



Welcome to Rotary Year 2016-2017.

By the time you are reading this, most Clubs will have completed their Changeover, and a new Board will be managing each club on behalf of its members. A successful joint changeover involving The Rotary Club of Cessnock and Rotary International District 9670 took place at Cessnock Leagues Club on 2nd July last, when Vicki Steep handed over the Club presidency to Ross Lidbury and Adrian Roach handed over the District Governorship to Stephen Jackson. Clubs have no doubt been in planning mode for some time and it will be interesting to hear of Club objectives and goals.



### **New Format**

This edition of the District Governor's Newsletter comes in a new format. It will be shorter, and hopefully will not repeat information available elsewhere, such as on various Rotary websites. There may be references to where information about a particular thing may be found, but the actual information will not be repeated.

### **District Dues**

Part of the costs the District has to pay each year are the insurance premiums. Most members don't know much about the insurances the District carries, but the 5 policies play an important part in protecting the District and its officers, the Clubs and their members, the volunteers such as Friends of Rotary, and various committees and groups from the risk of litigation should some potential liability occur. We have to have funds available from which to pay these premiums, which are usually payable before the end of July, so I urge all members to pay their club subscriptions promptly so Clubs can pay the District Dues.

### **District Governor's Official Visits**

These visits are an important part of both the District Governor's and each Club's year. They give the District Governor the opportunity of meeting with the Club's board and discussing the club's plans. There is then a club meeting to which all members, and often their partners, are invited. But it is not a one-way street - those present have the opportunity of asking the District Governor questions relating to any aspect of administration at Rotary International and District level. The visits start late in July and run into November.

### **RI President**

The new World President is John Germ from the Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee. He has two aims for Rotary in the current year. The first is to achieve the eradication of the poliomyelitis disease from the world, and the second is to grow the membership of Rotary.



### **Polio**

With only 17 new cases of the wild poliomyelitis virus having been reported this calendar year, it is possible that we are on track to eliminate it completely. But there has to be a 3-year period without any new case being reported before that claim can really be made. The campaign is still going and it will still cost a lot of money to get to the desired final result. So please keep donations to The Rotary Foundation for polio plus coming.



### **Members**

Rotary seems to be able to attract members, but has problems retaining them. No doubt here will be natural attrition, but if we can continue to recruit new members, and can retain our existing members, a substantial part of the problem is solved.

## DISTRICT INFORMATION

### District Governor

Stephen Jackson, Cessnock

### District Governor Elect

Helen Ryan, Nelson Bay

### District Governor Nominee

Brian Coffey, East Maitland

### Immediate Past District Governor

Adrian Roach, Greenhills-Maitland

### District Secretary

Howard Bridgman, Newcastle  
Enterprise

### District Treasurer

Bob Wood, Singleton

### International Service

Brian Coffey, East Maitland

### Community Service

Keith Harcombe, Charlestown

### Club Service

Terry New, Rutherford-Telarah

### Youth Service

Adrian Roach, Greenhills-Maitland

### Interplast

Judy Hicks, East Maitland

### RAWCS Committee

Brian Coffey, East Maitland

### Donations in Kind (DIK)

Brian Coffey, East Maitland

### Shelter Box Liaison

Peter Croft, Dubbo Macquarie

### The Rotary Foundation

Peter Raynor, Warner's Bay

### Australian Rotary Health

Chris Bartlett, Nelson Bay

### Bowel Scan

Danny Thompson, Singleton On  
Hunter

### Men's Health Educational Rural Van (MHERV)

### Dream Cricket

Donald Stephens, Dubbo West

### INTERACT

Michael Weatherall, Rutherford-  
Telarah

### Model United Nations Assembly

David Thomas, Williamtown

### New Generations Service Exchange

Brian Oakley, Myall Coast

### Rotaract

Nicole Shanks, Dubbo West Rotary

### Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

Bridie Scott, Greenhills-Maitland

### Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment (RYPEN)

Zoey Kirwan, Greenhills-Maitland

### Science and Engineering Challenge

Brian Atkins, Waratah

### Science and Engineering Challenge -

Western Plains

Geoff Smith, Narromine

### Science Schools

Iain Blackadder, Salamander Bay

## New Rotary Theme

The 2106-17 Rotary theme is Rotary Serving Humanity. It's simple, and the closest we have come in a long time to the basic theme of Service above Self. Let us look at our club activities and projects for this year and ensure that they do demonstrate that Rotary (is) Serving Humanity.

## Attendance records.

The Rotary Rules require clubs to report their attendance to the District Governor on a monthly basis, and for some time PDG Peter Sivyer has been recording this information and the results have been published in the District Governor's Newsletter each month. When the information is received it is reviewed by the District Governor and the relevant Assistant Governor. Falling attendance may be an early warning that something is not going well within a club and enables both the District Governor and the Assistant Governor to raise the matter with the Club's board.

As far as I can see there is no need for the statistics to be published, and there is no requirement from Rotary to rank clubs in order of their percentage attendance.

