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GOLDEN CELEBRATIONS
D9670 CELEBRATES THE 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROTARY CLUB
OF CARDIFF IN STYLE.



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US ALL TO CONSIDER THE GIFT OF
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District digest

COMMUNITY, STRENGTH AND VALUES

*As 2015 draws towards a close, **District Governor Adrian Roach** reflects on the great achievements of D9670 and the amazing determination of Rotarians across the District. While we take time to reflect on great things we have achieved so far, we are reminded to prepare for two HUGE and exciting events yet to come...our District Conference and the Rotary International Conference in Seoul...*



As we approach Christmas I reflect on the past 6 months and what a wonderful time it has been. How do I describe the time...**Exhilarating**, **Busy**, **Fulfilling**, **Interesting**, **Rewarding**, **Exciting**, **Inspirational**, **Demanding**, **Hectic**, **Eventful**, **Satisfying**, **Motivating**.

I am continually amazed at the work that our **Rotarians achieve** in our District. The talents and perseverance and determination is truly amazing.

I have now had the pleasure of visiting every club in the District and what a wonderful experience that has been. Each club **"doing their thing"** and making the world a better place.

Congratulations to Both the Rotary Clubs of Cardiff and Cobar who celebrated **50 years of service** to the community. I was pleased to be able to attend both Club's Celebration dinners and hear the stories of the club's inception.

Christine and I have recently returned from the Governor Elect Training Sessions—Pre Institute and Institute, where 20-year old Jordan Fallon, President of RC Kurri Kurri presented a wonderful speech about **youth suicide prevention and awareness**.

I am excited at the thought of our districts first **Vocational Training Team** with a planned project in Jiwaka Papua New Guinea check out the webpage (but please pay no attention to the Buddha like image...)

<http://dentalproject.greenhillslotary.org.au/>.

So...have you booked for the **District Conference** yet? Bookings are open. 4 – 6th March 2016 – **"People, Passion, Purpose"** at Parklands Resort, Mudgee. Don't delay...to secure your booking go to <http://www.trybooking.com/157059>. Early bird tickets purchased prior to December 30th 2015 are \$109; General tickets = \$139; Under 30 years = \$109 or their early bird is = \$79. Your 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 entertainment for those not attending the conference = \$50

It's getting closer...so who is coming with me to the **Rotary International Conference**? This Rotary Year the conference is being held in Seoul, South Korea from 28th May – 1st June 2016. Visit the convention site for more details. <http://www.riconvention.org/> A **group tour** will be put together and Clubs will be advised in the New Year. 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 hooperqs@gmail.com. Register now before the USD/AUSD deteriorates any further. Important deadlines are:

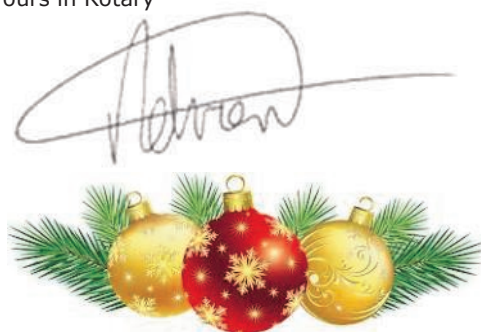
- ☆ 15th December – early registration discounts ends;
- ☆ 31st March – preregistration discount ends;
- ☆ 30th April – registration/ticket cancellation deadline; and
- ☆ 1st June – online registration ends

On behalf of Rotary International and District 9670 I want to say a **massive thank you** for all the work you as Rotarians 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"**.

May the good times and treasures of the present become the golden memories of tomorrow.

Wishing you lots of **love, joy and happiness**. Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year!

Yours in Rotary





PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

NOVEMBER 2015

K.R. RAVINDRAN

"One sunny morning at the end of June 1991, a van drove through the busy, rush-hour streets of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Winding through traffic to a northern suburb, the van arrived at the Forward Command Headquarters of the Defence Ministry. Security guards stopped it for inspection. When they did, the two suicide bombers driving the van detonated their cargo: thousands of kilograms of plastic explosives.

The roof of the building was blown off completely. Debris was strewn

for blocks. In total, 21 people were killed and 175 people injured, among them many pupils of the girls' school next door. More than a kilometre away, the blast shattered every window in my home. My wife raced toward the sound of the explosion – toward our daughter's school.

