

District Dialogue

September 2016



2016-2017 District Governor
Steve Hill

District 2016-17 Team

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District Treasurer

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Bob Antill	1
Brian Matheson	2
Margaret Hassall	3
Jan Southcott	4
Leo Farrelly	5
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Fiona Kibble	8
Judy Ford	9
Steve Fielding	10
Paul Roger	11
Janice Paull	12
Peter Ford	13

August has been a busy month for clubs and committees around the District. Model United Nations Assembly was held at Old Parliament House by the Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise and again was a huge success. My thanks to Garth Britton and the club for the long hours they put into a program that benefits each and every attendee.

The Youth Exchange committee held their briefing weekend at Tuross Head on the same weekend and our new Out bounders have started their journey in earnest and I have no doubt each and every one of the young ladies will do us proud in their exchange year.

Other clubs haven't been sitting still either from holding Careers Expos to Antique Fairs, BBQ's and fundraising – somewhere just about every day within our District a Rotarian or a club is doing good in their local community.

Southern Highlands Rotaract are in the planning stages for the Burrumbuttock Hay Runners Gala Dinner to be held on Saturday 1st October at the Mittagong RSL Club, Old Hume Highway Mittagong. Tickets can be purchased through the District Web site now. A great cause to raise funds for truck drivers delivering hay to farmers who are facing real hardship in the face of severe drought. All monies raised on the night will go to continue and support this great cause for our farmers. Included in your ticket is a two course dinner plus drink on arrival. There will be live and silent auctions on the night and raffle prizes drawn as well.

The District National Youth Science Forum applicants were interviewed in August and another group of outstanding students were interviewed and selected to attend NYSF in January 2017.

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment will be held this month at Mogo and I have no doubt this will again be hugely successful.

The first of our Club Development Seminars was held in Nowra on the 27th August and was attended by representatives from six clubs around Nowra area. Thanks to PDH Phil Mewett and his committee for the organising and running the first of a few seminars like this around the District. The next one will be held in Canberra on the 10th September at Raiders at Belconnen with a further one held in Goulburn on the 24th September.

For those Rotarians who have not yet heard about the program that Australian Rotary Health is currently running and initiated by our own Chris Edwards from the Rotary Club of Hall please take time to have a look at the web site <http://arhsport.com/>

The first week of September DGE Mark, DGN Margaret and myself will be attending the Zone 8 Governors Elect training and DG Symposium followed by the Zone Institute in Penrith.

The Rotary Club of Sussex Inlet are organising their duck dash program and tickets can now be purchased through the web site. Buy a ticket for your club and you can win \$60,000 donation to the Rotary Foundation. This is a real win win situation for clubs and the Foundation.

Yours in Rotary
Steve Hill

DO YOU WANT TO PROMOTE YOUR ROTARY PROJECT AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE?

A House of Friendship display area is being provided at the District Conference. It is to be located in the area where morning tea and coffee is to be served.

Each stand will be provided with a table, two chairs and backboard for attaching posters or photos etc. Alternatively pull up banners may be displayed.

It is anticipated that only one stand for each program will be required however if more than one is required please advise.

Power is not being provided to all stands. However if power is required as part of the display please advise.

Anyone wishing to promote a Rotary program in the House of Friendship should advise the coordinator, Brian Goldstraw (email brian.goldstraw@bigpond.com) please.

District Calendar

September 2016

FOCUS: BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY

Thurs-Sun 1-4	Zone 8 Institute, Penrith
Sat 8	NYSF Orientation
Fri-Sun 9 - 11	RYPEN Camp, Mogo Town
Sat 17	District Board and Finance meeting
Sat 24	Club Development Seminar, Goulburn
Fri 30	Semi-finals of Four Way Speaking Contest

October 2016

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Fri 7	Australian Rotary Health Hat Day
Sat 8	Club Development Seminar, Bega
Fri-Sun 14-16	YEP Inbound Students – Tumut weekend
Sun 23	World Polio Day
Thur-Mon 27-31	District Conference in Goulburn
Sat 29	District AGM at Conference

November 2016

ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Fri 4	Police officer of the year awards (NSW)
Sat 12	District Team Training for 2017-18
Sat 19	Foundation Centenary Dinner, Royal Canberra Golf Club
Sat-Sun 26-27	YEP Outbound students 2 nd briefing, Greenhills, Cotter (included Inbounds)
Sat 26	District Board and Finance Committee
Wed 30	Closing date for RYLA applications

December 2016

FOCUS: DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Sat 3	Club Development Seminar – Tumut
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January 2017

VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

1	Semi Annual District Fees due
2	NYSF First Session begins in Canberra
14 - 20	RYLA - Greenhills Camp Centre
10	2016 YEP Outbound Students return
15	2017 YEP Outbound Students depart
15 - 20	International Assembly, San Diego
16	NYSF Second Session begins in Canberra

February 2017

PEACE & CONFLICT PREVENTION / RESOLUTION

1	Global Grant Scholarship applications open
1	YEP applications open for travel in 2018
4 - 5	YEP Rebounders debrief
11	District Board Meeting
15 - 17	YEP Inbound Students Surf Camp
17 - 19	YEP Inbound Students - South Nowra
18 - 19	District Presidents Elect Training (PETS)
23	Rotary International Anniversary

Rotary and Shelterbox work together *(article by PDG Rowley Tompsett)*

Rotary and disaster relief charity ShelterBox recently renewed a three-year agreement to provide immediate, lifesaving assistance to survivors of natural disasters and conflict.

Rotary clubs worldwide have mobilized to provide immediate relief to thousands of displaced people quickly and efficiently with ShelterBox for 16 years. To date, Rotary members have donated US\$48 million to provide shelter for families in need – 40 percent of ShelterBox's total of US\$119.6 million raised.

"The partnership between Rotary and ShelterBox has provided a place of refuge to people facing some of the most difficult and uncertain moments in their lives," said John Hewko, general secretary of Rotary. "We are happy to renew this project partnership and honor our ongoing commitment to taking action to help communities devastated by disasters and conflict."

Each ShelterBox container typically provides a tent designed to withstand extreme weather conditions, along with regionally-appropriate supplies such as a water purification kit, blankets, tools, solar lights, and other necessities to help a family survive for six months or more after a disaster.

As part of the communities they serve, Rotary clubs help ShelterBox identify and prioritize immediate relief needs in disaster-affected areas and assist with the deployment of shelter kits, education materials and lifesaving supplies. Rotary members also fund aid boxes, become trained relief volunteers, assist with shipping customs clearance and connect with governments and other organizations in impacted areas to facilitate the delivery of boxes and aid. CEO of ShelterBox, Chris Warham said, "Rotary and ShelterBox will always stand side by side to help those less fortunate. This project partnership renewal simply indicates the strength of our long friendship, and recognizes the immense practical and funding support provided by Rotary members worldwide to enable us to reach out to families in distress"

District Notification

District Representative to RI Council on Legislation for 2019.

The Council on Legislation is held every three years and is the legislative body of RI. The Council has the authority to amend the constitutional documents of RI, as well as adopt resolutions. Every district selects a representative to attend the week-long meeting and vote on legislation. The next Council is scheduled to be held in April, May, or June 2019 in Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A.

Deadline for Selection

Council representatives are selected in the Rotary year two years preceding the Council. Therefore, representatives for the 2019 Council are to be selected no later than **30 June 2017**.

Who is Eligible? (RI Bylaws 8.020.)

To serve as representative, a candidate must ☐ have served a full term as district governor at the time of election; ☐ understand the qualifications, duties and responsibilities of a representative; ☐ be qualified, willing, and able to assume and perform these duties and responsibilities ☐ not have attended three Councils as a voting member; and be able to attend the meeting for its entire duration.

Selecting a Representative (RI Bylaws 8.050., 8.060.1., 8.070., and 13.020.)

The representative and alternate should be selected by a nominating committee procedure. If a district chooses not to utilize the nominating committee procedure, the representative may be elected at the annual conference of the district (or district council in RIBI) or through a ballot-by mail. For election through a ballot-by-mail, the district conference must vote to do so or the governor must receive the approval of the RI Board.

The selection of the representative must be conducted and completed in the 2016-17 Rotary year. That is the District Conference in that year.

Nominations must be supported by a club (this may be a club other than that of the nominee) and must be received by DG Stephen Hill no later than 21 days before the District Conference being held from 28th to 30th October 2016.

Please note: Following the decision of Council in 2016, the Council on Legislation will be split for 2019 and thereafter, into;

Council on Legislation – to consider proposed enactments or changes to enactments, at a meeting in Chicago; and

Council on Resolutions - to consider Resolutions, annually, by email.

The District Representative to Council on Legislation 2019, will ALSO be the District Representative to the new Council on Resolutions.

Submissions to Council on Legislation 2019 and Council on Resolutions

All clubs and Rotarians are eligible to make submissions to the Councils on matters affecting the operation of RI, District and Clubs.

Submissions to the Council on Resolutions are intended to be accepted every year for consideration by email, annually by the representatives to the Council.

Submissions to the Council on Legislation 2019, must be received by RI no later than 31 December 2017.

There will be no exceptions to this rule.

(Note: the RI Office of Council Services is reviewing this requirement to allow a longer period for submissions, closing closer to the date of the Council meeting in 2018, but we cannot assume this will happen, until advised by the RI Board).

Clubs or members who have an issue they wish to have addressed by the Council, should start drafting their proposal now for discussion and approval by a District Conference, or by mail, in 2017.

Clubs seeking advice on the procedure should contact PDG Bob Greeney, 0407 737 131; or by email:

greeneyb@iimetro.com.au.

ROTARY AND ANU BRING THE UNITED NATIONS TO CANBERRA

Seventy-five high school students from 28 schools from around Australia gathered in Canberra over the weekend of 20-21 August for the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA). In teams representing their country of choice, they debated contemporary global issues in the areas of peace and security, human rights, the environment and development.

MUNA 2016 was the 20th consecutive year in which the Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise has organised the event. It involves secondary students in a hands-on experience of a UN General Assembly style debate with the aim of increasing international understanding and goodwill. Students dressed in the national costume of the country they represented. The event took place in the historic House of Representatives Chamber of the Old Parliament House, home to the Museum of Australian Democracy. Professor Brian Schmidt, Vice-Chancellor of the Australian National University opened MUNA 2016 on Saturday the 20th of August.

Teams were judged and prizes awarded. The Totenhofer Peace Prize, a perpetual trophy, was awarded to the team that was assessed to have made the greatest contribution to the debate and the promotion of world peace. Students visited the Australian National University (ANU), a major sponsor of the event. On Saturday evening, students joined diplomats from the countries they represent at a dinner jointly hosted by The Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise and the ANU.

MUNA was first introduced to Rotary in NSW in 1980 and, since then, has been conducted in many Rotary Districts in Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. MUNA 2016 will mark the participation of some 1,500 secondary school students over the 20-year history of the national MUNA conducted by the Rotary Club of Canberra Sunrise and with the generous support of the ANU.



President Rosemary Everett and the founder of MUNA in District 9710 Graham Hicks with the delegates for 2016

2016 Model United Nations Assembly Winners

1st Prize: Indonesia. St Andrews Cathedral School, sponsored by Rotary District D9675.

2nd Prize: France. Merewether High School, sponsored by Rotary District D9670.

3rd Prize: United States of America. Sydney Boys High, sponsored by Rotary District D9675.

Highly Commended: India. Shore School, sponsored by Rotary District D9685.

Totenhofer Peace Prize: Greece, Mac.Robertson Girls High School, sponsored by Rotary District D9800.

Prizes for best costumes were also awarded to:

Best Costume: New Zealand. Boorowa Central School, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Burley Griffin (with wonderful support from the New Zealand Embassy).

Equal 2nd/3rd best costumes: Mexico - St Peters Anglican College, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Batemans Bay and Nigeria, Oxley College, sponsored by Rotary Clubs of the Southern Highlands

Burrumbuttock Hay Runners Gala Dinner



The Rotaract Club of the Southern Highlands is holding its inaugural Burrumbuttock Hay Runners Gala Dinner to raise funds for truck drivers delivering hay to farmers who are facing real hardship in the face of severe drought. Brenden Farrell has gained the support of the Australian public and completed 11 hay runs since 2014.

WHEN: Saturday 1st October 18:00 - 23:00pm

WHERE: Mittagong RSL Club, Old Hume Highway, Mittagong

COST: \$65pp. \$600 for table of 10.

TICKETS: District 9710 web site

THE DUCK DASH TO END POLIO

As you all know, Rotary has made significant progress in the fight to End Polio and we are extremely close to fulfilling our promise to the world and eradicating this horrible disease.

However, we still have a long road ahead before we reach the end goal.

To support the cause, the Rotary Club of Sussex Inlet is holding a Duck Dash to End Polio. What is this you ask? Well, those of you who know the Sussex Inlet Rotarians will know that they have a love of racing plastic ducks ... Duck tickets are being sold exclusively to Rotary Clubs all over Australia for the sum of \$100 each. Come race day on Saturday January 7, 2017 we hope to have 1000 ducks racing down the Inlet, with the aim to publicise our fight to End Polio.

100% of all money raised will be donated to PolioPlus, but there is a twist! It is a race and every race has a winner! I'm sure you can all do the math. If 1000 ducks are sold the prize pool will be \$100,000 which would be split;

- 1st (60%)- \$60,000
- 2nd (20%)- \$20,000
- 3rd (10%)- \$10,000

Should your Rotary Club win one of the three major prizes, we'll donate the prize money to PolioPlus on your club's behalf. The remaining 10% of the prize pool will be donated to Polio Plus in the Rotary Club of Sussex Inlet's name. There is no limit to the amount of tickets your club can purchase, but you better get in quick because these tickets are quacking out the door.

Nathan Watkins

Past President 2014 – 2015

Entry Forms and payment types are available on the District Web Site



NYSF 2017 Update

Thank you to all of the clubs who nominated students to attend NYSF 2017 to be held in January 2017 at the Australian National University. We had a very strong and talented field of Australia's future leaders in science, technology, engineering and medicine and have selected 17 of them being 8 male and 9 female Year 11 students

The 17 students represent 15 clubs being Belconnen, Berrima, Berry, Canberra, Canberra Burley Griffin, Canberra City, Canberra North, Canberra Sunrise, Canberra Weston Creek, Ginninderra, Hall, Jerrabomberra, Milton Ulladulla, Nowra and Woden Daybreak. The Canberra and Ginninderra Clubs have two students each. There was a need to reallocate some students between clubs and thank you to the three clubs that agreed to support a reallocated student.

In previous years, students from outside the Canberra/Queanbeyan region have had a higher representation than their numbers would indicate. This year only four NSW students have been selected but they rank in the top 7. NSW clubs are very much encouraged to nominate students. Experience has shown that your best are very competitive.

The selections were led by Rotarians with the assistance of 7 NYSF alumni compared with the 3-4 of previous years. The alumni are very passionate and committed to NYSF, but several of the Rotarians present observed that the selection process benefits from having a higher proportion of Rotarians or other adults who can make a more mature assessment of the relative merits of applicants. When the next selection process is conducted, there will be a concerted effort to have more Rotarians take part.

For those who have never taken part in a NYSF selection, the applicants are assessed in three ways:

- A 20 minute interview where they talk about themselves, their science passions and career/study aspirations. This interview is given a 50% weighting in the overall assessment.
- A group discussion on a science related topic. The topic is chosen by the applicants with some guidance by the Rotarian leader to ensure that it is one where every applicant can contribute. The purpose is to assess how the applicants share views on a topic where there are legitimate alternative views with their peers. This discussion is given a 25% weighting.
- A group exercise where they are given a task and need to work out how they are going to complete the task and then report back. The purpose is to assess their ability to work in a team with their peers. The exercise is also given a 25% weighting.

Experience has shown that this approach enables our District to select very high quality students who do well at NYSF. Those who are unsuccessful benefit from taking part in rigorous selection process that is not that different from what they can expect as they start to apply for the more competitive scholarships and career opportunities.

A particular thank you to the Rotary Club of Tuggeranong. For many years they have catered for the applicants and panel members and did so again. No applicant left hungry.

The next step for the selected 17 students is to attend the District orientation session to be held at the Hellenic Club on Saturday 3rd September. At the orientation, Rotary and NYSF start to prepare the students and their parents for what NYSF 2017 will mean to them. There is a lot of additional communication between NYSF and the selected students prior to January 2017. The students themselves will stay in contact with their Club.

For Rotarians in the Canberra/Queanbeyan region, there are further opportunities to be involved with NYSF 2017:

- Home hosting on Sunday 8th and 22nd of January 2017 where you can take two or more students from all around Australia home for the day. They will want to do their washing, have a lunch and dinner and rest. The students do not stay overnight and a spare bedroom is not needed. The District Governor has circulated information about this and further information will be distributed in October/November.

- Attend the NYSF/Rotary dinner on Thursday 5th and 19th of January where you would get to see all 200 students. Details will be advertised in October/November.
- Clubs cater for the Swing Dance at Albert Hall on Wednesday 4th and 18th January. Essentially a chicken or similar dinner for the students before they get into the dancing from 1900. NYSF organises the dancing. The catering club will need to arrive in time to set up and start serving from 1800. Volunteer clubs will be sought in October/November.

Rotary is a founding partner of NYSF and through our support we are investing in the future capability of Australia to produce her own leaders in science, technology, engineering and medicine. By supporting NYSF, clubs are focussing on youth and vocation.

Thank you to every Rotarian who supports NYSF.

Tony Trumble

D9710 NYSF District Chair

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Rotary Youth Exchange – the new breed

There are 17 inbound students in D9710 for this Rotary year and they gathered at Tuross at the first briefing weekend in late August. We have three additional students in this year so we could meet our obligations with our exchange district partners. It is wonderful to see these young people from many countries who are fine ambassadors for their families, their countries and of course for Rotary.

The Bega RC is hosting a student from Switzerland and also a young man, Brian Klau, from Timor Leste and this exchange is really a breakthrough pilot for our district that I hope other Australian districts can replicate in the future particularly the relationships there are with other projects with Timor Leste. Over the year please ask them to address your club about their experiences. You will get to meet them all at the District Conference in Goulburn so walk up and say hello.

YEP Chair, John Britton and his team are now seeking a host club for a student from Brazil who we will receive in January 2017 for their year on exchange. Brazil timing is different to our Northern Hemisphere students. Please let John know your club is a willing host club as soon as possible.

The reciprocal nature of youth exchange is that our own Aussie kids get this chance when we host students from overseas. Just like our 13 students out in the world in 2016, there will again be 13 outbounds in 2017 and they also started their training at the Tuross weekend. DGE Mark Wallace attended the briefing weekend and spoke with the students and their parents.



Outbound and Inbound students at Tuross Head

SEPTEMBER 2016



Wagga Wagga Organising Committee - PO Box 229 Wagga Wagga 2650.

Organising Club: Rotary Club of Wollundry - Wagga Wagga.

Dear Fellow Cricketing Rotarians, Partners and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you all for a week of cricket in Wagga Wagga, NSW Australia for the Bi Annual IFCR Australian Festival, from Sunday the 16th to Friday 21st October 2016.

The Festival will be held at the Bolton Park Sportsground Complex in the centre of Wagga Wagga which has four cricket ovals. Robertson Oval is the premier oval and home to the Wagga Wagga and District Cricket Association. Facilities include an International sized cricket field, turf cricket pitch and turf practice wickets. The other three grounds, the Mark Taylor Oval, Geoff Lawson Oval and Michael Slater Oval are all located within the Bolton Park complex.

There are a dozen motels within walking distance of Bolton Park and the main street, with the main shopping centre, being only half a block away. You can obtain more details about our beautiful city and the Festival from our ifcrwagga2016.org.au website. This year, you can register online or download a form and register manually. Australian registrations close August 31st 2016.

Extensive planning and preparations are going into the Wagga Wagga Festival. We want to make it an enjoyable and a memorable occasion for you and your partner. Come along and be part of this great Rotary Cricket Fellowship. Wagga Wagga, being the largest inland city in New South Wales, has much to offer.

Yours in Rotary,

David Benn

Festival Chairman

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DISTRICT DIRECTORY

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DISTRICT CLUB NEWS

Fifteen things we have learned about attracting and keeping new members

(Article by Rosemary Castle - Membership Director/Immediate Past President, RC Woden Daybreak)

Woden Daybreak Rotary Club in Canberra has welcomed 15 new members over the last three years. In the same period, five members left (four of them moved interstate). We now have 38 members, ranging from their late 20s to early 70s.

Here are some things we have learned. Of course, it's still a work in progress!

1. Our 15 new members were attracted by word of mouth (7), exposure to Rotary or its programs (4), our presence at an event (2) and by being a guest speaker (2).
2. Most checked our website. The website can be simple but it should be organised, attractive, provide basic information, speak with the club's 'voice' and be up-to-date (but aim for a website that doesn't have to be updated too often). A lively Facebook page presents a dynamic and connected face to the world. You need a website and Facebook, not one or the other. They serve different purposes.
3. It's a huge step to join a Rotary Club. Many people worry about the time commitment. We say, whatever you can give in time, is enough for us. This is especially true if you want young parents to join. And it doesn't matter if some people rarely make meetings. They may do things behind the scenes or join in more when their circumstances change. Be flexible. Stay in touch.
4. At the very least, answer any membership inquiries on the same day. Be warm, enthusiastic and lively. Invite people to come along as many times as they like to try Rotary. Arrange for someone to meet them and bring them into the room. And it's not enough to welcome them to their first meeting. There needs to be follow-up, offers to meet outside meetings, information on what it means to belong. We have handy documents on our website but people often want chats and some Rotary 'decoding' as they go along.
5. New members need to be looked after well by a variety of people (not just one) until they find their feet. It can be lonely and confronting to join. There is no excuse ever for visitors or new members standing or sitting with no-one to talk to. Actively watch out for transport and cost issues. Don't assume everyone will be comfortable after a few meetings. Some will but personally, it took a full 12 months before I felt OK.
6. It's crucial to get to know new members. Try featuring them in your Bulletin. Once you know them, you can help them find activities that really motivate them. We hold social dinners in members' homes so that new and old members have a chance to get acquainted. Move fast to help them enter the life of the club if that's what they want but don't rush them if they want to take it slowly.
7. If new members take on club roles (a great idea!), provide plenty of ongoing support. It takes a while to get the hang of it all and new Board members often don't really get going until their second year. Board meetings should be relaxed and enjoyable, and devoid of acronyms, with references to past history explained (this one is hard!).
8. Run with members' ideas and passions where you can. Nothing is more dampening than to be told the club tried something previously and it didn't work. Perhaps it will this time. New members bring enormous energy and enthusiasm, as well as fresh eyes.
9. We are truly family friendly so we aim to know family members, ensure they have name badges and welcome them to meetings and activities. Taking the shoe around for fines is a much sought after role by our under 10s. Some of our children write to our sponsored child for us. Many people like their families to be brought informally into the Rotary family. What a boost for our clubs.
10. A wellbeing officer to whom news of members' big life events can be fed, is a huge asset. Ours helps us respond to the good and the bad. A lot of news breaks first on Facebook and you need to catch that. And don't let members just fade away. Before too long, find out what is going on.

11. Don't stress too much about traditions as long as your membership is rising. We have members who like to toast the queen and others who don't. The person rostered on each week chooses. Most members accept any bits that aren't quite right for them as long as the club is satisfying overall.
12. Club meetings need to have a lively 'vibe'. Host youth exchange students and global scholars if you can. They automatically liven up meetings and are great assets when your youth program candidates come along. Try having your youth exchange student run a club meeting (we haven't done this but have heard of clubs that have – seems to have been a hoot).
13. Ask about members' interest in developmental opportunities. We have a Chinese student who is going to run a segment of an international conference. He has been practising on us while running fines. Members sometimes see leadership or public speaking opportunities as a way of acquiring skills to help their careers.
14. It's really all about valuing individuals rather than fancy PR although good PR helps. Some of your members will love this people-based approach. Use them!
15. The more members you have, the easier it is to get and retain members as there will be more good stuff going on. And make sure there is plenty of varied social activity so that people can have fun together. An outward looking, truly passionate Rotary club with strong and positive internal relationships sells itself.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DISTRICT 9710 CENTURION PROGRAM

The Centurion Program is a District program to recognise donations of \$AU 100 to The Rotary Foundation. The donation can be made as a single payment or accumulate over the period of the Rotary year. Recognition is provided by the issuing of a Centurion pin the first year of achievement and by a certificate for ensuing years.



When a Rotarian qualifies as a Centurion, advice is provided to the District Centurion Chair who will arrange for the issuing of a pin or certificate. **The only requirement is for the Club Secretary to advise the amount of AUD 100 has been remitted to the Foundation.**

To assist Rotarians to save and qualify as Centurions, a Centurion Collector is available from the District Chair at a cost of \$2. It is requested Clubs make a bulk purchase to simplify the administration and distribution of collectors.

Making becoming a Centurion easy

Every week, before you go to Rotary, slip \$2 into your Centurion Collector
After 50 weeks (or sooner if you add the odd extra \$2) ...

- take \$100 top the Club for depositing in your account, or
- take \$100 your bank and transfer it to The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust.

New Collector poles are available from the District Chair, through Rotary Clubs.
Clubs can collect contributions from Rotarians and make a multiple donation to the Foundation.

A Club Action Plan

Appoint a Centurion Champion in your Club; someone who is enthusiastic about promoting The Rotary Foundation and the Centurion Program.

Set goals for the number of Centurions you would like to have in your Club.

Outline your Club Foundation giving Plan:

- Annual contribution of \$100 per member
- Or \$2 per week collected from members
- Invite the District Chair to speak ... use the Centurion Collector.

Make it easy for members by using the Multiple Donor form.

Forms (individual and multiple) are available on My Rotary



District Centurion Chair PDG Rowley Tompsett (Canberra North) phone 0422 235 095



You don't have to be famous to enjoy a fun night out!



Now into its 6th year, Rotarians and friends have the opportunity to again enjoy this very different, very enjoyable social event. The many humorous photos beamed onto large screens accompanying each trivia question, the relaxed, social environment and of course the fact that you're supporting ROMAC, a Rotary project run by volunteer Rotarians throughout Australia and New Zealand that changes and saves underprivileged children's lives, makes this entertaining night

out a winner.

Please join us and once again enjoy a fun night of trivia. Speaking of which, this year you could easily win and show everyone that yours is the smartest Rotary Club around! But only if you're smart enough to accept this light-hearted challenge and bring your partners, friends and potential new members to the friendliest, most fun trivia night out you've had!

Date: 4:30 for 5:00pm start, Sunday 25th September 2016.

Venue: Bomaderry Bowling Club, 154 Meroo Rd, Bomaderry.

Cost: \$45 p/p for a 2 course meal plus tea, coffee and cake afterwards.

RSVP: To your club's on-to-trivia coordinator, or Andrejs Medenis mobile 0413 401 949 email andrejs8@bigpond.com

A request: Please consider helping Rotarian volunteers continue saving children's lives with your club donation: \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500 or whatever you can.

On behalf of the children whose lives you'll save, thank you.

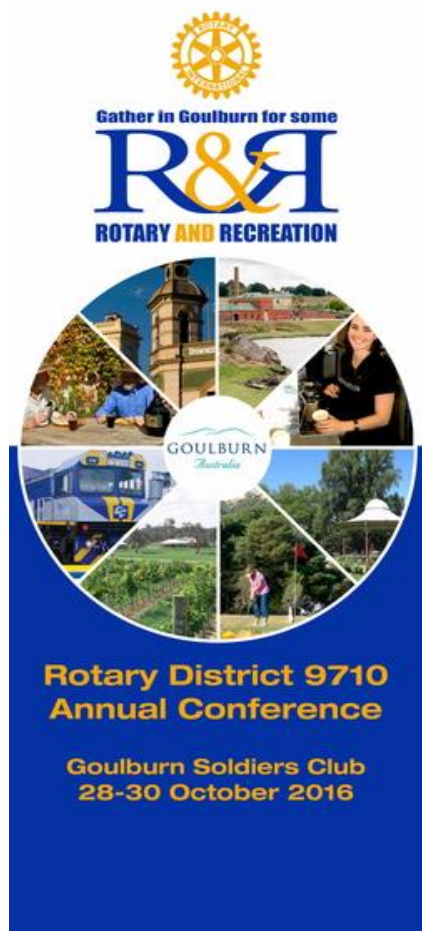


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McGRATH

AUTO GROUP

THINK CARS.
THINK McGRATH.



ROTARY DISTRICT 9710 CONFERENCE- GOULBURN OCTOBER 28-30

This year's District Conference, is to be held in the historic city of Goulburn. It offers Rotarians and their partners an opportunity to explore Australia's first inland city and environs.

As the plenary sessions of the conference will be held in the mornings of Friday, Saturday and Sunday, the afternoons are left free for attendees to visit some of the attractions of the region.

Your conference committee has organised a selection of afternoon tours covering a diverse range of interests. For the Golfers there will be a nine hole, shotgun start, competition at the Goulburn Golf Course on Friday afternoon commencing at 1.30 pm. for a 2.00pm. Start. Cost will be \$25 with proceeds going to support Motor Neuron Disease Research.

Registration will be available at the Goulburn Information Centre from 1.00pm to 5.30pm on Thursday 27th. October to be followed by a Civic Reception hosted by the Mayor of Goulburn at the Grace Millsom Centre, 6.15 to 7.15 pm. There will be no cost to attendees for this function.

Commencing at 8.00am on Friday 28th registrations will be relocated at the Goulburn Soldier's Club, the venue for all plenary sessions.

Friday afternoon tours include:-

Kingsdale Winery Tour: Discover the secrets of making fine wines whilst enjoying tea or coffee with brownies and muffins. Cost including bus is \$10.

Riversdale Estate Tour: A guided tour of this National Trust historic property built in the late 1830's and surrounded by splendid gardens. The house is renowned for its fine collection of Australian Colonial Furniture. Cost, including bus and afternoon tea is \$25.

Chicago Freight Maintenance Yards: One for the train buffs, a guided tour of the facility. Cost including bus is \$10.

Saturday afternoon tours:-

Escorted motorcycle tour of Southern Highlands with Assistant Governor Matt Froome. Cost free, bring your own bike.

Kingsdale Winery and Chicago Freight, repeat of Friday's tours.

Guided City Tour: An experience guide will accompany the coach on a visit to the historic sights and buildings of Goulburn. Cost including bus is \$10.

Arts Tour: Visit Goulburn Regional Gallery with over 300 works from high quality regional and national exhibitions. Then continue on to Gallery on Track, located in a beautifully restored historic building and showcasing works by local artists and crafts people. Cost \$20 including bus.

Goulburn History Tour: Enjoy a guided tour through 175 years of history in the privately owned Garrooigong Historic home. Following this the tour continues on to St Clair Cottage, a museum housing important cultural objects and archives from Goulburn's historical past in one of its oldest surviving residential buildings. Cost of tour is \$28 including bus.

Whatever your interests may be, surely booking one or more of the above tours must enhance your experience at the conference.

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