Quote:

"We are here on Earth to do good to others. What the others are here for, I don't know." - W. H. Auden





And All That Jazz!

Hunter Valley Rotaract Club Inc. are hosting the next district gathering at the annual Jazz In The Vines. For those keen to attend Jazz In The Vines is on Saturday 29 October with the Jazz starting at 10.00am and going 'til late. The business end of the weekend will commence at 9.30am on Sunday 30 October.

Tickets are around \$90 (inc. booking fee) and are purchased at www.jazzinthevines.com.au.

Artists include Emma Pask; Lisa Hunt; Feel The Manouche With George Washingmachine; Weird Assembly; James Morrison and Kate Ceberano.

Accommodation can be either at a motel in Singleton or being billeted by one of their club members.

Various food is provided at the venue, you are welcome to contribute towards a hamper, or alternatively you can bring your own food. Also bring a hat, sunscreen, beach deck chair and cash.

RSVP by Saturday 15 October at huntervalleyrotaract@gmail.com or by contacting Katrina on 0411048492.



Rotaract Action Shots!





Attendance: September

CLUB	Current M'ship	July %	CLUB	Current M'ship	July %
ADAMSTOWN/NEW LAMBTON	29	77.6	MYALL COAST	25	64.29
BELMONT	N/A	N/A	NARROMINE	13	73
BENNETTS GREEN	N/A	N/A	NELSON BAY	13	73
BOURKE	19	71	NEWCASTLE	58	41.30
CARDIFF	13	84.61	NEWCASTLE ENTERPRISE	30	73.00
CESSNOCK	32	78	NEWCASTLE SUNRISE	N/A	N/A
CESSNOCK WINE COUNTRY	N/A	N/A	NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	N/A	N/A
CHARLESTOWN	38	79.81	NYNGAN	N/A	N/A
COBAR	14	75	PATERSON	N/A	N/A
DENMAN	17	94	RAYMOND TERRACE	N/A	N/A
DUBBO	N/A	N/A	RUTHERFORD / TELARAH	30	77.38
DUBBO MACQUARIE	21	85.5	RYLSTONE / KANDOS	N/A	N/A
DUBBO SOUTH	43	86.05	SALAMANDER BAY	N/A	N/A
DUBBO WEST	45	68.29	SCONE	N/A	N/A
DUNOGG	N/A	N/A	SINGLETON	44	83
EAST MAITLAND	44	60.5	SINGLETON ON HUNTER	N/A	N/A
KURRI KURRI	N/A	N/A	TORONTO	37	65.90
MAITLAND	36	74	TORONTO SUNRISE	29	62.90
MAITLAND SUNRISE	N/A	N/A	WALLSEND / MARYLAND	N/A	N/A
MERRIWA	19	69.25	WARATAH	19	93.75
MORISSET	21	57	WARNERS BAY	N/A	N/A
MUDGEES	25	61	WARREN	N/A	N/A
MUDGEES SUNRISE	N/A	N/A	WELLINGTON	N/A	N/A
MURRURUNDI	N/A	N/A	WILLIAMTOWN	N/A	N/A
MUSWELLBROOK	N/A	N/A			

From the Editor,

I hope that you enjoyed reading the October 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 the next newsletter is the 10th of November. Please put DG Newsletter and the relevant month and topic in the subject line. Captioned photos are very welcome. Thank you.

Nora Jones

Please note my new email address: nora.jones@y7mail.com

