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SEE HOW DISTRICT 9670 GETS INVOLVED IN THE HEALTH OF MEN IN RURAL AREAS AND SEE HOW YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED.



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ONE OF THE TARGETS REGIONAL ART PRIZES IN NSW TAKES CENTRE STAGE SOON. CHECK OUT ALL THE PLANS TO BRING A MINI FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS TO SINGLETON.

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# District digest

COMMUNITY, STRENGTH AND VALUES



*Following selection interviews for the District Governor position over 2016—2017, District Governor Brian Atkins, advises District 9670 on the newest member to the G-Train, Steve Jackson from the Rotary Club of Cessnock who was elected as District Governor for 2016-2017. So how much do you know about Stephen...*

Steve was born in Wellington on the Central Slopes of NSW. During his final primary school year his family moved to Manilla and he attended Tamworth High School where he obtained the Leaving Certificate.

Steve commenced work in the Petty Sessions Branch of the Department of the Attorney General and of Justice, seeing service in Gosford, Maitland and the relieving staff before spending a number of years working in various metropolitan Courts, the research branch of the Justice Department and the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel.

Steve obtained legal qualifications in 1969 and a post-graduate diploma in 1971. In 1980 he commenced work in a private legal practice in Cessnock concentrating on family law and criminal law. He joined the Rotary Club of Cessnock in mid-1981.

Steve and Janette married in 1965. Children of their own did not eventuate but after Steve joined Rotary they have hosted many youth exchange students, and continue to have reasonably regular contact with most. They have visited many of the students in their own countries and have attended weddings in the United States of America, Canada, South Africa, Belgium, Germany and Poland and are welcoming "grandchildren" some of whom are now in their teens.

Accepting a position as a Magistrate of

the Local Court of New South Wales saw Steve leave District 9670 for a couple of years and during this time was a member of the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West, but on his return he joined the Rotary Club of Newcastle Sunrise, then transferred to the Rotary Club of Maitland Sunrise, finally returning to the Rotary Club of Cessnock.

Steve retired as a Magistrate in 2010 but is occasionally called on to perform Bench Duty as an Acting Magistrate.

During his Rotary career, Steve has held directorships of many club Boards and has been Treasurer, Secretary, Bulletin Editor, Youth Director and public officer.

Steve was President of the Rotary Club of Cessnock in 1989-90 and of the Rotary Club of Newcastle Sunrise in 2001-02. Steve was given a Paul Harris Award by the latter club.

Steve is a member of the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians.

At a District level, Steve was a member of the Youth Exchange Committee for many years and Deputy Chairman for 2 years. He was District Legal Officer and Resolutions Session Chair for 4 years before leaving the District, but resumed those roles in 2006 and is currently the District Public Officer. He was a member of selection committees for short-term overseas teaching scholarships for a couple of years. He was an Assistant Governor for 3 years. He is a supporter of youth programs and has attended

short and long-term exchange student briefings, RYPEN, RELAYID, RYLA and RYCAGS camps and is currently the Secretary-General of District MUNA.

Steve has assisted at Science and Engineering Challenge days in Newcastle, Muswellbrook, Dubbo and Cobar. He has been a session leader at RYLA, support for Rotary Health Programs - Australian Rotary Health, ROMAC, BowelScan and the District's own MHERV project - are on his agenda.

Outside Rotary, Steve has been involved for almost 40 years with the Rural Fire Service where he holds all qualifications up to and including Group Leader. He acted as District Fire Control Officer on afternoon shifts during the 1994 fires in the Cessnock area. He has been a trainer at both Brigade and Zone level.

Steve also holds a medium rigid heavy vehicle driver's license and is frequently the driver and pump operator when his brigade is called out.

Steve and Janette have attended Rotary International Conventions in Portland USA, Melbourne Australia, Indianapolis USA, Brisbane Australia, Montreal Canada, Bangkok Thailand and Lisbon Portugal and will be attending the Sydney Convention.



