



ANOTHER VERY BUSY MONTH

After a very busy month and a visit to Darwin for the Zone Institute I can now sit and put a few words together for September; BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH.

This is a critical aspect of our Rotary calendar as reading and writing are essential for the wellbeing of all. We are in the very fortunate position of being able to help the children with their literacy and I urge you all to take part in this project.

There are several ways we can get involved; by simply reading with the children at school, reading with the children at the local library, buying books for the school, buying books for the Maternity unit so the new mothers are able to take a book home with them to name a few.

Zone 8 Institute, Darwin



John Hewko

We were very fortunate to have Rotary International Secretary John Hewko and Rotary Foundation Trustee Mike Webb as presenters. The message was very simple from both men; grow the organisation and donate money to the Foundation; both topics were well presented and entertaining. John Hewko noted that Australia is the 'Perfect Storm' for Membership growth; we recognise the problem, we are prepared to work to grow our organisation and we want to grow Rotary for the future. We need to continue Making a Difference.



Mike Webb

The membership issue is serious and we, in this district, are trying to improve our lot starting with the Membership Summit on September 17 at Kurri Kurri Bowling Club.

Mike Webb asked that we don't take our eye off the Polio eradication program as we are so desperately close to the end and this is where it can get very difficult.

We were encouraged to tell our story when talking to others so that we may engage them in the Rotary thinking as well



Helen and husband Mike

DISTRICT DIARY

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

Thursday 14/09/2017	DG Visit Greenhills
Friday 15/09/2017	DG Visit Mudgee Sunrise
Monday 18/09/2017	DG Visit Cobar
Tuesday 19/09/2017	DG Visit Rylstone Kandos
Wednesday 20/09/2017	DG Visit Merriwa
Monday 25/09/2017	DG Visit Dubbo
Tuesday 26/09/2017	DG Visit Dubbo Macquarie
Tuesday 26/09/2017	DG Visit Dubbo South
Wednesday 27/09/2017	DG Visit Dubbo West
Thursday 28/09/2017	DG Visit Singleton
Tuesday 03/10/2017	DG Visit Salamander Bay
Wednesday 4/10/2017	DG Visit Morisset
Monday 9/10/2017	DG Visit Rutherford Tealarah
Tuesday 10/10/2017	DG Visit Wellington
Wednesday 11/10/2017	DG Visit Dubbo West
Thursday 12/10/2017	DG Visit Cessnock
Monday 16/10/2017	DG Visit Dungog
Tuesday 17/10/2017	DG Visit Charlestown
Wednesday 18/10/2015	DG Visit Patterson
Thursday 19/10/2017	DG Visit Muswellbrook
Monday 23/10/2017	DG Visit Toronto
Tuesday 24/10/2017	DG Visit Kurri Kurri
Wednesday 25/10/2017	DG Visit Scone and Murrurundi
Monday 30/10/2017	DG Visit Warners Bay
Tuesday 31/10/2107	DG Visit Wallsend Maryland

as promote the work of Rotary. The Public Relations and Membership really go hand in hand; so, don't be shy!

In 2018, the Zone 8 Institute will be held in Hobart on September 14-16 and RI Director Noel Trevaskis is very keen for all Rotarians to attend. The name of the event will change to the Australian and New Zealand Rotary Conference.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2020-2021

As is the case each year, the Immediate Past District Governor is invited to ask for members for the nominating committee for the upcoming District Governor elections. This year IPDG Steve has submitted the following people to be on the committee.

Zone 2 – Ray Nolan, Dubbo.

Zone 3 – Amanda Roach, Rylstone-Kandos.

Zone 4 – Gerard McMillan, Singleton Sunrise.

Zone 6 – Adrian Roach, Greenhills Maitland.

Zone 7 – Peter Sivyer, Myall Coast.

Zone 8 – Madeleine Atkins, Waratah

Zone 10 – Kerry Morrissey, Morisset.

As there were no nominations from Zones 1, 5 and 9 the Assistant Governors have agreed to be on the committee

Zone 1 – Stephen Cowley

Zone 5 – Phil Gorton

Zone 9 – Brian Oakley

Congratulations to you all and thank you for taking part on the nominating committee. I look forward to working with you as we look to the Governor for 2020-2021.



“WORLD POLIO DAY OCTOBER 24”

World Polio Day is once again upon us, and it's time to start thinking about the many ways we can get the story across to our supportive communities.

Last year there were something like 1,400 events organised by clubs in support of World Polio Day and more than 30 of those were in our region.



It's a good opportunity to sell the Polio message and maybe generate a few dollars to keep the end result squarely in the public's eye.

What in the world does Rotary do?

We're helping to eradicate polio worldwide, we're providing disaster relief, improving literacy locally and globally, and we're doing so much more...

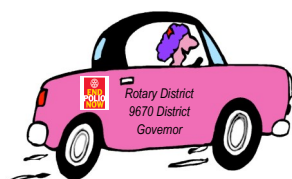
THINGS TO REMEMBER

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.

Ask yourself:

"Which one am I."



CLUB HAPPENINGS

Over the last month there have been many clubs who have had very successful events and I congratulate you all on the excellent work you are doing in Rotary's name for the community; tree plantings, manning the gates at the local shows, Polio evenings, trivia night, graffiti removal and literacy days, not to mention the Youth Exchange, RYPEN Rotary Youth Program for Enrichment and ROMAC Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children.

