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District digest

COMMUNITY, STRENGTH AND VALUES



*After spending the last three months travelling many kilometres meeting new and old Rotarians alike, **District Governor Brian Atkins** has appreciated the warm response he and Madeleine have received from all of the Rotarians, their partners and friends while travelling around the district.*

The DG has been on the move!

Since the 16th July, Madeleine and I have been on and off the road undertaking our official clubs visits across the District. We kicked our visits off with the Newcastle Enterprise, Morisset, Green Hills Maitland, Nelson Bay, Belmont and Wallsend-Maryland clubs. Visiting each of these clubs close to our home was a wonderful way to commence an exciting year.

Our first real "road trip" out of the Hunter Valley took in visits to the Bourke, Nyngan and Muswellbrook clubs. We realised that the Shoo Roo on the front of the car was doing its best work as we dodged a wild camel and many wild goats along the way.

After two weeks in the **wild west**, Madeleine and I settled back into our lives at home in Newcastle visiting the Raymond Terrace, Charlestown, Adamstown-New Lambton and Rutherford-Telarah clubs. Before long it was time to head off on our second "road trip" following the Golden Highway out to Rylstone-Kandos and then back again to Scone.

After covering a lot of clubs out in **western and central NSW**, Madeleine and I grouped a short visit to the Rotary Club of the Myall **Coast** in with two local trips to East Maitland and Maitland.

Our second trip to western NSW was **very rewarding** from many points of view. We spent 11 nights away visiting lots of Rotarians, their partners and friends at the Rotary Clubs of Dubbo, Dubbo Macquarie, Dubbo South, Dubbo West, Cobar, Narromine, Denman Singleton and the Rotaract Club of Dubbo City.

And then came the big week of our visits – **7 Clubs in 4 days**; Newcastle, Waratah, Salamander Bay, Kurri Kurri, Newcastle Sunrise, Paterson and Cessnock. This was a fantastic week and allowed us time to once again settle back into our lives in **Newcastle**.

To round off our first three months in the top job, Madeleine and I have had the **pleasure** of visiting the Rotary Clubs of Singleton-On-Hunter, Mudgee, Warren and Mudgee Sunrise.

We have learned so much from so many dedicated Rotarians from a variety of Clubs. We must thank each and every Club for their **warm friendship** on our visits.

Too those we haven't had the chance to meet yet, we look forward to visiting your clubs in the **near future**.

Yours in Rotary service

Brian Atkins



Above: Catching up with the crew! Madeleine Atkins, Mandy Manning, Lorraine Croft, AG Peter Croft and DG Brian chew the fat at Dubbo South.

Below: MERVing it up! DG Brian Atkins catches up with the MERV men in Nyngan during his District visits.



