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District digest

COMMUNITY, STRENGTH AND VALUES



*This month has seen our **District Governor Brian Atkins** representing District 9670 at various functions focused on the exchange of ideas at a local, national and international level. DG Brian Atkins also asks all Rotarians and their families to consider those in need following the NSW bushfires and the recent destruction of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. This month's focus is on The Rotary Foundation and the great work and activities the funds from the Foundation achieves.*

My Fellow Rotarians

This month I have represented our District at the **Zone 8 Institute for Governors**, the G-Train, Future Leaders and District Trainees.

It was the opportunity to exchange ideas with my fellow 21 Governors and partners, RI updates and be inspired by many guest speakers. We were also introduced to the **Rotary International President Elect 2014-2015** Gary Huang from the Rotary Club of Taipei, Taiwan.

The Zone 8 Governors have formed a working party to prepare a **Rotary Disaster Assistance Plan** for the Recovery Phase for natural disasters in Australia. The Rotary plan will be incorporated into the National Disaster Plan so we can be more effective.

For those Clubs who are

keen to assist after the **bushfires**, I thank you for your patience. Keep your funds available and assist in your local community wherever you can while we are putting in place our District Disaster Plan in conjunction with the National Plan.

For those Clubs keen to ease the **pain in the Philippines**, please contact AG Peter Croft from the Rotary Club of Dubbo Macquarie who is our **Shelter Box** Coordinator. A huge thank you to the Clubs who have already contacted Peter with funds for over 18 boxes from our District.

As discussed, you have my full support as our District representatives for Shelterbox Australia in forwarding this important message to our Club Presidents and Secretaries to encourage their Clubs to **assist without delay and donate** to Shelterbox for those in des-

perate need following the recent Philippines Disaster.

I look forward to a great response in this matter throughout District 9670.

The team have been working very hard to bring together the plans for the **District 9670 Conference**. I warmly invite all Rotarians and their families to share the excitement of Rotary and enjoy a Sea Change in Newcastle at "**Our Vision, Our Future**" at Wests Club New Lambton on 28th to 30th March 2014.

Focused on being dynamic, inspirational and affordable, the D9670 Conference will include a Rotary Spectacular **Mini Tattoo** at Hunter Stadium, a great venue with outstanding **guest speakers** and a Celebration Dinner with the en-

tertainment of a **big band** with a big sound.

The keys to getting involved are easy: **register** early, **book** your accommodation and sit back to watch the **spirit and fellowship** of Rotary unfold at Conference by the sea.

For more details why not check out the **D9670 website**, the Conference Newsletter or contact Conference Chair PDG Ted Atchison.

Finally, I wish all Rotarians and their families and safe and happy festive season. May the time with your family and friends be special and I look forward to seeing you all back here in 2014.

Yours in Rotary service

Brian Atkins

Heading to the USA...

Aussie, Aussie, Aussie, Oi, Oi Oi! Karen James, Team Member for the 2014 Outbound GSE Team and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Dubbo South, fills District 9670 on the Team's preparation and planning for their imminent departure in March...exciting times!

The District 9670 outbound GSE team heading to District 7570 in the USA have all been hard at work, studying up and preparing for their departure in March 2014.

The team consists of Team leader and Principal of Scone High School, Lindy Hunt; PCYC Manager Andrew Best; Operations Manager at Hunter Business Chamber Erin Marney; Environmental Consultant Helen Squires; and Zookeeper Karen James. Having completed their orientation, the team are planning to meet in Dubbo in December to finalise their team presentation.

Winter woollies have been advised with District 7570 which takes in Tennessee and Virginia. The area is expected to be blanketed in snow upon the teams arrival.

With 84 clubs within the hosting district, the outbound team are excited to experience the culture of Americas South first

hand.

Team members have been fitted for their uniform, received their Rotary badges and have been attending their sponsoring clubs, learning as much as they can about Rotary's community involvement both locally and internationally. This will ensure that they can represent District 9670 to the fullest.