Our daughter was then nine years old. That morning, she had forgotten her pencil case at home. At the moment of the blast, she was coming out of a stationer's shop, admiring her new pencils. Suddenly her ears were ringing, the air was filled with sand, and everywhere around her people were screaming, bleeding, and running. Someone pulled her into the garden of the badly damaged school, where she waited until my wife arrived to bring her back to our home – its floors still covered with broken glass.

Sri Lanka today is peaceful and thriving, visited by some two million tourists every year. Our war now is only a memory, and we as a nation look forward to a promising future. Yet so many other nations cannot say the same. Today, more of the world's countries are involved in conflict than not; a record 59.5 million people worldwide live displaced by wars and violence.

In Rotary we believe, in spite of all

that, in the possibility of peace – not out of idealism, but out of experience. We have seen that even the most intractable conflicts can be resolved when people have more to lose by fighting than by working together. We have seen what can happen when we approach peace-building in ways that are truly radical, such as the work of our Rotary Peace Fellows. Through our Rotary Foundation, peace fellows become experts in preventing and resolving conflict. Our goal is that they will find new ways not only to end wars but to stop them before they begin.

Among the hundreds of peace fellows who have graduated from the program, two from Sri Lanka, one from each side of the conflict, studied together. In the first weeks of the course, both argued passionately for the rightness of their side. Yet week by week, they grew to understand each other's perspective; today, they are good friends. When I met them and heard their story, they gave me hope. If 25 years of pain and bitterness could be overcome by Rotary, then what, indeed, is beyond us?

We cannot fight violence with violence. But when we fight it with education, with understanding, and with peace, we can truly **Be a Gift to the World.**

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

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Golden year for Cardiff...

*It's not often a huge milestone like a golden anniversary rolls around for Clubs within D9670! **Rotary Club of Cardiff Secretary Eleanor Cunningham**, takes this opportunity to thank all Rotarians, friends and family who helped the Club celebrate its golden year with dinner, dancing and magic...*

A big thank you to the many members of clubs across our district (and further afield!) who attended our 50th Anniversary Dinner recently.

For a small club of only 10 members, we were delighted and pleasantly surprised to have almost 100 guests join in the celebrations.

We were very honoured to have a number of charter members and ex-members able to attend as well.

As a special tribute, DG Adrian Roach presented our charter member and current President,

Gary Appleby, with an engraved clock as a memento of the occasion and to also acknowledge his many years of active Rotary service.

Adrian also inducted our newest Paul Harris Fellow (PHF), a very proud, Ms Sherrie Jarvie.

Our aim was to keep the evening entertaining with a focus on fun and, as DG Adrian says, the speeches and official duties were kept, "like a mini skirt - short enough to cover the important things".

With dinner music playing, Movietone News of the 60's was run

as a backdrop to the evening and we were entertained by the magical Joel Howlett.

The newly re-furbished Macquarie Room at Wests Cardiff was a great venue - thanks to the Wests Group and the functions staff for their support.

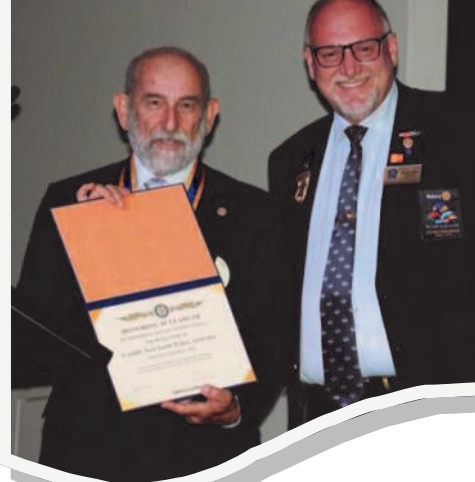
We hope you all enjoyed the night and look forward to celebrating milestone events like ours with other clubs in our district.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas and holiday season.



Above: Hip Hip Hooray! Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Cardiff in style.

Right: A golden tribute. DG Adrian Roach recognises Club President Gary Appleby for his 50 years of active service.



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Exploring the possibilities...

Another successful Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) has just been held in the East...so please meet our newest bunch graduates! RLI Team Member, Bob Main updates D9670 on the success this program has had so far over the 2015/2016 Rotary Year...but don't just take his word for it...see what the graduates had to say...

