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LIGHT UP NEWCASTLE

GRAB YOUR LANTERNS AND HEAD TO HONEYSUCKLE FOR THE MOST EXCITING WAY TO CELEBRATE FELLOWSHIP & CHINESE NEW YEAR.

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ARE YOU READY FOR THE CONFERENCE?

WHY NOT CHECK OUT THE DETAILS AND PROGRAM AND WORK OUT WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO GET INVOLVED IN.



○ No. 6 & 7

○ DECEMBER & JANUARY

○ 2015—2016

# District digest

COMMUNITY, STRENGTH AND VALUES

Welcome back to an exciting 2016! In line with this month's Rotary Theme, **District Governor Adrian Roach** asks us to re-engage with our Clubs and think about opportunities where we can use our vocational abilities to make a difference in our communities and communities all around the world. 2016 is shaping up to be a great year...what can you do this year to make a difference?



Greetings and a **Happy New Year** to you all. I trust that you have enjoyed your Christmas break and Australia Day Celebrations.

Over the years, I have noticed that it is sometimes hard to get our Clubs going at the beginning of the year, with some Clubs taking until the end of February to **re-engage**.

The Rotary theme for January is "**Vocational Service**". This is a great time then to reflect on how we can make a difference in our communities and communities all around the world by using our vocational skills. I have been so impressed with the response from Rotarians to the bushfire, flood and drought disasters. This is a brilliant example of how we can **use our vocation to make a difference**. Remember though, you don't need to wait for a disaster to use your vocational skills.

I trust that you will re-engage with your Club early this year, - we have a lot to do and a lot to **achieve** this year.

I challenge all Clubs to start this year by following up on all those people that would like to **join Rotary**. We must increase our membership and it is every single one of us that is **responsible** for this. If you think it is the role of your Club Membership person...then you can think again, it is your responsibility...your Club Membership person is only there to **support and encourage** you to ask the

question of others "have ever thought of joining our organisation?"

Have you booked for the **District Conference** yet? 360 people already have! The 2016 District Conference bookings are filling up fast!

4 – 6th March 2016

## "People, Passion, Purpose" District Conference

Parklands Resort, Mudgee

To secure your booking go to <http://www.trybooking.com/157059>

- ☆ General tickets = \$139
- ☆ Under 30 years = \$109

Conference tickets include: Saturday conference, morning tea and lunch; Saturday night conference dinner and entertainment; Sunday conference and morning tea.

Optional extras are recommended

- ☆ Thursday night BBQ = \$15
- ☆ Friday night welcome = \$20
- ☆ Saturday breakfast and speaker = \$15
- ☆ Sunday breakfast and speaker = \$15
- ☆ Sunday Take away lunch (pre-order) = \$16
- ☆ Saturday night dinner and entertain-

ment (for those not attending the conference) = \$50

So...who is coming with me to the **Rotary International Conference**?

28th May – 1st June 2016

"Connect with Korea—Touch the World"

Seoul, South Korea

Visit the convention site for more details <http://www.riconvention.org/>

A **group tour** will be put together and clubs will be advised of all the details. If you are interested in joining the tour which includes airfares to Seoul, hotel accommodation, transfers and a tour of South Korea please indicate your interest with Convention Convenor Graeme Hooper at [hoopergs@gmail.com](mailto:hoopergs@gmail.com) or on 0417-203-603.

On behalf of Rotary International and District 9670 I want to say an **enormous thank you** for all the work as Rotarians you do and for the support you show me as your District Governor. I know that you all continue to "**be a gift to the world**".

Best of luck and I hope that 2016 is a **great year** for you, your club, and for our organisation.

Yours in Rotary Service



## PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

DECEMBER 2015

K.R. RAVINDRAN

### LET US MULTIPLY THE GIFTS.

"When the Canadian Army liberated The Netherlands in 1945, they found the country on the brink of starvation. Seeing the suffering of so many, four Canadian privates stationed near Apeldoorn decided to

make that Christmas special for as many Dutch people as they could.

They made the rounds among their fellow soldiers, collecting chocolate bars, chewing gum and comic books. In their spare moments, they built toy trucks out of wood and wire, and sawed scrap lumber for building blocks.

By December 1, four sacks of gifts lay ready. But two days later, they learned the date they were to depart for Canada: December 6, long before Christmas. The soldiers decided that the best plan would be to take their sacks to the local orphanage and leave them there to await Christmas.