Left: The outbound team gearing up and getting ready to go!

L to R: Helen Squires, Lindy Hunt, Andrew Best, Karen James and Erin Marney



MUCH MORE THAN A MAGAZINE

Communicate and network with your humanitarian peers, share content online and *attract* new members...

As an increasing number of Rotarians are working and connecting online, Rotary Down Under has broadened delivery of the magazine from primarily print to now include:

- ☆ RDU Website with feature stories available from desktop, mobile and tablet devices
- ☆ Twitter daily news feeds across Australia, New Zealand and Oceania
- ☆ Facebook engagement and community development initiatives
- ☆ Embedded content

Rotary Down Under is a multimedia organisation specialising in all facets of digital and print communication.

Phone, email or connect with RDU on social media to join the conversation

- ☆ Letters to the editor editorial@rotarydownunder.org.au
- ☆ Facebook www.facebook.com/rotarydownunder
- ☆ Twitter www.twitter.com/rotarydownunder

If Clubs would like further information or would like a presentation about RDU, please contact Pam Wellham, pwe12476@bigpond.net.au or 0437 479 886.



Focus: DG Partner's Project

Madeleine Atkins, District 9670's First Lady for 2013-2014, gives us a brief update on her Partner's Project and lets us know what we can do to help keep the youth of the district safe while they travel on the roads.

Thank you for your interest in ROADwhyz and your support of the 2013-2014 District Governor's Partners Project.

There are several ways Clubs may consider assisting:

- ☆ **Financial Assistance:** The team needs funds to cover the cost of all facets of their presentation.
- ☆ **Strengthening the ROADwhyz Team:** We are looking for police officers, ambulance officers and any personnel in the medical field who are available to join the ROADwhyz team to share their perspectives on road safety. If you have a contact in your community please let me know.
- ☆ **Attend the School as a ROADwhyz Workshop Helper:** Can you assist at a ROADwhyz presentation at your local high school?
- ☆ **Road Safety Packs:** On average ROADwhyz need 150 road safety packs per school for students. It usu-

ally takes 2 to 3 hours to prepare the packs each time.

- ☆ **Completing a School Report:** We need Rotarians to collect student feedback forms at the end of each workshop, collate them and return them to ROADwhyz.
- ☆ **ROADwhyz / Rotary Young Driver Support Scholarship:** Would your Rotary Club be interested in a scholarship program where young learner drivers, who cannot afford professional lessons, apply for financial support for 5 driving lessons? Learn more – contact me.
- ☆ **Source Information on Requirements of embedding ROADwhyz into 120 hours licensing process:** The aim of ROADwhyz is to get the program endorsed into the licensing process for new drivers. Be an advocate for road safety.
- ☆ **Stay in Touch:** Rotarians can be included in the ROADwhyz email list.

Do you want to arrange a ROADwhyz presentation at your local school or community?

1. Select two months for a suitable presentation in your area
2. Select at least two dates in each month
3. Contact Michelle Davis, Coordinator & Co-Founder ROADwhyz NSW (Hunter) Inc. on email: shhelba@primus.com.au or check their Website: www.roadwhyz.com
4. Copy in Madeleine Atkins on email: madeleineatkins@bigpond.com or mobile: 0447 523 221
5. Michelle will contact you directly to let you know if any of the dates are available and work out the logistics in relation to where you are located.



Want to know more? Why not drop Madeleine Atkins a line at madeleineatkins@bigpond.com and you can get any additional information you need.

HANDICAMP

Have you ever considered a holiday to Norway? Why not consider attending Handicamp, a camp for young disabled people aged 18 to 28.

The camp is organised by Norwegian Rotarians every year.

For more information or to apply, follow the links below:

http://www.rotary.no/files/cms_userfile/Bilder/Handicamp/Handicamp_2014/Folder_info_HC2014_final.pdf

<http://www.rotary.no/innhold/247/handicamp-norway>

CELEBRATING THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



Committed to Rotary Grants

As part of the District Rotary Foundation Committees responsibilities under the new Rotary Grants (formally known as Future Vision) we are required to report on the District's activities utilising Rotary Foundation Funds.

