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# District digest

COMMUNITY, STRENGTH AND VALUES



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This year is flying by, possibly because its been so very busy...others told me that my year as District Governor would be a **rewarding** one, but it has been so much more than I ever anticipated.

I have been privileged to meet so many **inspiring people** and experienced a depth of Rotarian spirit within each and every club I have so far visited. It has reinforced my belief in Rotary and my confidence that, despite the conflict that is happening in the world, the philosophies of Rotary will **empower individuals** to reach out to others in need when they need it most.

We all have the **potential to make change** for the good and together, as Rotarians, we have so much capacity to do just that.

This month is **Vocation Month**, a chance for mentoring our youth and I want to talk about RYLA, a program that brings out the **leadership qualities in our young people**.

Recently, 21 young folk from diverse backgrounds came together for a camp at Tocal where they took part in a series of lectures and forums.

One of the **challenges** this year was the direction to look at four organisations, all facing diminishing member-

ship (including Rotary), and come up with innovative ways to market their brands.

The group split into four **working groups**, discussed their ideas and on the graduation evening, presented these ideas.

I was impressed with the **new-found confidence** these young people displayed and was blown away by their ideas.

How do such organisations that have been around for such a long time get **their message across** in today's society and get young people involved?

One simple example was the Meals on Wheels discussion group that came up with a spectacular new logo that could be placed on the side of delivery vans. The logo was of a truck designed out of cutlery, fruit and cuts of meat within the Meals on Wheels logo, an **innovative and catchy idea**.

The youth were **exposed to professionals**, those who had experienced both success and failure in business, one fellow spoke about body language.

The program reinforced the ideal that Rotarians have a **responsibility** to our young folk to give them the op-

portunity to maximise their potential. RYLA does exactly this.

A nice aspect of this program is that many of the **participants mentored** as youth come back to help with the program in following years.

We all make mistakes in life, young people need to know this, know there is forgiveness and move on - a message that will encourage young people.

Rotarian, Darcy Geale, is the chair of this committee and **thanks and congratulations** must go to him and his hard working committee.

RYLA was also successful in gaining grant funding to sponsor two young people from New Guinea, one an English teacher in her 20's; and another young man who worked in IT.

RYLA this year gave the additional opportunities to **share culture**. We learn so much from one another - 'I use to complain that I didn't have shoes until I met someone who didn't have feet', something to think about.

Preparations are in hand for the **annual conference** in Forster from March 21. Among the guest speakers will be Paul Lions who is a corporate consultant specialising in change; Noah Bassil who did his studies on the political situation in Africa; and

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Liz Gerard who will speak on the work of lady doctors during World War I.

This is a time when we can **learn from one another**; look at what we are doing well; and how we can do those things better.

Speaking on that, I have appreciated those clubs that have filled out our **survey forms**. This information is invaluable and will assist with the development of a **strategic plan** for the district heading into the future.

I remain amazed at the **diversity** within our clubs and the growing **flexibility** to meet the needs of their members.

Among the meetings I attended over

the past month, including a number of breakfast meetings, I remembered there are **no hard and fast rules** about where, when or how Rotarians meet. The only rule I like to see enforced is that those who attend the meetings **have fun and feel their time has been well spent**.

This is a time when we all need to **roll up our sleeves** and get in and do the job; recognise the needs in our communities and overseas; and react to make change for the good.

As the Rotary International President Gary Huang says "use your hand to help, use your head to make sure you are helping in the right place and use your heart to make sure what you are you are doing with sincerity. Without

*your heart nothing matters.'*

I would also like to thank everyone for their interest and support of Yvonne's project, **the MHERV Van**. As a matter of fact, interest is so keen that during one of our visits to a club question time saw the majority of questions directed to Yvonne which indicates the keen interest in men's health in rural communities and I thank you for that.