⇒ **EXCHANGE**

⇒ **ENGAGE**

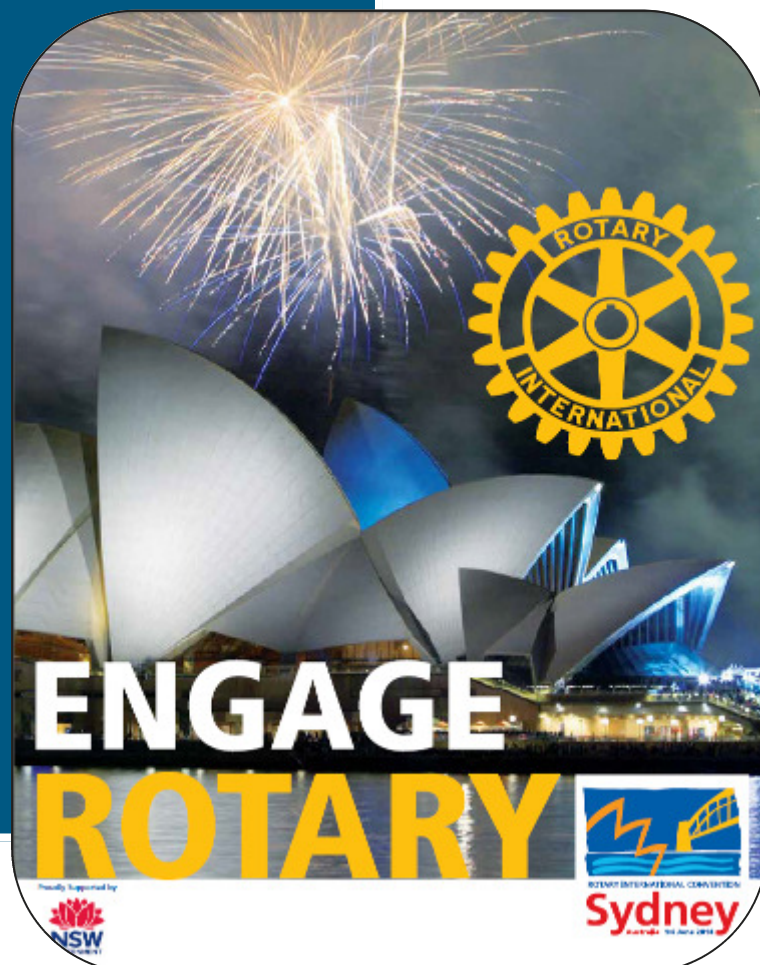
⇒ **ENCOUNTER**

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.





MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT



The Rotary Club of Maitland

The Rotary Club of Maitland are plotting a Murder Mystery to a Mystery Destination. Sharpen up your detective skills, dress in your favourite 20's outfit if you want, bring a sense of humor and join us for a vintage train journey. More information on the afternoon/ evening of murder, mayhem and mystery can be obtained by contacting:

Gangster Gary 0412 311 695 Mobster Mike 0448 480 228
or Peter the Pimp on 0412 561 700

Cost : \$130.00 pp

Saturday Afternoon/Evening 26th October 2013
 Inclusions : Return vintage rail journey, Complimentary drink and nibbles, Two-Course Dinner and a night of intrigue and laughter as you help solve the murder. Profits from this fundraiser will be donated to "The Palliative Care Unit" at Maitland Hospital

Having a ball of a time...

*Raising funds to support high school based programs on recognizing unhealthy relationships, **Christiana McDonald-Spicer, Secretary for the Rotaract Club of Cessnock** fills us in on how the Carrie's Masquerade Ball was a screaming success and the club looks forward to running the event as an annual fundraiser to support different local charities.*

The Rotaract Club of Cessnock held Carrie's Masquerade Ball on 18th August at The Barrel Room, raising over \$9,700 for Carrie's Place.

Carrie's Place is a refuge and support centre for women and children experiencing domestic violence and homelessness in the Hunter Valley, which has been servicing our local area for the last 34 years.

Rotaract Club of Cessnock President, Hayley Doherty, said "the money raised will go towards the "Love Bites" program, which teaches young adults and high school students about recognising unhealthy relationships".

"The proceeds from the ball will definitely be a great help to Carrie's Place in running such an important program for the youth of our community," she said.

Over 140 guests attended Carrie's Masquerade Ball, including Mayor of Cessnock, Bob Pynsent and State Member for Maitland, Robyn Parker. The evening was a success, with Studio Six Photography providing lots of fun with a photo booth all night, and band Shivoo ensuring guests danced the night away.

The Rotaract Club of Cessnock were

delighted by the generosity and support of local business as sponsors and the kindness of guests who donated on the evening. Three separate raffles and an auction ensured that chances were high in claiming a prize on the night.

"We would like to make the ball an annual event, each year with a different charity from our local community," said Hayley.

"The success of this year's ball shows that this is definitely possible."

The Rotaract Club would like to thank all sponsors for helping make the night a success, particularly The Hunter Celebrant Anthony Burke, for his role as Master of Ceremonies and The Barrel Room, for their contributions to the evening's festivities

"All feedback from the ball has been positive and constructive and the club is looking forward to doing it all again next year!" said Hayley.

For more information on The Rotaract Club of Cessnock please email cessnock.rotaract@hotmail.com or find us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/TheRotaractClubOfCessnock>



Above: Manager of Carrie's Place, Jan McDonald presents a heartfelt address letting everyone know what their contributions from the evening are going towards.

Below: Say Cheese! Guests at Carrie's Place Masquerade Ball playing it up for the Studio Six Photography Photo Booth.



Below: Beautiful Girls! Members of the Rotaract Club of Cessnock Taylah-Jane Turner and Shaye Apperley having a ball of a time at the Carrie's Place Masquerade Ball



Left: Amazing contribution! Members of the Rotaract Club of Cessnock present Jenny Harland Assistant Manager of Carrie's Place with a cheque for **\$9,705.05** in support of the Love Bites program



Dream to Succeed...