A very successful Rotary Learning Institute (RLI) program has just completed at East Maitland. The smiles tell the story of an enjoyable experience...

Rotarians in the program hailed from clubs across the eastern side of the District and enjoyed the learning experience of **"Exploring Rotary"**.

DG Adrian Roach, DG Elect Steve Jackson and DG Nominee Helen Ryan were there to present the certificates and pins.

Don't believe us...hear what the participants had to say...

☆ **"The RLI was a fantastic way to learn about the many varied opportunities**

available to Rotarians and the numerous programs of Rotary International". Gabby – Rotaract.

☆ **"RLI enhanced my knowledge and understanding of Rotary. After 3 years I wish I had taken the course when I first joined"**. Kathy – Nelson Bay

Club.

☆ **"All Rotarians should come, old and new members"**. Tricia – Newcastle Enterprise

You could be the next one from your club to experience this Rotary Learning Experience so why not have a go. Contact Bob Main at robhel4@bigpond.com.



Would you

Like to become a District 9670
Conference Sponsor?



To express your interest, please
contact Simon or Michael at
conference@rotary9670.org.au



Cobar celebrates 50 years...

50 years old and still serving their community! Rotary Club of Cobar President Gary Woodman, reflects on the many community projects and needy people the Club have been able to assist over the last 50 years. Congrats Cobar on achieving such a huge milestone!

The Rotary Club of Cobar is 50 years old and still serving the Community.

The Club which was formed in 1965 with Mr Warren Turton, as the Foundation President, going on to undertake many community projects and assist many needy people in the Cobar and wider community since that time.

The present 12 members of the Club celebrated the important milestone; with almost 40 visiting Rotarians and invited guests at Dinner on a Saturday night at the Cobar Bowling and Golf Club which has been the Club meeting place in recent years.

Club President Gary Woodman said *"that it was very important that the Club recognised and remembered the long period service to the Cobar and wider community"*.

District Governor Adrian Roach and his wife Christine; along with Past District Governor Peter Raynor and his wife Margaret; and District Governor Elect Steve Jackson all travelled to Cobar for the celebrations. They brought with them a certificate

and letter of congratulations from the President of Rotary International Mr K R Ravindran which they presented to President Gary.

Gary, during his welcome speech, outlined the history of the Club and the important community work undertaken by the Club during the past 50 years.

He went on to highlight the efforts of Club foundation member Max Humphries, who as a very active member of the club, continues to help out at various fundraising BBQs.

Club member Tony Punzet, who remains in contact with Foundation President Warren Turton, read out to the gathering a letter from Warren congratulating the club on reaching 50 years of service and passed on his apology for not being able to attend the celebrations due to poor health.

President Gary presented membership certificates

to three Friends of Rotary volunteers Tonette and Kevin Martin and Bernie Martin.

Gary advised that the Club hoped to increase its membership by another six (6) members during the next 12 months and is keen to hear from any Cobar Residents who might be interested in joining the Club or becoming Friends of Rotary.



Right: Still serving with a smile. DG Adrian and his wife Christine; President Elect Steve Jackson; Rotary Club of Cobar President Gary Woodman his wife Vanja Turk along with Stepdaughter Irena Vrtaric celebrate the momentous milestone for the Club widely known for service and a strong community spirit.

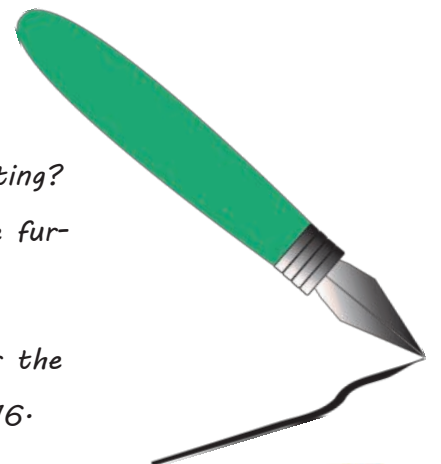


Editor's Note

*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



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

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:

- ☆ 15 December 2015: Early-registration discount ends
- ☆ 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.



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



Early registration for Seoul is now open!

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](#).

Consider contributing your knowledge and experience at a breakout session during convention. Submit your [proposal online](#) by 15 October.

Take advantage of [early registration](#) savings by 15 December and register today!



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 Director, Bill Pitt on 0407-492-703.



pacific dunes
golf club

Give the Gift of Rotary...

