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GET ONBOARD AND GRAB YOUR TICKETS TO SUPPORT THE ERADICATION OF POLIO FOREVER!

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SIGN UP FOR THE CONFERENCE

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FOR THE 2014/2015 DISTRICT CONFERENCE IS NOW OPEN. GET IN QUICK FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN A FANTASTIC PRIZE...

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District *digest*

COMMUNITY, STRENGTH AND VALUES



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*With Christmas arriving all too fast and 2014 coming to a close, **District Governor Gerard McMillan**, reflects on the last six months of D9670. Having visited all of the Clubs far and wide across the District now, DG Gerard congratulates all clubs on their diversity and looks forward to an exciting 2015 of growth and fun...*

As 2014 comes to an end I reflect on the past six months and these feet of mine have taken many steps but the highlights of my role as your District Governor has made **every single step worth taking**.

I am relieved to say that I have now visited all the clubs within my district. Each and every one has its **own point of difference** and this is demonstrated in the **huge diversity** in the projects undertaken in each area.

Every project is of **great value** and so important in their own right for example the "**Hay Drive Cobar Project**" by our Dubbo West Club of which I would like to make special mention. A massive 33 semi-trailer loads of hay was delivered with Rotarians from the area involved in that delivery and the additional catering for some 70 people on the day. This project is **making a difference in the lives** of struggling farmers, a practical concept and the result of Rotarians identifying a need and making an appropriate response. Congratulations to Dubbo West on this initiative. I ask you all to look around your communities, **if there is a need ask**

yourself, if Rotarians can assist and make a difference in the lives of others.

2015 is shaping up to be a **fantastic year in Rotary** with many events that will take the ideals of Rotary out into our communities.

"**Light Up Newcastle**" is one such event. Yvonne and I encourage Rotarians, their families and their friends to be a part of this great occasion. The Singleton Ladies Probus Club happened to be meeting at Singleton Diggers Club when I received the information about this event. I took it into the meeting to share and by the end of the meeting the ladies had booked a bus to go. If this is any **reflection on how our communities will react**, this is certainly going to be a

night that Rotary will shine the light on its great work and values.

To be held on the Newcastle Foreshore on February 21st, the event will mark the Chinese New Year and will see people walk along the foreshore carrying Chinese lanterns with dragon boats on the water similarly lit. It will be a **spectacular sight** with proceeds of the night to go to the Newcastle Mission to Seafarers Newcastle.

On March 7th, we will charter a new **Rotary Club at Lake Macquarie** and it is always a great celebration when a new club is chartered. This event will be held at Club Lake Macquarie at Argenton and I encourage **Rotarians** within the area to come and be a part of this great occasion. I acknowledge the diligence of Duncan Burck for making this happen.

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Of course we have the upcoming **conference** which is really shaping up to be a hugely inspirational event. The Theme "**Waves of Change, Oceans of Opportunity**" has messages that will inspire us all. Without giving away too much, there will also be a special tribute to the centenary of the Anzac landing at Gallipoli. Make sure you book early, especially your accommodation as I hear it is starting to book out. Remember, if you book before the end of December you will go in the draw for the chance to win a case of wine...so do it today.

This is an opportunity to hear from **new initiatives** and I would like to

acknowledge my own club without being too self-focussed and the work of one of our relatively new members. Cathy Gee came up with the idea of a **Santa Fun Run** as part of our town's annual Christmas celebrations. Cathy owned the idea and put a **tremendous amount of work into the event** to ensure it was a great success and it was. No doubt it will continue for years to come.

Earlier this month Yvonne and I attended **GETS and Institute in Wellington, New Zealand**, with other district governors and 27 district governor elects from throughout Australia and New Zealand to help in their **preparation for the international**

conference in San Diego next year. It gives me great faith in human kind when you see the people who will carry the Rotary flag in the future.

May I leave you with some words to consider as you take a deep breath and forge ahead into 2015.

"There is no passion to be found in playing small - in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living." (Nelson Mandela)

Yours in Rotary

Gerard McMillan

⇒ CULTURE ⇒ DIVERSITY ⇒ FELLOWSHIP

Thinking of attending the 2015 RI Convention—the *San Paulo 2015 Carnival*?

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

Head to www.riconvention.org

for all the latest information and don't miss out on the great events!



