

DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER D9670



**May is near the end
Get in and Get it Finished Month**

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DG Alex Reports.....

Is it get in and get it finished, or a time for reflection on good deeds done and planning for good deeds in the future. May is most likely the most important month in the Rotary calendar, it is this the time of year when current boards are looking to finalise their activities and making decisions on where that hard won charity dollar is to be spent. The incoming board is flat out planning the year ahead so they can hit the ground running in the New Year. Well it looks like I will be flat out finishing off the year, although I am looking forward to attending the International Convention, this has shortened the time I have to finish off before Changeover. So take this a gentle reminder not to leave everything to the last minute.

This is the month you need to make your contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) if you are looking to use the recognition points this year. Looking at the way TRF recognises club contributions to the foundation can give a distorted view of how a club has supported TRF over the years. Each year TRF recognises the top three clubs in each district for their per capita giving, this is only to the Annual Programs Fund, any restricted giving (such as PolioPlus) is not counted, nor is giving to the Permanent Fund. It is easy for a club to gain one of these awards by stockpiling its giving and making a single contribution for several years in the one year. I thought it would be good to look at the longer term history of per capita giving for each club in the district and see how they performed over the years. The method is not very accurate as I have used the club membership from the last semi annual return and divided the total giving from the club by this number and the years the club has been in existence. I had to rule out two amalgamated clubs as their giving is the total of the two clubs and their age is only for the amalgamated club.

Not one club has achieved the \$100 per member per year as set down as a target by TRF. The per capita giving over the 49 district clubs ranges from \$78.78 to \$9.25. It is not the old or big clubs that come to the top; the top five are Williamtown, Bennetts Green, Maitland Sunrise, Cessnock Wine Country and Myall Coast. The oldest club Bennetts Green at 22 years and the largest, Maitland Sunrise with 33 members. Congratulations to these clubs for consistently supporting The Rotary Foundation.

Last month we were notified of an extension to the funding for the Science and Engineering Challenge program. This funding was approved by the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Kim Carr. The extension of this funding will allow for the expansion of this successful program more effectively across Australia.

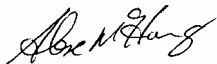
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The Rotary Club of East Maitland has certainly taken on one of the Presidential Citation Challenges, an increase in membership by a net gain of one. The Rotary Club has inducted seven new members, six new Rotarians and one transferring member. Congratulation on a job well done.

And a last note on membership. Checking the information on district membership on the RI web site also reveals some interesting information, 5 Clubs still have not sent in their Semi Annual Return (SAR) for January. As well as paying your semi annual dues the SAR on membership should also be sent in, the information goes to two different areas. For January over the last five years district membership has been dropping, January 2005 we had 1208 Rotarians, dropping steadily to January 2009 with 1121 Rotarians. It is not all that bad as these figures are taken from the January SAR , the latest information in club membership area shows we have 1144 Rotarians in the district, we need to make sure we have this number or more when the July SAR's are submitted.

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

Yours in Rotary Service



District Governor 2008-2009

The **Rotary Club of Salamander Bay** are looking for Project Volunteers for a **RAWCS** Project, Gouno Project in the Eastern Highlands Province of Papua New Guinea.

Volunteers are required to supervise the extension of the medical facility at Gouno, all materials are on site and accommodation is provided in the village.

Could any interested people please contact - Wendy Stein: email:wendy-stein@hotmail.com for further information.

Project volunteers expenses are tax deductible and Travel Insurance is covered by Rotary.

Lets continue to "Make Dreams Real" for the people of Papua new Guinea, our nearest neighbours.

Wendy Stein



RAWCS "Humanity" Coffee

After a very successful launch of **RAWCS "Humanity" Coffee** at our district Conference, sales have skyrocketed, and it has travelled throughout NSW, Victoria, Queensland and is headed for Italy, with the GSE team.

The coffee, a Project of the Rotary Club of Salamander Bay, will fund Safe Water, Literacy Education and Health Projects (RAWCS) in the Eastern Highlands Province of Papua new Guinea.