# Exchange open for 2015...

Do you know a young person who will be in Year 8, 9 or 10 in 2015? **Rotary Australia & New Zealand Student Exchange Chairperson Alison Tiananga**, lets District 9670 in on the amazing opportunities this annual exchange program provides for our youth. Expressions of interest are closing fast so why not nominate someone you know for this life-changing program...

Rotary is looking for enthusiastic young people who will be in Year 8,9 or 10 in 2015 to take part in the Australia New Zealand Short Term Exchange Program for 2015.

Each year Rotary's Australia New Zealand Short Term Exchange Program sponsors young people aged 14-16 to be matched with New Zealand students and each one spends one school term living and attending school in the others country.

"This program gives young people the opportunity to experience being a part of another culture. They will attend school and be involved in the normal day to day activities of their host family. This program is one of the ways Rotary can introduce young people to be an ambassador

and to spread international understanding and goodwill" said Alison Tiananga, District Chairman for the Program.

"Participants in the program rave about how great an experience it is. They learn so much not only about New Zealand, but about themselves and their abilities to handle new situations and gain independence " said Alison

Interested Students or parents can find more information about the program on the website [www.ranzse.org](http://www.ranzse.org) or call Alison on 49361700. Expressions of interest close 30th June 2014. Alison can also be emailed on [alisontiananga@yahoo.com.au](mailto:alisontiananga@yahoo.com.au)

"Rotary provides great training and

briefing to all participants and their families as part of the program. Parents need not worry at all about their children while they are away as they have the full support and backing of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand at all times" said Alison.

Please canvass your local High Schools for a student that your club could sponsor to participate in this wonderful program. Thank you for your support of this valuable program.



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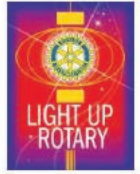
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## NEWSFLASH

Please note that while renovations are being undertaken at the Maitland City Bowls Sports & Recreation Club, the Rotary Club of Rutherford-Telarah will be meeting at the Telarah Bowling Club, Clark Street, Telarah.

Time remains at 6.00 for 6.30pm





*The Rotary Club of Singleton has pleasure in inviting you and your partner to the*

**2014 Club and District Changeover Dinner  
to install Singleton President Warren Deaves and  
D9670 District Governor Gerard McMillan**

on

**Saturday 28th June 2014**

at

**Singleton Diggers**



York Street Singleton

**6:30 for 7:00 pm**

**Cost \$40 per head for a three course meal with two bottles of wine  
per table of eight included.**

**RSVP by Friday 20th June to:**

**Secretary - Peter Williams [peter.williams@hunterlink.net.au](mailto:peter.williams@hunterlink.net.au)**

Payment can be sent by cheque, payable to:

*Rotary Club of Singleton*

*PO Box 94, SINGLETON NSW 2330*

Or by direct deposit to our Westpac bank account:

*BSB: 032 620 | Account No: 122 806*

*(Please make sure to email confirmation of payment with names/numbers to  
Secretary Peter)*

For any queries contact:

President - John Henderson on 0414 542 985

District Governor Elect - Gerard McMillan on 0419 995 175

*\*\*\*Please note - space is limited to 200 seats, so please book early to avoid disappointment\*\*\**

*\*\*\*Please advise of any dietary requirements you may have when you RSVP\*\*\**



My fellow Rotarians,

Many of you would have attended the 2013-2014 District Conference in Newcastle and had the opportunity to hear about and see MHERV.

MHERV is a purpose built trailer, towed by Rotary Volunteers throughout western NSW to perform Health Checks on Men who, usually through isolation, have little or no real chance to visit a Doctor. Aply assisted by Community Nurses from Greater Western Health Area Service, in September 2013 alone, 350 men visited MHERV for health tests.

The tests included: blood pressure, blood sugar levels, body mass index, psychiatric and sexual health counselling – the things most men ignore or won't talk about. All men were offered a Rotary Bowelscan Kit free of charge.