Interested in seeing some of the highlights of **South America**?

Did you know that District 9670 are organising a special escorted group tour to coincide with the **2015 RI Convention**?

Contact Escape Travel
Charlestown on
1300-765-128
for more details

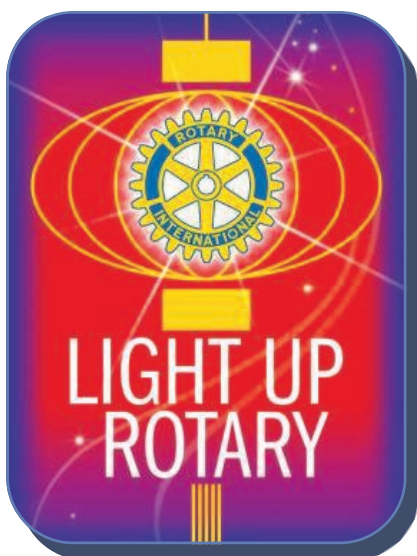
Messages from our RI President

As we come to a close of the 2014 year it is good to reflect on our achievements as Rotarians and set our focus going forward for 2015. To put us on the right track, we have included two short addresses from **RI President , Gary C K Huang** that remind us of why we are here as Rotarians and the great challenges we have going forward...

A top priority of our Foundation for more than a quarter of a century has been the eradication of polio. When we started working to immunize children against polio, one thousand people contracted polio every day.

But today, thanks to your hard work, there are only a few hundred cases of polio a year! There is no more polio, anywhere, in India. India, along with all of Southeast Asia, is now certified polio-free. Polio is now endemic in only three countries: Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan. Just three!

When we eradicate polio — and we will —we'll have proved ourselves an organisation capable of great things. We'll be even better equipped for the next challenge we choose to take on. And we'll have given the world a gift that will last forever .



In Rotary, strong friendships and great service go hand in hand.

When we enjoy our work, we want to do it. We want to work harder, and we want to work better. We look forward to Rotary meetings. Even when our lives are busy, we make Rotary a priority – because we want to see our friends, and we want to serve.

That is why Rotary is still here, after more than 109 years. In Chinese, we say: "A life without a friend is a life without sun".

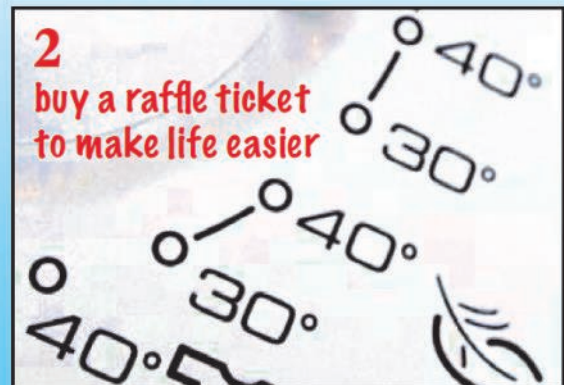
Our Rotary friendships give light to our lives, and it is Rotary friendship – as well as service – that lets us 'Light Up Rotary'.

4 reasons to buy a raffle ticket



WIN \$3,000

worth of travel credits from
EscapeTravel, Toronto



WIN \$1,200

worth of electrical appliances from
Andrew Robertson The Good Guys,
Warners Bay



WIN \$600

worth of electrical appliances
from Andrew Robertson The
Good Guys, Warners Bay

**Proceeds from this
raffle will support
Rotary Foundation's
work to eradicate
polio ...forever!**



Polio continues to infect and paralyse children in developing countries, robbing them of their future and compounding the hardships faced by their families. For as long as polio threatens even one child anywhere in the world, children everywhere are at risk. After 20 years of hard work, Rotary is on the brink of eradicating this tenacious disease, but a strong push is needed now to wipe it out forever.

Your generous contribution will help fund urgent Rotary immunisation campaigns.

