



Reach Within to Embrace Humanity



## Rotary District 9700 Newsletter



August 2011

# MEMBERSHIP – OUR ROTARY GIFT

One simple 'gift' and a personal opportunity that we can offer our family members, friends and work colleagues, is an introduction to Rotary.

August is Membership and Extension Month and as committed Rotarians we all need to be active in seeking new members for our Clubs.

There is a steady loss of membership in our existing Rotary Clubs mainly through the ageing factor. This needs to be arrested by working determinedly and consistently to promote membership growth of our existing clubs and our District, through new members.

Consider broadening your perspective and take a new approach by looking beyond the numbers in your Club to the substance of its community service.

Membership growth relies on a number of essential ingredients, including:

**Product Sales** – The best way to 'sell' Rotary is through face-to-face contact, extending a personal invitation to a potential member to attend a club meeting.

**Targeting a Market** – identify a specific profession / age group or personal category that will enhance the diversification of the club, creating some 'energy' to make meetings and activities more interesting and beneficial to all.

**Projecting your Club Image in the community** – people choose to be associated with successful groups / organisations in the community that offer them a perceived stimulus or benefit.

**Making Friendship a Reality for Everyone** – be proud of your Club and make sure that everyone is welcome and enjoys the social experience of attending your club meetings.

**Keeping Track of Rotarians on the Move** – relocation is a factor of our modern day society. If a member of your Club relocates to another

community, make sure he/she is not lost to Rotary.

**Implementing a Mentoring Program for new members** – it is always difficult to 'break into' a new group. Appoint an experienced Rotarian (or two) as dedicated mentors to new members for at least 6 months.

**Invigorating Programs & Activities** – interesting programs on topics of local and general interest to members is a way of encouraging attendance at meetings. Similarly, exciting and appealing vocational visits and service projects will stimulate members to participate actively.

Apply your business sense when it comes to membership growth and retention.

What we need in Rotary is not just quantity but a number of quality members prepared to be leaders into the future.

Recruit capable members with fresh and/or new ideas and infuse your Rotary with these ideas while keeping the current membership satisfied and productive.

**Growth through new Rotary Clubs**  
An option in some parts of the District may be the creation of new clubs to provide for succession planning of Rotary and all its community benefits in your area.

We need younger members who may be interested in professional networking or 'causes' rather than a club by itself. An option may be to investigate the formation of a new style (under 40s) Rotary club.

Our best recruitment tool will be the results of our work and our reputation for dedicated and effective service to our communities and throughout the world.

Let's combine to build our District to 1300 members.

*Ian Simpson  
District Governor, 2011-12*

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## MEMBERSHIP MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT DIRECTOR

This year membership needs to be foremost in the minds of all our members .

The District goal for membership in the district is a net increase of 150 members. To achieve this every club needs to recruit 1 new member for each 8 members in the club.

It is vitally important that at the same time you keep all your current members. Encourage the members of your club to see membership as every club member's job.

In the July edition of Rotary Down Under there is an excellent letter on Page 10 entitled "Why I resigned from Rotary". If you have been losing members lately this could be a valuable tool in looking to see if your club needs to address any of the issues raised in this letter, perhaps discussing it at a club assembly.

Please let me know what you have planned in way of membership this year, when your Group AG visits your club. They will also talk to you about your membership plans.

If I can help in any way please contact me either by email [cedd@sgbfinancial.com.au](mailto:cedd@sgbfinancial.com.au) or after 7.00pm on 6962 1802.

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# OUR WORLD OF ROTARY



## WHEN YOU CAN HELP PEOPLE LIKE THESE IT MAKES YOU PROUD TO BE A ROTARIAN

A friendly, welcome greeted Neil Bruce, Peter Sparks, Bob Campbell of Rotary Club of Griffith Avanti, and Ang Maloni of Rotary Club of Griffith when they arrived at a village close to Honiara city on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands early in 2011.

The Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) team was there to complete much needed refurbishing of a medical clinic in the Tinghulu village.

