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District Governor's Newsletter



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Message from the DG



Greetings all,

From here in Bangkok – I can only say that it is a real buzz to be among a rumoured 34,000 Rotarians! They hail from all parts of the world – just this morning, at the opening session of the World Convention, the flags of some 178 nations were paraded. That was such a spectacle! The message from the World President's address was full of the joy and hope that Rotary can contribute to the less fortunate in the world – programs for the bringing of clean water to places, that have not had such, to us, a common-place commodity; to programs bringing distance education to parts of India to increase literacy; to the beginning of partnerships with organisations like Shelterbox so that there is a greater impact and synergy on the distribution of these life-saving kits in the face of disastrous situations.

Still on the subject of the World Convention, there are lots of Aussies around, and many from our District. As I'm writing on the first day, I hope to see many of them over the next days – but trying to find all our 9670 friends may be hard in the 34,000!

I did find a batch of Dubbo-ites – one could not miss them in their T-shirts! They reported that they had many questions about the whereabouts and pronunciation of that word "Dubbo"! What a hoot! I can only say that World President Kalyan certainly knows where Dubbo is, and will be better informed of this community in just two weeks (from the time of writing!). I know that PDG Don has a great team, who have plotted and planned a day (well, half day from the time that the Banerjees arrive), and it will be time for him to see a different part of Australia, and to meet people who exemplify the very best of the Australian character.

I urge you – as many as possible – to join in the gathering to welcome WP Kalyan, on Monday, 21st May. This is an opportunity that will not come our way again for many years. We've sent out invitations to all Clubs, and it would be wonderful if there were hundreds of us to join together on that evening. Back to things closer to home – I have had great delight in the past little while in sending off two applications for the chartering of new Clubs. Whilst I've not had official confirmation that these have been accepted, I feel confident that both Clubs will be fully operational in this Rotary year. That is something of which we can all be proud, and I hear tell that our proposed e-club is getting closer to being official. I never suspected that the tasks involved in getting the structures in place would involve so many man-hours, and I am really grateful for the efforts that have been made. E-clubs will not suit all, but we have to be mindful that we are now in the days of a world of electronic connectivity, and we have to be willing to accept the new ways of making Rotary relevant.

The world of Asia is fascinating, but I am more than happy to be back in Australia, and in being back in "our" patch, and in continuing doing our Rotary thing there!

Cheers,

Janette.





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Guest speaker inspires life-saving project

A visit by Jeanette Lacey of the John Hunter Hospital organ transport section inspired Toronto Rotary Club NSW 2283 to undertake a major public awareness campaign to encourage citizens to sign up for DonateLife. Learning that Australia lags the western world in organ donations was a shock to many. Club president Robert Hertogs was further motivated by the struggles of his longstanding neighbour John Steele (a Lion and PHF), who waited seven and a half years for a kidney transplant.

Preparation included the production of three thousand letters to local residents and businesses. Major signage was erected on the entries to Toronto, A frame signage to display throughout the town and the gathering of t-shirts, caps and three thousand brochures from the National DonateLife headquarters.

An ambitious target of 2283 (Toronto's postcode) sign ups was set. This gave us a focus for the entire campaign. Rotarians visited all industrial and commercial businesses within the 2283 postcode. Advertising signs, brochures and letters were left with employers and managers. Over three hundred enterprises were visited.

During the campaign week, three information booths were manned each day with Rotarians interviewing the public and discussing the campaign and the necessity to discuss organ donor issues with their family and then register on the National Register. Toronto Rotary obtained two front page articles with local newspapers with a circulation of 115,000. Follow up stories ran in the following weeks. A business breakfast was staged to encourage businesses to arrange for the John Hunter Staff to address their employees.

As a public relations exercise, this project was an outstanding success with over forty Rotarians and friends of Rotary actively involved for over a week. The project was acknowledged at the 9670 conference where Toronto club won a Significant Achievement Award.

This is a project which could be undertaken by any Rotary club.

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**DonateLife
Week
2012**

19 - 26 February
www.donatelife.gov.au



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Hat Day is fast approaching!

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Mental illness affects one in five Australian's every year.

Suicide, a tragic consequence of mental illness such as depression, claims over 2,000 lives each year in Australia. Steps need to be taken to halt this tragic loss of life.

Australian Rotary Health supports finding a solution to Australia's mental health crisis through research. Last year we funded more than 40 studies into various areas of mental health but to continue supporting this vital research we need your help.

Last year Australian Rotary Health launched an exciting new fundraising and mental health research awareness event called Hat Day which raised over \$100,000 for mental health research. This event provided an excellent platform to raise the profile of Rotary in the community while supporting a very worthy cause.

This year, Hat Day is returning on the 18th of May, however your Club is free to wear a hat and donate to Hat Day at any day that suits you. We would like your help in promoting Hat Day in your community as one of your clubs PR, membership and service projects to help us support more research into this vital field of health.

Hat Day is a fun day for everyone to find out more about mental health and help raise funds to aid mental health research. If you would like to know more, please see your Club President, call 1800 781 878 or email info@hatday.com.au for more information

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Group Study Exchange

The Group Study Exchange between D1460 and D9670 has been and is a huge success. We have just hosted the team from Denmark and Lithuania and our team leaves on April 28 for their experience in Denmark and Lithuania.

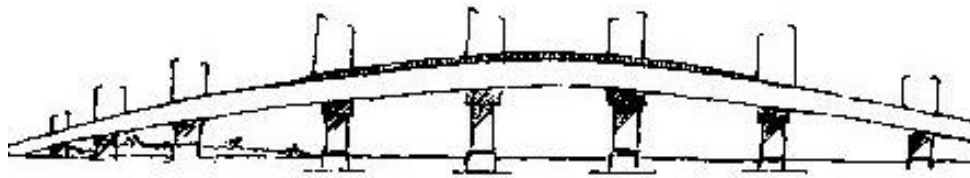
This is a golden opportunity to thank all the clubs who have hosted the incoming team, for their wonderful hospitality and organisation of the Vocational days which were very well received by the team. All seemed delighted with our country, not having been here before, and have left with many happy memories, photos and phrases they didn't know existed!

The presentation given by the team at their Farewell was very moving and gave a heartfelt report of their activities and achievements.

We are now in the process of planning the next exchange between D9670 and D1090 in England. This exchange will take place in February and March 2013 and will be the same format as the previous exchange. Expressions of interest for both team leaders and team members are very much needed and welcome. Please contact your nearest Rotary Club or Helen Ryan for further details.

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"BRIDGING THE COMMUNITY"

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MYALL COAST INC.
PRESENTS

**"THE GREAT ROTARY TRIVIA
CHALLENGE"**

Monday 28th May, 2012

6 for 6.30 start

R. S. & C. Club – Yalinbah Street – Tea Gardens

Your local Rotary Club has established this as an annual Championship Community Event and the prestigious perpetual trophy will be awarded to the best team on the night.

The usual generous prizes will be up for grabs so it is up to you to "meet the challenge".

Make up a table of a maximum of 8 and enter by phoning Ian on 49970794 or 0423470709.

(Team names apply.)

Entry fee is \$15 per person and includes a light Chinese meal.

Bookings should be in by Monday 21st May, or earlier, so don't miss out. Tables are limited.

Club bar facilities are available.





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Attendance: April

CLUB	Current M/ship	MAR %	MAR Rank	CLUB	Current M/ship	MAR %	MAR Rank
ADAMSTOWN/NEW LAMBTON	27	72.65	15	MYALL COAST	25	70.25	18
BELMONT	0	0	#N/A	NARROMINE	13	77	13
BENNETTS GREEN	0	0	#N/A	NELSON BAY	56	84.95	6
BOURKE	0	0	#N/A	NEWCASTLE	0	0	#N/A
CARDIFF	15	73.33	14	NEWCASTLE ENTERPRISE	31	68	20
CESSNOCK	29	69	19	NEWCASTLE SUNRISE	0	0	#N/A
CESSNOCK WINE COUNTRY	0	0	#N/A	NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	0	0	#N/A
CHARLESTOWN	40	74.26	17	NYNGAN	0	0	#N/A
COBAR	14	88.9	3	PATERSON	0	0	#N/A
DENMAN	0	0	#N/A	RAYMOND TERRACE	0	0	#N/A
DUBBO	22	79.55	10	RUTHERFORD / TELARAH	30	79.03	11
DUBBO MACQUARIE	22	88	4	RYLSTONE / KANDOS	0	0	#N/A
DUBBO SOUTH	46	81.52	8	SALAMANDER BAY	0	0	#N/A
DUBBO WEST	45	100	1	SCONE	9	83	7
DUNGOG	0	0	#N/A	SINGLETON	0	0	#N/A
EAST MAITLAND	0	0	#N/A	SINGLETON ON HUNTER	22	77.27	12
KURRI KURRI	13	98.08	2	TORONTO	0	0	#N/A
MAITLAND	36	87	5	TORONTO SUNRISE	32	76	16
MAITLAND SUNRISE	0	0	#N/A	WALLSEND / MARYLAND	0	0	#N/A
MERRIWA	0	0	#N/A	WARATAH	19	81.25	9
MORISSET	0	0	#N/A	WARNERS BAY	0	0	#N/A
MUDGEE	0	0	#N/A	WARREN	0	0	#N/A
MUDGEE SUNRISE	0	0	#N/A	WELLINGTON	0	0	#N/A
MURRURUNDI	0	0	#N/A	WILLIAMTOWN	15	71.6	16
MUSWELLBROOK	0	0	#N/A				

From the Editor,

I hope that you enjoyed reading the April 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 June.

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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