Tickets \$2.00 each

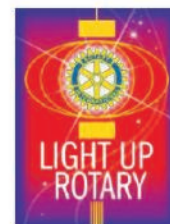
Competition Drawn at District 9670 Conference, Forster 22 March, 2015 - Tickets to be returned by 2 March, 2015 CFN Authority 22975



Rotary District 9670 Conference

Friday 20 to Sunday 22 March 2015
at Forster Tuncurry Memorial Services Club,
Club Forster, Strand St. Forster NSW

WAVES of CHANGE – OCEANS OF OPPORTUNITY



Please complete this form and send it before the 13th February 2015 to: -	By Post: PDG Alex McHarg 1 Sister Luke Place Singleton NSW 2330 By email to alexander.mcharg@bigpond.com
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Surname:					
Initials:		Preferred name on badge:			
Partner:		Preferred name on badge:			
Address:					
Suburb:		Postcode:			
Phone:		Mobile:			
E-Mail:					
Club Name:	Rotary Club of				
	Rotarian		President		Past President
					PDG
					YEP Student
Requirements:		Wheelchair		Diabetic	
				Gluten free	
					Vegetarian

	Registration Details	Per Person	N° of		Amount
1	Conference Registration Rotarian	No Fee	1	\$	0.00
2	Conference Registration Rotarian Partner	No Fee	1	\$	0.00
3	Conference Registration Visitor	\$15.00		\$	
4	Conference Registration Visitor Partner	\$15.00		\$	
5	Thursday Night BBQ	\$ 25.00		\$	
6	Friday Night Welcome Function (buffet dinner)	\$ 40.00		\$	
7	Saturday Breakfast – RAWCS Presentation	\$ 25.00		\$	
8	Luncheon Saturday	\$25.00		\$	
9	Saturday Night Dinner Dance	\$ 50.00		\$	
10	Sunday Breakfast – Membership Development	\$25.00		\$	
11	Youth Exchange Student	\$ 125.00		\$	

Payment details: Payment by – please tick and fill out appropriate boxes

Cheque: ☐ Please make cheques or EFT payable to: **Rotary District 9670 Conference Committee**

EFT ☐ To BSB **637 000** ACC No **719445918** Reference **Your Initials & last name**

Please insure you enter your initials and last name as reference for EFT, and forward this form as indicated above.

Sorry, no refunds or cancellations after the 1st of March 2015.

All registrations received before the 31 December 2014 will go into a lucky draw for a Case of Wine

Please Register me for the Grants Workshop – 10:00am 20 March 2015 Forster Tuncurry Memorial Services club	
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District Membership & Community Involvement

And we are underway with Q2 of the 14/15 Rotary Year...**Peter Sivyver, District Attendance, Participation and Contributions Chair** reports on how District 9670 is tracking so far this year and looks forward to receiving more information from each club, each month, over the Rotary year.

CLUB STATISTICS - NOVEMBER 2014

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
Adamstown New Lambton	28	24	81.25	11
Belmont	29		96.3	1
Cardiff	12	68	86	4
Charlestown	49	150	81.4	9
Cobar	15	25	73.08	17
Dubbo	24	100	86.25	3
Dubbo Macquarie	25	116	84.38	6
Dubbo South	55	118	81.31	10
Dubbo West	46	106	70.3	19
East Maitland	42	192	85	5
Kurri Kurri Sunrise	23	32	66	22
Maitland	40	163	71.6	18
Merriwa	19		77.25	14
Muswellbrook	28		83	8
Myall Coast	30	86	74	16
Narromine	12	25	63	24
Nelson Bay	58		69.19	20
Newcastle Enterprise	24	288.5	76.5	15
Rutherford -Telarah	38	265	67.31	21
Salamander Bay	36		78	13
Singleton	40		84	7
Singleton-on-Hunter	30	70	63.7	23
Toronto Sunrise	34	20	62	25
Waratah	20	18.5	91.2	2
Williamtown	21	274	80.95	12

Who Are These People???

Noah Bassil

Lis Gerard

Andrew Hughes

Andrew Lowe

Greg Moran

Paul Lyons

Neville Parsons

**Come along to the 2014 Rotary
Conference to hear their message.**

**You will be impressed with what
they have to say!**

Rotary District 9670 Conference 2015

When: 19th March to 22nd March

Where: Club Forster

**Dust off your old dancing gear! The
1960's are back to rock your Rotary
Year!**

**Early Bird Registration by the 31/12/14
for your chance to win a great prize**

**Look out for registration forms on Page
5 of this edition...**



**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 2015.**

**All correspondence on
District 9670 matters to be sent to:
PO Box 348, Singleton, NSW, 2330**



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