At the recent Rotary Foundation Seminars the use made of Funds under the control of the District through the Share system and the District Designated Fund (DDF) included some of the following.

The total DDF available to the district from giving to the Annual Programs Fund over the past 5 years is US\$255,387.

In the Rotary Program Year 2012 we funded: -

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| • District Simplified Grants (DSG) | \$ 8,332 |
| • Additional GSE team | \$13,000 |
| • Horn of Africa appeal | \$10,000 |
| • PolioPlus | \$10,000 |
| • Christchurch NZ earthquake | \$ 4,000 |

Program Year 2013

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| • District Simplified Grants | \$ 7,225 |
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Program Year 2014

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| • District Grants (replaced DSG) | \$30,549 |
| • Global Grant (Newcastle Sunrise) | \$24,000 |
| • Committed to PolioPlus (Hit Polio for Six) | \$25,000 |

For Program Year 2015

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| • Available District Grant | \$29,317 |
| • Available DDF for Global grants (GG) | \$45,000 |

For Program Year 2016

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| • Available District Grant | \$28,930 |
| • Available DDF For GG (if none used beforehand) | \$74,000 |

Hit Polio For Six

An initiative of the District Polio Committee to capitalise the Gate's Foundation promise to match every dollar donated by Rotary with two dollars from the Gate's foundation.

The District Foundation committee will match every dollar donated by the District Clubs with a dollar from DDF, so every dollar given by the Clubs will result in six dollars going to fight Polio.

Dennis Trigg from the RC of Toronto is the chair of the District Polio Committee assisted by Frank Climaco of the RC of Kurri Kurri

Grants Qualification

To date we have 94 Rotarians who completed the Grants training representing 33 Clubs, of which only 7 have signed the Club Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU). Of these 7, only 6 have the required number of qualified Rotarians to receive grants.

For a Club to receive a grant it must accept and sign the Club MOU and have three members attend a Grants Training workshop in the last three years, one of which must be for the current program year.

The next Grants Workshops will be held after the meeting of the TRF Board of Trustees in February in case they approve any changes in the current procedures.

One change they will be considering is allowing the training to be held in webinar format and not face to face as currently required.

District 9670 celebrated the Rotary Foundation over the month of November.

D9670 Foundation Committee Chair, PDG Alex McHarg lets us all in on some of the activities that the Foundation committee are undertaking this year...

Claim the Date

As in recent years the District Rotary Foundation Committee is again organising two Dinners to commemorate the anniversary of Rotary's first meeting.

One dinner will be held in the West on Friday 21 February and; one in the East on Monday 24 February.

More details to be announced in the first District Digest for 2014.

Mark the dates in your diary!

Giving back to the locals

*By providing scholarships to further education, **Peter Clough President of the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay**, talks about recent scholarship recipients and how they will give back to their communities.*

This Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Scholarship fund was established in 2005, in recognition of the 100th anniversary of Rotary International.

Following the award of a Scholarship in the inaugural year, the fund has been given the opportunity of developing to the stage where it is in a position to support ongoing Scholarships. This year, it was decided to recommence the awarding of Scholarships.

In fact, the Nelson Bay Club Scholarship Trustees have awarded two [2] scholarships this calendar year.

In March this year, the Club Scholarship Trustees awarded a Scholarship to Melissa Cox. This scholarship is to provide her with the opportunity of receiving accreditation to establish a business in Salamander Bay which supports families who have autistic children. The business has been an immediate success for Melissa and in fact, Melissa now employs staff in her new venture and at the same time addresses an unmet need in our community.

More recently the Nelson Bay Club Scholarship Trustees have provided a Scholarship

to Chantelle Smith. This scholarship will allow Chantelle the opportunity to complete a Diploma in Life Coaching. When completed, this Diploma will allow her to establish a business in Life Coaching in her local Tomaree Peninsula community.

