



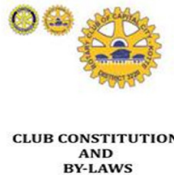
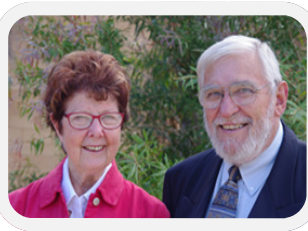
## Constitutions and Bylaws for Rotary Clubs

In Volume 3 of the District Governor's Newsletter I indicated that I would shortly be sending out information about the new Standard Rotary Club Constitution and the Recommended Club By-laws.

Clubs are required by Rotary International to adopt the current Standard Rotary Club Constitution.

The 2016 version of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution and the Recommended Club Bylaws are available to download from the Rotary website.

To access the current documents, go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and log in to MyRotary with your login details, go to Learning and Reference, then to Document Center (hate the spelling!) put into the search box "Standard Rotary Club Constitution", click on it and it will come up with a number of options, the first of which is a PDF copy of the Manual of Procedure. Click on that, a line will appear at the bottom of the screen for Open or Save, click Open, and when it does, scroll down to Standard Rotary Club Constitution which is on pages 86 - 99, and is followed by the Recommended Rotary Club By-laws. You can print each of the documents separately.



To revoke or rescind an existing constitution and to replace it with a new constitution, a special resolution is required. This means that 21 days notice of the special resolution has to be given to members. The Department of Fair Trading has to be advised of the passing of such a special resolution within 28 days after that resolution is passed. Form A6 of the Associations Forms is required to be completed and a fee, currently \$49, is to be paid to have the changed constitution registered. For further information about this, go to: *(hold down the ctrl button and use your mouse)*

[http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/Cooperatives\\_and\\_associations/Incorporating\\_an\\_association/About\\_the\\_constitution.page#How\\_is\\_the\\_constitution\\_changed?](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/Cooperatives_and_associations/Incorporating_an_association/About_the_constitution.page#How_is_the_constitution_changed?)

I have asked the District's Research Officer to prepare a succinct statement of the steps required to effect the revocation or rescission of an existing constitution and its replacement by the new constitution. I hope this document will be available to clubs by the end of October.

### Rotary's Parliament – the Council on Legislation

At the 2016 Council on Legislation, substantial changes were made to the way in which Rotarians are able to influence the laws passed by Rotary International. Previously all proposed changes had to go to the Council on Legislation, which only meets every 3 years. Now certain matters can be decided by a new body called the Council on Resolutions. The Council on Resolutions is new for 2017-18 and will meet online each year to vote on proposed resolutions submitted by clubs, districts, the RI Board, and certain other Rotary bodies. The Council on Legislation will continue to meet in person every three years to consider enactments that amend the constitutional documents, along with position statements from the RI Board of Directors.



Council on Legislation  
2016

The Rotarians who are to represent the District for the 2017-2020 cycle on both

## DISTRICT DIARY

### October - 2016

- 14 Fri - Last day to nominate to host GST members
- 14 Fri - Presidents, AGs and Chairs Meeting - East
- 15 Sat - 16 Sun - Australian ROTARACT Conference
- 15 Sat - Presidents, AGs and Chairs Meeting - West
- 17 Mon - DG visit - Waratah
- 18 Tue - DG visit - Wellington
- 19 Wed - DG visit - Dubbo West
- 20 Thu - Quarterly meeting of D9670 RAWCS
- 22 Sat - RC Singleton Sunrise Charter Lunch
- 23 Sun - RLI East - Day 1 / two day course
- 24 Mon - DG visit - Myall Coast
- 24 Mon - World Polio Day
- 25 Tue - DG visit - Newcastle Enterprise
- 29 Sat - 30 Sun - GSE Team Selection Weekend
- 30 Sun - RLI East - Day 2 / two day course
- 30 Sun - Rotary Down Under (RDU) Graffiti Removal Day
- 31 Mon - DG visit - Belmont

### November - 2016

- 03 Thu - DG visit - Lake Macquarie
- 06 Sun - Youth Summit and interactive training session, Pam Wellham by Friday 28 October, 2016. <mailto:pwe12476@bigpond.net.au> or 0437 479 886j
- 08 Tue - DG visit - Kurri Kurri
- 08 Tue - Last months attendance and community hours emailed to District Attendance Officer, Peter Sivyer on [ppsivyer@bigpond.com](mailto:ppsivyer@bigpond.com).
- 09 Wed - DG visit - Newcastle Harbour
- 12 Sat - 13 Sun - Eastern Region RAWCS Conference
- 13 Sun - RLI East - Day 1 / two day course
- 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

### December - 2016

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

### February - 2017

- 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

the Council of Legislation and the Council on Resolutions are required to be selected by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017. This will obviously have to be done at the Resolutions Session of the District Conference to be held in Dubbo on 17-19 March, 2017.

More information about qualifications for selection as the District's representatives, about enactments proposed for consideration by the Council on Legislation, and resolutions proposed for the Council on Resolutions, will be forthcoming as it comes to hand.

### Sexual Abuse Insurance Questionnaire

Thanks to those clubs which responded to the request for them to complete the Club Insurance and Compliance Declaration. Some 36 out of the 51 clubs (including Hunter Rotaract) submitted the declarations. This represents a response rate of about a 70%. However it could have been higher. Nevertheless the responses have enabled the District Insurance Officer to complete the 7 page Sexual Assault Liability Insurance Questionnaire demanded from the District and submit it to the Broker by the required date.

While the response rate is pleasing, one cannot help wondering why some clubs did not complete the declaration. I have difficulty in believing that none of them have any involvement with young people. I do not believe that the questions asked were complicated and not able to be understood. I hesitate to think that the Club Executive thought it was rubbish and unnecessary bureaucracy and therefore could not be bothered to complete it.

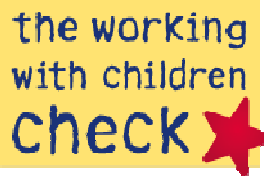
### Two things arise from this process.

The first is that many clubs are asking for familiarisation with District Risk Management Policy and Guidelines for Youth Programs, for advice about the Rotary International Sexual Abuse/Harassment allegation reporting guidelines, and for Youth Protection Procedures Training. The District Governor, Governor Elect and Governor Nominee will be meeting very shortly to discuss ways in which this information can be provided to clubs, and in particular, to develop strategies for training people to be competent to deliver the information. The District Finance Committee will also be meeting and no doubt any recommendation from the G-train as to how to cover the costs of developing the training will need to be discussed. But the issue is a priority issue and will be addressed as soon as is possible.

The second is that absent any cogent reasons for failing to submit the declaration requested, a club which did not send it in and subsequently receives a claim alleging sexual abuse or harassment may not expect much support from District or from the other District Clubs which did comply with the request. This is not to suggest that they will be left without insurance, but any financial or other assistance they might seek from other Clubs in the District might be more limited than would otherwise be the case.

### District Governor's Visits

My official visits to the District Clubs are going very well. As at the end of the week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> October, I had visited 37 of the 50 Rotary Clubs in the District and had also visited the Rotaract Club of the Hunter. I will be re-visiting a couple of clubs later in the year or early next year. This is because on one occasion the club's program was overly full and I did not have the opportunity of speaking to the members. The second situation has occurred because the Club is attempting to re-invent itself and reviewing its whole structure and policies. Time is needed for any changes to take effect and



### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### 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](mailto:ppsivyer@bigpond.com).

*Any changes will be up-dated.*

## DISTRICT AGM AND THE NEW CONSTITUTION

The District's AGM will be held on Saturday, November 19 at the R.S.L. Club, Denman, the best central location for the District.

At this meeting the New Constitution will be discussed and voted on.

This will be your opportunity to have your final say.

A copy will be sent to you beforehand for you to discuss with your club.

plans for the future to be put in place.

PDG Janette has had the opportunity of speaking about her Partner's Project, End Polio Now, and some contributions have already come in. Clubs or individuals wishing to donate funds to the project are requested to forward funds direct to the District Treasurer, Bob Wood, who is keeping a dedicated column for Partner's Project donations in the District General Account. Account details are - BSB 637 000; Account No. 719445802; Account Name RI District 9670; Reference Donor name/ Partners Project.

We have both been thrilled by the way we have been accepted, and with the attention those present have paid to what we have each said. We sincerely thank you all for your hospitality.

### Group Study Exchange

Plans for the forthcoming visit by a team from this District to Buenos Aires and the areas around that city forming District 4905 in Argentina are well underway. Our selection committee has chosen two potential team leaders and 6 potential team members. They will all be thrown together for a final selection weekend shortly. The purpose of this is to select the best possible team, one in which the members will work together as a team to represent this District and Australia, but we are also looking at those individuals who are likely to acquire knowledge and experience to help them in their future careers. All those selected so far are well qualified and could represent the District well, but as they will be in close contact for a month, sometimes in stressful situations caused by crowded programs, travel, lack of sleep and changed diets, we have to be sure that they can all get along together. In many ways it is unfortunate that we can only send one team leader and 4 team members, as they would all benefit from the experience.