The night before they were to leave The Netherlands, the four set off for the orphanage, one of them in a makeshift white beard and red cap. As they approached the orphanage, they saw through the windows that the children were gathered at their evening meal. The meal was small and the children's faces pale and thin.

"Santa Claus" knocked three times, hard. The chatter of voices inside fell silent; a priest opened the door. The

children behind him erupted into cheers, rushing forward and swarming the private who had dressed for Christmas three weeks early—but exactly on time. For in The Netherlands, Sinterklaas comes on St. Nicholas Eve, December 5.

For an hour, joyful chaos reigned as packages were opened, sweets were tasted, rag dolls caressed. The last wooden truck went into the hands of a little boy. After thanking the men, he turned to the priest and said something to him in Dutch, his face alight with happiness.

The priest looked at the soldiers with eyes full of tears. "He said 'We told you he would come'".

By sending joy out into the world, we do not sacrifice it for ourselves—we only multiply it. As we enter this season of giving, let us multiply the gifts we have been given by sharing them with others. Through acts of generosity, we become and remain a Gift to the World.

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/office-president/presidential-message>

## Did you know?

In the Top 10 charities changing the world in 2015...**The Rotary Foundation came in at #5.**



The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that works to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace.

Using Rotary Foundation grants, Rotary's 34,000 clubs across the globe develop and carry out sustainable humanitarian projects and provide scholarships and professional training opportunities.

One of the Foundation's biggest initiatives aims at eradicating polio through its Polio-Plus program, launched in 1985. Since then, Rotary and its partners, including the World Health Organization and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, have immunized more than 2.5 billion children, reducing the incidence of polio by 99 percent and eradicating it from all but three countries.

Score: 96.31



# WHAT IS RAWCS?

How many times have you been asked this question in your Rotary Club or at District gatherings when you are talking about your Projects or the Projects of others?

We often hear our RAWCS colleagues complain that nobody knows about us and the great work we do.

We are in the main, well acquainted with what RAWCS is and does, but can we explain it and what it does, to other Rotarians.

At the last RAWCS Management meeting, Chairman John Roberson indicated that there is a new presentation available that explains what RAWCS is in a simple manner for everybody. The presentation is now available on the RAWCS website at <http://rawcs.org.au/>

RAWCS is somewhat unknown in the general Rotary world, but there is an opportunity to fix this with education and enthusiasm from each of us.

Ted Lewis OAM, Secretary  
RAWCS Eastern Region

## What is RAWCS?

- ☆ Rotary
- ☆ An Australian multi-district program
- ☆ Non-government organisation
- ☆ Tax exempt

## RAWCS Programs

- ☆ Project funding
- ☆ Project volunteers
- ☆ Donations in Kind (DIK)
- ☆ Rotary Against Malaria (RAM)
- ☆ Rotary Australian Benevolent Society (RABS)
- ☆ Developed Countries Disaster Fund (DCDF)

### Want to know more?

Why not catch us at our breakout presentation at the District Conference or speak to one of our board members at the House of Friendship at the Conference.

**ROTARY AUSTRALIA WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE** allows you and your club to implement charitable initiatives to address issues that matter to you.

*The process is simple:*

**IDENTIFY THE NEED**



**TAILOR IT TO FIT RAWCS CRITERIA**



**RAISE THE FUNDS  
and SEE YOUR IDEA COME TO LIFE**

RAWCS provides the support and infrastructure for the projects and volunteers. Project donations are tax deductible. There are programs which facilitate turning your ideas into reality.



**Overseas Aid Fund (OAF)** facilitates practical initiatives that foster long-term change in developing communities.

**Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS)** is one of the very few charities that allow you to gather community support to relieve the suffering of an individual or cause in the local Australian communities.





# Can you help "A Day for Tay"?

*Every once in a while we come across someone so special and unique we think they are one in a million. However, **Immediate Past District Governor Gerard McMillan** can do one better than that...as his grandson Taylor is one in seven billion +. The Simply Loving Taylor Incorporation are asking for your help with their upcoming February fundraiser. Could you or your Club make a donation?*

The Simply Loving Taylor Incorporation was established in September 2012 by a group of family and friends to help support a local boy, Taylor, and his family.