Whilst there is a range of criteria, the key eligibility for a Scholarship is the applicant being able to clearly demonstrate their ability to give back to the local community following completion of the course and/or project.

We believe this is a very special Scholarship program providing the opportunity for local recipients to give back to our local community by using community-raised funds to further their education, particularly when in need.

The Scholarship fund is supported by local fund raising and benefactors.

Left: Developing a life coach. Recipient of the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Scholarship, Chantelle Smith is planning on establishing a local life coaching business.



Above: Helping out families in need. Melissa Cox was a recipient of the Rotary Club of Nelson Bay Scholarship in March 2014.



Doing it for the green...

***Rotary Global Grants Scholar Annelise Bissett**, fills us in on how she is settling into Oxford University and launching into her "green" studies*

I have now been in Oxford for 5 weeks and spent the first two weeks settling into the town, and this week I will begin my third week of studies.

I live in a large house in the north of Oxford that is a five minute bike ride from my college and the School of Geography and the Environment. My college is called Green Templeton and has a very active extra-curricular calendar.

I currently row for the college advanced team and the college is also organising a conference on the theme of Human Welfare for May 2014, which all members of the college have an opportunity to contribute to the planning of.

On Saturday the 19th October, all new

members of the college took part in the Oxford University Matriculation ceremony, which is where students are formally admitted into the University.

I have been enjoying my classes immensely and the standard of teaching here is very high. All of my lecturers are world-leaders in their respective fields.

The course content is hugely varied, from science to micro-economics to anthropology and beyond. I am particularly enjoying my current elective, which focusses on developing encouraging environmental sustainability at the individual, household and small community level. This is particularly relevant to my career aspirations, as I am very interested in working on small-scale, grass-roots environmental

solutions.

The course also deals with practical skills about working with people and communities, which is going to complement my science background really well.

The Rotary Scholars for District 1090 have already become a very active network over the past five weeks. We have attended a number of introductory events and some less formal introductory events organised by local clubs, as well as walking tours around Oxford and London.

Stay tuned for more of Annelise's adventures next issue...



Where will your Club be?

Have you ever wondered where your Club may be in 5 of 10 years time? **Pam Wellham District**

9670 Vision Facilitation Chair, lets us in on how we can take steps towards a strong future.

Vision, growth and good planning are our keys to remaining healthy and strong...

CONTINUITY

CONSISTENCY

CONSENSUS

The Rotary International Club Leadership Plan recommends every club develop a long-range strategic plan. This promotes **continuity** and **consistency** of leadership, service and programming. A strategic plan sets the stage for growth and effectiveness.

Rotary Club Visioning helps your club design its own vision, and then set out the steps necessary to achieve that vision. The result is not a vision decided by District or RI. It is a vision built through **consensus** and endorsed by your own members.

History

In 2002, PDG Steve Wilcox initiated the process of Club Visioning in Minnesota-Wisconsin based District 5960. Since then, he founded the International Vision Facilitation Committee which has trained facilitators to work with clubs across the US, Canada, New Zealand & Australia.

"Rotary is not an organization for retrospection. It is rather one whose worth and purpose lie in future activity rather than past performance."

-Paul Harris, Founder of Rotary International

The Process

- ☆ Up to a 4-hour event
- ☆ Facilitated by a trained team of experienced Rotarians
- ☆ Representative members of your club (up to 30 works well but we are happy to work with more)
- ☆ Addresses all aspects of club planning
- ☆ All members ideas are of equal value
- ☆ Action plan created to turn the information into results



Help Wanted!

Interested in being a Rotary Visioning Facilitator? District 9670 is looking for volunteers to build our team of trained facilitators. Talk with Pam Wellham about how you can get trained to help other clubs complete this vital process.