As I said, 2014 has been **better than wonderful** and I know even more inspirational experiences are yet to come before this very special year is over

Yours in Rotary

*Gerard McMillan*



**"Teenagers grow when they have opportunity to develop life skills".**

Rotary District 9670 RYPEN Committee is pleased to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the RYPEN Camp to be held on the weekend of November 7th, 8th and 9th 2014.

#### **D9670 Camp**

**Dates:** 7th to 9th November 2014.

**Venue:** Myuna Bay Sport & Recreation Camp

**Cost:** \$230 per student

Download nomination forms from the [District Website](#)

Contact RYPEN Committee Chairperson—Duncan Burck

Ph.: 02 4942 6679 Mobile: 0417 312 768 Email: [dburck@gmail.com](mailto:dburck@gmail.com)

What do participants say about their RYPEN and Rotary experience...

*"There has never been a camp that has wowed me this much, an experience I would love to relive and share with everyone."*

*"Every activity was absolutely amazing! I would do this over and over again especially if it was with the same people, the best group of people I have ever met."*

More information can also about RYPEN can be found on the district website and our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/RYPEN9670>



☆ **NAME:** Terry New

☆ **ROTARY CLUB & ZONE:** Rutherford-Telarah, Zone 6

☆ **SO, WHEN DID YOU INITIALLY JOIN ROTARY & WHY?**

I joined Rotary in 1991 in Moree, NSW after I was promoted to District Manager for the Department of Lands and the Regional Director for the Central West suggested that I join. When I arrived in Moree, I asked the proprietor of the motel at which I stayed whether he knew anything about Rotary. He replied '*What are you doing on Tuesday night?*' and the rest, as they say, is history.

☆ **WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT IN ROTARY?**

While in Moree, I realised the ability of Rotary to raise funds for a cause. This was particularly evident when a suggestion I made ended up raising several thousand dollars for equipment to assist the Moree Hospital. Perhaps the most fun I have had with Rotary though, was volunteering for a FAIM trip with the Goulburn Argyle Rotary Club to Western Samoa in 1996. Our mission was to cyclone-proof a school. Great Rotarians were on the team and the job was well done.

☆ **THE 2015/2015 ROTARY YEAR THEME IS TO "LIGHT UP ROTARY" – WHAT DOES THIS THEME MEAN TO YOU?**

Mostly, Rotarians have just "*got on with the job*" and let their work do the talking. Unfortunately for that philosophy, it has generally meant that Rotary has received pretty well no publicity for many years. To 'Light Up Rotary' means to get our message out as often as possible; wear our Rotary shirts when "*on the job*"; take lots of photos and put them up on websites, Facebook; let people know that Rotary is not an elitist business organisation but a world-wide team of men and women dedicated to a better world.

☆ **WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS / FOCUSES AS AG OVER THE 2014/2015 ROTARY YEAR?**

All of the AG's are a link between clubs and the DG. I plan to be as visible as circumstances permit at each of my clubs.

☆ **IT'S DINNER TIME...WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE CUISINE?**

Simple foods fit me. A good Saturday evening consists of a toasted sandwich, a Magnum ice-cream and a bottle of red wine.

☆ **IF YOUR PERSONALITY COULD BE BOTTLED UP, WHAT WOULD THE LABEL READ?**

The shy and retiring type with a knack for great administration!



# RYLA done for another year...

*Young leaders are born from many backgrounds and may be lurking just around your corner. **RYLA District Chair, Darcy Geale** updates the District on the success of the 2014 RYLA event. Have you got someone in mind you would consider a suitable applicant for the 2015 program...read on to find out more...*

RYLA 2014 has now been completed and was again a great year, showcasing what the youth of our District are capable of achieving.

To bring a group of 21 young people together, who on Day One, do not know each other and then, to see them join as a team and present to an audience on Day 6 as a single, cohesive unit demonstrates what RYLA is about in the world of today.

As usual, our young leaders come from many backgrounds, but that adds to the contribution and makes no difference to the way they work and join together.

Start looking now for potential partici-

pants for 2015 (26 September - 2 October). They all around you no matter how small your area.

With the current focus of this week being around mental health, this year's group selected Beyond Blue as their charity and raised \$350 to help their efforts.



For more about 2014 RYLA see and Like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Ryla9670>

Or, for more details at a Club level, watch <http://rotary9670.org.au/SitePage/rotary-clubs-this-is-your-role-in-ryla>



## Celebrating centenary style...

*When its all about getting your name out there, the Rotary Club of Rylstone Kandos has done the District proud over October . Assisting with the catering for the town's centenary, members of the Rotary Club have stepped up to the plate (literally) serving over 1,000 meals to locals and Government officials alike. Rotary member Elizabeth McKay fills us in...*

The October Long Weekend was a huge event for Kandos with all weekend celebrations to mark the centenary of the establishment of the town.

Kandos is quite unique as it was a "purpose built" town to serve the cement works.

Rylstone Kandos Rotarians were happy to provide over 1,000 servings of food over the weekend, plus tea and coffee – including tea and coffee for the Governor of NSW!

*"Serving this number of people pushed our band of workers, especially as some Rotarians had roles to play in other activities over the weekend." President and Team Leader, Klaus Keck said. "We thank especially the young non-Rotarians who helped us. In fact on the Saturday we could not have managed without them."*

Food was only a part of the Rotary contribution as we also had a tent with a display about Rotary.

Rylstone Kandos Rotary Club celebrated 65 years earlier this year so there is quite a history with the link with Kandos. "Not only was the historical display in keeping with the theme of the weekend, it provided an opportunity to promote Rotary locally and to display the work of Rotary International" Rotarian Elizabeth McKay said. "I hope that letting the community know more about Rotary we may be able to encourage some new members. If that doesn't happen it is at least good to promote Rotary International as the great organisation that it is." she said.



**Above: Cooking and more cooking – it's great to feed the masses.**



**Left: The Team outside the Rotary display at the Kandos Centenary Celebrations**





# 4 reasons to buy a raffle ticket



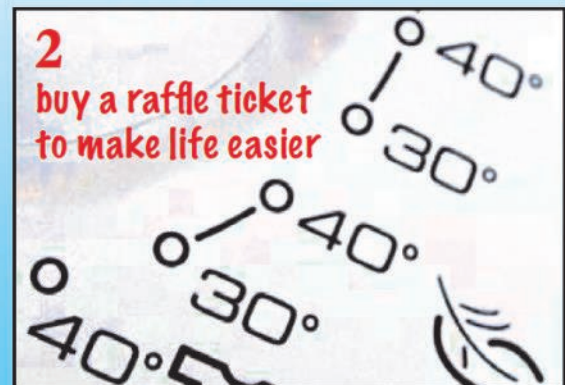
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buy a raffle ticket for  
the good times

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Good Guys, Warners Bay

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



buy a raffle ticket to wipe out polio

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**

# Family fun in the sun...

*This October school holidays, the Rotary Club of Rylstone Kandos rolled-up their sleeves and manned the BBQ at the Rylstone Family Funday. **Club member, Elizabeth McKay** shares the successes of the day with District 9670 and thanks all the club members for their contribution to making the day such a great success for the local community...*

Rylstone Kandos Rotary Club again supported the Rylstone Family Fun Day during the October holidays.

Rotary supports this day each year by manning the BBQ and cooking sausages (not so healthy really but what can you do?) and vegetarian wraps (that are healthy), fruit juice and water. Adults were served tea or coffee.

"We love to support this initiative," said Klaus Keck President of the Rotary Club of Rylstone Kandos. "It is great to see all the children and young people having good fun in a healthy way." he concluded.

One person who worked really hard, was Kristine Pederson our Exchange Student from Denmark. All agreed that Kristine is a brilliant ambassador for Rotary, Denmark and her family.

The Family Fun Day is sponsored by Mid Western Council and family support agencies and aims to promote healthy and affordable living. The theme this year was growing your own food and included compost making and recycling.