The Rotarians arrived with a heap of Rotary T shirts all with the phrase "I dream of being a Rotarian". When handed out the local children immediately put them on and wore them proudly.

The locals were really wonderful but the team suspected they enjoyed seeing these strange looking, white guys sweating profusely in the tropical conditions as they completed a make-over of their clinic.

The project was completed on time and on budget. All involved gained tremendous satisfaction from taking part in this beautiful RAWCS project.



## ORANGE NORTH PAYS UP!

Orange North Club has been commended for being in the first five clubs in Australia to have paid their July 2011 Semi-Annual Report Fees.

The South Pacific & Philippines Office of Rotary International Office Manager Frank Pezzimenti wrote in the August edition of the Zone 8 Newsletter that covers districts in Australia, Indonesia, New Zealand and Philippines - "May all clubs follow your leadership in fulfilling your financial obligations to Rotary International in such a prompt manner".

Treasurer of Orange North, John Brennan, can be justly proud.

# SMILE ... YOU'RE IN ROTARY

A QUICK ROUND UP OF PHOTOS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT.



## ROTARY SUPPORTS SCHOOLS CAREERS PROGRAMS AT YOUNG

The Rotary stand at the recent Schools Careers Expo in Young was a popular meeting place. Rotarian stalwarts Frank and Di Lincoln assisted by Judith Hall had lots of information on hand about the various Rotary youth programs currently on offer in the District.

Also on display was a Youth Exchange blazer decorated with a selection of souvenir badges collected from various parts of Australia.

*Photo: Special programs teacher Fiona Finlay with Frank & Di Lincoln and Judith Hall at the Young Careers Expo*



*While on the official Club visit to Orange Calare, DG Ian and Jean Simpson presented District Governor Nominee Geoff and Bettye Tancred with their District Badges.*



## LAKE CARGELLIGO INDUCTIONS

Lake Cargelligo recently gained two members when new doctor in town Kaled Bardawhil and his wife Pascale who also works in the surgery were inducted by President Jo Fyfe.

Jo says "2 members inducted - 8 to go to achieve my Goal for 2011-2012".

*Photo: Sponsor Matt Faff Snr, new members Pascale & Kaled Bardawhil being inducted by Lake Cargelligo President Jo Fyfe*



## HENTY ROTARY HOSTS NSW GOVERNOR

Originally from Narrandera, Her Excellency, Professor Marie Bashir, was interested to hear of the combined Rotary and Tidy Towns project to restore unmarked graves at the Henty Cemetery dating back for more than 100 years. A copy of a book "Footprints of the Pioneers" compiled by Yvonne Booth was also presented as a memento of the visit.

There was naturally a busy schedule arranged by Rotarian Kevin Fogarty with a visit to Sweetwater Retirement Village, Headlie Taylor Header Museum and original workshop, morning tea with Rotarians and a luncheon with 100 invited guests, representing every voluntary organisation in Henty, at the Henty Community Civic Centre.

*Photo: President Philip & Judy Morison welcome NSW Governor Marie Bashir on a recent visit to Henty*

## ANNUAL TREE PLANTING AT COWRA

Development of Europa Park at the northern entrance to Cowra has been an ongoing partnership between the Rotary Club and the Shire Council. Since being opened as a Rotary Centenary project in 2005, it has become a tradition for the District Governor's partner to plant a tree on the occasion of the official visit to the Rotary Club of Cowra.

This year Jean Simpson planted a Manchurian Pear to add to the collection of trees.

*Cowra President Harry Howard, AG Con Bunnik & DG Ian encourage Jean Simpson planting the 2011 partners tree.*

## A THANK YOU NOTE SO YOU KNOW THAT ROTARY IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD

This little note is from the children at The School of St. Jude, Arusha, Tanzania, written to the Forbes Rotary Club. It says so much about the 'heart' of Rotary in District 9700.

The St. Jude's kids received the bus as a gift from the Forbes Club, on the far side of the world, and they have really appreciated it.