Proven Results

90% of 250 clubs which completed the process in 10+ Districts shared two common results:

- ☆ Encountered membership growth in the first year.
- ☆ Initiated at least one other significant service project or endeavour.

To start to plan your club's Visioning session or to sign up for Facilitation Training contact our District 9670 Vision Facilitation Chair Pam Wellham:
pwe12476@bigpond.net.au or 0437 479 886



Developing our Future

The **ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE** was founded to assist in improving the Rotary knowledge and leadership skills of the future leaders of our Rotary Clubs.

Mission Statement

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a grassroots, multi district leadership development program whose mission is to strengthen Rotary clubs through quality leadership education.

Who Should Attend RLI?

Rotary Clubs are encouraged to select at least two candidates for RLI annually. Participants return to their Club with enthusiasm, new contacts, fresh ideas, an increased understanding of their potential as Rotarians, and valuable skills impacting their potential leadership in the Club

In particular, new Rotarians and Presidents Elect are encouraged to attend.

The Program

The Rotary leadership Institute is a three part series of fast-paced, interactive, one day courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their knowledge of Rotary.

Topics Include:

- ☆ Creative Service,
- ☆ Healthy Rotary Clubs,
- ☆ Leadership and Team Building,
- ☆ Membership,
- ☆ The Rotary Foundation
- ☆ Effective Committees,
- ☆ Changing Rotary,
- ☆ Public Relations and Public Speaking,
- ☆ Leadership and Goal setting,
- ☆ Vocational Service and Ethics,
- ☆ International Service,
- ☆ Rotary beyond the Club and many more.

"I have been fortunate to have completed the Rotary Leadership Institute course and to say it was inspiring is an understatement! I was most impressed with the interaction of the Facilitator and the participants and the honesty in sharing knowledge and ideas as a learning tool was excellent. No matter our Rotary years, I found it valuable to listen to the participants and share with them the Rotary knowledge that we all so willingly wanted to glean."

- District 9670 RLI Participant



For more detailed information about the Rotary Leadership Institute please go to:

www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org

or contact Helen Ryan, RLI Committee Member, District 9670 Learning and Development Committee 2013-2014

This year, District 9670 has been included in the Rotary Leadership Institute so as to enhance the knowledge of Rotarians and help promote future leaders in the district. We have 16 qualified trainers who are keen to work with the Rotarians to advance their knowledge by conducting the Leadership courses.

Consequently the District is conducting the 3 parts in 2014 in Dubbo and Singleton.

1 November 2013

To the Rotarians of District 9670



Dear fellow Rotarians,

The present Bowelscan committee has been together for over 5 years and many are beginning to tire of the role. The committee needs new blood to carry on the great program that each year saves lives in our district.

Some committee members have taken on different roles in their lives and their interest in Bowelscan has waned. Some members have indicated that they will not be active members in the near future.

We have actively contacted several members in the Newcastle and the Lake areas to join our committee, but we have had no takers.

My appeal is for you both to approach Rotarians in the coastal clubs to join our committee. The west is covered, for the time being, but we will need recruits in the near future and I will take this role on.

Bluntly speaking, if we do not get new recruits to the Bowelscan program, the program will cease to be a district project.

Your assistance is urgently required

Geoff Smith

Secretary—D9670 Bowelscan Committee

We need your help. Can you help out? Please drop Geoff Smith a line at gsmi2709@bigpond.net.au and see what you can do to help out this great cause!

Celebrating 90 years of service

*Approaching their nonagintennial anniversary, **Bob Urry, Club Newsletter Editor for the Rotary Club of Newcastle**, fills us in on the great years of service the Rotary Club of Newcastle has undertaken and the celebrations planned to honour these.*

The Rotary Club of Newcastle was chartered on 19 December 1923 and become the fourth Rotary Club in Australia.

On 16 December 2013, the Rotary Club of Newcastle will celebrate 90 years of service to the Newcastle Community with a lunch at Newcastle Travelodge.