As result of these basic health checks, 50 of these men made appointments to visit G.P.s; 16 sought psychiatric support and 5 were taken directly to hospital. Being partnered with Community Nursing means follow up checks are available.

As Chair of MHERV, I take this opportunity to thank Rotary International President Representative PDG Merv Huxford for the most generous donation of \$3,000 from The DM Broady Trust Fund administered through his New Zealand based accountancy practice. These funds together with donations from our Clubs will contribute to maintain MHERV's operational costs which include: cost of disposables (e.g. test strips, Bowelscan kits, gloves etc.) as well as fuel, maintenance and registration.

Your support will allow us to continue to save men's lives in the bush by maintaining and expanding MHERV's services. To support MHERV please see below. Should your Members want to know more about MHERV, I am more than pleased to visit your Club as a Guest Speaker on my return from overseas in July 2014.

Kindest regards

PDG Tony McKenzie

## CAN YOU HELP MHERV?

Cheques payable to : RI District 9670

Direct Deposit to :BSB 637 000 A/c 719445802

Identify MHERV and Club name

Mail confirmation to:

Treasurer Lorraine Bevan, 14 Grattan Street Kurri Kurri 2327

[gandlbevan@bigpond.com](mailto:gandlbevan@bigpond.com)

For further information contact:

[tony-mackenzie@bigpond.com](mailto:tony-mackenzie@bigpond.com) or 0419 772 712



# Because...

## Alliance for Smiles

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To provide volunteers and funding for teams of surgeons and nurses to conduct cleft lip and palate surgery as well as teaching clinics for local surgeons at Victoria Hospital, Yangon, Myanmar

For more information Contact

PP Lyn Thorpe

(H) 02 4942 5559

(M) 0428 011 056

Email: [dkthorpe@bigpond.com](mailto:dkthorpe@bigpond.com)

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[www.rawcs.org.au](http://www.rawcs.org.au) project Alliance for Smiles \ Myanmar project no 63/2013-14

# Every Child Deserves a Smile



# Regional art prize getting bigger...

*The C&A Singleton Art Prize is on again this year bigger and better than ever! **Event Coordinator and member of the Rotary Club of Singleton on Hunter, David Gausden**, updates District 9670 on this year's annual event. This year's event will also see judge, Terry Jarvis, running an artist workshop over two days; the Hunter Region Sculptors holding a parallel exhibition; and a Jazz Concert on the same weekend—it will be like a mini artist festival! So why not get involved...*

We are pleased to announce that Coal & Allied has joined The Singleton Art Prize as a naming rights sponsor for 2014 & 2015, Coal & Allied have been a sponsor for the last 28 years and we are very happy that they are now our major financial sponsor.

From humble beginnings 32 years ago, "The Singleton Art Prize" has matured into one of the largest regional art prizes in NSW, and one of the most prestigious. It continues to feature prominent and up-and-coming Australian artists. In a typical year, an average of 1000 visitors pass through the Singleton Civic Centre to enjoy up to 800 paintings at the Singleton Art Prize, resulting in substantial art sales and great expo-

sure for our sponsors.

The success and continuing growth of this event provides invaluable opportunities for both Rotary and our partners to positively contribute to the wider community. The opportunity for the enjoyment of Art, and the encouragement of up and coming artists greatly enrich the whole community. Financially the benefits are also significant. Over the past five years almost \$80,000 has been raised from sponsorship & painting sales, for many local community projects and a few selected national & International Rotary projects.

The cost of running the exhibition is covered from financial sponsorship and other sources including

in-kind partnerships, sales commissions and over 1000 man hours each year by Rotarians and community volunteers.

The Club's goals are to provide a service to the Singleton community, facilitate a growing appreciation of art, encourage developing artists including our youth, and raise funds for deserving organisations and projects. The best work of the Prize is acquired for the Singleton Collection, and this year will join more than 89 works displayed in the Singleton Library and Council offices.



## WEBSITE COMMITTEE—POSITIONS VACANT



**district9670**  
community strength and values



**T**he Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) is seeking interested Rotarians to join the District Website committee (and the Electronic Communications committee) to fill the role of Journalist.

It is envisaged that two roles are required and may be shared.

The first role, is to investigate and report on events occurring within the district (both prior to and after the events).

The second role, is to generate stories about individual rotary clubs in the district (i.e. progressively writing stories about all clubs).

For more information contact:

[ecc@rotary9670.org.au](mailto:ecc@rotary9670.org.au)

# *The Coal & Allied 2014 Singleton Art Prize A Painting & Drawing Show*



*My Country Wanaruah Country* Courtesy of Denise Hedges

## ***Opening Night & Winners Announced Friday 18 July 2014***

*\$25 per head including finger food, wine & entertainment*

*Viewing from 6.00pm Food 7.00p Prize Winners announced 8.00pm*

***Wines courtesy of Mistletoe & Catherine Vale Wines***

**Open daily 10am to 6pm (entry\$2) Saturday 19 July Closing 6pm 22 July.**

**Venue Singleton Civic Centre - Queen Street Singleton NSW 2330**

*A two day artist workshop is being held by Terry Jarvis on 19&20 July all welcome from beginner to very experienced any age. Bookings are essential Wendy 65712055 or Gwen 65721247*

***In conjunction with this year's Art Prize, The Hunter Region Sculptors will be holding a parallel exhibition at the Singleton Sisters of Mercy Convent and Sacred Spaces Fine Music will be holding a Jazz Concert with Lisa Kinna and the Terence Koo Trio. "Swingin" at the Convent' Sunday 20 July at 2pm***

*Sculpture, Jazz & Workshop Venue is at Sisters of Mercy Convent 30 Queen St Singleton NSW 2330*

**For further information contact David Gausden 0429 775 556 or John Drinan 02 6577 6156**

**[www.singletononhunterrotary.org.au](http://www.singletononhunterrotary.org.au)**



# Please join us for the 11th Annual VBD Charity Golf Day

The VBD Charity Golf Day has been successfully raising funds for local charities for the past ten years, with more than \$125,000 raised to date. In 2014, VBD requests your continued support of this event, either by sponsoring the day or putting together a team to play.

Raising much needed funds for the Hunter Medical Research Institute (HMRI) and The Rotary Club of Newcastle Sunrise, the 2014 VBD Charity Golf Day will take place on Friday 20 June 2014 at Merewether Golf Club.

We invite you to take part in what is increasingly seen as one of the best charity golf days in our region, as either a sponsor, a player, or simply by donating a prize or cash.

## Details

Whether you want to support this charity as a business or an individual, you can do so. Funds raised are used to support HMRI and The Rotary Club of Newcastle Sunrise.

**Date:** Friday 20 June 2014  
**Venue:** Merewether Golf Club  
**Registration:** 9am with Breakfast  
**Tee Off:** Shotgun start at 10:00am  
**Format:** 4 Person Ambrose

## Hole Sponsorship - \$675

If you're a business, hole sponsorships gives you the opportunity to promote your business, and will also give you 4 playing positions on the day. Here is what you get for your sponsorship contribution:

- 4 playing positions in the field;
- Hole Naming Rights;
- Opportunity to display banners and/or signage on hole;
- Option to contribute to giveaway bag given to golfers;
- Your logo will appear on all communications from VBD and your name in all media communications;
- Breakfast for you and your playing team;
- Late Lunch;
- 4 tickets in the prize raffle and;
- Your choice of available holes to sponsor.

## Play only - \$90

If you're wishing to contribute to this cause but hole sponsorship isn't for you, then you might like to consider individual sponsorship. Register yourself or a team for only \$90 per player and take part in all the activities on the day. Here is what you get for your sponsorship contribution:

- 1 playing position in the field;
- Breakfast;
- Late Lunch and;
- 1 ticket in the prize raffle.

## Register now

Visit <http://www.stickytickets.com.au/16026>.



11th Annual  
VBD

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# District Membership & Community Involvement

The second quarter of 2014 is here...**Peter Sivyer, District Attendance, Participation and Contributions Chair** reports on how District 9670 is getting involved in our communities and looks forward to receiving more information from each club each month this year.

## CLUB STATISTICS - APRIL 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](http://www.rotary9670.org.au)

Can't see your club's stats here? Why not send an update to [ppsivyer@bigpond.com](mailto:ppsivyer@bigpond.com) and we will add them to our next edition.

ROTARY CLUB	MEMBERS	HOURS	%	RANK
Adamstown New Lambton	26	26	88	1
Belmont	29		73.8	14
Cessnock	22	11	77.2	11
Charlestown	46	74	83.3	6
Cobar	15	74	84.62	4
Dubbo	21		77	12
Dubbo Macquarie	22		86.4	2
Dubbo South	44		72.73	16
Dubbo West	48		69	19
East Maitland	42	471	84.52	5
Kurri Kurri Sunrise	27	11	55	27
Maitland	35	266	79.8	8
Merriwa	19		85.2	3
Morisset	17	114.46	73	15
Muswellbrook	26	30	60	24
Myall Coast	27	309	59	25
Narromine	12		65	22
Nelson Bay	56		70.51	17
Newcastle Enterprise	24	374	67	21
Newcastle Sunrise	21	105.5	78	9
Raymond Terrace	21		69.84	18
Rutherford -Telarah	34	206	75.53	13
Salamander Bay	26		58	26
Singleton on Hunter	28	25	68.3	20
Toronto Sunrise	32	89	55	27
Wallsend-Maryland	18	104	62	23
Waratah	20		80.4	7
Williamtown	21	301	78	9

## 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](mailto: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!





- 6th Movie Night—Grace Monarco  
Glendale Cinema Complex  
[trish\\_davies@bigpond.com](mailto:trish_davies@bigpond.com)  
0413-760-606
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- 6th President & President Elect Meeting  
Rotary Clubs of Newcastle, Lower Hunter, Lake Macquarie and Port Stephens Areas East's Leisure and Golf Club  
From 6:00pm  
[randjnelson@bigpond.com](mailto:randjnelson@bigpond.com)
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- 15th Rotary Leadership Institute—Part 3  
Dubbo  
Singleton Diggers, Singleton  
Club Macquarie, Argenton  
Helen Ryan  
Ph: 0409 842 455
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- 20th VBD Charity Golf Day  
Merewether Golf Club  
From 9:00am  
<http://www.stickytickets.com.au/16026>
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- 28th Q&A—Equality of the Sexes  
Maitland Regional Art Gallery  
From 6:00pm  
Ph: 0447-834-601  
[mrag.org.au](http://mrag.org.au)
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- 28th District 9670 Changeover Dinner  
Singleton Diggers Club  
6:30pm for 7:00pm start  
[peter.williams@hunterlink.net.au](mailto:peter.williams@hunterlink.net.au)

**INVITATION**

To join the Rotary Club of Cessnock And friends in their fundraising  
For RAWCS PROJECT - TEACHERS ASSIST KOKODA

Teachers Assist Kokoda provides free professional development and classroom essentials for currently employed teachers in the Oro Province of Papua New Guinea. This program operates with the co-operation of PNG DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**WHERE:** Glendale Cinema Complex, Glendale  
**WHEN:** Friday 6th June, 2014 6.00 for 6.30pm  
**COST** \$20 per person  
**INCLUSIONS:** Movie viewing, 1 x raffle ticket, aperitifs.  
Contact : [trish\\_davies@bigpond.com](mailto:trish_davies@bigpond.com) 0413 760 606

All correspondence on District 9670 matters to be sent to:

PO Box 357, New Lambton, NSW, 2305

