

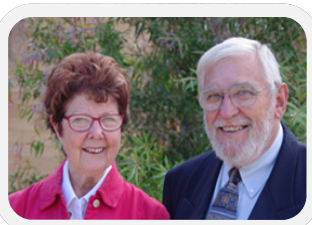


ROTARY MOVING AHEAD

THE FIRST MOVE - POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW DISTRICTS

Rotary International has divided the world into Zones, and requires combinations of Zones to elect Directors as members of the Board of Rotary International. Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines are Zones 7A, 7B and 8.

The role of Director has alternated between the countries over the years. The previous Director was from the Philippines, the current Director is from Australia, and is Noel Trevaskis, from Bega in NSW. Directors have the opportunity to influence decisions of the Board of Rotary International.



At the September Rotary International Board meeting a motion was passed that "...Director Trevaskis work with district leadership to create national redistricting plans for Australia and New Zealand and to provide the Districting Committee with an interim report by January 2017 in order to present a complete plan to the Board at its June 2017 meeting with redistricting to take effect on 1st July, 2020."

It is obvious from the published figures that Australia and New Zealand have both lost members over the last few years. As a result of the proposed review, It is my guess that there will be a recommendation that the number of Districts in Australia and New Zealand reduce from the present 27, to something between 19 and 22. The effect of this is that some existing Districts will disappear, others will probably increase in size and more relevantly, in membership.

The G-train from each District was invited to take part in individual conferences with Director Noel, and for this District's G-train that occurred on Friday 11th November. While it is early days, the review so far preserves District 9670, although it is likely to be expanded and get a new number. The District may lose Bourke to District 9650, but the renumbered District 9670 will probably be expanded to take in Taree, Wingham, the Forster and Tuncurry area clubs, Gloucester and Quirindi from District 9650, and Lake Cargelligo, Condobolin, West Wyalong, Forbes, Parkes, Grenfell, Cowra, Molong and the Orange and Bathurst clubs from District 9700. That District will cease to exist. The other clubs from that District will probably go in to District 9710, the Canberra-South Coast District. This would give the new District 9670 some 75 clubs with roughly 1880 members. In December there is to be a round table conference of all affected Districts to further discuss the proposals, from whence the interim report referred to above will be submitted.



For the majority of Rotarians, redistricting will not be an issue, except that the distances between the extremities of the District will increase, in some cases substantially. There is also a possibility that several Regional Governors will be appointed to look after perhaps 15 clubs, but this has not been fully explored..

Based on the projected plan implementation date of July, 2020, the present DGE Helen Ryan would still become DG in 2017-18, DGN Brian Coffey would still

DISTRICT DIARY

November - 2016

- 12 Sat -13 Sun - Eastern Region RAWCS Conference
- 14 Mon - DG visit - Warners Bay
- 19 Sat - District AGM in Denman
- 20 Sun - RLI East- Day 2 / two day course
- 27 Sun - YEP Final briefing Outbound
- 28 Mon - Million Dollar Dinner - Epping
- 29 Tue - 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation Dinner

December - 2016

- 08 Thu - Last months attendance and community hours emailed to District Attendance Officer, Peter Sivyer on ppsivyer@bigpond.com .
- 11 Sun - The Rotary Foundation Meeting

February - 2017

- 08 Wed - Last months attendance and community hours emailed to District Attendance Officer, Peter Sivyer on ppsivyer@bigpond.com .
- 10 Fri - Presidents, AGs and Chairs Meeting - East
- 11 Sat - Presidents, AGs and Chairs - West
- 23 Thu - Rotary's 112th Birthday
- 24 Fri - AGs training
- 25 Sat -26 Sun - 2017-18 AGs and Chairs Training

March - 2017

- 05 Sun - Clean Up Oz Day
- 08 Wed - Last months attendance and community hours emailed to District Attendance Officer, Peter Sivyer on ppsivyer@bigpond.com .
- 16 Thu to the 19 Sun - District Conference, Dubbo

April - 2017

- 01 Sat - PETS West
- 02 Sun - District Assembly West
- 08 Sat - Last months attendance and community hours emailed to District Attendance Officer, Peter Sivyer on ppsivyer@bigpond.com .
- 29 Sat - PETS East
- 30 Sun - District Assembly East

May - 2017

- 08 Mon - Last months attendance and community hours emailed to District Attendance Officer, Peter Sivyer on ppsivyer@bigpond.com .
- 12 Fri - Presidents, AGs and Chairs meeting East
- 13 Sat - Presidents, AGs and Chairs meeting West
- 26 Fri - 27 Sat - MUNA, Muswellbrook

become DG in 2018-19, and a new DG to be elected for 2019-20 would hold office during that Rotary year. It really is a case of "Watch this space!"