At this event Past Presidents, Paul Harris Fellows and Past District representatives will be recognised for the services in the stewardship of the club over the years.

During the past 90 years, the Rotary Club of Newcastle has been the supporter of several

organisations. Some of these organisations are Wheeling & Able, HMRI, Jenny's Place, Ronald McDonald House, Hunter Children's Research Foundation, Alzheimer's Association, Westpac Rescue Helicopter, SIDS and Kids, Hunter Melanoma Association.

Over the years the Rotary Club of Newcastle have also hosted Pride of Workmanship and Community Service Awards where local staff of local organisations as well members of the local Police, Fire and Ambulance services are recognised for their services.



Digging deep to help hospital

On a quest to raise \$100,000 for new accommodation units at the Dubbo Base Hospital, **Peter Gordon Hill President of the Rotary Club of Cobar**, fills us in on how the Rotary Club of Cobar are keenly supporting the Tour de OROC and seeking sponsorship along the way.

The Rotary Club of Cobar has strongly supported the Tour de OROC project initiated by Dubbo City Council Mayor Clr Mathew Dickerson.

This project was launched to raise funds to construct self contained accommodation units in the grounds of Dubbo Base Hospital for residents of the isolated communities west of Dubbo who need low cost accommodation while receiving treatment in Dubbo or for their family members supporting them.

President of the Rotary Club of Cobar, Gordon Hill said that "the lack of low cost accommodation in Dubbo close to the Hospital has been an ongoing issue for many years.

With many more Cobar Residents now needing to go to Dubbo for specialist medical treatment this need has become critical".

The Rotary Club of Cobar was keen to support this worthy project when it was announced by Clr Dickerson and was pre-

pared to provide support for the Tour de OROC by immediately signing up for sponsorship of the bike tour worth \$1,000.

Gordon added that "the Rotary Club members felt that strongly about the need for this accommodation in Dubbo that they also decided to donate a further amount to the appeal when the Tour Bike riders, including the Club Secretary Gary Woodman, reached Cobar last Thursday".

Gordon went on to say that "during the Fund raising and Auction evening held at the Copper City Motel on Thursday night he had handed over another cheque for \$4,000 to Clr Dickerson on behalf of Cobar Rotary bringing the Clubs total commitment to the project to \$5,000".

Gordon concluded by saying that "the Rotary Club of Cobar was pleased to be able to support this important project which will have long lasting benefits to the Cobar Community".

Further Media Enquiries to Gordon Hill on 0428-363-002



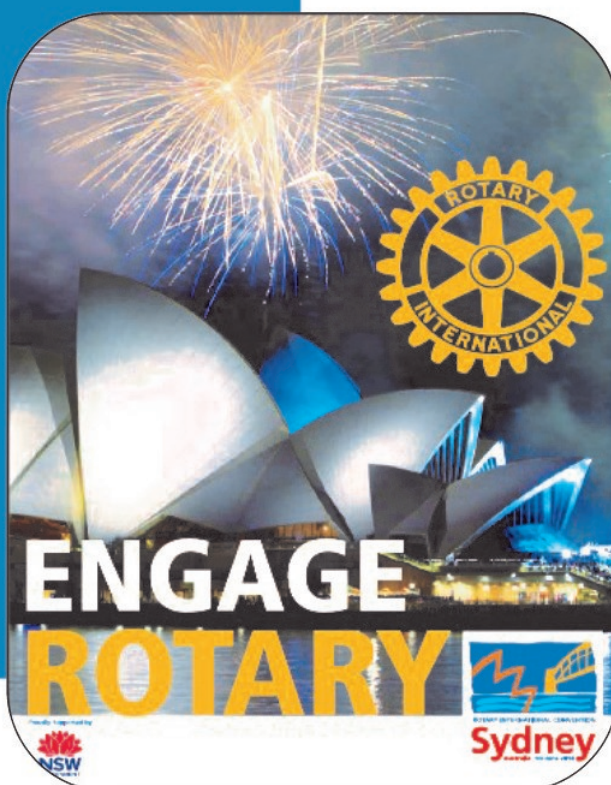
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Thinking of attending the 2014 RI Convention in Sydney?