A sports clinic with a difference, **Nicole Shanks, Member of the Rotary Club of Dubbo West and District Chair for Rotaract Clubs** updates District 9670 on the DreamCricket Clinic recently conducted in Dubbo for students with mental, physical, social and visual disabilities.

Around 50 local primary schools children converged onto Dubbo Sports World for a cricket clinic of a different sort.

This clinic was conducted by the Rotary Club of Dubbo West, with assistance from some students from Delroy Campus, and was for students with mental, physical, social and visual disabilities. This type of program is called "DreamCricket".

The children involved in this clinic had a fantastic time learning to bat, throw, catch and bowl, then were able to have a game at the conclusion of the event. By the end of the clinic session, there were huge smiles on the children's faces, as they had the opportunity to play cricket, which is the aim of the program.

The concept of DreamCricket originated when a member of the Movement Disorder Foundation witnessed a modified version of baseball for children with

disabilities in USA, and thought that he could change the game of cricket.

The Movement Disorder Foundation approached Rotary Clubs of the Southern Highlands and the Bradman Foundation in order to gain their support and get this program up and running.

Brian Pattinson, a past Rotarian from Rotary Club of Dubbo West, and now member of Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong, asked the local club to take this event on in this area and it is the second year which the club conducted the occasion.

DreamCricket is now played in over 15 towns throughout NSW and has now expanded internationally into Sri Lanka and India.

The Rotary Club of Dubbo West will be conducting a giant Gala day in November, whereby schools in Dubbo and surrounding areas, will all unite to have another clinic session.

Left: Having a Go! Students are helped out by members of the Rotary Club of Dubbo West with the skills of playing cricket.

Below: Meet the Team! Smiles all around from members and students



Like Us On  **facebook**

Social Media Training for Rotary Clubs District 9670

It's time for Rotary clubs to take advantage of the potential of social media. There are now 1,110,000,000 monthly active Facebook users!

This workshop will focus on Facebook pages for Rotary Clubs

This workshop is for your club's PR (Public Relations) or electronic communication contact.

Dates - Saturday 12 October 2013,

repeated 18 January 2014 Times- 9am to 3.30pm

Venue- The Social Media Training School, upstairs Westpac Bank, Maitland Facilitator- Rotarian Merrill DeFiddes, The Social Media Training School

<https://www.facebook.com/socialmediatrainingsschool>

Only 10 places per workshop.

One participant from each Rotary Club unless 10 places are not filled.

Special note: Each participant needs to supply his/her own laptop (not iPad) with WiFi capacity and an email address as well as the log in details for their participating rotary club.

Cost \$50 per club. Morning/afternoon tea provided.

BYO lunch or purchase from a nearby outlet.

Register: wilmasimmons@hotmail.com Subject: Rotary FB workshop.

Please indicate which date - 12 October 2013 or 18 January 2014 you wish to attend.

Your place will be confirmed via email and you will receive an invoice for payment.

"HEAVEN CAN WAIT"

CHARITY SAILING REGATTA

16TH AND 17TH NOVEMBER 2013.



We would like to invite your club to take part in this event by "Adopting a Boat". The boat with the most number of donations will receive a Heaven Can Wait trophy. Representatives from our HCW committee would gladly meet with each club over the next 4 weeks to present the HCW program to the members.

All donating clubs will be invited to attend the Gala dinner on Friday 15th November when the Paralympic Gold medalist, Liesal Tesch will announce the names of the boats adopted by each club through a draw. There are three main sailing groups competing:

1. One loop of the Lake

2. 12 hour course - one full loop and then continue looping for 12 hours

3. 24 hour course - one full loop and then continue looping for 24 hours

The adopted boats will be selected from the 24-hour course entrants and then from the 12-hour course entrants depending on registrations.