From all Rotary Clubs in District 9700, thanks to Forbes Club and we hope that efforts like this inspire other clubs in the district to continue their work in underprivileged areas of the world.

And, its nice to feel appreciated!

If it's a little hard to read, here's the text:

*The School of St Jude  
ARUSHA - TANZANIA*

*Dear all at the Rotary club of Forbes  
Thank you for sponsoring the Big pink Bus at the school of st. Jude.*

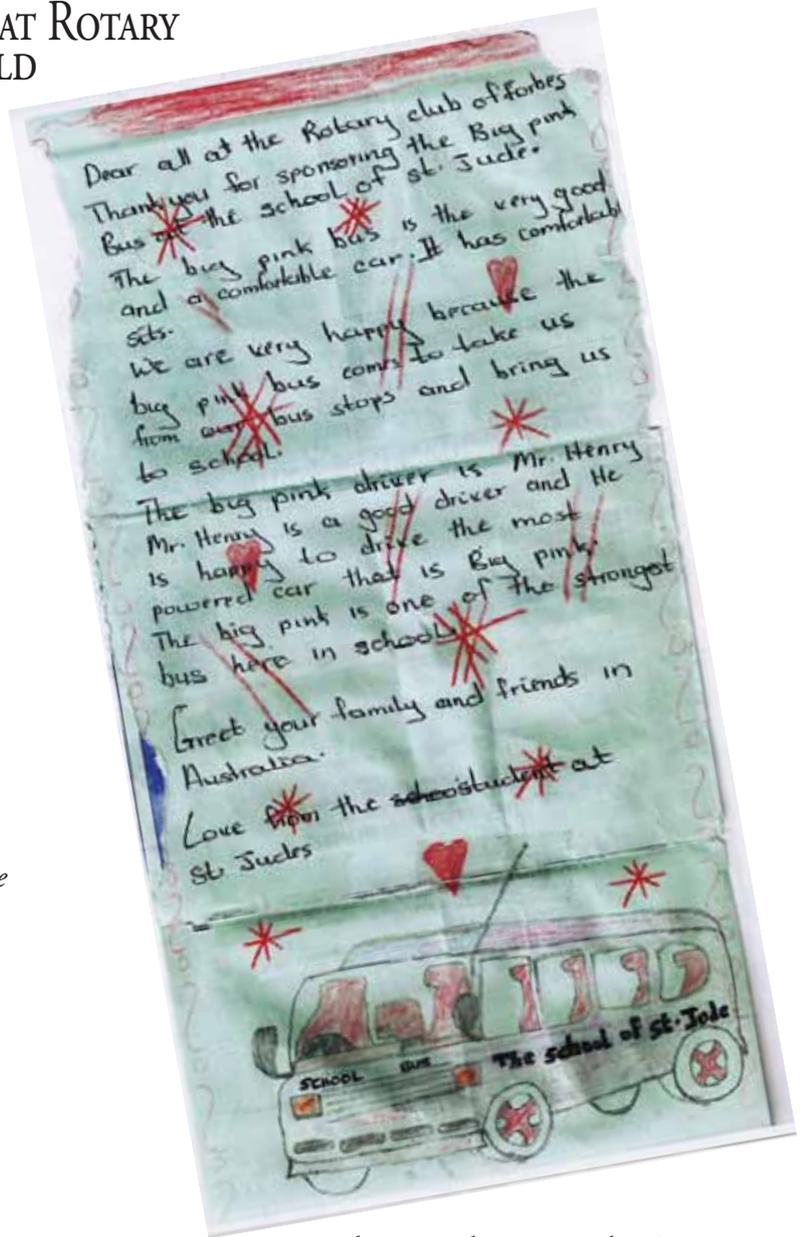
*The big pink bus is the very good and a comfortable car.  
It has comfortable sits.*

*We are very happy because the big pink bus comes to take us from our bus stops and bring us to school.*

*The big pink driver is Mr. Henry. Mr. Henry is a good driver and He is happy to drive the most powered car that is Big pink. The big pink is one of the strongest bus here in school.*

*Greet your family and friends in Australia.*

*Love from the student at St. Judes*



## RESTORING THE GRIFFITH DETHRIDGE WHEEL MEMORIAL

Under the coordination of Alan Smith, members of the Griffith Rotary Club are in partnership with the Griffith City Council, to restore 'The Dethridge Wheel' memorial built to honour the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area pioneers in 1957.

Early in the 1900's when the irrigation area was being developed, a major challenge faced by administrators was 'How to measure water used on the farm'.

In 1910, Australian John Dethridge, who worked for State Rivers & Water Supply, invented the 'Dethridge' Direct Measuring Water Metre or 'Wheel'.

This became the only practical way of charging for water used for irrigated



agriculture and was used throughout Australia and countries such as the United States, Israel and Africa, to measure the flow of water delivered to farms.

The Dethridge wheel does not 'pull' irrigation water into a farm. The invention works by the water turning the wheel

that turns the meter and registers the 'acre-feet' of water that enters the farm by natural flow.

In true Australian style, John Dethridge refused to Patent his invention and gave its benefit "to all those who cared to use it" and so the wheel came in to use around the in world for irrigated agriculture.



## ROTARY SUPPORTS KOALA REGENERATION AT NARRANDERA

The Narrandera Common on the northern banks of the Murrumbidgee River is the sight for a successful Koala Regeneration Program that began in 1972.

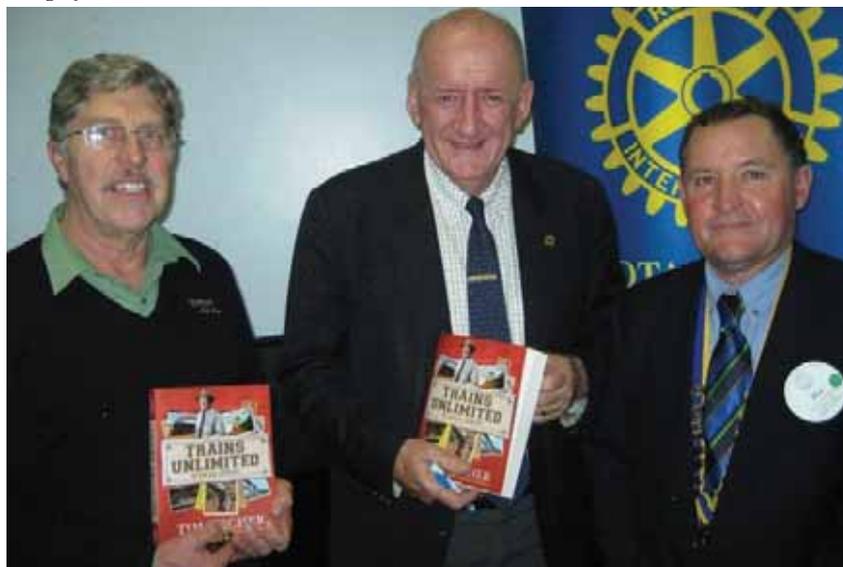
The reintroduction of koalas has been a most successful wildlife project. It was the foresight of Narrandera Rotarian and Alderman, the late Ken Kiesling, and is fully supported by the Rotary Club of Narrandera, Narrandera Shire Council and National Parks and Wild Life Service.

The initial introduction was 19 koalas sourced from southern NSW and Victoria.

After becoming acclimatised to the locality, the koalas have been allowed to move out and form further colonies on the 445ha Common, and on private property both upstream and downstream, on both sides of the Murrumbidgee River.

Rotarians are among the 100 people that conduct an annual head count that finds on average 40 koalas on the Reserve and Common area.

*Photo insert: Narrandera Rotarian and Councillor Bob Manning with Koala sign funded by a District Simplified Grant.*



## TIM FISHER SPEAKS OUT AT LOCKHART

Riverina residents could see a resurgence in train travel if former deputy Prime Minister Tim Fischer and Australia's ambassador to The Vatican has his way.

