



Rotary District 9675

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## District Governor's Newsletter



September/October 2017

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### Why we do what we do?

Many of the World's population are caring social beings. Mankind has struggled over the years to provide the population of the world with access to basic things that we in Australia just take for granted.

But what is this thing called Rotary?



## Calendar

### October 2017

Economic and Community Development Month

2 - 8 October — Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week

15<sup>th</sup> October- Rotary NSW Inspirational Women's Awards

24 October — Rotary's World Polio Day Livestream Event

30 October - 5 November — World Interact Week

### November 2017

Rotary Foundation Month

1 November — Service Award for a Polio-Free World nominations are due

1 November — Service Above Self Award nominations are due

10<sup>th</sup> November-NSW Police Officer of the Year Awards

11 November — Rotary Day at the UN

20<sup>th</sup> November- Foundation Dinner

### December 2017

Family Picnic Day

3<sup>rd</sup> December-a picnic to celebrate your families

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

15 December — early registration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention

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In 1945 Paul Harris our founder wrote

“What is Rotary? Thousands have an answer -each in his own way. It is easier to note what Rotary does than what it is. One recently has said, If Rotary has encouraged us to take a more kindly outlook on life and men; if Rotary has taught us greater tolerance and the desire to see the best in others; if Rotary has brought us pleasant and helpful contacts with others who also are trying to capture and radiate the joy and beauty of life, then Rotary has brought us all that we can expect.”

We as Rotarians, are not divided in our Organisation or in our causes in the world. We are all united in our quest to “Do good in the world”. That’s what we do in our drive and passion to make the world a better place.

Paul Harris also wrote:

“Rotary itself, offers a preview of a world at peace.....The ways of friendship are mysterious.....this is a depth of friendship in the hearts of some otherwise very common place men, which is near sublime....In the final analysis it seems to me that it must have been intended as the salvation of mankind.”

So doing good in the world and peace factored large in the eyes of those who first crafted the organisation. Given that the underlying causes of conflict in the World being poverty, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, inequality and unequal distribution of resources. So our focuses today are also in the visions of our founder Paul Harris.

Today as the world becomes a more global community then I think the demands on mankind to increase it focus on resolving many of the issues identified by Rotary are even more important for our long term health and survival. Sometimes you see Conflict and think it is in Countries a long way away. Technology is making the place that seems a long way away much closer everyday

As a Rotarian you contribute to the causes in the world including resolving conflict. In doing this you can be as you are. Not having to give up any of your beliefs or the fabric of what makes you. We only ask in Rotary that you live by one test- the four way test:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

What a great ideal to live by and a test that we can apply in everyday life. We are free to have a diversity of views and belong to, work towards the ideals and focuses of Rotary. Rotary can help us to focus on the causes that we want as a Rotary community to focus on.

I wanted to highlight here that if we can tell the community what we stand for and the ideals I write about here, then I think people will want to belong to our Organisation.

Again, I have been highlighting the need for us all to tell the stories. Because in telling the stories of what you do and what Rotarians do, people become aware of the real good we as Rotarians are doing in the world and why we belong and why other people might want to also belong to our Organisation. It might dispel the image that we just do Bunnings BBQs.

Although we tell the personal stories of what we do for our communities and the world. It is also about people getting to know about our DNA.

I do have a dream that Rotary can help the World to live in perfect harmony, to share its resources equitably and not waste them, can be considerate of others and their points of view, can give a hand up when someone is in need, takes people as they find them and not having prejudices, rules compassionately and in the interest of all and that we are seen to cares for humanity and the welfare of all. These amongst others things are the things that we must communicate through the personal stories. So people can understand that we are about service and service above self and we work together to make the world a better place.

Yes a large dream but what I think our Organisation strives for.

**Myopia**

In 2015 the Brien Holden Vision Institute published a paper that concluded by 2050 half the worlds population will be myopic or short sighted. The more concerning issue is that 20% of this group will have what is called high myopia. This will cause the early onset of many eye conditions such as glaucoma, cataracts, retinal detachment and macular degeneration. The Brien Holden Vision Institute has recognised that if this is not addressed this will put a huge burden on the health system and the economy of many nations. The Brien Holden Vision Institute contends that this will cause the biggest health crisis of the modern era. Australia will not be immune from this.

There are many genetic and environmental factors that influence this. It would seem in this modern era with our children spending more time in doors with near sighted activities that this is increasing the problem.

The Brien Holden Vision Institution is in talks with the District as to a possible role in the community for Rotarians. The Brien Holden institute will address the next Presidents meeting on the issue and our potential role. Clubs will be provided information after that presentation.

## NSW Police Office of the Year Awards

All judging for the 2017 Rotary Clubs of NSW Police awards to be held on the 10th November in Sydney are now complete.

Please find attached a complete list by category of the finalists. A number of our Clubs have supported finalists from their area.

I ask however that all our Clubs get behind this event and also support their respective finalist on the evening.

Bookings can be made at: <http://www.sydneystrotary.com/events/police-awards>

Even if you do not have a finalist I ask that you also support the event. It is an evening that is a highlight in the Rotary year in our District.

**Please see attachment for list of finalists.**

**Rotary**  
Districts and Clubs  
of New South Wales



**Rotary Inspirational**



**Women's Awards 2017**

### What are the Rotary Inspirational Women's Awards?

*The Rotary Inspirational Women's Awards (RIWA) have been established to recognise women and young women who best exemplify Rotary's motto of *Service Above Self* (i.e. the community service the individual performs above and beyond their normal role.*

The Awards are an initiative of the Rotary Districts and Clubs of NSW.



Please note the lunch for the awards is occurring on 15<sup>th</sup> October at 99 On York Sydney please book through the District 9675 web site.

## Cultivate Rotary – District 9675 Conference Mudgee 2018

The District conference will be held in Mudgee 2-4<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at the Parklands Resort Mudgee.

We can confirm our speakers will be

Ken Sutcliffe- Sports Commentator and Polio Survivor

Stephanie Woollard- From the Seven Womens Association

Mike Brady – Rotarian and composer of Up there Cazaly

Dr Jill Hicks- London Bomb Victim

Immediate Past International President John Germ

Jacob Stein from Robert Stein Winery and Mudgee's wine maker of the year

The local Mudgee Historian

Not to mention further Rotary Content

Mudgee is a wine and food region and we hope to put you in touch with the food and the wine.

The Country Dress Gala Dinner will be held at the Australian Rural Education Centre.

Early Bird registrations are open. Please visit <http://cultivaterotary.com/>. The cost is \$185.00. Please note that accommodation is booking fast with the venue (Parkland) booked out. Please book early. Contact Mudgee Information Centre for accommodation options (02) 6372 1020.

## The Rotary-PCYC Connection

In the mid 1930's the Commissioner of Police, William John Mackay, saw a great need to provide some facilities for young men in the crowded areas of Sydney to engage with the police in a non-confrontational manner and to know that the police were their friends and protectors, and not their natural enemies.

William (Bill) Mackay was a member of the Rotary Club of Sydney and in 1935 he approached the club president, Sir Henry Braddon, and persuaded him of this great need.

Sir Henry Braddon and Bill Mackay met with the Premier and the Chief Secretary, who readily agreed to convert disused police stations into boys' clubs and gymnasia. It was arranged that the Government would pay the cost of converting the buildings and that the Rotary Club would make itself responsible for the cost of equipment, furniture, libraries, etc.

On behalf of the Police Force, the Commissioner promised that the police, as citizens, would provide the instruction for the boys and the fellowship considered necessary for the success of the plan.

A Rotary member gave some details of similar work being done in Great Britain and quoted the views of London and provincial magistrates that no greater help could be given to the young than was given in such clubs.

The Rotary Club of Sydney agreed to contribute funds towards the preliminary expenses and to organise an appeal for a Boys' Welfare Fund, out of which it was intended to equip disused police stations as boys' clubs.

The first boys' club, equipped with gymnasium, library and games rooms, was officially opened on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1937 with 400 boys as members. This was in a disused police station in the Sydney dock area of Woolloomooloo, and was called the **Police Rotary Boys Club**.

Physical culture classes in the gymnasium were popular and a football team had been entered in the competition conducted by the Eastern Suburbs Junior League. Another growing activity was work placement of the boys in local factories and offices.

In July 1937 the founders of the Woolloomooloo Club began the process of bringing together other boys clubs that police had initiated around NSW and placing them under the authority of a central governing council.

In September 1938 the Federation of the NSW Police Boys Club was incorporated with a Council of Management comprised of Commissioner Mackay and a further nine individuals including police officers, public servants and businessmen.

There was a steady increase in the number of clubs around NSW and in 1945 the company changed its name to the Federation of NSW Police-Citizens Boys' Clubs.

In 1985 the name was changed to the Federation of NSW Police Citizens Youth Clubs (PCYC), recognising that females were strongly represented amongst the membership.

Today there are 64 PCYC's in NSW with 450 employees, 180 police officers (NSW Police Force), around 2,000 volunteers and approximately 100,000 members.

There has been a continuing relationship over the years between the PCYC and Rotary, particularly in the regional areas of NSW.

With the planning for the PCYC 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in 2012, there was a strong desire to reconnect and strengthen the relationship with Rotary. This desire led to the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the PCYC NSW and Rotary Districts 9675 and 9685.

As noted in the MOU, Rotary Clubs will consider offering RYLA placements to PCYC staff, support fundraising activities such as Time4Kids, and recognise PCYC staff with vocational and community service awards. PCYC club managers and executives will join a local Rotary Club and Rotarians will join the PCYC Club Advisory Committee. A listing of PCYC's throughout NSW is attached.

The PCYC is a company, limited by guarantee, which operates under the control of a Board of Directors. The board sets key policies and appoints the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to provide operational and management control. PCYC works in partnership with the Youth Command of the NSW Police Force and supports the work of the youth case managers (police officers) in their work with young offenders and "at risk" youth. The youth case managers and other police officers in the PCYC report to a Superintendent of Police who sits alongside the PCYC CEO.

Recent elections across NSW for Board members resulted in two (2) Rotarians being elected which is a real honour for Rotary and PCYC. Dot Hennessy, [dothennessy@gmail.com](mailto:dothennessy@gmail.com); 0412 120 314, D9675, is the Country Representative, whilst Peter Kirkwood, a long-serving member of both Rotary and PCYC, D9685, elected as the City Representative.

A recent initiative between Rotary and PCYC is PCYC funding their Club Managers to become members of their local Rotary Clubs whilst encouraging our local Rotarians engaging as members of their local Management Committee or volunteering. Vocational visits by Rotary Clubs are encouraged as well as inviting the PCYC Manager to speak at the local Club Meeting. Time4kids conducted in Youth Week each year is another opportunity to Rotary to step up and participate. Each Club President is encouraged to commit for 2018.





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DIFFERENCE  
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## ASSET REPLACEMENT - TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

A major concern for PCYC is our ageing fleet of buses and vehicles across the network. Transportation is critical to ensure young people are able to be involved in PCYC and community activities.

The Police also require transport to conduct targeted programs, and for their case management of young offenders. Modern, safe and reliable transportation is essential to ensure the continuation and growth of current programs, and reducing geographical and social isolation.

Vehicle sponsorship will entail co-branding to promote the generous support of our sponsor.



**\$42,000**

For a 7-seater mini-van.  
Permanent branding of your company logo for the life of the vehicle.



**\$56,000**

For a 12-seater bus.  
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All other Foundation sponsor benefits.  
(\*excluding some relevant to the Gala Dinner)

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# TOP 5 REASONS TO ERADICATE POLIO

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### To improve lives.

16 million people are walking today who would have otherwise been paralyzed.

2

### To invest in the future.

If polio isn't eradicated, within 10 years, as many as 200,000 children could be paralyzed by it each year. A polio-free world will be a safer world for children everywhere.

3

### To improve child health.

Polio surveillance networks and vaccination campaigns also monitor children for other health problems like vitamin deficiency and measles, so they can be addressed sooner.

4

### To save money.

A polio-free world will save the global economy \$40-\$50 billion in health costs within the next 20 years.

5

### To make history.

Polio eradication would be one of history's greatest public health achievements, with polio following smallpox to become only the second human disease eliminated from the world.

[endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org)

Donate Now



Optimism is what brings us to Rotary. But Rotary is not a place for those who are only dreamers. It is a place for those with the ability, the capacity, and the compassion for fruitful service

Quote by Sam Owori

**Serving Rotary**

**District Governor  
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