I am therefore reminding clubs that an attendance report should be made to PDG Peter each month, and I am asking him to compile a report for the benefit of the District Governor, the District Governor Elect, the District Governor Nominee and the Assistant Governors.

If a club really wants its attendance figures to be published that can occur, but unless a request to do so is received, I will not in future be requiring those statistics to be published.

## Work Hours Reports.

What seems to me to be of greater importance, and to be a statistic which clubs within the District, and the District itself, can use to enhance Rotary's public image both in communities and more generally, is the number of hours of community service work carried out by club members each month.

These figures can be accumulated over specific periods and newspaper articles, other mainstream media reports and/or social media posts can be generated to advertise the result. But it need not rest there - local councils are often interested in what various clubs and organisations within their area are doing to assist the public.

Clubs having an accurate record of their figures may find they can include them in applications for funding for grants to show the funding authority that they are an active organisation capable of getting a funded project completed. There are no doubt other benefits as well.

We will have to be careful that the records we keep of community service work carried out are accurate. It is likely that opinions will vary as to what should and should not be included in the times we record. There will be

hundreds of examples, but I mention just two where I think a basic rule needs to be adopted.

Firstly, the time spent by an organiser in working out the number of sausages, loaves of bread and cans of beverages required for a barbecue to be held at a retail store, and the time spent in locating volunteers and preparing rosters, should not be included, but setting up the equipment on site, doing what is required to prepare and sell the products, and to clean up at the end of the day, can be recorded.

Secondly, a member of a Rotary Australia World Community Service team which operates anywhere should only record the actual hours of work carried out - the time spent in getting to the site, in eating, sleeping and relaxing should not be included.

I have asked PDG Peter Sivyer to record these hours as advised by clubs. I will shortly arrange for a draft return form to be prepared which can be used by club secretaries (or whoever gets the job within the club) to report the details.

I will circulate the form in due course. However I ask that in the meantime, clubs do nominate a person to keep these records on a monthly basis with effect from 1st August so that returns can be submitted early in Each month commencing in September 2016.

Till next month.

DG Stephen



## REMEMBER

All new Club Presidents and Secretaries should visit the District web site ([www.rotary9670.org.au](http://www.rotary9670.org.au)) for two major reasons.

**First** - please check your club officers and Board information for 2016-2017 to be sure it is correct and complete.

**Second** - please check the calendar for the date of DG Steve Jackson's visit to your club. There have been some recent changes - see in Page 2.

Your club planning document should be sent to your AG four weeks before the DGs visit.

All Clubs are encouraged to update their goals for 2016-2017 and put these into My Rotary ([www.myrotary.org](http://www.myrotary.org)).

There is the possibility of a RI Presidential Citation, under the more flexible requirements established by RI PP Ravi last year.

## NEW CLUB WELCOME

Welcome to the District's newest club, the Rotary Club of Singleton Sunrise, which was chartered on 28 June.

The new President is PDG Gerard McMillan.

Singleton Sunrise meets on Tuesdays at 7:15 a.m. at Singleton Diggers.

Well done to all the Charter Members.

**An airline captain was breaking in a very pretty new blonde stewardess. The route they were flying had a stay-over in another city, so upon their arrival, the captain showed the stewardess the best place for airline personnel to eat, shop and stay overnight. The next morning as the pilot was preparing the crew for the day's route, he noticed the new stewardess was missing. He knew which room she was in at the hotel and called her up wondering what happened to her. She answered the phone, sobbing, and said she couldn't get out of her room. "You can't get out of your room?" the captain asked, "Why not?" The stewardess replied, "There are only three doors in here, "she cried, "one is the bathroom, one is the closet, and one has a sign on it that says "Do Not Disturb!"**

## DISTRICT DIARY

### JULY

25 - DG visit - Newcastle

25 - DG visit - Dungog

26 - Science and Engineering Challenge Dinner

26 - DG visit Charlestown

27 - DG visit - Maitland

28 - DG visit- Singleton

### AUGUST

1 - Science and Engineering Challenge

3 - DG visit - Warren

5 - DG visit - Mudgee Sunrise

6-7 - RLI West - Two Day Course

8 - DG visit - Cessnock Wine Country

10 - DG visit - Kurri Kurri Sunrise

10 - DG visit - Paterson

11 - DG visit - Cessnock

12 - Presidents, AGs and District Chairs meeting

13 - Presidents, AGs and District Chairs

15 - DG visit - Bourke

16 - DG visit - Narromine

17 - DG visit - Dubbo West

18 - DG visit - Muswellbrook

19-21 - National MUNA Canberra

22 - DG visit - Raymond Terrace

23 - DG visit - Salamander Bay

24 - DG visit - Williamtown

25 - DG visit - Greenhills Maitland

25 - DG visit - Nelson Bay

29-31 - Governors' Elect Training

30-1 - Science and Engineering Super Challenge

### SEPTEMBER

1 - Zone Institute

5 - DG visit - Toronto

6 - DG visit - Toronto Sunrise

6 - DG visit - East Maitland

7 - DG visit - Newcastle Harbour

7 - DG visit - Morisset

10-11 - RLI West - Two Day Course

12 - DG visit - Dubbo

13 - DG visit - Dubbo Macquarie

13 - DG visit - Mudgee

14 - DG visit - Dubbo City Rotaract

15 - DG visit - Cobar

17 - Gala Ball for the Rotary Foundation

19 - DG visit - Cardiff

20 - DG visit - Wallsend-Maryland

21 - DG visit - Newcastle Sunrise

22 - DG visit - Lake Macquarie

24-25 - YEP Briefing weekend 2017

Outbound

**ROTARY DISTRICT 9670 - June, 2016**

|                        | MEMBERSHIP NUMBER | ATTENDANCE % | RANK | COMMUNITY HOURS |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------|-----------------|
| Adamstown New Lambton. | 23                | 88.9         | 5    | 15              |
| Belmont                | 22                | 92.4         | 3    | -               |
| Cobar                  | 13                |              | #N/A |                 |
| Dubbo                  | 23                | 72.3         | 15   | 48              |
| Dubbo Macquarie        | 22                | 95.59        | 1    | 81              |
| Dubbo South            | 64                | 82.89        | 7    | 160             |
| Dubbo West             | 44                | 79.06        | 11   | 35              |
| Kurri Kurri            | 18                |              | #N/A |                 |
| Kurri Kurri Sunrise    | 20                | 74           | 13   | 69              |
| Maitland               | 37                | 68           | 19   | 266             |
| Muswellbrook           | 26                |              | #N/A |                 |
| Myall Coast            | 28                | 75           | 12   | 57              |
| Narromine              | 12                | 70           | 17   | 144             |
| Newcastle Sunrise      | 19                |              | #N/A |                 |
| Raymond Terrace        | 23                | 91.67        | 4    | 305             |
| Salamander Bay         | 32                |              | #N/A |                 |
| Singleton on Hunter    | 29                |              | #N/A |                 |
| Toronto Sunrise        | 29                | 56.5         | 22   | 52              |
| Wallsend Maryland      | 36                | 72           | 16   | 183             |
| Waratah                | 19                | 94.74        | 2    | -               |
| Williamstown           | 22                | 72.48        | 14   | 253             |

**PLEASE NOTE**

Would all Clubs ensure that these figures are forwarded to the District Governor or Peter Sivyer, (Email: attendance@rotary9670.org.au) within 10 days of the last meeting of each month.

**DISTRICT DIARY - Cont ...**

- 26 - DG visit - Rutherford-Telarah
- 27 - DG visit - Maitland-Sunrise
- 27 - DG visit - Merriwa
- 28 - DG visit - Denman
- OCTOBER**
- 4 - DG visit - Dubbo South
- 5 - DG visit - Murrurundi
- 6 - DG visit - Hunter Rotaract
- 7 - Aust Rotary Health Hat Day
- 10 - DG visit - Singleton on Hunter
- 11 - DG visit - Singleton Satellite
- 11 - DG visit - Rylstone-Kandos
- 12 - DG visit - Scone
- 14 - Presidents, AGs & Chairs Meeting - East
- 15-16 - Australian ROTARACT Conference
- 15 - Presidents, AGs & Chairs Meeting - West
- 17 - DG visit - Waratah
- 18 - DG visit - Wellington
- 23-24 - RLI East Day 1 /two day course
- 24 - DG visit - Myall Coast
- 25 - DG visit - Newcastle Enterprise

- 30-31 - RLI East- Day 2 -two day course
- 31 - DG visit - Belmont
- NOVEMBER**
- 8 - DG visit - Kurri Kurri
- 13-14 - RLI East- Day1 /two day course
- 14 - DG visit - Warners Bay
- 20-21 - RLI East- Day 2/two day course
- 26-27 - YEP Final briefing Outbound

**SUGGESTION**

**A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS** - Let the public know what your Club is doing.

We've all heard the saying, so put it into practice by using your camera.

- Have someone take photos of every club activity, no matter what.
- Take a photo of every guest speaker.
- Put all photos in your bulletin.
- Put all the photos on your Facebook and Website.

**CLUB DIARY**

This section is for all Clubs in the District 9670 to publish any Club event you would like known through-out the District.

Only for events that will attract visitors from the District.

It is not for your 'local' BBQ.

Events must have the DG's approval.

**JULY**

- 3 - Newcastle Enterprise Fun Car Observation Run

**AUGUST**

- 17 - Metropolitan Players stage musical "Wicked" Rotary Club of Newcastle Enterprise Rotary Foundation fundraiser
- 20 - Lake St Claire Charity Bike Ride organised by the Rotary Club of Singleton

**OCTOBER**

- 7 - Nelson Bay Charity Golf Day
- 22-23 - Murrurundi Train Festival

**September**

- 10 - Dubbo Rotary's 80th Birthday Celebration

**PUBLICATION INFORMATION**

DG'S Newsletter will be published by the 14th of each month.

Items requiring DG's approval must be emailed to the DG by the 25th of the month before.

Only information relevant to the entire district will be published.

Club Events you would like to promote to the entire district is available in the Club Dairy.

**HUMOR**

**I'm confused.  
No wait...  
Maybe I'm not.**