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COMMUNITY, STRENGTH AND VALUES



Starting off a new year, **District Governor's Partner Madeleine Atkins** wishes every Rotarian from District 9670 a safe and happy New Year but also reflects on the road tragedies that have occurred over the festive season. By strengthening her resolve for her Partner's Project, Madeleine updates us on ROADwhyz and the support District 9670 have shown to this worthy cause.

I trust you and your family enjoyed the Christmas New Year break as much as Brian and I did with our family. It was a time of **celebration**, reflection and appreciation for all that Australia has to offer.

Naturally, our concerns are with our fellow countrymen and women who are enduring the **extreme weather** over summer.

I have strengthened my resolve for my project **ROADwhyz** after reading the sad road tragedy stories over the holidays. On 23rd January, it was upsetting to hear that 26 lives had been lost on our roads compared to just 12 at the same time last year. It just goes to reinforce why we must continue

to encourage young people to **make better choices** on the roads.

Several of our Rotary club have committed funds to ROADwhyz to date and I sincerely thank each and every one of you for your support and **encouragement**.

I mention in particular the Rotary Clubs of Williamstown and Maitland whose **generous contributions** have been greatly appreciated.

The Rotarians at Maitland have been working closely with ROADwhyz Co-Founder, Michelle Davis, on the **ROADwhyz / Rotary Young Driver Support Scholarship**. Remember, if you do require any additional information on how you can assist ROADwhyz,

please contact me at any time.

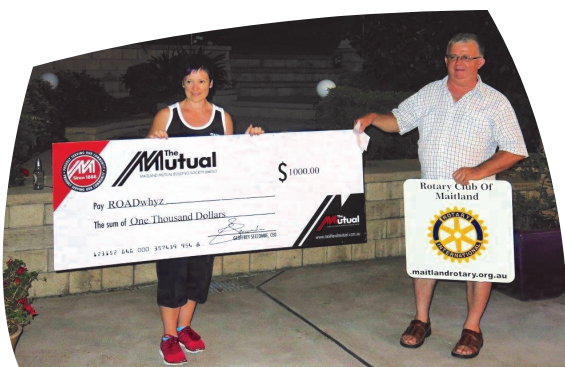
I am also proud to report that Michelle Davis joined the Rotary Club of Greenhills Maitland last August and is enjoying being an **active member** there.

I am so eager to introduce you to Michelle Davis as one of our guest speakers at the Sunday morning session at the **District 9670 Conference** being held in late March.

I know that you will all find Michelle an inspiring and motivated Rotarian

Warm Regards

Madeleine Atkins



Left: ROADwhyz Co-Founder Michelle Davis is presented with a generous donation from the Rotary Club of Maitland's, Keith Pearson.

Right: ROADwhyz and Rotary join hands in the Young Driver Support Scholarship.



Donations West of the Divide...

Following the call of the Rotary International President to support victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, our comrades West of the Divide have been working hard to raise funds for ShelterBox Australia. Bulletin Editor, **Rotary Club of Dubbo West**, gives us an update on how her club is contributing to supporting those in need right across the globe.

When Rotary International President Ron Burton, asked for all clubs around the world to assist the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan, he wanted to emphasise that clubs can provide support by donating towards the Rotary program, Shelterbox.

The Rotary Club of Dubbo West answered this call by deciding to donate \$4000 towards Shelterbox Australia, with all funds going directly to the victims of the disaster.

At a club meeting recently, District 9670 Shelterbox representatives, Peter and Lorraine Croft attended and accepted the donation cheque.

When accepting the cheque, Peter stated that the "Rotary Club of Dubbo West has been the biggest contributor on the western side of the

Divide, to the program".

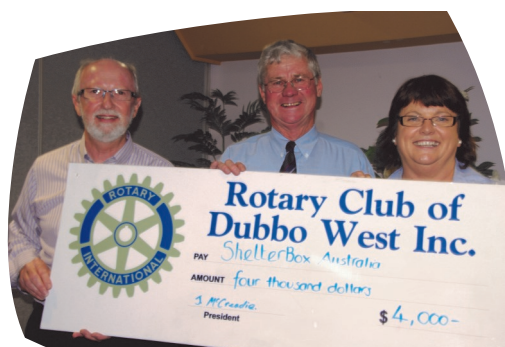
In total, the Rotary Club of Dubbo West has now donated 19 boxes through the Shelterbox program which have been deployed in countries such as Kenya, Namibia, Bangladesh, Peru, Japan, Ethiopia, Lebanon, and Philippines.

As yet, the club hasn't found out where the four latest boxes donated at this year's Changeover have been dispersed to.

On the day of our club meeting, Peter Croft also stated that "there had been 40 clubs within the district that has donated funds to this cause".



Below: ShelterBox Australia a winner! The Rotary Club of Dubbo West presents District 9670 ShelterBox Representatives with their generous donation.



★ Think your club may be able help out too? Why not get onboard by making a donation or even consider becoming an ambassador for ShelterBox Australia? Want more details...head to <http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au/index.php>

CHARLEY'S ANGELS

Dear Lyn, the ROMAC Team and Brian Coffey,

I was in tears of joy this morning driving to work at 8:45 - with FM2 Radio 1233 keeping me company.