THE SECOND MOVE

- FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS IN AUSTRALASIA

A meeting attended by representatives from Districts in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific was held in Sydney recently to discuss Communications Down Under. It was sponsored by Rotary Down Under, the regional magazine. It was noted that despite membership drives, our numbers are still going backwards. A fresh approach followed by immediate action, is required to reverse this situation. One of the ways suggested of achieving this is to have more effective communication both between members, and with the general public.

Currently each part within Rotary is working in its own silo, with little or no knowledge of what is occurring outside in the world or even in the silo next door. For example, this District has 44 separate committees – almost as many committees as there are clubs. Does Committee A know what Committee W or Committee AK are doing? The fact is that each is doing similar work in a slightly different way and catering to a slightly different audience. Can the functions of each be joined so that a combined message can go out to a greater audience, and perhaps at half the cost? And can that audience include people not currently within Rotary?

One of the examples given of a communication problem is the so-called "Million Dollar Dinner" functions. To many the concept is an immediate put-off – *"I can't afford that sort of money – it's those Silvertails again!"* The million dollars is of course a final target figure, contributed to by many. And there is no need to pay up now – it can be a bequest in a will which will only take effect after you die, at a time when you will not be needing it. But many Rotarians do not know that, nor do members of the general public. A better description is needed so that there is not an immediate rejection of any idea of contributing.

Director Noel will be inviting a number of people to form a steering committee to work on getting a plan in place by September 2017.

Again, it is a case of "Watch this space!"

DISTRICT 9670 MOVING AHEAD

A Youth Summit facilitated by Wilma Simmonds and Pam Wellham was held recently at the request of District Youth Service Director PDG Adrian Roach. Most of the District's Youth Programs were represented, as was the Rotary Foundation. District child Protection Officer Trevor Lynch gave a presentation on this vexed subject which is still causing District and Club Officers concerns. During the meeting, those attending were asked to undertake a "visioning" type exercise where they were asked to nominate two projects or courses of action in each of 4 categories which they considered most important to future growth.

The results are currently being tabulated and analysed and will be the subject of a report by Wilma and Pam shortly. However those present voted the summit a real success and suggested that a similar meeting take place each 6 months.



July - 2017

01 Sat - District Changeover

08 Sat - Last months attendance and community hours emailed to District Attendance Officer, Peter Sivyer on ppsivyer@bigpond.com.

URGENT APPEAL Haiti Cyclone Matthew Response effort building now



Cyclone Matthew has left more than 1000 people confirmed dead in Haiti already one of the poorest countries in the world and now facing cholera outbreaks from contaminated water.

Disaster Aid has deployed in Haiti before, and is working with fellow Rotarians there to provide an appropriate emergency shelter and fresh water response.

Your donation will help Disaster Aid International (Aust.) respond with Family Survival Packs, Home Repair Kits and, most importantly SkyHydrant™ water purification systems and Sawyer water filters.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9670 INC. NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Pursuant to Clause 6A(a) of the Constitution of Rotary International District 9670 Inc., I, Stephen Jackson, District Governor of Rotary International District 9670 Incorporated, direct that the Annual General Meeting of the Incorporated Association for 2016 be held on **SATURDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER, 2016** AT THE DENMAN R.S.L. CLUB, 42 PAXTON STREET DENMAN, AT 2.00PM.

District 9670 Conference

DISPLAY STAND



HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP 2016 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

If you would like your Club to have a display in the House of Friendship at the District Conference next year time and space is running out.

Follow these steps:

- 1 - Speak to the members of your Club at the next Club meeting.
- 2 - Book your site, now.
- 3 - Start to organise your Club's Program(s) and your Committees aims, etc to have ready for the conference.
- 4 - Organise a roster to have some one on the stand at all times.

Booking forms which will be forwarded later this year.