All donations will go to the NSW Cancer Council who this year are directing funds to supporting local people and families experiencing challenging times as a result of this terrible disease. Over and above "Adopt a Yacht", we would welcome your company at the Regatta, meet your adopted yacht and crew, view the race start at 11am Saturday from anywhere around the lake and enjoy fun and fellowship in this worthy event. Enquiries may be directed to:

John Dickinson 0418 349 906 Brian Maxlow 0419 275 870 Greg Randall 0418 663 727



The Rotary Club of Toronto
www.torontorotary.org.au

TEACHERS ASSIST KOKODA PNG

RAWCS PROJECT 7/ 2010-11

SPONSOR : ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK D9670



Elementary Teachers
at Kagi present plans for
using donated emergent readers



This is a teacher-made
Emergent Reader for use
in an Elementary classroom

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN ORO PROVINCE, PNG

The Rotary Club of Cessnock, in NSW has been providing professional aid and development to the teachers and communities since July 2009 in the small mountain villages dotted along the northern end of Kokoda Trail.

Elementary teachers in PNG receive only a six week training as an opportunity to employment.

There is little or no supplementary in-servicing. Their classrooms are of the weakest construction & they

work with minimal wages and resources and are now required to teach in English 100% of the time whereas it was previously 40%.

The rewards we get from watching these dedicated young men reach previously unheard of professional levels is a one of admiration and pride.. Their assessment by Education Officers has been ones of high praise despite the lack of resources and facilities.

The project is in continual need of volunteer teachers, finances for the development and maintenance of resources, and sponsorship for freight. If you can assist in any area (stocks, training and finance) please contact Project Leader Patricia Davies . Her email is trish_davies@bigpond.com and send tax deductible donations through www.rawcs.org.au quoting the Project No. 7/2010-2011 on the payment form.



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ORO PROVINCE, PNG



CLASSROOM FOR 70 STUDENTS

Lost for Words...

The Rotary Club of Dubbo West acknowledge and honour one of its fellow club members, **Don Stephens**, the current District Public Relations Chairman and Western Zone DreamCricket Coordinator, with the Paul Harris Fellow Sapphire Pin. Congratulations Don from District 9670!

At a recent Rotary Club of Dubbo West club meeting, local and district Rotarian, Don Stephens, was awarded with a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) Sapphire Pin by the club.

It was fitting that Don be acknowledged, not only in front of his fellow club members, but with District Governor Brian and Madeleine Atkins, who was present as part of their official visit.

Don was left speechless with the recognition, which most Rotarians would know, is very hard to do. Marjorie did very well at keeping the whole event a secret too.

Stephens' volunteering life began when he was a member of the Rural Fire Service for 16 years and was involved in the evacuation and clean-up of Nyngan after the 1990 floods.

Don's experience with Rotary commenced in 1991, after joining Dubbo West. Since then, he has undertaken many Board position roles, as well as

those in a District capacity including, District Conference Chair (1997), President (2000-01), Assistant Governor (2002-04), Assistant District Trainer (2003-09), and District Youth Exchange Committee (1998-2008). In 2010-11, Don was the District Governor of our area and is currently the District Public Relations Chairman and Western Zone DreamCricket Coordinator.

Don was recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow in 2002 for his services to the community and to Rotary.

Marjorie has been always there to support Don in his ventures and has been a great source of strength for him.

These days, if Don isn't doing something for Rotary, you will find him at the Dubbo OEC Community Garden (where he is Chairman), or playing a leisurely game of golf.

Don Stephens is a very worthy recipient of this prestigious award and we congratulate him.



Left: Pinned with pride! DG Brian Atkins pins Don Stephens with his PHF Sapphire Pin.

Below: All round congratulations! DG Brian Atkins, Malcolm Cockrum and Don Stephens strike a pose.



BROKENWOOD

AUSTRALIAN CRAFT AT ITS FINEST

Enjoy GREAT WINE @ VERY SPECIAL PRICES &
Support the Rotaract Club of Cessnock!

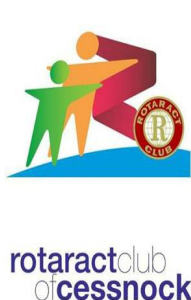
Brokenwood Wines has joined forces with the Rotaract Club of Cessnock to offer an exclusive limited time wine offer for supporters.

Click Here & enter the password **rotaract2325** to view the offer & order online NOW!

Or print & return the attached order form via email or fax.

Every dozen ordered will earn \$20 for Rotaracts community projects!

Offer expires 18th October 2013.



NEWS FLASH

The Rotary Club of Newcastle Sunrise have moved!