Clubs can either on sell the product as a fundraiser for their club or it makes a great Guest Speaker Gift. All sales will make a difference in the lives of impoverished communities and save lives.

Please support this wonderful initiative to "Make Dreams Real".

Wendy Stein



YEP Giving Youth an opportunity

Currently the District is short 3 clubs to host students. If you can help either as a club, or as a family, or know a family to host, give Peter Bentley-Howard a call on 49450209 urgently.

The Youth Exchange program is dependent on host families and provides a wonderful opportunity to give an international student the break they need.

Rotary has a great community spirit , I am sure we can overcome this small hurdle.

Peter Bentley Howard
Chair District Youth Exchange Committee.



Our GSE Team to District 2100 in Italy

Gerard McMillan, Kate Ramzan-Levy, Annalise Iserief, Khalil Khay and David McKinnon

Gerard McMillan – Sponsoring Club: Singleton

Member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Singleton. I am currently an Assistant Governor with District 9670 and from 2000-2008 I served on the District Rotary Foundation Committee. In 1979 I commenced employment at the Singleton Returned Servicemen's Club. The Club industry of New South Wales is unique to anywhere else in the world with profits being spent on local community projects. The Singleton Returned Servicemen's Club has received numerous industry awards in recognition of the generous level of community support.

Kate Ramzan-Levy - Sponsoring Club: Toronto Sunrise

I am 33 and live in Newcastle. My husband Dwayne and I have two daughters, Bella (7) and Myah (5). I work for the University of Newcastle as the Manager of Marketing. The University has over 20,000 students, and is one of the largest employers in the region. My role is to work with Faculties to market the University's degrees and attract new students. Before working at the University, I worked in tourism, and in local government. We live close to the beach, and I enjoy cycling, swimming at the beach with my family, camping, reading and keeping active. I am looking forward to immersing myself in the Italian culture, learning new things and meeting people on the GSE exchange.

Annalise Iserief Sponsoring Club: Maitland Sunrise

I am 33 and live in Maitland. My mum, Bettina, and I have been renovating a 140 year old home which we share with my dog, Lucy, and 2 cats, Simi and Oscar. I have been employed in the field of community services for 14 years working with people who have an intellectual disability. My current role is to provide behaviour intervention and support to people with a disability and their carers. Through the GSE I am hoping to gain insight into how people with challenging behaviour are supported in Italy. In my free time I enjoy renovating my home, gardening, travelling, bushwalking, theatre and music and spending time with family and friends.

Khalil Khay Sponsoring Club: Newcastle Sunrise

I am 39 and live in Dudley, Newcastle. My wife's name is Melissa and we have been married for 1½ years. We don't have any children yet as we are very busy looking after 1400 students. I am a Primary and Middle School Principal with the NSW Department of Education & Training, and work as part of a Senior Executive team as Deputy Principal of Hunter School of the Performing Arts. This fully-selective school services a population base of over 1½ million. We live close to the beach. I love singing, dancing and acting, having recently played a lead role in Mel Brook's 'The Producers'. I enjoy motor sports, reading, listening to music and relaxing. I look forward to meeting with you and sharing our thoughts about our cultures.

David McKinnon Sponsoring Club: Morisset

I am 34 and live in Toronto in Lake Macquarie, I am married to Melissa. We have three sons, Joshua (8), Wade (7) and Alex (2). I work for Centennial Coal as an Undermanager at Myuna Colliery. Centennial Coal is a coal mining company supplying thermal and coking coal to domestic and export markets. In my role, I allocate resources, supervise, monitor and report for a shift of 50 men to safely mine coal. Through the GSE program I hope to observe, discuss and learn about working with people in team environments. I enjoy motor bike riding, surfing, coaching junior soccer and spending time with family and friends on Lake Macquarie.

CLUB	Current	APR	APR
	M'ship	%	RANK
ADAMSTOWN/NEW LAMBTON	30	85.4	3
BELMONT	25	70.3	14
BENNETTS GREEN	NR	NR	NR
BOURKE	9	52.00	23
CARDIFF	NR	NR	NR
CESSNOCK	26	86.00	2
CESSNOCK WINE COUNTRY	NR	NR	NR
CHARLESTOWN	31	67.86	15
COBAR	8	60.00	20
DENMAN	16	78.20	7
DUBBO	26	76.39	9
DUBBO MACQUARIE	28	75.00	11
DUBBO SOUTH	40	67.50	16
DUBBO WEST	35	78.97	6
DUNGOG	NR	NR	NR
EAST MAITLAND	NR	NR	NR
HAMILTON	NR	NR	NR
KURRI KURRI	18	66.67	19
MAITLAND	NR	NR	NR
MAITLAND SUNRISE	NR	NR	NR
MERRIWA	NR	NR	NR
MORISSET	28	76.00	10
MUDGEES	NR	NR	NR
MUDGEES SUNRISE	NR	NR	NR
MURRURUNDI	NR	NR	NR
MUSWELLBROOK	NR	NR	NR
MYALL COAST	24	67.39	17
NARROMINE	NR	NR	NR
NELSON BAY	61	82.40	4
NEWCASTLE	64	54.49	21
NEWCASTLE ENTERPRISE	31	73.00	13
NEWCASTLE SUNRISE	NR	NR	NR
NEWCASTLE HARBOUR	15	67.00	18
NYNGAN	NR	NR	NR
PATERSON	NR	NR	NR
RAYMOND TERRACE	NR	NR	NR
RUTHERFORD / TELARAH	27	77.06	8
RYLSTONE / KANDOS	NR	NR	NR
SALAMANDER BAY	NR	NR	NR
SCONE	NR	NR	NR
SINGLETON	47	74.00	12
SINGLETON ON HUNTER	NR	NR	NR
TORONTO	NR	NR	NR
TORONTO SUNRISE	NR	NR	NR
WALLSEND / MARYLAND	NR	NR	NR
WARATAH	18	82.20	5
WARNERS BAY	16	53.13	22
WARREN	NR	NR	NR
WELLINGTON	29	94.00	1
WILLIAMTOWN	NR	NR	NR



Rotary Club of Wallsend-Maryland Inc.
District 9670

We've outgrown our previous venue. Here is our new place

The Rotary Club of Wallsend-Maryland

Meetings : **Tuesday morning breakfast**

Time: **7.15am – 8.15am**

Venue **Lemon Grove Hotel**

Corner of Nelson and Tyrrell streets, Wallsend

Entry is via the middle door on Tyrrell Street

Visiting Rotarians and friends are always welcome.

\$12 includes cooked breakfast and tea/coffee

For further information and bookings for breakfast,

please contact President elect Nancy Truman Ph. 0416 271 250

or Program Coordinator Wilma Simmons

Phone 4957 9253 /0407 579 253;

email: wilmasimmons@hotmail.com



DISTRICT WEB SITE

Read this newsletter.

Check club and District events.

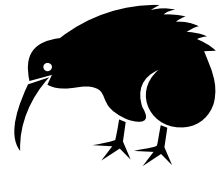
Check Club member information.

Link to RI, RDU, YEP, RYLA.

See the District profile.

ALL AT www.rotary9670.org.au

Please note the change of mailing address for the editor.
Email address remains the same.



Announcing the
“DOWN UNDER BREAKFAST”
IN BIRMINGHAM

RI Director John Lawrence invites all Rotarians, Friends and Partners to attend the R I Zones 7 & 8 **“Down Under Breakfast”** in Birmingham, UK, to celebrate the 100th Rotary International Convention.

This unique breakfast will promote attendance at the **Rotary Institutes** for **Zone 8** to be held on 13th to 15th of November, 2009 in Newcastle, NSW and **Zone 7B** to be held on 20th to 22nd of November, 2009 in Bay of Islands, Waitangi, NZ.

The Breakfast is being held on **Sunday 21 June, 2009**, at the **Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel**, at the National Exhibition Centre (NEC), Birmingham, **commencing 6.45am for 7.15am**, to finish by 9.00am.

Trains leave from New Street Station in the city centre every 10 minutes travelling directly to the NEC Convention Centre and the journey takes 10 minutes. The Hilton Birmingham Metropole Hotel is a 5 minute walk from the Airport/NEC Railway Station. Parking is available at the NEC.

Cost for the breakfast is 20 UK Pounds, payable on the day, however prior bookings are required, as numbers are limited.

This will be a fun event, a chance to catch up with friends before the Convention begins.

Feel free to invite Rotarians and friends from other places, as all are welcome.

Don Cox is Chairman of this event and tickets can be reserved by contacting him as follows:

Phone: 61 3 9337 1511 work
61 3 9337 4308 home
0407 094 220 mobile

Email: joanecox2002@yahoo.com.au

Don't be disappointed, book early as numbers are limited.



**THE ROTARY CLUB OF SINGLETON ON HUNTER
ART PRIZE & EXHIBITION 2009**

17TH to 22ND July 2009

Opening Night and Presentation of Prizes Friday 17th of July 2009
Open daily from 10 am to 6 pm Saturday 18th July to Monday 21st July
Open 10am to 12pm Tuesday 22nd July

All enquiries to:

Graeme O'Brien: 0265745185 graemeobrien@bigpond.com

Brian Ellis : 0408600096 – brian.ellis@isconsultants.com.au

Postal address for all works: SOH Rotary Art Prize

Singleton Civic Centre

Queen Street, Singleton NSW 2330



As the end of the Rotary year is within sight it is important to review our support of The Rotary Foundation. It must be remembered that OUR Foundation is able to “**do good in the world**” only because of the contributions made to it by Rotary clubs and by dedicated Rotarians. The Foundation receives no funding from our RI dues or otherwise from Rotary International.

In order to continue – and expand – its humanitarian and educational programs and to promote international goodwill and peace, “OUR” Rotary Foundation needs the support of every Rotarian. We are seeking the personal contribution of each Rotarian - Every Rotarian Every Year – of just \$US100. This amounts to less than a cup of coffee each day. Or the cost of the daily newspaper – and it will certainly bring more goodwill! The Rotary Foundation must be the preferred charity of every Rotarian. Because of the widespread ‘Down Under’ concern at Paul Harris Fellow recognition being other than an ‘award’ it must be made clear that contributions to The Rotary Foundation cannot provide a PHF recognition without an application by the donor.

Whilst we still need to fund the Foundation’s programs, we are also committed to match the \$355m donation to Rotary’s polio program by the Gates Foundation. Rotary clubs world-wide have been asked to provide a specific \$US200m. over the next 3 years in order to meet this commitment and to support the final push to eliminate polio from the face of the earth. Every club must help!

Remember that if individuals or corporates require tax deductibility their cheque should be made payable to “**The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust**” and mailed to RI at PO Box 1415, Parramatta 2124. Please mail all cheques by mid-June, to avoid possible delays at year-end.

At PETS (Presidents Elect Training Seminar) all incoming Presidents are asked to plan their club’s Foundation funding so that Incoming Governors will be able to calculate their District’s financial support for The Rotary Foundation in 2009-2010. Governors Elect are required to provide a district total to TRF in Evanston so that, at the International Convention in mid-June, a world total goal for TRF funding can be announced.

Each club will also be making its plans for the coming year, so it is pertinent to remember that further support will be required for our Polio commitment. It is strongly recommended that a specific fund-raiser, involving the general public, be developed for this purpose. Raising public awareness of Rotary’s enormous achievement to date toward the eradication of polio is a valuable tool in our membership quest. So if it can be linked with appropriate media coverage two valuable causes will be served.

Visit the Australian Rotary Health web site



www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au

Children's Mental Health, Childhood Cancer, Youth Suicide, Parkinson Disease, Dementia, Cancer Genome, Rural Nursing and Indigenous Health

Keep up to date on progress in the Great Australian Bike Ride

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Package date

**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: