

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER D9670



April is Magazine Month

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DG Alex Reports.....

The District Conference has come and gone, Pam and I would like to thank everyone who attended and made this a memorable event for us. We know you all enjoyed yourselves, from your enjoyment came our enjoyment. Final statistics are as follows:-

Total Attendance = 425
Rotarians = 241
Clubs Represented = 40

The Rotary Iron Man (Doug Greenwood Trophy) was won by the Rotary Club of Kurri Kurri with a massive total of 538.84%, well they did attend in numbers and they did take part in the activities.

The other District awards went to:-

Junis Price Trophy	RC of Cardiff
Arnold Forsyth Trophy	RC of Merriwa
Harold Chadwick Trophy	RC of Kurri Kurri
Charles May Trophy	RC of Cobar
The Australian Rotary Health Trophy	RC of Singleton on Hunter
Preserve Plant Earth	RC of Toronto
Reg Drayton Memorial	RC of Dubbo South
Club WEB Page Award	RC of Newcastle Sunrise
John & Pat Glass Award	RC of Dubbo & Rotoact Club of Dubbo City
Shirley Stanley Memorial	RC of Muswellbrook
Furthering the Object of Rotary	RC of Bourke & RC of Nelson Bay

Congratulations to the winning Clubs. The Staffordshire Pint is under challenge but it must take a long time to prepare for Croquet. The Ted and Ann Lewis award is held over waiting on more information.

April is magazine month, this may be a time the incoming Presidents and their Boards to consider their Club Bulletin. If it does all it is supposed to do, give the Editor a pat on the back and leave it alone. If it does not then it may be time to have a good look at it and see what changes can be made to keep the Rotarians, and their Partners, informed and educated on Club activities.

April sees us very close to the end of the Rotary Year and all Clubs should be making arrangements for the Changeover of Club Officers. If you have not done so please inform me of your Changeover Meeting Date, remember the District Changeover is on 4 July. If your Club is planning to honour someone with a Paul Harris recognition please make these arrangements as soon as possible to avoid the rush and possible disappointment. It is best to make your donations to the Rotary Foundation before the end of May to make sure they are included in your recognition figures for this Rotary Year.

And a final reminder, some Clubs have still to file their Semi-annual Return for January and to pay the second half of their Rotary International and District dues.

Trusting you all enjoy good health and harmony till we meet again,

Yours in Rotary Service

District Governor 2008-2009

Best Cooperative Projects Award

RI is offering something new - the "Best Cooperative Projects Awards".

The award is for club projects that have been in collaboration with local governments, businesses, and other organizations to bring improvements to people and communities at home and abroad. Eligible projects must be service projects that address humanitarian need. Winning projects will receive a special certificate and may be included in future RI publications or publicity material. The submission must be made to RI Headquarters by the District Governor and postmarked no later than 15 April 2009.

For more information please visit this site:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/RunningAClub/Announcements/Pages/BestCooperativeProjectsAward.aspx>

The site has guidelines and an Application Form.

Pam Wellham

Public Relations

Rotary District 9670

GSE

This is the exciting part of the exchange cycle : the team from District 2100 have now almost completed their visit, and the team from our District is in the final stages of preparation.

Our Italian visitors have had a wide variety of experiences – they started at Lake Macquarie, then attended District Conference, then to Dubbo, then back to the coast via Rylstone-Kandos and Maitland Sunrise. Their last visits are at Newcastle and then their final visit to Nelson Bay. They have had a wonderful time – and some challenges! Our distances and our wild-life have given the team some stories for their return to a smaller country with hardly any snakes or spiders! They have enjoyed the sightings of dolphins, kangaroos, vineyards, and a wide landscape, and they have had wonderful hospitality. The programs put together by our hosting Clubs have had a good range of vocational visits and varied social occasions. Our great appreciation to all concerned : hosts and organisers are all to be congratulated.

Our Team Leader, Gerard McMillan from Singleton, has an enthusiastic team preparing for their own visit. Team uniforms, business cards, team brochures have all been taken care of. Language lessons are continuing, and the team is looking forward to a visit starting in the south and travelling up to lovely area of Naples. We have received an itinerary which seems as full as the one prepared for our visitors. Again, many thanks to the sponsoring Clubs, and I'm sure that we will hear reports or a great visit!

Janette Jackson

Rotary Club of Newcastle

Since our last article about the PSA

I had the privilege to attend the official opening of the PSA offices in the renovated Waratah Post Office The building was opened by The Minister for Defence, Joel Fitzgibbon, who is the Patron of PSA. There were other dignitaries from Federal, State and Local Government as well as officials from University of Newcastle, Hunter Health and HMRI. Following the official opening Professor Denham and his team of researchers provided a guided tour of the premises.



Rotary Clubs are welcome to visit the research centre and see this centre that has been established for researchers and counsellors to assist those men diagnosed with Prostate Cancer.

Prostate Cancer can have an affect on many of our Rotarians and their partners. For this reason we are looking to seek your Club's financial support for this worthy cause.

Should you require more information about the PSA please refer to their website at

<http://www.prostatehelp.com.au>,

or call John Austine, on 0413831175.

Should you be able to assist us in supporting the PSA this would be greatly appreciated.



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Wilma Simmons
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Phone 4957 9253

for more information about

supporting,

creating,

planning

and

ensuring a bright future

for your Rotary club.

Thank you to all the clubs who will be participating in this great process this year.

Can Rotary Make a Difference?

I once read that if you want to make a difference in any aspect of your life you need to determine what you really stand for - what you believe in, and then seek out a way you can contribute in your community.

I read that to make a huge difference in the world we need to help only one person at a time.

Melinda Gates said, ***“The continuing toll of malaria is a moral outrage—we would not allow it in the U.S., and we should not allow it anywhere. It’s time to close the gap in funding, accelerate research, and work together in a more strategic way to strengthen the global malaria fight”***

We as Rotarians need to ponder on what we stand for as Rotarians and how we can make a difference in our own District, in our own backyard.

Rotarians Against Malaria in Australia has set aside 30 April 2009 as Malaria Awareness Day. During the week in which that date occurs, that is, from 26 April, we are engaging in a major campaign to make the general public, as well as Rotarians, more aware of the very serious impact of this dreadful disease.

What will you do during Malaria Awareness Week?

You can choose to be directly involved in a number of ways to raise the awareness of malaria in your area e.g. Instead of presenting the guest speaker with a gift, donate the \$\$\$s towards the purchase of mosquito nets. Provide a gift voucher acknowledging – “A Malaria net has been donated on your behalf.”

Remember, one bed net costs just \$10 to buy and can safely last a family for up to five years. Come on Rotarians let’s Make A Difference!

PDG Bill Dethlefs, National RAM Chairman

CESSNOCK ROTARY CLUB

INTERNATIONAL NIGHT



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR GERMAN INTERNATIONAL NIGHT.

**GERMAN CUISINE
WITH ENTREES, MAIN MEAL AND DESERTS.**

Helmut and Bill will be providing traditional German folk music, Polkas and Waltzes.

All exchange students are invited to attend,
(could Rotary clubs please pay for students meals.)

Venue: Miers Lane KEINBAH
Date: 23rd April 2009 6.30 pm
Cost: \$35.00/head
RSVP: George Koncz 4990 2548
or [drawing.koncz@bigpond .com](mailto:drawing.koncz@bigpond.com)