Due to the Bi-Met Lodge closing, the Rotary Club of Newcastle Sunrise will now meet at the Merewether Golf Club.

Check out their website and calendar for all their upcoming events at <http://newcastlesunrise.org.au/meetings.html>



District Membership & Community Involvement

The August stats are in! **Peter Sivyer, 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 - August 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 ppsivyer@bigpond.com and we will add them to our next edition.

ROTARY CLUB	MEMBERS	HOURS	%	RANK	FUNDS DONATED
Adamstown New Lambton	27	15	87.5	2	\$460
Belmont	28		80.7	5	
Cardiff	9	18	73.33	13	
Cobar	19	54.5	67.63	18	\$1,000
Dubbo	24		60.45	22	
Dubbo Macquarie	24		80.5	6	
Dubbo South	48		80.21	8	
Dubbo West	51		81.4	4	
East Maitland	37		77.94	11	
Green Hills Maitland	49	250	65	20	
Kurri Kurri	15	420	88.89	1	
Kurri Kurri Sunrise	25	20	53	26	
Maitland	35	201	78.8	10	
Merriwa	19		76.75	11	
Myall Coast	28	55	60	23	
Narromine		98	72.9	14	\$1,997.80
Nelson Bay	54		80	9	
Newcastle Enterprise	26	160	66	19	
Raymond Terrace	21	300	72.62	15	\$300
Rutherford -Telarah	29	81	80.49	7	\$1,945
Rylstone-Kandos	33		55	25	
Salamander Bay	32		47	27	
Singleton	44		75	12	
Singleton On Hunter	27		70	17	
Toronto-Sunrise	36	120	59.4	24	
Wallsend-Maryland	20	320	72	16	
Waratah	20	54	85.3	3	
Williamtown	20	135	61.25	21	\$800

Do you have something to add to the monthly newsletter?

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!





Charity Golf Day | 2013 \$10,000 Hole in One Prize

Individual player cost is \$100 and includes a light lunch at the completion of play. 10am shotgun start. Golf carts are available at an additional cost of \$20 per player. If you are a golfer, or would just like to come out and have a fun day with us, please register now.

*We would like to invite you to a Golf Day @
Branxton Golf Club on Tuesday 8 October in
support of people with disabilities.*



When : Tuesday October 8, 2013 from 10am to 3pm

**Where: Branxton Golf Club 25 Cessnock Road
BRANXTON NSW 2335**

10am Shotgun tee-off 2 Man Ambrose Team Event -
individuals, or pairs may enter \$10,000 Hole in One competition
(additional entry fees apply) Light lunch provided afterwards
Limited carts will be allocated on a first in with the registration form basis (at
an additional cost of \$20 per person) Contact Us on (02) 4954 4611 for more details.



28th	RYLA Program
Sept to	Total Homestead
4th	Total/Paterson
Oct	Darcy Geale—0418-235-565
8th	Lindenbeck Partners Charity Golf Day Branxton Golf Club
11th	Rotary Hat Day
12th	The Rotary Foundation Meeting
12th	Social Media Workshop The Social Media Training School, Maitland wilmasimmons@hotmail.com
13th	2013 Spring Flower Show & Garden Party Murrurundi House, Murrurundi
18th	Rotaract Club of the Hunter Fundraiser for Cambodian Schools Inc. Bar Beach Bowling Club hunter.rotaract@gmail.com
22nd	RYPEN Celebration Dinner Myuna Bay Sport & Recreation Camp
26th	Murder Mystery Night Rotary Club of Maitland Gangster Gary—0412-311-695
27th	RYCAG Camp
Oct to	
1st	
Nov	
29th	District Conference Meeting

The Rotaract Club of the Hunter
Presents
A fundraiser for
Cambodian Schools of Hope Inc.

The Rotaract Club of the Hunter warmly invites you to support volunteer schools in Siem Reap that provide children with the opportunity to enhance their basic education particularly in English.

Tickets at door: \$15
Nibbles will be provided.
Raffle prizes and games to be won.

Friday 18th of October, 2013
7pm

Bar Beach Bowling and Sporting Club
29 Kilgour Avenue, Merewether, 2291.
RSVP at hunter.rotaract@gmail.com




All correspondence on District 9670 matters to be sent to:

PO Box 357, New Lambton, NSW, 2305



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