These activities was supported by many stalls including Health One, and family support agencies who work in the area. Sport was not forgotten with activities from cricket and NRL.

**Right: Rotarian and tireless worker, Amanda Roach engages some of the happy attendees at the Rylstone Family Fun Day**



## ⇒ 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](http://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



# District Membership & Community Involvement

Quarter one of the new Rotary year is complete...**Peter Sivyer, 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 - SEPTEMBER 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.

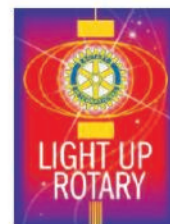
ROTARY CLUB	MEMBERS	HOURS	%	RANK
Adamstown New Lambton	28	10	86.3	5
Belmont	30		90.7	2
Charlestown	49	78	86.4	4
Cobar	14	88	95	1
Dubbo	24	55	85	7
Dubbo Macquarie	24	79	82.61	10
Dubbo South	51	136	72.61	17
Dubbo West	46	440	84.5	8
Dungog	14	97	74.29	15
East Maitland	42	147	87.21	3
Kurri Kurri Sunrise	23	60	60	23
Maitland	37	350	80	12
Merriwa	20		83.2	9
Muswellbrook	26		56	24
Myall Coast	30	61	70.4	18
Narromine	12	167	53	25
Nelson Bay	57		76.34	14
Newcastle Enterprise	24	127	66	21
Newcastle Harbour	17		60	n/a
Newcastle Sunrise	21	211	80	12
Rutherford -Telarah	37	361	73.58	16
Singleton	40		70	19
Singleton-on-Hunter	30	65	69.7	20
Toronto Sunrise	34	46	65.9	22
Waratah	20		85.9	6
Williamtown	21	329	82.14	11



# 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 **13<sup>th</sup> February 2015** to: -

**By Post: PDG Alex McHarg**  
**1 Sister Luke Place**  
**Singleton NSW 2330**

**By email to alexander.mcharg@bigpond.com**

Surname:					
Initials:		Preferred name on badge:			
Partner:		Preferred name on badge:			
Address:					
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Club Name:		Rotary Club of			
Rotarian		President		Past President	
PDG		YEP Student			
Requirements:		Wheelchair		Diabetic	
Gluten free		Vegetarian			
Registration Details			Per Person	N <sup>o</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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	<input type="checkbox"/>
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## Maitland Rotary Club Inc.



### White Ribbon Awareness & information Evening.

Australia's campaign to  
stop violence against women

### White Ribbon



Tickets can be purchased from:  
Maitland Rotary Club Inc  
Keith Pearson 49306972 or  
0400473987  
keith.pearson18@gmail.com

Date: 19th November 2014  
6.00-6.30pm

Venue: Lorn Park Bowling Club

Tickets: \$30.00 per person  
Pre-Dinner drinks, followed  
by  
Chinese Banquet

RSVP: On or Before  
7th November

For further details, please  
contact: Keith Pearson  
49306972 or 0400473987  
keith.pearson18@gmail.com

Australia's campaign to  
stop violence against women

White Ribbon



2nd Pink Ribbon Breakfast  
Rotaract Club of Hunter  
Meyer French Café & Patisserie, Broadmeadow  
Gabby Brand  
[hunter.rotaract@gmail.com](mailto:hunter.rotaract@gmail.com)

7th - RYPEN Weekend

9th Myuna Bay Sport & Rec Centre  
Duncan Buruck  
(02) 4942 6679  
[dburck@gmail.com](mailto:dburck@gmail.com)

19th White Ribbon Awareness & Information  
Rotary Club of Maitland  
Keith—(02) 4930-6972  
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23rd RLI Training  
Part 3—Eastern Region  
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0409-842-455

30th RLI Training  
Part 3—Western Region  
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**All correspondence on**

**District 9670 matters to be sent to:**

**PO Box 348, Singleton, NSW, 2330**

## 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  
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