A high-speed rail network between Melbourne, Canberra and Sydney would have a great impact on the way residents choose to travel through south eastern Australia.

Fast-rail, using high-technology methods, could move additional people, reduce freight transport costs and achieve long-term savings.

*Photo: Henty President Philip Morison, Tim Fisher & Lockhart President Bill McDonnell discuss 'Trains Unlimited'.*

## DISTRICT 9700 PEACE COMMUNITIES CONFERENCE

The 2nd International Peace Conference will be held in Wagga Wagga in 2012.

The Theme of the Conference is 'Cooperative Community Action for Peace and Harmony'.

If you would like to join in and attend the conference, these are the contacts:

Committee Chairman - PP Bruce Duffy, 69225835, South Wagga Club, email - robert.duffy8@bigpond.com and Secretary - Reg Miegel 69263310, Wagga Koorinal, email - rj.m@bigpond.com

A feature of the Conference will be the presentation of the 3rd Royce Abbey Oration by Past Rotary International President Bill Boyd.

# TAKING THE MYSTERY OUT OF ROTARY ACRONYMS

WITH NANNETTE STEVENSON



Next month, as part of our Rotary year, will be devoted to New Generations, a service within Rotary which provides the opportunity for thousands of people age 30 and younger to participate in Rotary programs, to learn skills that will help them become future leaders. Youth programs allow participants to discover more about themselves and the world by participating in community projects, leadership training, or cultural exchanges. Young people also learn about the principles of ethics, service, and fellowship that Rotarians exemplify.

There are many programs available – here are just three of them:



**INTERACT** is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 14 to 18.

Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary

clubs, which provide support and guidance; are self-governing and financially independent, making it possible for the members to choose and carry out service projects that they care about.

Interact offers young people the opportunity to

- Make new friends
- Improve their local community
- Develop leadership skills while helping others

- Make a difference in the world

Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of

- Developing leadership skills and personal integrity
- Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
- Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work
- Advancing international understanding and goodwill

As one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service, with more than 250,000 Interactors in over 120 countries and geographical areas, Interact is a worldwide phenomenon. Almost 200,000 young people are involved in Interact. World Interact Week is celebrated every year during the week of 5 November to commemorate the founding of the first Interact club in 1962.



**MUNA** stands for Model United Nations Assembly, an initiative of the United Nations and is a youth project which simulates the workings and great

debates of the United Nations Assembly.

MUNA was first conducted in Rotary by Rotary at Winnipeg in Canada, and introduced to Australia by the Lake Cargelligo Rotary Club D9700 in 1980, when Rotary clubs in NSW were invited to sponsor a team of two students to represent a nominated country at an assembly, modelled on the format and function of the United Nations. The concept was passed to Forbes Rotary Club in 1984. By 1995 five Australian students were sponsored to participate in the MUNA conducted by the Rotary Club of San Francisco as part of the Rotary/United Nations presidential Conference to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations.

What is it? Rotary Model United Nations Assembly is all about building bridges of goodwill for world peace and understanding in the minds of our youth. MUNA challenges our youth to respect and tolerate differences of race, religion and nationalism whilst retaining their own individualism and the best of their national traditions.

The purpose of MUNA is to encourage young people to learn about other nations and to understand and appreciate the workings of the United Nations while they develop debating skills and gain self confidence in public speaking. Before the debate begins, a delegate may

deliver a brief address setting out the most important facts about the country he or she represents. The resolutions to be debated are selected from those actually debated by the UN as well as a number of motions proposed by the teams. The debates reproduce genuine UN debates, often with a fine flow of rhetoric, points of order, motions of dissent and bloc walkouts!

MUNA is now held in every district in Australia and in many other countries around the world.



**RYPEN** - Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment- is a program of weekend seminars for young people between the ages of 14 and 17 years who are given the opportunity to

develop their leadership potential, and gain experiences in problem solving and take control of their future.

Its principal aim is the communication of a series of ideas, problems and social experiences, which will assist the young participants in forming their own values and moral standards. The program also features activities designed to facilitate trust building, working in groups, self esteem building and content and process skills for young people.

RYPEN is different from many other youth programs in that it aims for the average student and not for the outstanding few. The program caters for teenage boys and girls who have shown some qualities of decency, courage, persistence, sincerity and application in everyday life, which deserve further development.

The unique experience each participant gains from RYPEN is consolidated by the development of new friendships, 50 other peers sharing along with them the common bonds of learning, co-operation and friendship. RYPEN undoubtedly broadens each participant's horizons culturally, socially and academically, providing the inner foundations for a strong future.

Check out your District Directory for dates of above programs in D9700

# HUMANITY IN MOTION ... ROTARY'S NEW MAGAZINE, NOW AVAILABLE



The coffee table magazine *Humanity in Motion*, that publicises the work of Rotary in Districts throughout Australia, features four District 9700 projects:

- Teaching Teachers in Nepal
- Turning Darkness into Light
- Give Peace a Chance
- Science & Engineering Challenge

Club orders will be delivered in the coming weeks.

The purpose of this magazine is to increase Rotary Awareness in the community and to use this heightened awareness to increase membership and sponsorship.

#### Suggested Audience

The main target for your distribution is places where the magazine can obtain the largest readership by non-Rotarians, and this is usually in waiting rooms.

Please make this your Club priority

It is important that you place a sticker with your club's contact details on the back page.

The sticker should have your club name and a phone number of a member who is ready and prepared to handle all calls.

Here are a few places we suggest you might consider distributing the magazine:

Waiting rooms at hairdressers, barbers, chiropodists, doctors, dentists, specialists clinics, chiropractics, hospitals, blood testing clinics, X-ray &



Ultra-sound clinics etc.

At libraries, government departments, State and Federal member's offices, schools, school libraries, school staff rooms, TAFEs, kindergartens, community centres, RTA registration offices, waiting rooms in businesses etc.

In businesses reception areas at accountants, lawyers, financial advisers, tax consultant, real estate agents, travel agents, stock brokers, hotels, motels, guest houses, B&B's, management offices for shopping centres.

Send a copy to all past, present and future sponsors.

Keep some for gifts for speakers, new members, conferences etc.

Finally give them to any club members who can make good use of it by sending it to a potential member

*Photo from the new Rotary Magazine, Humanity in Motion, showing Mary Brell of Orange Daybreak Rotary training teachers in Nepal*

## DISTRICT DIRECTORY UPDATES

If you're having trouble contacting someone or a club from the Directory, these minor changes may help -

Page	Who/What	Amendment
6	DG Elect Greg Brown	H. Ph. 0269532349 Mb. 0429444207
29	DGE Greg Brown	H. Ph. 0269532349 Mb. 0429444207
90	Stephen Meere President	H. 63851728 email meere1@bigpond.com
94	Harry Howard President	email handmhoward@activ8.net.au
95	Chris Finkel President	email elponderosa@exemail.com.au
95	Jeff Herdegen Forbes Foundation & International	email jeff@asicapital.com.au
99	Griffith Avanti Rotary Club	Meets at Gemini Motel (Thurs 7.15am)
101	Philip Morison President	email jude.philip73@bigpond.com
108	Mark O'Connor Secretary	email mj.oconnor@bigpond.com
117	Tony Sinclair President	Mb. 0427289398
118	Wagga Rotary Club	Meets at Rules Club cnr Glenfield & Fernleigh Rd
120	Rachael Herring Secretary	email rachaelherring@hotmail.com
121	Peter Gissing Youth	email pgissing@y7mail.com



## TAKE THE 100 DAY CENTURION CHALLENGE

Progress with DGs '100 Day' Centurion Challenge is going very well.

There are 55 fully paid Centurion members on 10th August, 38 days into the 2011-12 Rotary year.

The aim is to have 100 District Centurions 'join-up' in the first 100 days of this Rotary year (by Monday, 10th October [10th day of 10th month]).

To-date 11 Clubs are involved in the

Challenge. They include Rotary Clubs of: Condobolin, Cootamundra, Orange Calare, Orange Daybreak, Orange North, Parkes, South Wagga Wagga, Temora, Wagga Wagga Sunrise, Wollundry Wagga Wagga, Young.

Centurion Coordinator in Orange Daybreak, PP Dennis Morgan has 73% of the Club of 42 members signed-up in the Program.

In our District, the establishment of the Centurion Program was the idea of the late PDG Peter Walsh of Wagga Wagga Rotary Club and keeps alive his

initiative for our support to The Rotary Foundation.

Donations to the D9700 Centurion program are a personal contribution of AUD \$100 to The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust. Donations made through the Trust are tax deductible and count towards personal Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

When Centurion contributions are submitted through District Chair PDG John Egan, a Tax Receipt is issued by the Trust and mailed direct to the contributor.

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Greg Griffiths – Bathurst

Nick Anderson - Bathurst Daybreak (transfer from Belconnen RC)

George Langfield - Cowra

Peter Bennett - Forbes

Grant Clifton - Forbes

Gary Davidson - Griffith Avanti (transfer from Leeton RC)

Kaled Bardawhil – Lake Cargelligo

Pascale Bardawhil – Lake Cargelligo

Ndungu Mungai – Wagga Wagga Sunrise

Max Chapman – transfer into Wagga Sunrise

Kevin Moffatt - Wollundry Wagga Wagga

Michael Merrylees - Wollundry Wagga Wagga

We hope you enjoy Rotary as much as we enjoy having you!

## VALE

### PP DICK WALLACE PHF

Yenda Rotary Club

Joined Yenda on September 1, 1969

Club President in 1975-76

Paul Harris Fellow in 1998 for his services to RC Yenda, the community and agriculture

For many years Dick and wife Lavelle hosted trainees in agriculture from Canada, Scotland, France, USA and Denmark at their farm while educating them in Australian practices in irrigated agriculture.

### PP PETER BROOK PHF

Joined Bathurst East in 1972,

Club President: 1982-83

Paul Harris Fellow in 2000 for community service through Rotary

Peter was a very hands on Rotarian and contributed enormously to establishing, managing and running the Bathurst East food van. When ill-health prevented meeting attendance the Club made him an honorary member.

## CLUB ATTENDANCE

MAY 2011

Bathurst	19	0	60.80
Bathurst Daybreak	28	0	80.25
Bathurst East	24	2	88.20
Blayney	25	-1	88.40
Boorowa	13	-3	85.71
Condobolin	16	1	84.00
Coolamon	18	-1	60.00
Cootamundra	20		
Cowra	53	1	81.60
Forbes	25	0	73.00
Forbes Ipomoea	9	0	77.78
Grenfell	28	0	79.98
Griffith	61	1	81.17
Griffith Avanti	29	1	88.71
Griffith East	30	0	76.47
Henty	18	-1	87.37
Junee	9	0	74.67
Lake Cargelligo	21	0	75.24
Leeton	41	0	72.60

Leeton Central	24		
Lockhart	13		
Molong	7	0	71.43
M'burrah-Harden	33	0	71.00
Narrandera	22	2	68.34
Oberon	18	0	86.67
Orange	38	0	93.00
Orange Calare	21	-2	92.06
Orange Daybreak	42	0	68.00
Orange North	48	0	70.25
Parkes	37	0	81.98
South Wagga Wagga	39	2	89.00
Temora	28	1	69.40
Wagga Wagga	49	0	85.53
Wagga Koorringal	30	0	85.40
Wagga Murrumbidgee	15	-1	71.98
Wagga Sunrise	44	1	72.00
West Wyalong	12	-1	70.00
Wollundry- Wagga	77	0	74.00
Yenda	30	0	69.00
Young	43	0	65.11
Total	1157	2	77.57