Why not check out the official website for the convention to get all the information.

Register by **December 15** to take advantage of the early registration pricing.

Head to www.riconvention.org for all the latest information.



District Membership & Community Involvement

Four months into it...check out our progress for October! **Peter Sivyver, District Attendance, Participation and Contributions Chair** reports on how District 9670 is progressing and thanks each and every club for their continued support.

CLUB STATISTICS - OCTOBER 2013

Every month, Rotary Clubs all over our District catch up at meetings, participate in community projects and donate their time, money and resources to causes far and wide.

★ Interested in what knowing how your club is participating? Why not head to our new District website to check out what's been reported at

www.rotary9670.org.au

Can't see your club's stats here? Why not send an update to ppsivyver@bigpond.com and we will add them to our next edition.

ROTARY CLUB	MEMBERS	HOURS	%	RANK	FUNDS DONATED
Adamstown New Lambton	27	25	69.1	20	\$200
Belmont	29		76.3	13	
Cardiff	9		85	4	\$5,280
Cessnock	21	47	69.5	19	
Charlestown	46		83.8	8	
Cobar	19	200	78.43	11	\$5614.40
Dubbo	24		68.06	22	
Dubbo Macquarie	24		84.53	6	
Dubbo South	48		73.91	16	
Dubbo West	51	450	68.4	21	
East Maitland	37	75	86.6	3	\$600
Green Hills Maitland	49	800	55	28	
Kurri Kurri	18	340	89.32	1	
Kurri Kurri Sunrise	25	52	55	28	
Maitland	35	118	75	14	
Merriwa	19		81.25	9	
Morisset	20	47.5	50	31	
Muswellbrook	20		66	25	\$8,870
Myall Coast	27	138	75	14	
Narromine	Not Stated	204	64	27	
Nelson Bay	56		70.5	18	
Newcastle Enterprise	26	206	65	26	
Newcastle Sunrise	21	112.5	84	7	
Raymond Terrace	19	32	78.95	10	
Rutherford -Telarah	30	370	84.72	5	
Salamander Bay	32		55	28	
Singleton	40		72	17	
Singleton On Hunter	27	81	67.9	23	
Wallsend-Maryland	17	116	77	12	
Waratah	20		88.2	2	\$100
Williamtown	20	63	67	24	\$1000

Do you have something to add to the District Digest?

Got an exciting event coming up? How about an outstanding project you would like some publicity for?

Well why not drop us a line at districtnewsletter@rotary9670.org.au and let us know what your up to.

All submissions need to be received by the **15th of each month** to ensure our editor has enough time to include them in the upcoming publication.

So hop to it...and drop us a line!



CAROLS, WINES & VINES!

Want to relax and unwind just one more time before the Xmas?

The **Rotary Club of Green Hills Maitland** have arranged a wine tour with a Xmas twist to help you relax, soak in the beautiful Hunter Valley vineyards and celebrate the festive cheer with **carols** for charity amongst convict ruins

Bookings can be made by contacting Beth at Hunter Valley Travel Connections on 0467 471 855 or via email huntervalleytravelconnections@gmail.com.

For further details please visit

[The Rotary Club of Green Hills Maitland](#)

on Facebook.



1st	Youth Exchange Program
14th	Mudgee Sunrise Xmas Carols
16th	Rotary Club of Newcastle Celebrates 90 Years of Service Newcastle Travelodge
21st	Green Hills "Carols, Wines & Vines" Xmas Wine Tour with a Twist Beth—0467-471-855



Warmest wishes to each and every one of you for a safe and happy festive season.

May you all enjoy this special time with your family and friends.

See you all back rested and well for 2014.

All correspondence on District 9670 matters to be sent to:

PO Box 357, New Lambton, NSW, 2305



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community strength and values