This may be the reason

Do your Club members know what to say if someone asked them about Rotary?

The number 1 question a prospective member asks is "why should I join Rotary?" Can any member of your Club answer that question in a way that will inspire that person to become the enthusiastic and engaged Rotarian that you are?

We can't attract new members to Rotary if we cannot explain how the benefits **THEY** will receive far outweigh the costs of time, money and personal engagement they will be asked to incur.

Maybe, your Club should hold a 'Brain Storming Session' to find and write down all the reasons each member has joined and is still a member of your club.

Just maybe, you might find a reason why someone you know will join your club.

With these answers you could include them in your club's brochure so the person who reads it, and hears your Rotary story, is inspired to become a Rotarian!

The Benefits of being a Rotarian in our Club are

If you need help with a brochure, let me know.

Email:

districtnewsletter@rotary9670.org.au

SMILE

My boss texted me, "Send me one of your funny jokes."

I replied, "I'm working at the moment, I will send you one later."

He replied, "That was fantastic! Send me another one."

As I have said before I am really enjoying my visits and learning more about Rotary as I visit the clubs who are very busy Making a Difference.

REDISTRICTING

This topic is still front and foremost in RI Director Noel's thinking and we are to have a meeting with him in October to hear more of what is planned for us. One thing is for sure, Australia will have 14 districts not 21 as is now current, New Zealand will have 2 as opposed to the 6 currently. More on that later after the meeting in Sydney.

Until next month I encourage you to keep Making a Difference,

Helen

Basic Education & Literacy Month

If we do not teach our children to read by seven years of age, they are at risk of underachieving for life. A big statement but none the less true!

So what does this mean for Rotary? As an area of focus for the Rotary Foundation we can seek funds to implement projects that assist children at home and abroad to become literate.



We can start a project where fellow Rotarians, will go to a local primary school and just sit and listen to students read for a half hour.

When these children do not normally have this happen routinely they are likely to fall behind in their learning.

What you will do is help a disadvantaged child learn to read, write, speak and listen effectively. What about helping children in primary schools in and around your own communities.

Each Rotarian can work with one child in Primary School throughout the year and make sure that child improves to the acceptable level.

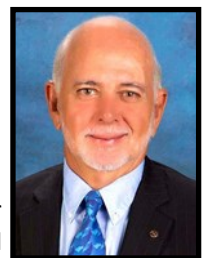
"BARRY RASSIN SELECTED TO BE 2018-19 ROTARY PRESIDENT"

From RI website

Barry Rassin, of the Rotary Club of East Nassau, New Providence, Bahamas, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2018-19. He will be declared the president-elect on 1 September if no challenging candidates have been suggested.

As president, Mr Rassin aims to strengthen our public image and our use of digital tools to maximize Rotary's reach.

Mr Rassin's nomination follows Sam F. Owori's death in July, just two weeks into his term as Rotary International president-elect.



CLUB BULLETIN JUDGING

The judging is based on the most improved bulletin over the year.

Not the best or fancy bulletin all year.

Clubs are reminded that privacy laws apply to press releases, photographs, leaflets, brochures and display materials.

Clubs should always obtain permission, preferably in writing, from anyone whose name or photograph is to be included in any published document or promotional display material.

Clubs absolutely must obtain the written permission of parents or legal guardians (not school teachers) for the publication of the name or photograph or any child or minor.

The Bulletin

What to put in your Club Bulletin?

A story about what your club did this past week, with members names and of course photos.

As the Editor of your club bulletin you should try and be there for each event. If you can't remember to ask someone to take the photos.

These stories also can be used in your Facebook or Website to show the community that your club is making a difference.

President's column (this is optional, as it is not easy to do every week).

What your club is about to do in the week or so, with times and location.

You can have a report on the last meeting if someone will write it. Again with photos.

A calendar of future events.

What members are doing at the next meeting.

The Club Board and contact details.

If possible, the Club Directors Reports.

A story from the District, Australia or from around the world.

ROTARY DISTRICT 9670 - AUGUST, 2017

CLUB NAME	MEMBERSHIP NUMBER	ATTENDANCE %	COMMUNITY HOURS
Belmont	25	92.7	43
Cardiff	12	92	74
Denman	19	92	179
Dubbo	25	76.19	88
Dubbo Macquarie	22	79	24
Dubbo South	62	65.36	136
Dubbo West	40	83.96	228
East Maitland	32	82.49	169.5
Kurri Kurri	24	61	256
Kurri Kurri Sunrise	19	85	140.5
Maitland	38	69.7	351
Maitland Sunrise	29	65	103
Merriwa	18	71.8	n/a
Mudgee	27	73	84
Myall Coast	19	84	116
Narromine	12	66	90
Nelson Bay	47	75.82	265
Newcastle Enterprise	28	65.6	205.5
Raymond Terrace	23	70	220
Rutherford Telarah	33	79.45	87
Salamander Bay	42	53	240
Toronto Sunrise	29	69.8	229
Wallsend Maryland	31	50	507.5
Waratah	21	94.12	57



Sep 23, 2017 – Sep 24, 2017

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First briefing weekend for 2018
outbound students and parents and
the 2017 inbound .