Charley's story was replayed from an earlier interview this year. Charley's mother, Veronique was interviewed while Charley sat in a wheelchair, both legs in plaster, awaiting the operations at John Hunter Hospital for two severely disabled club feet. Veronique broke down in thanks and hope, very grateful for changing the life of her son

and her Vanuatu family.

I listened with elation at this morning's follow-up interview, with the knowledge that Charley can, for the first time in his 7yo life, actively play with his Tanna Island village friends - even testing them with some rugby tactics.

Its a real success - with Charley to become the face of ROMAC and his story to be shown on screen at Carols by Candlelight in the Domain.

A heart-felt congratulations to Lyn Thorpe, the ROMAC Team

and fellow Rotarian Brian Coffey.

It is what *Engaging Rotary - Changing Lives* is really about.

Regards

Suzanne Riley

President—Rotary Club of Charlestown

★ Why not check out Charley's Story at the links below:

<http://youtu.be/UUuZWkBzZU>

<http://youtu.be/qKTbaPikwek>

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.

Scheduled training dates:

- ☆ Part 1—Sunday 2nd February 2014
- ☆ Part 2—Sunday 6th April 2014
- ☆ Part 3—Sunday 15th June 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.

DISTRICT 9670 CONFERENCE

28TH TO 30TH MARCH 2014

Don't miss this exciting weekend of entertainment, fun, "Rotary Highlights" and guest speakers.

**OUR VISION
OUR FUTURE**



**ROTARY 9670 WILL PROUDLY
PRESENT A MARCHING BAND &
ENTERTAINMENT SPECTACULAR**

**DON'T MISS THIS AMAZING
EVENT FRIDAY 28TH MARCH
2014**



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**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM
7:30PM TO 10:00PM**

**WANT TO KNOW HOW YOU CAN GET MORE IN-
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WHY NOT CHECK OUT THE DISTRICT WEBSITE
BY CLICKING HERE**



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District Membership & Community Involvement

Finishing off 2013 with a bang! **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 - DECEMBER 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
Adamstown New Lambton	27		77.2	14
Belmont	29		75	16
Cardiff	9	23	72	18
Cessnock	23	80	78.2	12
Cobar	17	43	78.82	11
Dubbo	21	120	66.67	20
Dubbo Macquarie	24		97.1	2
Dubbo South	47		99.29	1
Dubbo West	49		81.3	8
East Maitland	38	72	65	22
Kurri Kurri Sunrise	26	26	64	23
Maitland	35	43	78	13
Merriwa	19		90	4
Morisset	20	442	70	19
Myall Coast	27	210	81	9
Narromine	12	40	60	24
Nelson Bay	56		66.66	21
Newcastle Enterprise	27	76	74	17
Raymond Terrace	19	101	85.96	6
Rutherford -Telarah	30	203.5	90.07	3
Salamander Bay	34		56	25
Singleton On Hunter	27	24	76.5	15
Toronto Sunrise	34	80	81.6	7
Wallsend-Maryland	19	107	81	9
Waratah	20	39	89	5

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!



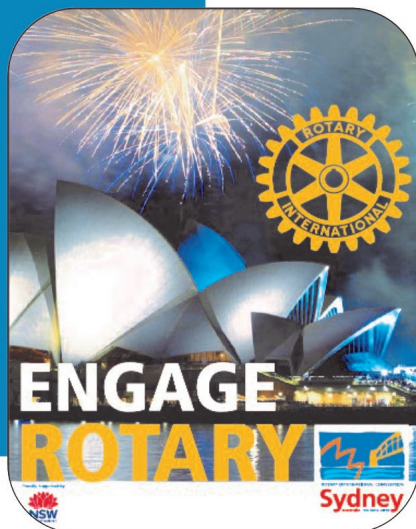
⇒ **EXCHANGE**
⇒ **ENGAGE**
⇒ **ENCOUNTER**

Thinking of attending the 2014 RI Convention—the *Sydney 2014 Corroboree*?

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!



MOVIE NIGHT

**ROTARY FOUNDATION
FUNDRAISER - \$20.00**

Find out more



When: Wednesday 19th February
Time: 6:00pm with movie beginning at 6:45pm
Where: Reading Cinemas, Maitland
Want Tickets? www.stickytickets.com.au
Cost: \$20.00 per person
(Includes drinks nibbles on arrival, plus lucky door prize entry.)

Funds raised will directly assist the Rotary Foundation and its Polio Plus program.



Movie Trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CrneTs7sGs>



1st— Youth Exchange Program

2nd

2nd Rotary Leadership Institute
Dubbo

Singleton Diggers, Singleton

Club Macquarie, Argenton

Helen Ryan

Ph: 0409 842 455

8th & 15th G-Train Meeting (AG's, Presidents & Chairs Meeting)

8th, Membership Development Workshop

15th &

22nd

16th The Rotary Foundation Meeting

19th The Monuments Men—Fundraiser Movie Night

Rotary Club of Greenhills Maitland

Reading Cinemas, Maitland

Stickytickets.com.au

23rd **HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROTARY!!**

25th District Conference Meeting

27th RYPEN 25 Year Celebration

Zoe Kirwan

28th AG's Training

All correspondence on District 9670 matters to be sent to:

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