Taylor is a little boy that is living with a very rare and complex Chromosomal/Syndromic condition that is currently being researched by Genetics Specialists in the USA and Canada.

We always knew Taylor was one in a million, but it's been confirmed that he is one in 7 billion!

We are calling for any local Clubs, businesses or people that would like to help support our upcoming fundraiser in February 2016, "A Day for

Tay". This can be in the form of non-monetary and/or monetary donations. I

f you or your business could support and help us by donating any of the following, it would be very much appreciated:

- ☆ Raffle prizes
- ☆ Auction items
- ☆ Gift vouchers
- ☆ Discount vouchers
- ☆ Or a monetary donation to the fund

Your support and all money raised will help Taylor and his family with lifelong medical costs, mobil-

ity, educational tools, aid, etc.

If you are interested in supporting our incorporation, or would like further information, please phone 02 6574 0013 or email

[info@SimplyLovingTaylor.org.au](mailto:info@SimplyLovingTaylor.org.au).



## Would you

### Like to become a District 9670 Conference Sponsor?



To express your interest, please  
contact Simon or Michael at

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



LIGHT UP NEWCASTLE

# LANTERN WALK

**Saturday  
13 February 2016,  
from 4pm  
Honeysuckle  
Precinct**



**Don't miss the Light Up Newcastle Lantern Walk**

Help our local Rotary Clubs raise money for the Mission to Seafarers and the Newcastle Maritime Centre.



## CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR WITH FAMILY FRIENDLY FREE ENTERTAINMENT

Choose your  
favourite route  
to Honeysuckle  
and enjoy the  
festivities:

- Dragon boat races
- Lion dancers, dragons, Chinese entertainers
- Marching bands and choirs
- Newcastle Cruising Yacht Club sail past
- Firing of the Fort Scratchley Guns
- Fireworks

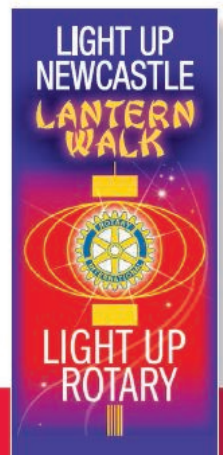
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**Rotary**  
District 9670





# Rotary International Convention Seoul

## 28th May to 1st June 2016

Join this absolutely fantastic opportunity to share the wonderful world of International Rotary.

Visit the convention site for further details <http://www.riconvention.org>

A group tour will be put together and clubs advised early in the new year.

If you are interested in joining the tour which will include airfares to Seoul, hotel accommodation, transfers and a tour of South Korea please indicate your interest with:

Convention Convenor Graeme Hooper at [hoopergs@gmail.com](mailto:hoopergs@gmail.com)

or phone 0417-203-603.

Don't delay...make sure you register now before the \$US/\$AUS deteriorate any further.

Important deadlines for the Conference:

- ☆ 31 March 2016: Preregistration discount ends
- ☆ 30 April 2016: Registration/ticket cancellation deadline
- ☆ 1 June 2016: Online registration ends; deadline for cancellations due to visa denial.



## CONNECT WITH KOREA -- TOUCH THE WORLD

CONNECT WITH NEW FRIENDS AND SHARE NEW IDEAS;  
BE INSPIRED TO *BE A GIFT TO THE WORLD*



**No two conventions are the same. We invite you to travel to Seoul to connect with old friends and make new ones, and be a part of the best Rotary has to offer.**

**Join us 28 May - 1 June 2016 to experience the hospitality of this world-class city and discover its rich culture and time-honoured traditions.**

**Taste delicious Korean cuisine and shop for the latest fashions and electronics.**

**See what's in store at the Seoul convention by visiting the convention website today or by watching the [promotional video](#).**



# ATTENTION: ALL GOLFERS IN D9670!

The Rotary Club of Charlestown is hosting the National Tournament for the Australian Golfing Fellowship for Rotarians from 1st May through to the 6th May, 2016.

Registration can be done online prior to 15th April, 2016.

The Tournament comprises four days of golf on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday with a social/fellowship day on Wednesday.

In addition to the golf, there are sightseeing tours planned for each day to cater for partners and non-golfers.

The tournament will be staged at Pacific Dunes Golf Club, Medowie and all the relevant details can be accessed on the A.G.F.R web site <https://agfr.org/tournament-2016/> and click on the D9670 link.