CLUB	Current	MAR	MAR
	M'ship	%	RANK
ADAMSTOWN/NEW LAMBTON	31	89.8	2
BELMONT	25	86.3	5
BENNETTS GREEN	NR	NR	NR
BOURKE	9	59.00	26
CARDIFF	NR	NR	NR
CESSNOCK	27	76.40	13
CESSNOCK WINE COUNTRY	NR	NR	NR
CHARLESTOWN	31	55.61	27
COBAR	NR	NR	NR
DENMAN	16	87.50	4
DUBBO	26	82.83	6
DUBBO MACQUARIE	NR	NR	NR
DUBBO SOUTH	40	72.00	18
DUBBO WEST	34	74.17	17
DUNGOG	NR	NR	NR
EAST MAITLAND	39	81.03	7
HAMILTON	NR	NR	NR
KURRI KURRI	18	75.55	16
MAITLAND	30	76.25	14
MAITLAND SUNRISE	NR	NR	NR
MERRIWA	19	78.40	11
MORISSET	27	79.00	9
MUDGEES	NR	NR	NR
MUDGEES SUNRISE	NR	NR	NR
MURRURUNDI	NR	NR	NR
MUSWELLBROOK	NR	NR	NR
MYALL COAST	24	63.04	23
NARROMINE	NR	NR	NR
NELSON BAY	61	80.51	8
NEWCASTLE	NR	NR	NR
NEWCASTLE ENTERPRISE	29	70.00	19
NEWCASTLE SUNRISE	23	64.00	22
NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	14	68.00	20
NYNGAN	NR	NR	NR
PATERSON	NR	NR	NR
RAYMOND TERRACE	18	100.00	1
RUTHERFORD / TELARAH	NR	NR	NR
RYLSTONE / KANDOS	NR	NR	NR
SALAMANDER BAY	32	61.30	24
SCONE	9	77.00	12
SINGLETON	47	67.00	21
SINGLETON ON HUNTER	NR	NR	NR
TORONTO	35	76.16	15
TORONTO SUNRISE	NR	NR	NR
WALLSEND / MARYLAND	NR	NR	NR
WARATAH	18	89.30	3
WARNERS BAY	15	60.00	25
WARREN	NR	NR	NR
WELLINGTON	NR	NR	NR
WILLIAMTOWN	15	78.93	10



DG Reminder Up coming Events

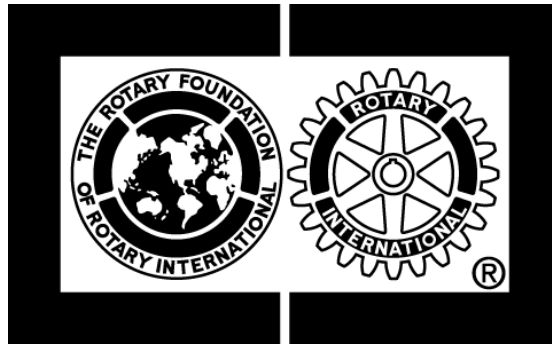
- May 17 District Meeting, Dubbo (Venue TBA)
- May 31 District Meeting, Upper Hunter (Venue TBA)
- Jun 7 District Meeting, lower Hunter (Venue TBA)
- Jul 4 District Changeover.

Can Clubs please notify me of their changeover dates, thank you.



The End Polio Now logo was beamed onto iconic landmarks around the world in celebration of Rotary's 104th birthday, 23 February, resulting in major media coverage. The event was highlighted in both print and television outlets, including the *Ayrshire Post (Scotland)*, *Sydney Morning Herald (Australia)*, and News24 (South Africa). Read the full story, and see more images at www.rotary.org.

DISTRICT WEB SITE
Read this newsletter.
Check club and District events.
Check Club member information.
Link to RI, RDU, YEP, RYLA.
See the District profile.
ALL AT www.rotary9670.org.au



Apart from our commitment to Polio Plus the programs of “OUR” Rotary Foundation can be identified as either Humanitarian or Educational programs.

The Humanitarian Grants program supports clubs and districts as they undertake humanitarian service projects. All of these grants must

- Involve the active participation of Rotarians
- Address humanitarian needs.

There are, of course, significant criteria that govern the details of projects that can attract TRF Humanitarian Grants. The RI website provides these, as do the TRF publications.

There are also many sources of ideas for projects that may be the subject of such a Grant.

Rotarians visiting an area in need, (either individually or as part of a fact-finding tour), Group Study Exchange team members or leaders and even, on occasions, Youth Exchange students have identified needs that could be met by a club or district project. Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) has many details of many such opportunities; also at Project LINK a searchable database at www.rotary.org Such projects may then be partly funded by a TRF Humanitarian Grant. It is necessary for the sponsoring district to provide some of the funding.

HEALTH, HUNGER & HUMANITY (3H) GRANTS

These are designed to provide long term (2-4 years) funding for an international project of a self-help nature that will have ingoing benefits on conclusion of the active project phase. They provide funding up to \$300K with the sponsor providing at least 10% of the funding. A site visitor will assess the project’s potential before a grant is awarded, and an auditor will review the project on completion to ensure wise stewardship of Foundation funds.

MATCHING GRANTS

These Grants provide a 1:1 match of TRF funds with a district’s own DDF or a 0.5:1 match with club or district cash contributions toward the cost of an acceptable project. TRF may provide up to \$150K. Again careful stewardship is essential and so is the active involvement of Rotarians from the recipient district/club.

DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS

A maximum of 20% of each year’s DDF is available as a block Grant to districts for use in local projects. It is necessary to demonstrate a community need and to provide media coverage.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE GRANTS

These subsidise travel of qualified Rotarians &/or spouses to plan a project or to provide direct necessary services in a community. \$3k per person or \$6K for up to 6 people is available on projects that are necessary and cannot be met by local skills. 5-60 days may be spent on site, and there must be local Rotary input.

For more information go to: www.rotary.org/foundation



Special message for presidents-elect ...

Ready for the next Rotary year? – MEMBERSHIP

Prepare your ACTION PLAN for membership development 2009-2010

- Confirm the appointment of your MEMBERSHIP Director & committee
- Confirm the appointment of your Public Relations Director & committee
- Revise notes from The Presidents-Elect Training and District Assembly
- Identify your membership goal (recall Int Pres elect John Kenny's speech)
- Locate and read the New Member Resource Guide (417EN) and New member Orientation (417EN)
- Visit the website www.membership.rotary.org.au
- Subscribe to "Membership on the Move" newsletter email n.trevaskis@bigpond.com and ask to be on the mailing list
- Contact District Membership Chair, wilmasimmons@hotmail.com (Phone 4957 9253) if you require any support for your club regarding membership development and extension during your year

Special message for current presidents...

Does your club qualify for the Rotary International 2008-09 Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives? . This annual certificate program offers three clubs from each district the opportunity to be recognized for the development and implementation of an innovative program, strategy or tool that positively impacts membership.

The selected innovative approach should focus on one of the three areas of membership growth and development: (1) retention, (2) recruitment of qualified new members, and (3) organizing new Rotary clubs. Governors may select up to three clubs from the district to receive a certificate of recognition, with no more than one club being chosen in each area of membership growth and development. Clubs should submit a detailed explanation of their strategy or initiative to the District Governor on or after **15 April** using the Club Submission Form (RI publication 422 In addition to the form, the submission narrative should be a maximum of two pages. Club explanations could include the following items:

- What is the purpose of the strategy or program?
- What was the initial problem or challenge?
- What regional factors, issues or trends were affecting membership?
- What is the process or procedures of the program?
- Who has been involved?
- What has been accomplished?
- What was the program's long-term success?
- What modifications have been adopted?
- What was the cost of implementation?

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MEMBERSHIP Resources for Clubs

001 This is Rotary
www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/001en.pdf

595 Rotary Basics
www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/595en.pdf

414 New Member Orientation
www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/414en.pdf

417 Membership Development
Resource Guide
www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/417en.pdf

901 Membership Development and
Extension Award Program
www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/901en.pdf

421 Membership Development
Initiative Form
www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/421en.pdf

416 Recognition of Smaller Club
Membership Growth
www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/416en.pdf

808 Organize New Clubs Guide

254 How to Propose a New Member
www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/254en.pdf

422 Recognition of Membership
Development Initiatives
www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/422en.pdf

641 Your Club, the District and RI:
Partners in Membership Development
---Membership Development Goal
report Form
www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_doc/233en_form_a.doc



**ROTARY AUSTRALIA WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE LTD: EASTERN REGION.
NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL AND GENERAL MEETING ETC, TO BE HELD ON
16TH AND 17TH MAY 2009, AT HORIZONS GOLF RESORT
5 HORIZONS DRIVE, SALAMANDER BAY, PORT STEPHENS**

From: Ted Lewis OAM, Secretary, 18 Karoola Road, Lambton, NSW 2299

You are invited to the RAWCS Eastern Region meetings to be held on the weekend of 16th and 17th May 2009

SATURDAY 16th MAY ACTIVITIES

Venue for Afternoon Sessions:- Horizons Golf Resort Salamander Bay.

1. Training Session 2.00pm to 3.30pm:

Training Session for new and existing District RAWCS representatives presented by District 9750.

2. Special Management Meeting 2.00pm to 3.30pm:

Available members of the Management Committee to meet to discuss development matters with an agenda distributed in the week before the meeting.

3. Other Committees and Groups 4.00pm: Activity Group Co-Ordinators are invited to hold their Committee forum meetings which will be reported to the General Meeting on Sunday morning. Committee Chairmen should communicate their intentions regarding these meetings directly to their committee members.

4. Dinner Meeting 6.30pm for 7.00pm:

Venue for Dinner: Horizons Golf Resort.

The dinner cost will be \$35 per person, with partners and friends of course, very welcome.

Note:- Afternoon Tea Saturday and Morning Tea Sunday will be supplied for \$5 per person for each day.

ACCOMMODATION

* Members of Rotary Club of Salamander Bay would like to welcome visitors to the meetings and would like to home host them. Could any visitors wishing to be Home Hosted please contact President Wendy Stein to arrange.

Email: wendy-stein@hotmail.com or mobile 0418319997

* Horizons have Apartments on the estate for \$180.00 Room only (Two bedroom, for 4 people works out at \$45.00 a head) .

For Bookings: Reception Phone - 02 49820502
www.horizons.com.au

* There is other Accommodation in Salamander Bay and Nelson Bay

SUNDAY 17th MAY ACTIVITIES

Venue : Horizons Golf Resort, Salamander Bay

9.00am – The Annual Meeting of RAWCS Eastern Region.

An Agenda for the Annual Meeting, the Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting and a Nomination Form for Membership of the Management Committee will be mailed to you before 24th April 2009.

Immediately following the Annual Meeting –The General Meeting of RAWCS Eastern Region.

The Agenda for the General Meeting, together with associated Business Papers will be mailed to you before 24th April 2009.

ATTENDANCE DETAILS

Please complete the reply form below and post it to me at the address shown below no later than Monday 11th May. Alternatively you can e-mail the relevant details to me.

Yours in Rotary,



PP Ted Lewis OAM, Secretary

“Some Directions”

Should help you find the Horizons Golf Resort!

- Coming from either North, South or West, follow signs to **Nelson Bay**
- After passing Port Stephens Winery and Go Karts sign, turn left at the next roundabout, following signs to **Salamander Bay**.
- At the next roundabout, turn right into **Salamander Way**.
- The entrance to Le Meilleur **Horizons Golf Resort** is approximately 1km along on the right hand side.

Please Mail to : PP Ted Lewis OAM, 18 Karoola Road Lambton 2299;
or Email details to lewisted@ozemail.com.au ,or Fax 4957 5995, **before 11th May 2009**

I regret that I am unable to attend the General Meeting at Salamander Bay

Yes, I will be attending the following activities at the May Meetings at Salamander Bay

- Saturday afternoon sessions
- Saturday evening. **Number attending Dinner**
- Sunday RAWCS Annual and General Meeting

NAME (BLOCK LETTERS):

DISTRICT: