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District digest

COMMUNITY, STRENGTH AND VALUES

*Such a busy month October has been for our DG! **District Governor Adrian Roach** updates us on the many miles and exciting engagements he and Christine have undertaken this month across the District with official visits; attendance at the Inter-District Muster; a Dream Cricket Gala Day and the unveiling of the new Interact Club...what a whirlwind it has been...*



October has been a very busy Month for both Christine and myself...

We have been tripping all over District 9670 with **official District Governor Visits** in "the West" at Wellington and Mudgee and then "the North" to Myall Coast. This was then followed by our attendance at the **Inter-district "Muster"** in Tamworth; a visit to the new Ruther Technology High **Interact Club**; a few hours at the **Dream Cricket Gala Day** in Maitland and we even squeezed in a wedding in Port Douglas and a few days (with the District Governor Mike Woods from Cairns, QLD).

Christine and myself are also hosting two **PNG Students** (Cathy and Abraham) who have come down from Nondugl in PNG to participate in the RYPEN weekend. They are the most delightful people and have **enjoyed lots of "firsts"**- hot showers, plane rides, bus rides, swimming in a swimming pool and not to mention the different food they are enjoying. I am sure that they will add to the magic of the RYPEN weekend.

We have received notice from Zoey Kirwan, Chair of RYPEN that the upcoming **RYPEN camp** is fully

subscribed. I am looking forward to another wonderful weekend, addressing the participants as well as helping with the kitchen duties.

Unfortunately, the **RYLA camp** was postponed due to lack of numbers but we are looking to reschedule the programme **early 2016**...so if you know of anyone interested in participating in the program, please get in contact with Michael Kirwan (Chair of RYLA).

The **District Conference** is now open for booking! Don't forget to book early and save money with the early bird prices.

Conference Update

2016 Conference Bookings - NOW OPEN!

At this conference we will have keynote speakers along with a series of **breakout sessions** where you can choose to hear about and be engaged in discussion in your areas of interest.

Each of our speakers personifies the conference theme of **'People, Passion, Purpose'**.

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

For any further questions please contact our conference committee at conference@rotary9670.com.au

Its important you hop to it and secure your booking by going to <http://www.trybooking.com/157059>

And don't forget if you book early you can save money with the early bird prices.

Conference House of Friendship to promote your club /committee programs, contact Kimm Climaco The Rotary Club of Greenhills- Maitland/ District 9670 - 2016 Conference Committee at kimm.climaco@bigpond.com or by phone on 0418-967-745

Looks like November is going to be another whirlwind of a month with Christine and I going to Melbourne at the end of November, along with some others from our District, for a week at the **Rotary Institute**. We are really looking forward to meeting up with Rotarians from all over the Australia as well as RI President Elect John Germ.

Until next month then...

Yours in Rotary



PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE
OCTOBER 2015
K.R. RAVINDRAN

"Last month, after confirming a full year without a single case of wild poliovirus, Nigeria was **removed from the list** of the world's polio-endemic countries. It was the last polio-endemic country in Africa. Today, **only two countries** – Afghanistan and Pakistan – harbour the world's final reservoir of endemic poliovirus. As this issue of The Rotarian goes to press, global cases of polio in 2015 number **only a few dozen**.

The scale of this achievement can hardly be overstated. Polio has existed for millennia; it has **plagued humanity** since our earliest civilizations. Today, because of Rotary's work and that of our partners, the **end is in sight**. We are counting down not in years, but in months.

And yet, our success is as fragile as it is monumental. We are moving forward, slowly, steadily, inexorably – thanks to colossal efforts that never cease. We continue to vaccinate hundreds of millions of children in **vast synchronized campaigns**; we constantly monitor environments to prevent new outbreaks.

The sheer scale of the effort – **the coordination, the cost, and the commitment** – boggles the mind.

Some ask why such high levels of immunisation and surveillance are still needed to combat a disease that is almost gone. The answer is simple: It is the only way **forward**. If we did anything less – if we allowed the virus any quarter – years of work would be undone. We know too well how easily polio could **spread again**. We know how quickly our decades of progress could be lost. And this is why the months ahead are so tremendously important. We need your voice – to

raise **awareness**, to raise **funds**, and to keep the momentum going. We need your strength to help fight this war until we have won.

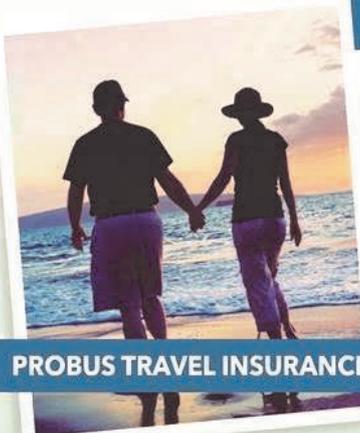
On 24 October, we mark **World Polio Day**. I hope that on that day, all of you will take part in some way in our work to **eradicate polio**. I know that many of you intend to publicise this event on the club or district level; for those who have not yet made plans, there are still many ways to participate. Visit end-polionow.org for ideas, tools, sample press releases, and ways to donate. You'll also find the link to our livestream event; be sure to join in, and share it on social media.

This war of ours – which started as a war against polio but is also a war against **hatred**, against **ignorance**, against **fear** – this war will be won. It will be won soon. And when it is won, all of Rotary will have a story to tell – to the children, and the grandchildren, who will never see a leg brace or an iron lung, or know a world with polio in it.

Whether you are a Rotarian in Kano or Peshawar or Swat, in Seoul or Madrid or Chicago – you are a part of this story. Your part in it is one that **only you can write**. I ask you all to write it well – so that the story you will one day tell is one of which you will be **proud**."

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

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Hats off to Rotary Clubs...

Congratulations to all Rotary Clubs from D9670 who got involved in Hat Day 2015! **District Governor, Adrian Roach** passes on the thanks of the Australian Rotary Foundation and the light that Hat Day shines on mental health awareness. Did your Club participate and support the wonderful initiatives ...

By Steff Fenton

Australian Rotary Health

15th October 2015

"When it comes to shining a light on mental illness in Australia, Rotary Clubs have done it again. Thank you to all the Clubs across the nation who hosted a Hat Day event, and invited their local community to get involved as well.

Hundreds of Australian Rotary Clubs held fundraisers big and small. Some collected donations & sold merchandise at train stations, organised a Mental Health & Wellbeing Community Fair, worked with local organisations to collect donations at their receptions, as well as trivia nights, novelty auctions, hat competitions or passing the hat around at a partner's night – thank you

for your vital support of mental health research.

One of our Hat Day Ambassadors, Dr Happy aka Dr Tim Sharp, the Chief Happiness Officer at The Happiness Institute, shared happiness challenges and tips from his new 'Happiness At Work' Book on a "Dr Happy Roadshow". Functions were held in Sydney, Melbourne & Hobart. An event on Hat Day (Friday October 9) included a speech from the NSW Minister for Mental Health, The Honourable Pru Goward, who endorsed Hat Day and the work of Australian Rotary Clubs in leading mental health research in Australia.

Proceeds will support initiatives such as the implementation of national suicide prevention strategies, the development of web & phone-based programs to reduce

symptoms of mental illness & improve resilience, developing new medication treatments for schizophrenia, resources for loved ones caring for someone with a mental illness and many more.

Donations to Hat Day are currently being tallied – there are too many to count. 100% of funds will go directly to vital mental health research projects around Australia through Australian Rotary Health. Projects aim to find preventions, treatments and cures for a range of debilitating mental illnesses.

Thank you to everyone who got involved in Hat Day 2015. For more information or to donate, visit www.hatday.com.au."



Above: Hats on for Mental Health: DG Adrian celebrates Hat Day 2015 with his Rotary Club of Green Hills buddies.

Below: Things got wild out West—Rotary Club of Dubbo and Dubbo Macquarie celebrated Hat Day together with some more interesting hats emerging.



Taking off with a bang...

Its so exciting when a NEW club pops up in D9670...and this is exactly what happened in mid-October. **Chair of Interact, Michael Weatherall**, had the great pleasure of unveiling a new Interact Club based at the Rutherford Technology High School with an exciting morning tea. D9670 looks forward to hearing all about the upcoming adventures of these up and coming leaders...

"Thank you to all those who were able to come to the Interact Afternoon Tea.

The event was a great success for all the Interactors involved and they enjoyed you coming and giving them the opportunity to share their excitement about Rotary-sponsored Interact.

Thank you also to all who helped make RYDA the success that it is.

I would appreciate the contact details for anyone in your club who is interested in assisting in supporting the local Interact Clubs that will be starting very soon.

This role is for someone who un-

derstands excitement, is prepared for a challenge and above all will share fun with these amazing young people."

★ If you think you (or anyone in your Club) fits this description why not contact Michael Weatherall on 0419-415-199 or email on interact@rotary9670.org.au



Above: Preparations underway—new Interact members prepare afternoon tea for their guests.

Left: Proud as punch—meet the newest Club on the Block...the Interactors!



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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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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!

Rotary District 9670



CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

Wed 9th December 7pm

- Tables Of 8 And 10
- Air-Conditioned Premises
- Private Venue
- Plenty Of Parking
- Musicians & Room For Dancing

\$30

- Buffet Style
- 2 Roast Meats
- Jacket potato
- Salads
- Rich Beef Gravy And Apple Sauce

Raffles on the night
Lucky Door Prize
2015 Hunter Rotary Awards

- Home Made Plum Pudding & Brandy Sauce
- Fresh Fruit Salad
- Sweet Selection

- Tea & Coffee
- Cordial On The Tables

RSVP Robert Fogg **0417 299 969** email: robert@totalrisk.com.au
Prior to Friday 4th Dec with names and payments.

Venue: All Australian Journeys
Address: 3 Woodford Place Thornton • 02 4923 5923



SATURDAY 2PM-4.30PM

FREE SESSION-ALL WELCOME

This is your chance to meet Rotarians in your District and Region making a difference.

Hear short informative sessions on:

- DIK**—Miriam Jacka
Needs, does & don'ts
- RAMS** —Steve Carrol
Williamtown RC ride around Oz
- TEA & COFFEE SERVED**
- RABS**—Chris Dorn
Managed 3 D9670 projects

DAYS for GIRLS
Gloria Buttsworth - Australian Co-ord.

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Transitions in education & health

RAWCS IN D9670—Brian Coffey
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- William—young DV victim
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Cost \$35 per head.

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Contact PP Brian Coffey
D9670 RAWCS Chairman

0414811943 brian@coffey.net.au



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These Rotary projects are active in our Region. Come along and see what they are about



**SUNDAY—General Meeting
9am—Midday**

Join us for morning tea. Hear about the progress of many projects in the District and Region
Maybe you would like to run a project or volunteer on any project running throughout Australia
Morning tea provided



Saturday morning 9am — scenic bus tour
Newcastle—beaches, ANZAC walk
Enjoy a famous NZ Ice Cream and lunch at Warners Bay

District Membership & Community Involvement

Wrapping up the 1st quarter of the 2015/2016 year...**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 - SEPTEMBER 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 ppsivyer@bigpond.com and we will add them to our next edition.</p>	Adamstown New Lambton	26	24	86.7	6
	Belmont	25		87.7	4
	Cobar	13	19	100	1
	Dubbo	23	62	81.58	9
	Dubbo Macquarie	25	4	87.27	5
	Dubbo South	60	212	63.02	20
	Dubbo West	47	383	89.42	3
	East Maitland	42	111	82.5	8
	Kurri Kurri Sunrise	22	98	69	16
	Maitland	40	241	66	18
	Merriwa	21		74	13
	Myall Coast	31	106	72	15
	Narromine	12	155	63.6	19
	Nelson Bay	50		83.59	7
	Newcastle Harbour	15		73	14
	Raymond Terrace	23	55	76.71	10
	Rutherford -Telarah	43	85	62.41	21
	Singleton	38		69	16
Singleton on Hunter	30		56.03	22	
Wallsend Maryland	32	176	75.5	12	
Waratah	19		94.42	2	
Williamstown	25	463.5	75.83	11	

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!



Please join us in celebrating
the 50th Anniversary
of the
Rotary Club of Cardiff

Date : Friday 13th November, 2015
Venue : Macquarie Room

West's Cardiff

Munibung Road,
Cardiff 2285

Dinner and Entertainment
6:30 for 7:00 p.m.

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or contact Eleanor
rotary.cardiff@gmail.com
0416258461 (M)

celebrate



- 2nd Rotary Club of Belmont—Movie Night "5 Flights Up"
Mark Longworth 0412-686-769
Tony Larkin 0418-493-837

- 6th The Art of Belonging
Rotary Club of Maitland
mrag.org.au

- 6th Rotary Club of Waratah—Trivia Night
Bob Cherry
bobcherry@optusnet.com.au

- 9th Days for Girls—Movie Night "Intern"
Noelene or Cathy
newcastlensw@daysforgirls.org

- 13th Rotary Club of Cardiff—50th Anniversary
Eleanor Cunningham
rotary.cardiff@gmail.com

- 14th - RAWCS Eastern Region Conference
- 15th Brian Coffey
brian@coffey.net.au

- 23rd 100 Holes in a Day
Rotary Club of Newcastle Sunrise
www.hmri.org.au/100holesinaday

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