K.R. RAVINDRAN

"My dear friends,

As this year comes to an end, we have the opportunity to reflect on what we've accomplished so far and what else we hope to do. As I said in my message in the December issue of *The Rotarian*, this is also a time for giving. I would ask that you continue to "Be a Gift to the World" by giving the [gift of Rotary](#). By giving to our Foundation, you help provide the means to address the needs of our local and global communities. No gift is too small: just \$15 can pay for polio vaccines, and gifts of up to \$200 can pay for much needed medical equipment in a rural hospital. With your support, we can continue to accomplish much more.

You can even give to a specific area of focus that has become important to you. [Learn more](#) about what your gift could support.

Rotary's six areas of focus have helped us channel our efforts so that we can better meet the needs of communities around the world — to

provide clean water, to educate children, to help bring peace and hope to areas of conflict. Together with Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Ray Klinginsmith, I am sponsoring a series of five presidential conferences between January and March to highlight our areas of focus, beginning with the [Rotary World Peace Conference 2016](#). Local Rotary districts will serve as hosts, and the conferences will be open to both Rotary members and the general public. They will feature engaging speakers, informative general sessions, and hands-on workshops. Attendees will have the opportunity to network with fellow leaders and take away new ideas and strategies. Visit the [conference websites](#) to learn more about each program and to register.

This is a good time to remind you that our convention is fast approaching. I attended my first convention nearly 30 years ago in Las Vegas, Nevada, USA. Each convention is special, but they get better and better every year. I enjoy seeing old friends, making new ones, and shar-

ing my passion for Rotary. The Seoul convention, 28 May-1 June, is sure to be the best yet.

I invite you to join me — whether it's your first convention or your 10th — to connect with new friends and new ideas, and to be inspired to Be A Gift to the World.

As leaders, we all have a responsibility to extend the invitation to our fellow Rotarians, and to encourage them to experience the best event of the Rotary year. Please spread the word that the convention is for all Rotarians, and consider sharing this great Rotary tradition by sponsoring the attendance of a district Rotaract representative, Rotaract club president, or other Rotaract leader.

Remember to take advantage of early registration savings and [register today](#). I look forward to seeing you in Seoul."



monthly themes

DECEMBER Disease Prevention & Treatment

JANUARY Vocational Service

FEBRUARY Peace and Conflict Prevention/ Resolution

MARCH Water and Sanitation

APRIL Material and Child Health

MAY Youth Service

JUNE Rotary Fellowships

AUGUST Membership & New Club Development

SEPTEMBER Basic Literacy & Education

OCTOBER Economic & Community Development

District Membership & Community Involvement

Wrapping up the 1st quarter of the 2015/2016 year... **Peter Sivyver, 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 - OCTOBER 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 www.rotary9670.org.au</p> <p>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.</p>	Adamstown New Lambton	25	8	89.7	4
	Belmont	26	Not Stated	93.5	1
	Cobar	13	12	70	15
	Dubbo	23	43	84.21	6
	Dubbo Macquarie	25	Not Stated	92.06	2
	Dubbo South	60	952	83.02	8
	Dubbo West	47	204	86.73	6
	East Maitland	42	140	82.9	9
	Kurri Kurri Sunrise	22	94	60	19
	Merriwa	21	Not Stated	71	13
	Myall Coast	31	135	75	12
	Narromine	12	289	59	20
	Nelson Bay	50	Not Stated	80.65	10
	Newcastle Harbour	15	54	71	13
	Raymond Terrace	23	128	91.14	3
	Rutherford -Telarah	43	129	61.75	18
	Singleton	38	Not Stated	70	15
	Singleton on Hunter	29	Not Stated	56.71	21
	Wallsend Maryland	32	324	76.9	11
	Waratah	20	30	89.44	5
	Williamtown	25	347	69.5	17

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!



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

DG Adrian Roach
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
Zone 7 PP Brian Oakley Zone
Zone 8 PDG Brian Atkins
Zone 9 AG Denis Hyland
Zone 10 AG Earl Heckman
Zone 11 AG Laurie McGrath



Monthly Theme: Disease Prevention & Treatment

9th Rotaract Information Night—Dubbo
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17th Movie Night—Star Wars Episode VII
Rotary Club of Lake Macquarie
<http://www.trybooking.com/168534>

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