Each year this tournament attracts up to 144 players from all over Australia and it is anticipated that this will include approximately 30 places for District 9670 golfers wishing to participate.

The invitation is open to you to take part in this wonderful week of golf and fellowship with like-minded Rotarians and partners - **put together a group and come and join this great event.**

The A.G.F.R looks forward to seeing you next year.

If you require any further information on the event please do not hesitate to contact the A.G.F.R 2016 Tournament Di-



pacific dunes  
golf club



# Rotary



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'How to Form A Probus Club' Power Point Presentation and Manual.

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# District Membership & Community Involvement

Can you believe it...it has been five months so far...**Peter Sivyer, District Attendance, Participation and Contributions Chair** updates us all on how we are tracking for the second month of 2015/2016 and looks forward to receiving more information from each club, each month, over the Rotary year.

## CLUB STATISTICS - NOVEMBER 2015

	ROTARY CLUB	MEMBERS	HOURS	%	RANK
<p>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.</p> <p>★ 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 <a href="http://www.rotary9670.org.au">www.rotary9670.org.au</a></p> <p>Can't see your club's stats here? Why not send an update to <a href="mailto:ppsivyer@bigpond.com">ppsivyer@bigpond.com</a> and we will add them to our next edition.</p>	Adamstown New Lambton	26	21	77.9	12
	Belmont	25	Not Stated	92.7	2
	Cardiff	13	88	90	3
	Cobar	13	11	85	5
	Dubbo	23	61	82.11	6
	Dubbo Macquarie	24	15	79.76	9
	Dubbo South	60	70	76.42	13
	Dubbo West	48	250	79.78	8
	East Maitland	42	254	78.05	11
	Kurri Kurri Sunrise	22	86	72	17
	Maitland	40	111	73	16
	Merriwa	21	Not Stated	79.35	10
	Myall Coast	31	152	66	19
	Narromine	12	Not Stated	55	22
	Nelson Bay	50	Not Stated	80.67	7
	Raymond Terrace	23	55	96	1
	Rutherford -Telarah	43	10	64.56	20
	Singleton	38	Not Stated	71	18
	Singleton on Hunter	29	Not Stated	60.74	21
	Wallsend Maryland	35	175.5	75.8	14
	Waratah	20	Not Stated	89.93	4
	Williamtown	25	503.6	74.5	15

*Editor's Note*

Do you know someone interested in writing or editing?  
Do you think they would be willing to assist in the further development of the "District Digest"?

D9670 is looking for some new blood to take over the position of District Newsletter Editor during 2016.

Please send your expression of interest to DG Adrian Roach or [districtnewsletter@rotary9670.org.au](mailto:districtnewsletter@rotary9670.org.au)



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Belmont	25	Not Stated	85.3	6
Cardiff	13	88	90	4
Cobar	13	50	100	1
Dubbo	23	42	80.7	11
Dubbo Macquarie	24	144	95.24	2
Dubbo South	60	176	71.7	19
Dubbo West	44	208	80.24	12
East Maitland	42	Not Stated	72	18
Kurri Kurri Sunrise	22	118	74	16
Maitland	35	75	78	13
Merriwa	20	Not Stated	82.5	9
Myall Coast	31	Not Stated	70	20
Narromine	12	Not Stated	62	22
Nelson Bay	50	Not Stated	82.41	10
Raymond Terrace	23	95	93.33	3
Rutherford -Telarah	39	135	73.03	17
Singleton	38	Not Stated	76	15
Singleton on Hunter	29	Not Stated	66.67	21
Wallsend Maryland	35	172.5	84.4	8
Waratah	20	20	85	7
Williamtown	25	270	77.33	14

## Planning that special trip and need travel insurance?

Probus South Pacific Limited is happy to offer all Australian and New Zealand Rotarians access to the Probus Travel Insurance Plans\*.

