



## Polio Update

As at 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2017, no new case of poliomyelitis causing paralysis had been reported so far this year from anywhere in the world. However there were several cases reported late last year, and this year, sewage samples have been taken in at least two countries which still show that wild polio virus exists. This makes it even more urgent to ensure that people, and children in particular, are protected against the disease by immunisation. Rotary International advised the Executive Board of the World Health Organization meeting in Geneva late in January that to ensure that the eradication process continues, \$1.3 billion USD is required between now and the end of 2019. Clubs are urged to support this world-wide project, and are reminded that the District Governor's Partner's Project this year is to End Polio Now!



## Polio Eradication and National Immunisation Day



Continuing with the polio eradication theme, it seems that National Immunisation Days are still being held in India. Some Rotarians from this District have taken part in such days in the past. Information has been received that a tour which will take in the next NID in India has been organised from 30<sup>th</sup> March to 9<sup>th</sup> April – 11 days and 10 nights. The cost is USD 2458 but this does not include the cost of getting to and from Delhi. The tour covers Delhi, Agra and Jaipur. The highlights include a visit to a Polio booth on Immunisation Day, administering polio drops at the booth, and taking part in house-to-house visits to give polio drops to missed children. There are site-seeing trips associated with the tour.

Anyone interested can contact TRF Senior Co-ordinator Mark Anderson at RISPP0, on 8894 9841.

## Rotary's Parliament

It has been said that the law is often years behind public opinion, and perhaps this is quite true as far as Rotary is concerned!



For some years there has been concern about the length of time it takes to have things which seem to be wrong, or outdated, changed and brought up-to-date in the Rotary system. The Council on Legislation (which is essentially Rotary's Parliament or law-making body), decided last year, to require the Council on Legislation to meet every 3 years in a face-to-face session as it has done for years, and to introduce a Council on Resolutions which would meet online once every 12 months. The Council on Legislation is to deal with enactments, which change Rotary's governing documents such as the Constitution. The Council on Resolutions is to deal with resolutions, which express the opinions of clubs and Districts and make recommendations to the Rotary International Board, so in theory, some changes can be made perhaps within 18 months, not 4 ½ years!

Previously each District had the right to elect a representative to attend the Council on Legislation. This still applies, but the person elected will represent the District at 3 online meetings of the Council on Resolutions and at the Council on Legislation over a 3-year period, called a cycle. The next cycle commences on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 and runs until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

## DISTRICT DIARY

### 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

### March - 2017

- 03-05 Fri-Sun - RYPEN camp
- 05 Sun - Clean Up Oz Day
- 08 Wed - Last months attendance and community hours emailed to District Attendance Officer, Peter Sivyver on [ppsivyver@bigpond.com](mailto:ppsivyver@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 Sivyver on [ppsivyver@bigpond.com](mailto:ppsivyver@bigpond.com) .
- 10 Mon - GSE Farewell
- 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 Sivyver on [ppsivyver@bigpond.com](mailto:ppsivyver@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 Sivyver on [ppsivyver@bigpond.com](mailto:ppsivyver@bigpond.com) .

*Any changes will be updated.*

## HUMOUR

A Husband and Wife had a fight over the weekend. The Wife called up her Mum and said 'We fought again, I'm coming to live with you.'

Her Mum replied ' No Darling, he must learn from his mistake. I will come and live with you.'

Nominations have now been called for a person to be elected as the representative of the District, and for an alternate representative. Nominees must be Past District Governors who have served a full term as Governor at the time of their election. They must be current members of a club in the District. Clubs can nominate a candidate, whether or not the candidate is a member of the nominating club.

An election is to be held in conjunction with the District Conference to take place in March, 2017. More detail of the process is set out in a Memorandum sent to Club Presidents and Club Secretaries recently. If you are interested in nominating a PDG to represent the District, please talk to your Club President about it.

### National Youth Science Forum



Two sessions of the National Youth Science Forum, involving students who have now commenced year 12 at school, were held at the Australian National University in Canberra in January this year. The major purpose in running the Forums is to introduce students who are contemplating entering into a career in a science subject to gain a short period of experience in the subject before finally making up their minds as to whether this is what they really want to do. Each of the two sessions at the ANU accommodated 200 students from across Australia. This year of the total number selected for the programs, 43% of all participants came from rural and remote areas, and 61% of the total were young women. This District was able to select and send 17 students.

The program is run by young people for young people. The staff are selected each year from the previous few year's students. The course students live on campus, visit laboratories and talk to leading researchers, tour industrial and research facilities, take part in debates, lectures and a dinner, and build social and professional networks. Since 1984, when the program started under the name National Science Summer School, 11,000 students have attended.

The next NYSF will be held early in 2018. There will be an increase in the places available as the University of Queensland has been prepared to make 200 additional places available. There will be no increase in the cost of attendance in 2018, which remains in the vicinity of \$3000 per student per session. Many clubs subsidise a student by about 50% of the cost, some clubs make no contribution. Effective from 2018, a Government-funded NYSF Equity Scholarship will be available to support students from low socioeconomic and other disadvantaged backgrounds. There will be 40 scholarships of \$1000 each. More detail about them is expected to be announced later in the year.

### Nominations for District Governor for Rotary International District 9670 for 2019-2020

As the Immediate Past District Governor for 2015-2016 and Governor of the 2019-2020 District Governor selection committee, I now call for nominations for the position of District Governor 2019-2020.

