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DISTRICT 9670
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District Governor
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District Governor's Newsletter

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March, 2012

Message from the DG

March Greetings to you!

This past month has seen some great news, and more on that later. As you know, the District Conference is March, with the promise of a good time for all. Into the mix, we must remember that life is not always fun, and our thoughts are with those who are battling floods. It is amazing to think that not all that many years ago, our news was about drought, drought and more drought. Now, we have a situation where our land has too much water, and nature has given some a pretty hard whack! At last news, our District has not been subject to severe flooding, and we can only hope that those who have been afflicted have the strength to start anew!

On the subject of weather, Steve and I recently made a visit to Bourke. We were astounded with the sight of the abundant growth, all clean and new green, all along the road. It was an absolute picture, and for those contemplating a caravan trip, what a way to go! Our main aim was to visit the RC of Bourke, and what an inspiration is that Club, with them gaining many new members in a few short months. Rotary learning, Rotary enthusiasm, Rotary energy – one can only congratulate the members for their new vigour. As I have mentioned before, the last line in their newsletter is "someone asked you to join Rotary, have you invited someone to join?"

While in the western part of the District, I am delighted to report that our friends in the RC of Nyngan have decided to "have a go"! After a while with few members, Warren Club came to assist, and when we visited, there were now 6, and I'm informed that there are new members to be inducted quite soon. Indeed, a progress deserving of applause!

Now my big, big news! Right at the end of February, I was informed that the World President, Kalyan Banerjee will be visiting Australia in May. He will be making just one stop in our District, and it will be in Dubbo! This is something of a landmark occasion for Dubbo, and the surrounding districts. We know few details as yet, except that this flying visit will take place on Monday, 21st May. Please put that in the diaries, and try to make an effort to be part of the biggest Rotary meeting in the District! More information will come, but please make the diary entry now! The Rotary International office has suggested that President Kalyan would be happy to induct new Rotarians on his visit, so what an honour it would be to be able to say that a member was inducted by the World President!

Cheers for now,

Janette.



Travel Insurance

All Rotarians and Partners travelling overseas to authorised Rotary events - for example the 2012 RI Convention in Bangkok - can avail themselves of insurance cover by the Rotary Personal Accident and Travel Insurance Policy - at no cost. The policy will cover you for the duration of the Rotary part of your trip, plus up to 60 days private travel, providing the overall duration of the trip - home to home - is not more than 90 days. Any pre-existing medical conditions will be covered, provided you obtain a letter from your GP saying that you are "fit to travel". "Medical and additional expenses" cover for persons up to 79 years of age is "unlimited". For Rotarians (and partners) 80 years of age or over, travelling to an Annual RI Convention, the benefits for "medical and additional expenses" is limited to \$50,000.

Interested Rotarians can arrange cover by contacting the District Insurance Officer - Brian Vidler - bfvidler@tpg.com.au.



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ROTARY DISTRICT 9670
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Diary Dates 2012

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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Funding partners **March, 2012**

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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.

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 tenth 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 Australian Rotary Health's Research Officer, Kelly-Anne Martinez, by emailing kellymartinez@australianrotaryhealth.org.au or calling 02 8837 1900.

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Rotary trip to Indonesia

Murray Scoble, President of RC Morisset, is leading a unique experiential tour to Indonesia. RAWCS approved, the highlights will be:

- ✓ Interaction with a colony of Orang Utans in Kalimantan (Borneo)
- ✓ Rotary Service for 2 days at Bukit Karmel Orphanage, in association with RC Bogor, Indonesia
- ✓ Visit Jakarta, a tour of historic sites, the Old Harbour, and Batavia
- ✓ Tour Jogjakarta (cultural capital), Borobodur and Prambanan Temples (both World Heritage sites)
- ✓ Wind down OR up (your choice) in Bali
- ✓ 20 day tour; Departs April 15th, return May 4th

COST: \$4575 ALL found, inclusive of internal and external air travel; entrance fees; accommodation (4 Star) and 90% meals.

Murray lived and worked in Indonesia, along with his wife Astrida, in a school near Bogor. He served two terms as President of RC Bogor and currently RC Morisset is assisting the orphanage project financially. There is a wonderful to meet and mix with the local Rotarians and community in this project and through Murray's extensive knowledge and experience of the country.

This trip presents an ideal opportunity to "dovetail" into the RI conference in Bangkok, that city being only a short flight from Bali, and the trip's conclusion fitting in nicely with the Conference timetable. *There is more information about the trip later in the newsletter.*





THE ROTARY CLUB OF MAITLAND Inc

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

SYDNEY HARBOUR CRUISE

FRIDAY 13th to SUNDAY 15TH APRIL 2012

Cruise Sydney Harbour with Captain Cook Cruises

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

LIMITED NUMBERS AVAILABLE - FIRST IN FIRST SERVED

Itinerary

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

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

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

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

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

INCLUSIONS: Cruise & sightseeing; two nights' accommodation and all meals on-board ship.
EXCLUSIONS: Transport to Sydney (see below); Bar Purchases (drinks to be paid for separately)
NOTE: No BYO

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

Booking enquiries should be directed to:

Malcolm Knight on: 0249 300 966 or email: mknight2009@bigpond.com

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

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





2012 Pink Frangipani Ball

The 4th Pink Frangipani Ball in April 2012 is being held so that we can continue to raise much needed funds for the battle against breast cancer.

We expect to have over 400 guests at the 2012 Ball, each contributing to the fundraising through ticket purchases and various raffles and auctions on the night. We sincerely hope you can join us for a night of fine food, wine & dance.

There's every chance that you'll know someone who unfortunately falls victim to this terrible illness – and I trust that the money raised from this ball might go towards helping those in our community that are in need.

DATE: Saturday 21 April 2012

VENUE: Western Suburbs Leagues Club, 88 Hobart Road, New Lambton

THEME: Black Tie, Masquerade

TIME: 6.00pm for 6.45pm

TICKETS: \$150 per person - Includes 3 Course Meal, Wine & Beer, Live Band & Entertainment

For ticket sales & or any further details please contact Andrea Rufo on 0407 062 223 or Email:
andrea.rufo@greater.com.au

Thank you
Andrea Rufo





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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 or 0437 479 886) or Wilma Simmons, Vision Coordinator (wilmasimmons@hotmail.com). A couple of members of the Vision team can attend any Rotary meeting to give an overview of the process for all 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 date for your Club's Rotary Club Vision Facilitation.

Pam Wellham
Chair
Rotary Club Vision Facilitation
Rotary District 9670





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2012 Rotary Convention Bangkok

<http://rotaryconvention2012.com>

BASE PACKAGE OPTION (price is based on 4th to 11th 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 12th 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



Conference venue – Warren Sporting and Cultural Centre





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Rotary Remembrance Drive

The four Rotary Clubs of Dubbo & the Rotaract Club of Dubbo have combined to plant a Rotary Remembrance Drive of Illawarra Flame Trees on the Sydney Road east of Dubbo. The first 50 trees have been planted with Stage two of a further 100 trees in the planning stage. This avenue has been established to honour the valuable contribution made by the citizens of Dubbo in the establishment of our city.

Judy Jakins



"I like trees because they seem more resigned to the way they have to live than other things do."

- Willa Cather (1873-1947),
O Pioneers 1913





EXCLUSIVE

19 Day Tour of Indonesia

Featuring Jakarta, Borneo, Bogor, Yogyakarta & Bali

Tour departs 15 April 2012

Escorted by Murray Scoble (President of the Rotary Club of Morisset)



Rotary Club of Morisset



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The Rotary Club of Newcastle Sunrise supports Oz Harvest and local Rotary Programs



You are invited to an exclusive charity event
‘Art with The Artist’ – Ken Strong

Cooks Hill Galleries, 67 Bull Street, Cooks Hill

A fun filled cocktail party

12th April, Thursday 6-8pm

Meet Hunter artist Ken Strong & view his latest work

Be intrigued - Q&A with Ken and Gallery Director, Mark

Take part in the action & watch Ken complete an art work

Ken's donating another work with 100% of funds raised to go to the charity night

Indulge in delicious canapés, Tyrrell's wines & live music

Bring friends and colleagues & enjoy 2 hours of pleasure

Take part in our raffle exclusive to the evening's events

Tickets only \$30 each!

All proceeds will benefit Oz Harvest and local Rotary programs.

Help support your local community!

RSVP: 10th April 2012

Bookings now on www.stickytickets.com.au/newcastlesunrise or

www.newcastlesunrise.org.au

Group bookings? Call Julie on 0408 607 276

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2011 Sauvignon Blanc	\$20	\$16.00		
2011 Verdelho	\$20	\$16.00		
2010 Chardonnay	\$20	\$16.00		
2010 Late Harvest Riesling	\$20	\$16.00		
2011 Petite Fleur Rose	\$20	\$16.00		
2008 Merlot	\$22	\$16.00		
2010 Shiraz	\$22	\$16.00		
2010 Cabernet Sauvignon	\$22	\$16.00		
2009 Noble Botrytis Chardonnay	\$25	\$25.00		
Framboise Raspberry Liqueur	\$29	\$25.00		
Aged Muscat Liqueur	\$29	\$25.00		
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Attendance: February

CLUB	Current M'ship	FEB %	FEB RANK	CLUB	Current M'ship	FEB %	FEB RANK
ADAMSTOWN/NEW LAMBTON	27	70.5	17	MYALL COAST	25	59.09	23
BELMONT	24	0	#N/A	NARROMINE	13	61.53	22
BENNETTS GREEN	0	0.00	#N/A	NELSON BAY	52	86.53	4
BOURKE	18	53.00	24	NEWCASTLE	0	0.00	#N/A
CARDIFF	15	80.00	8	NEWCASTLE ENTERPRISE	31	62.00	21
CESSNOCK	29	75.00	12	NEWCASTLE SUNRISE	0	0.00	#N/A
CESSNOCK WINE COUNTRY	0	0.00	#N/A	NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	0	0.00	#N/A
CHARLESTOWN	40	73.88	14	NYNGAN	0	0.00	#N/A
COBAR	14	77.10	11	PATERSON	0	0.00	#N/A
DENMAN	0	0.00	#N/A	RAYMOND TERRACE	0	0.00	#N/A
DUBBO	22	70.75	16	RUTHERFORD / TELARAH	30	66.60	20
DUBBO MACQUARIE	22	89.10	2	RYLSTONE / KANDOS	14	81.00	6
DUBBO SOUTH	45	77.22	10	SALAMANDER BAY	0	0.00	#N/A
DUBBO WEST	45	99.48	1	SCONE	0	0.00	#N/A
DUNGOG	0	0.00	#N/A	SINGLETON	42	81.00	6
EAST MAITLAND	42	70.05	18	SINGLETON ON HUNTER	22	78.41	9
KURRI KURRI	0	0.00	#N/A	TORONTO	0	0.00	#N/A
MAITLAND	36	87.00	3	TORONTO SUNRISE	0	0.00	#N/A
MAITLAND SUNRISE	0	0.00	#N/A	WALLSEND / MARYLAND	0	0.00	#N/A
MERRIWA	0	0.00	#N/A	WARATAH	19	85.94	5
MORISSET	0	0.00	#N/A	WARNERS BAY	0	0.00	#N/A
MUDGEES	0	0.00	#N/A	WARREN	0	0.00	#N/A
MUDGEES SUNRISE	25	70.00	19	WELLINGTON	0	0.00	#N/A
MURRURUNDI	0	0.00	#N/A	WILLIAMTOWN	15	73.00	15
MUSWELLBROOK	18	75.00	12	TOTAL	685	0.00	0

From the Editor,

I hope that you enjoyed reading the March edition of the DG's newsletter. I would like to thank everyone who contributed articles and information to it.

Please note that the submission deadline for the next newsletter is the 10th April.

Please put **DG Newsletter** and the **relevant month** in the subject line, otherwise it may get lost in the ether. I kindly ask that you submit in (simply formatted) Word or PDFs that are mainly images. PDFs that are complicated with text do not translate very well into the newsletter document. Captioned photos are very welcome. Thank you.

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