The Probus Travel Insurance plans are exclusive to members of Probus or Rotary. One of the plans offers unlimited medical cover for most countries with the other offering coverage for most pre-existing medical conditions.\*

For more information on either of these exclusive plans, please visit our website on [www.probusouthpacific.org](http://www.probusouthpacific.org) or call **Australia** 1300 630 488 or +61 2 9689 0200 **New Zealand** 0800 14776 287

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## GUIDELINES ON USE OF THE ROTARY MARK

There **are two** components to the Brand

**MASTERBRAND:** ie The word Rotary with Wheel on right

The Masterbrand Signature as it is shown below with the word Rotary and wheel can only be used by Rotary International in this format. Clubs and Districts are required to use the Masterbrand in conjunction with their own name / district number and the template is available on the Brand Centre to do this.



Only to be used by  
Rotary International

Personalised to District  
is approved – use template

Personalised to Club  
is approved – use template

*Templates are available at: My Rotary > Manage > Brand Centre > Logos > Template > View*

**MARK OF EXCELLENCE:** ie The Rotary Wheel alone

The Mark of Excellence or wheel alone should not be used on its own (ie the wheel alone)



## HOW TO USE THE ROTARY MARKS

All Clubs and Districts are encouraged to use the Rotary branding templates available on My Rotary.

The golden rules are:

1. If you wish to use the Mark of Excellence, you must also have the Masterbrand personalised to your Club or District on the same page / screen / brochure, etc.
2. The Wheel cannot be used on its own without the Masterbrand.
3. You can use a Lock Up which is shown below for projects of the club or District.



Rotary Leadership  
Institute

Please review the Voice & Visual Identity Guidelines available at  
My Rotary > Manage > Brand Centre > Guidelines > Voice and Visual Identity Guidelines

Projects of Rotary which are not formal Rotary Programs (for example RYDA, Interplast) cannot use the logo without specific approval. Please check with Rotary International Office at Parramatta at [risppo@rotary.org](mailto:risppo@rotary.org) for clarification if you are unsure of how to use the logo.



## Venue

Parklands Resort & Conference Centre  
121 Ulan Road,  
MUDGEE, NSW, 2850

**Contact Details:** [conference@rotary9670.com.au](mailto:conference@rotary9670.com.au)

## Conference Tickets

**General Tickets - \$139**

**Under 30Yrs old - \$109**

**Conference tickets include:** *Saturday conference, morning tea and lunch; Saturday night Conference dinner; Sunday conference, morning tea.*

## Optional Extras - of course, all are recommended!

- **Thursday night BBQ** - \$15.00 for the early arrivers!
- **Friday night Welcome** - \$20.00 A casual night to meet friends, includes country style spit roast.
- **Saturday Night Dinner & Entertainment ONLY** - \$50. For those NOT attending the conference, but the dinner only
- **Saturday Breakfast & Speaker - Australian Rotary Health** - \$15.00
- **Sunday Breakfast & Speaker - Social Media & your Rotary Club** - \$15.00
- **Sunday - Takeaway Lunch** (pre-order only) - \$16.00

## Bookings

[www.trybooking.com.au/157059](http://www.trybooking.com.au/157059)



## Conference Program (as at 10 December 2015)

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Time	Activity
14:00	Registrations – Open 14:00
Dinner	Pre-Conference Welcome – Country Spit Roast Dinner

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Time	Activity		
ALL Day	Registration Open – All day		
Breakfast	Breakfast Seminar - Australian Rotary Health : Tonell Handley		
AM session	Conference Welcome KEYNOTE Speaker: Michael McQueen, Can Rotary Thrive in a Changing World KEYNOTE Speaker: Mark Hughes, The Mark Hughes Foundation		
	MORNING TEA Break		
	Breakout Sessions 1 – Choose your session		
	Youth In Rotary – The Journey of Interact, Rotaract to Rotarian	Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS)	Innovative Fundraising - Case studies of success
	Breakout Sessions 2 – Choose your session		
	Rotary Foundation funding and Vocational Training Teams	Membership – Case studies of success	Collaboration for Successful Projects
	LUNCH		
PM Session	KEYNOTE Speaker: Richard Go, International Floral Designer		
OPTIONAL PM ACTIVITIES: 14:00 – 16:00	Resolution Session – Elected delegates from all Clubs		
	Flower Workshop – NO COST		
	Days 4 Girls Workshop – NO COST		
	Golf – At cost, Mudgee Golf Club (details closer to the event)		
	Wine Tasting – AT COST, details out in early 2016		
19.00 - late	Conference Dinner and Entertainment by Supergroove		

### SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Time	Activity
Breakfast	Breakfast Seminar - Social Media & Your Rotary Club: Merrill DeFiddes, The Social Media Training School
AM session	Reflections and Gratitude KEYNOTE Speaker: Evan Burrell, Lets have fun in Rotary! KEYNOTE Speaker: Andrew Hughes, Living to Fulfilment
	MORNING TEA
	RI Pres Personal Representative (RIPPR) Address, Past District Governor Ranjith Samarasinghe, Sri Lanka
	District 9670 Future 12.30 CLOSE

# Our Year: A Healthier Australia

*Each year, Australian Rotary Health (ARH) celebrate the success in making a healthier Australia program by program. In November 2015, ARH held its AGM and highlighted some huge achievements for the year including the graduation of the 200th Indigenous Doctor, the most Mental Health Research Project Grants and over \$1 million donated through bequests. Read on for a wrap up of the ARH year below...*

Australian Rotary Health (ARH) celebrated the service of hardworking individuals and Clubs at their Annual General Meeting, held just before the Zone 8 Institute in November 2015. On behalf of ARH, thank you to all of our friends and supporters.

There were a few highlights from 2015:

- ☆ Our 200th Indigenous Doctor graduated.
- ☆ Over \$1 million donated through Bequests.
- ☆ The most Mental Health Research Project Grants funded in one year - 20 Grants.
- ☆ New PhD Scholarship celebrating the ANZAC Centenary, for PTSD in veterans and families.

## New Board

New Director appointed to the ARH Board was PDG Des Lawson of District 9630, who will replace PDG Russ O'Malley of District 9600. Russ served wonderfully as Vice Chairman 2014-2015 for which we thank him greatly. PDG Greg Ross, District 9820, has taken the role of Vice Chairman for

the coming year.

## ARH Medal

The ARH Medal for 2015 was awarded jointly to David and Karen Brown. David & Karen Brown were an integral part of the Great Australian Bike Ride (March-October, 2009). Since then David and Karen have remained involved in numerous bike rides – some supporting ARH – and David is now holding a committee membership in the District 9810 Ride to Conference. The 2016 fundraising from this ride, will reach \$1 million in total donations since it started.

## District Achievement Award

The Dick White District Achievement Award was presented to District 9650. We acknowledged the support of District 9650 Governors and, in particular, their partners for naming ARH as the "Partner Project" in each consecutive year from 2011/12 to 2015/16 and before that in 2008/2009 and 2006/2007. The support from this fundraising has supported multiple research and scholarship projects and has made a significant contribution to donations not only in the District but also in Australia.

## AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH



The primary mission is to fund medical research by Australians for Australians. Australian Rotary Health has now allocated over \$34 million in grants to Australian researchers.

### Programs to support

- Research project Grants
- Research PhD Scholarships
- Indigenous Health Scholarships
- Rural Medical Scholarships
- Rural Nursing Scholarships

### Australian Rotary Health

2nd Floor 43 Hunter Street,  
Parramatta NSW 2150  
PO Box 3455, Parramatta NSW 2124  
**Phone:** 02 8837 1900 **Fax:** 02 9635 5042  
**Email:** [admin@australianrotaryhealth.org.au](mailto:admin@australianrotaryhealth.org.au)  
**Website:** [www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au](http://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au)

*Supporting healthier minds, bodies, and communities  
through research, awareness and education*



Left: Congrats D9650! ARH CEO Joy Gillett and ARH Chairman Jeff Crofts present 9650 DG Maurie Stack with the Dick White District Achievement Award.

Right: Keeping the wheels turning. ARH Medal recipients David & Karen Brown celebrate their fundraising success from bike rides over 2015-2016.



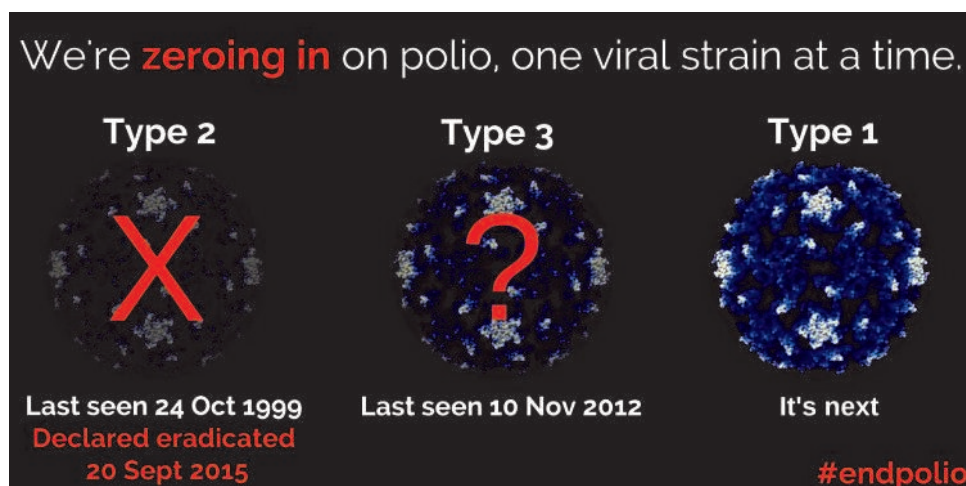


*In November 2015, we reached three (3) years without a case of wild poliovirus type 3 (WPV3), an important sign that the genetic diversity of the disease is shrinking.*

*But sounding a note of caution, the Emergency Committee of the International Health Recommendations met for the seventh time, extending the temporary recommendations to address the risk of the international spread of wild polio and expanding these to include circulating vaccine derived poliovirus.*

*In November 2015, the Independent Monitoring Board reported on both the recent successes and the final challenges that stand in the way of finishing polio for good.*

*And wrapping up this month, leaders from the Commonwealth countries gathered in Malta to announce new commitments that will help us drive forward towards a polio-free world.*



On November 10, we marked three (3) years without seeing a single child paralysed by wild poliovirus type 3 (WPV3), one of the three strains of the wild virus.

Thanks to intensified efforts to reach more children with vaccines, the genetic diversity of the disease is decreasing: WPV2 was declared eradicated in September with no case since 1999. This milestone is an encouraging sign that only wild poliovirus type one (WPV1) may remain.

High levels of vaccination and strong surveillance are critical to verify that WPV3 has been eliminated and to eradicate the last strain of polio.

## POLIO IN NUMBERS

### Wild poliovirus in 2015

- Global Total: 57 (305) ↓
- Global WPV1: 57 (305) ↓
- Global WPV3: 0 (0) ↓

### Endemic: 57 (280) ↓

- Afghanistan 16 (21) ↓
- Pakistan 41 (259) ↓

### Importation Countries: 0 (19) ↓

### Vaccine derived poliovirus type 1: 16 (1) ↑

- Lao PDR 4 (0) ↑
- Madagascar 10 (1) ↑
- Ukraine 2 (0) ↑

### Vaccine derived poliovirus type 2: 4 (55) ↓

- Guinea 1 (1) ↓
- Nigeria 1 (30) ↓
- Pakistan 2 (22) ↓

Note: Data is as at 26 November 2015. Values in brackets represent data at this time in 2014.

### Countries introducing the Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV) into routine immunisation systems during Nov 15

Botswana, Burundi, the Cook Islands, Guinea, Mauritania, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Yemen.

All polio endemic countries have now introduced IPV.

More than half of the world's birth cohort is now receiving at least one dose of IPV.

Nineteen (19) countries are due to introduce IPV in November.

The Selection Committee for the  
2018-2019 District Governor is:

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DGE Steve Jackson  
DGN Helen Ryan  
IPDG Gerard McMillan (Convener)

Zone 1 PP Geoff Smith  
Zone 2 PP Raymond Nolan  
Zone 3 AG David Roach  
Zone 4 AG John Vandine  
Zone 5 PP John Bennetts  
Zone 6 No nomination received  
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Zone 8 PDG Brian Atkins  
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## Monthly Theme:

### Peace & Conflict Prevention / Resolution

5th Presidents, Chairs & AG's Meeting  
East Region  
Club Maitland City (Emerald Room)  
DG Adrian Roach

6th Presidents, Chairs & AG's Meeting  
West Region  
West side Hotel, Dubbo West  
DG Adrian Roach

13th LUNAR—Lantern Walk  
Honeysuckle Precinct  
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19th& AG Training

20th DGE Steve Jackson

21st District Chair & AG Training  
DGE Steve Jackson

23rd **ROTARY'S BIRTHDAY!!!**

25th Wallsend Community Awards 2016  
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