Some time ago GSE Chair Christine Roach sent information to our counterparts in District 4905 giving them information about this District. We have now received much more information about the extent of District 4905, and some of the areas and clubs our team will be likely to visit. The exchange promises to be an exciting time for all involved, whether they be team members or host families and host clubs.

### Changes to Meeting Places, Days and Times

As a result of the changes brought in following the last Council on Legislation relating to when and how clubs meet, there have been some changes made by Clubs in this District.

If your Club has changed the place of the meetings, the day or days of the meetings and the times of the meetings, please notify the following of the changes as soon as possible -

- 1 - District Governor; 2 - District Governor Elect; 3 - District Governor Nominee; 4 - District Secretary.

As noted in an earlier District Governor's Newsletter, the District Governor Elect plans for the official visits to clubs many months ahead. It does not help much if as the DG he or she turns up at a location only to find it is not a meeting day, the venue has changed, or the time of the meeting has changed.

The District Secretary can change the meeting details in the club's entry in Clubrunner, if the Club Secretary has not done so. Details of these changes can also be printed in the Friday District Notices.

Club bulletin Editors need to keep an eye on changes so that those paragraphs often found in club bulletins noting the times and places for make-ups at other clubs are kept up to date.

Till next month,  
DG Stephen



## BUILD FOR A CURE 'TRADIES DAY'



### Rotary Club of Kurri Kurri

The Rotary Club of Kurri Kurri who kindly provided some amazing volunteers to cook for the tradespeople working on Buildforacure home at Billy's Lookout.

The house made the NBN News.

The Club would like to thank all the Rotarians who travelled from other clubs to support and help in this worthy cause.

## PRESENTATION OF A CHEQUE

### Rotary Club of Dubbo Macquarie

President Steve Cowley (centre) presented PDG Janette Jackson with \$250 cheque towards her DG Partner's Project Polio Plus, when District Governor Steve Jackson's visited the club.



## AROUND THE CLUBS

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.

### OCTOBER

- 21 - Art and Dementia Fundraise, The Rotary Club of Maitland Sunrise
- 22 - Saturday - Charter Luncheon Singleton Sunrise - All Invited
- 22 - Saturday - "Newcastle to Dungog Charity Bikeride." Rotary Club of Newcastle
- 22-23 - Sat-Sun - Murrurundi Train Festival sponsored by Murrurundi Rotary Club
- 28 and 29 October - Made in Australia Charity Cabaret - Singleton on Hunter Rotary Club
- 29 - Long Lunch, Rotary Club of Nelson Bay

### NOVEMBER

- 1 - All Things Vintage Melbourne Cup Day, Rotary Club of Maitland
- 1 - Melbourne Cup Day, The Rotary Club of Maitland
- 07 - 100 holes competition, Rotary Club of Newcastle Sunrise

### 12 - Loop the Lake

Thank you to the Bulletin Editors who send me their Bulletin each week.

Any others, please send to:

[jaeast@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jaeast@optusnet.com.au)

## DISPLAY STAND



Would your Club like a display in the House of Friendship at the District Conference next year?

Start planning now to promote your Club's Program(s) or advertise your Committees aims, etc.

Booking forms which will be forwarded later this year.

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE

17 – 19 MARCH, 2017

DUBBO REGIONAL THEATRE and  
CONVENTION CENTRE

## ROTARY DISTRICT 9670 – SEPTEMBER, 2016

CLUB NAME	MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	ATTENDANCE %	RANK	COMMUNITY HOURS
Belmont	24	87.5	4	ns
Denman	16	96	1	210
Dubbo	25	73.81	15	85
Dubbo Macquarie	21	91.67	2	62
Dubbo South	63	70.69	17	297
Dubbo West	42	89.77	3	310
East Maitland	33	86.56	6	271
Kurri Kurri Sunrise	20	75	12	92
Maitland	37	68	18	218
Maitland Sunrise	29	74	14	298
Merriwa	31	77.7	10	10
Myall Coast	28	59	21	83
Nelson Bay	48	80.23	9	ns
Newcastle Harbour	17	62	20	ns
Raymond Terrace	23	87.5	4	350
Rutherford Telarah	38	77.41	11	71
Singleton	31	81	8	ns
Toronto	16	65	19	ns
Wallsend Maryland	33	72.3	16	179.5
Williamtown	21	75	12	271
AUGUST 2016				
Raymond Terrace	23	83	-	150

## DID YOUR CLUB DO ANYTHING?

August was Membership and New Club Development Month.

Did your Club actually do anything to find one new member?

We shouldn't forget what really is the simplest way of increasing our membership – individual Rotarians asking somebody to join, or at least come along to a meeting.