District Governor Stephen Jackson has advised that the selection will take place in Dubbo prior to the commencement of the District Conference on Friday 17th March, 2017 commencing around 10am. The exact interview times will be determined by the number of nominations received.

I look forward to receiving nominations for suitable, qualified applicants for District Governor 2019-2020.

District Governor Stephen Jackson has requested the completed form be returned to me by email at:

[governor2015-16@rotary9670.org.au](mailto:governor2015-16@rotary9670.org.au)

To reach me no later than close of business on Friday 3rd March, 2017.

Yours in Rotary Service,

I.P.D.G. Adrian Roach

Immediate Past District Governor 2015-16

Vice Governor & District Youth Programs Co-ordinator 2016-17

### HUMOUR

Typing errors in the Church Bulletin:

Don't forget the upcoming Bargain Bazaar - it's a chance to get rid of any unwanted items, bring your husbands.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have childcare available.

At the Evening Service tonight, the Sermon will be 'What is Hell?'. Come early and listen to our Choir practice.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.



RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) will be held at the Point Wolstencroft Sport and Recreation Camp (Kanangra Drive, Gwandalan), in the Lake Macquarie area - 3rd, 4th and 5th March 2017.

If you are a Rotarian and know someone who would be suitable to attend the camp, please return the application form by 24th February 2017.



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## DISTRICT CLUBS DIARY

### February

- 21 - Special Year of the Rooster Dinner, Rotary Club of Nelson Bay
- 22 - Combined Service Clubs Dinner, Rotary Club of Singleton Sunrise
- 23 - Rotary Fundraiser to end Polio - Rotary Club of Cessnock
- 25 - 50 Years for Warren Rotary Club - Warren Rotary Club
- 26 - Golf Day - Rotary Club of Maitland Sunrise
- 26 - Paddlefest, Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise
- 26 - Golf Day - Rotary Club of Maitland Sunrise

### March

- 12 - Loop the Lake - Rotary Club of Warners Bay
- 17 - Golf Day - Rotary Club of Dubbo

### HUMOUR

My Teacher pointed at me with her ruler and said 'at the end of this ruler is an idiot'.

I got detention after asking which end she was referring to.

### Vale Bob Geddes

Past District Governor Bob Geddes died on 17<sup>th</sup> January last. Bob was District Governor in 1999-2000. He was at the time a member of the Rotary Club of Mudgee, one of only 2 District Governors to have come from that Club.

He lived and worked in the Mudgee area for many years, and was principal of the school at Ulan at the time of his retirement. He was highly regarded in the Mudgee area both for his Rotary activities, and involvement in other community affairs.

Following retirement, he and Margaret moved to the Lake Macquarie area. His funeral at Toronto was well attended by Rotarians as well as community members. The funeral was delayed a few days to enable one of his sons, who now lives in Scandinavia, to return.

The thoughts, wishes and prayers of the Rotary community go with Margaret and her family at this time.

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There seems to be little doubt that the future of this country, if not the world, lies with education, particularly in the STEM subjects – science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Clubs may be prepared to talk to the science and mathematics staff at their local high schools to see whether there are any students in the current year 11 who may be interested in attending a National Youth Science Forum in 2018. Applications for the 2018 sessions will be opened in about April this year. Clubs may be able to budget in advance for a contribution to assist in sending a student to such a forum.

### District Conference - Notice of Special Meeting

The District Conference is to take place at the Dubbo Regional Theatre and Conference Centre between 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March next. Planning is well under way, and members will have now received at least two updates on the conference from Conference Chair Andrew Graham. The time for early bird registrations has now expired, but registrations can still be made. Details appear in the Friday Notices each week. There is information about accommodation, and especially at some places which have offered discounts, on the District website, [www.rotary9670.org.au](http://www.rotary9670.org.au)

At the conference the Resolutions Session will take place on Sunday morning, 19<sup>th</sup> March, at 7.30am.. Advance notice is now given of this meeting, which will be a special meeting of the District. Some proposals for resolutions have been received and detail of these will be circulated to clubs in the near future. Clubs will need to select a representative to vote on their behalf at the Resolutions Session.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at this year's Conference!

District 9670  
Conference

### District Governor 2019-2020



Following a delegation from me, Past District Governor Adrian Roach is seeking nominations from Rotarians who might be considered for selection as District Governor in Rotary year 2019-20. Qualifications for the role are that the nominee has to be a Rotarian in good standing in his or her club within the District, and have been a President of a club.

The role of District Governor is a rewarding role. It does mean visiting clubs within the District during the year of office, and undertaking some administrative duties. There is training, which will involve attendance at a Rotary Institute in either Australia or New Zealand in the second half of 2018, (the location has not yet been announced) and attendance at the International Assembly in the United States of America in January 2019. This Assembly is presided over by the incoming World President for the relevant year, and is attended by District Governors Elect from all 630 (or thereabouts) Districts from around the world.

DGN Brian Coffey commented in a recent Facebook post that the fellowship, support, advice, interest, engagement and training that he and wife Carol have received from the past and present District Executive, and from District Committees and Clubs since his selection, has been overwhelming and a tribute to the leadership of District 9670 at the Club and District level.

I have no doubt that support of this nature will continue for whoever is ultimately selected for the position for 2019-2020, so I also ask that qualified Rotarians seriously consider applying.