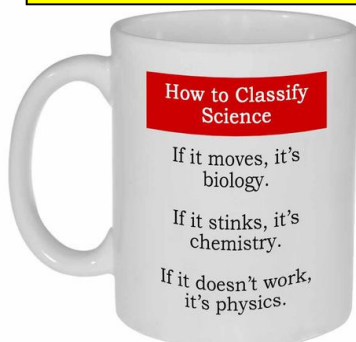
DISTRICT CONFERENCE

17 – 19 MARCH, 2017



**DUBBO REGIONAL THEATRE and
CONVENTION CENTRE**

HUMOUR



Once more it is a case of "Watch this space."

2017-2020 COUNCIL CYCLE

As you all know, at the last Council on Legislation a new approach to Rotary International Internal Governance Issues was implemented. The existing Council on Legislation will remain and will meet in face-to-face sessions every 3 years to consider enactments that amend the constitutional documents and to consider position statements from the RI Board. However effective from 1st July, 2017, a new body called the Council on Resolutions has been set up and will meet on an annual basis on-line. It will consider proposed resolutions from clubs, districts the RI Board and some other organisations.

Each District is required to select its representative and alternative representative for the Council Cycle for 2017-2020, and this must be done by 30th June, 2017. Thus the appropriate place to do this will be at the Resolutions Session of the District conference in Dubbo in March.

More detail on the method of selecting the representatives, who will hold office for the 3 year period and represent the District at both the Council on Resolutions and the Council on Legislation, will be given later. However Clubs should begin to think about who they might nominate for selection for this role. To be eligible to serve as a representative, a candidate must –

- ☼ Be a member of a club within the district;
- ☼ Have served a full term as district governor at the time of election;
- ☼ Confirm that he or she understands the qualifications and is able to perform the duties and responsibilities of a representative through the online certification form;
- ☼ Be able to attend the Council on Legislation for its entire duration; and
- ☼ Be comfortable accessing legislation and voting electronically.

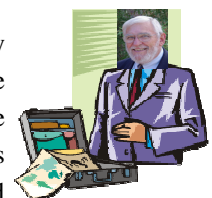
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

These meetings will be held at Denman RSL Club on Saturday 19th November next, commencing at 2pm. Documents relating to the AGM have been circulated to Presidents and Secretaries of clubs. The draft of the proposed new District Constitution, together with various associated documents, has also been circulated to Presidents and Secretaries. However all members are urged to look at them and clubs are asked to instruct their representative(s) on how to vote at these meetings.

At each of the meetings a quorum is required. The quorum is one third of the membership, that is, 17. However as the new constitution will be highly relevant to every club in the District, I would like to see as many clubs as possible attend, hopefully to show their support for the changes being brought in, and to vote in favour of the new constitution.

OFFICIAL VISITS TO CLUBS

By the time you are reading this, I will have completed my official visit to 49 of the 51 clubs in the District, so there are just 2 more to complete. I will however be revisiting some clubs to review the progress they have made with various things since the last visit. PDG Janette and I have been very pleased





The Rotary Foundation has received the highest possible score from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S.

In the most recent ratings, released on 1 September, The Rotary Foundation earned the maximum 100 points for both financial health and accountability/transparency.

The ratings reflect how efficiently Charity Navigator believes the Foundation will use donations, how well it has sustained programs and services, and its level of commitment to good governance and openness.

In the previous rating, the Foundation had received 97 points but has held the top 4-star rating consecutively for the past eight years.

This is an incredibly forceful indication of the development, implementation and management of all aspects of The Rotary Foundation's operations.

Proud to be a Rotarian

"BUT WE HAVE ALWAYS DONE IT THIS WAY!"

We need to ask ourselves:

"What are we doing that makes them turn away?"

Does your Club appeal to the under 50s?

Are your meetings fun, informative, fun, relevant and did I mention FUN?

Have you reviewed fine sessions, the saying of grace and the singing of the national anthem?

Do you have local and international projects that your members can be involved in?

Are the children (and grandchildren) of your members also members?

ROTARY DISTRICT 9670		OCTOBER - 2016		
CLUB NAME	MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	ATTENDANCE %	RANK	COMMUNITY HOURS
Belmont	24	93.8	2	ns
Cardiff	13	80	11	84
Denman	18	96.8	1	144
Dubbo	25	69.05	18	102
Dubbo Macquarie	21	84.5	6	66
Dubbo South	64	73.71	13	260
Dubbo West	42	86.3	5	209
East Maitland	33	82.68	7	180
Maitland	37	72	14	224
Maitland Sunrise	29	82	8	324
Merriwa	31	70.76	17	423
Myall Coast	28	50	24	129
Narromine	12	56.36	23	168
Nelson Bay	48	87.12	4	ns
Newcastle Enterprise	28	65	19	212
Newcastle Harbour	17	71	16	30
Raymond Terrace	21	73.75	12	180
Rutherford Telarah	38	81.22	9	551
Salamander Bay	30	64	21	160
Singleton	31	72	14	ns
Toronto Sunrise	30	64.2	20	88
Wallsend Maryland	33	63.6	22	260
Waratah	21	89.6	3	81
Williamtown	21	81	10	262
SEPTEMBER - 2016				
Cardiff	13	70	-	62
Toronto Sunrise	30	55	-	16
Waratah	21	89.43	-	56

Fellow Rotarians it is pleasing to prepare this report for our District Governor Stephen Jackson.

We are getting closer to clubs forwarding their reports to me by the 8th day of each month - "Thank You"

It is an exciting time reviewing the number of Community hours that Rotary Clubs have collectively recorded each month and PLEASE remember this is NOT a competition.

Presidents / Club Boards I encourage your Club participation. Contact me for a form.

P.D.G. Peter Sivyer ppsivyer@bigpond.com or Phone (02) 49979757.

HUMOUR

Notice in a field:

THE FARMER
ALLOWS
WALKERS TO
CROSS THE
FIELD FOR FREE,
BUT THE BULL CHARGES



THINGS TO REMEMBER

8th of each month - Attendance Figures for the month just finished are sent to District Attendance Officer, Peter Sivyer on ppsivyer@bigpond.com.

The DG would like this Newsletter out by the 12-14th of each month.

AROUND THE CLUBS

Another Successful Cropping Camp Narromine

Rotary Club of Narromine

"I came to the Narromine RYCAGS camp to find out whether I want to follow a career in agriculture after I finish year 12. I am going home knowing that agriculture will be my career path".

This is the statement of a year 10 student, one of 24 who attended the seventh annual RYCAGS (Rotary Youth Crops, Agronomy, Grain and Seed) camp, held in Narromine over the last week in October 2016, by members of the Rotary Club of Narromine

Agriculture students from Leeton in the south of NSW, Narrabri in the north, Cobar in the west and Scone in the east and many towns in between, learnt the finer points of cropping and many associated aspects.

The students visited three farms, three machinery retailers, five grain and seed wholesalers, an irrigation scheme, a cattle feed lot and a research station. Professions in banking, finance, agronomy, genetic modification, aboriginal history, fertilizers, tungsten points and life as a farmer gave short talks to educate the students.

The 13 female and 11 male students were accommodated in separate quarters at the Narromine showground and at headquarters the meals were served, lectures given and night games in teams were played.

A cadetship with a cash value of \$2000 will be awarded to a 2016 student. This cadetship is sponsored by Pioneer Australia and RYCAGS. The successful student has two full weeks at Pioneer, a week with consulting agronomists and two weeks with two farmers in Narromine. Past winners have progressed to various universities to study different agriculture courses.

A semi formal dinner was held on the Thursday night and 127 people attended. The audience was made up of the students, agriculture teachers, student's parents, farmers, presenters, sponsors, Rotarians from surrounding towns, former RYCAGS and Tocal students and invited guests.

The guest speaker was Dr Cameron Archer AM, former Principal of Tocal College, Paterson near Maitland, and his address was the future of agriculture in the Macquarie Valley. Feedback from those present endorsed the decision to engage Dr Archer for the night.

Creator and Co-ordinator of RYCAGS, Geoff Smith, stated "This was a great group of ag students from across the state, focused on taking a higher step with their ag studies and possibly cementing their career path with an agribusiness, university or on the family farm.

The 2017 camp is completely booked with 24 students and 4 reserves".



HAT DAY - 2016

Rotary Club of Dubbo Macquarie



Peter B won the prize for the silliest hat (stored since last Xmas) Bev forgot to bring her hat, so emptied her handbag, plonked it atop her curls and won the prize for the most ingenious arrangement.

Colour Run

ROTARY CLUB OF CHARLESTOWN



Our Glorious Flag Bearers

The club scored \$800 from its participation. Well done to all those that got down and colourful and had multiple showers when they got back home on Sunday

PUBLICATION INFORMATION

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

Only information relevant to the entire district will be published.

Share your 'big' event.

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