



Rotary District 9700 Newsletter



July 2011

Greetings Rotarians

At the District Changeover, I said that I was elated to be your Governor for 2011-12 and thanked the many Rotarians in my Orange North Club and the District who helped and guided me to become the Rotarian that I am today.

By 29th July every Club in our exceptional District will have turned the page and opened a new Chapter in the history of their Club. What is written will largely to be determined by the plans that each President has for the year ahead.

To me District 9700 is unique in that it is entirely rural and regionally based within NSW and has no influence from major cities. This gives us a special way of viewing our Rotary world and tackling the challenges of rural living and supporting our communities.

From my observations, we as 'country people' aspire to live our lives ethically and honestly, having The Four-Way Test to guide us in the things that we say and do.

We are compassionate and generous when adversity strikes in Australia or overseas. As an example, in 2010-11, we raised \$120,000 for victims of the floods in Queensland and Victoria and at the same time, our Clubs have provided funds for 70 overseas aid boxes as well as supporting programs of The Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus



DG Ian Simpson and Jean met with the Rotary International President, Kalyan Banerjee and his wife, Binota at the RI Assembly in San Diego USA

Challenge. This is extraordinary for a district ravaged by drought for most of the past decade.

One of the focuses that RI President Kalyan Banerjee has nominated as a guide to our year is 'Continuity'. An interesting word, it was one of the theme words of 1999-2000 RI President Carlo Ravizza from Italy when I was President of my Orange North Rotary Club.

Continuity is the essence of an organisation in which the leaders change annually. Continuity and respect requires a certain amount of humility and generosity. It asks incoming leaders to meet established goals before beginning new projects. In addition, in RI President Kalyan Banarjee's words "Continuity is about finding the

things that we do well and taking them to the next level".

I am excited about the year ahead and what we can achieve together through the combined strength of Rotary. I want this year to be both satisfying and rewarding for all Rotarians and friends of Rotary through a combination of 'Fellowship, Fun and Rotary Service to the local and international communities'.

DG Ian





Our World of Rotary

A message from Rotary International President, Kalyan Banerjee

All of us in Rotary are looking to change the world – why else would we be Rotarians? We believe that our world can be happier, healthier, and more peaceful, and that we can create a better world through our service.

In 2011-12, we are being asked to Reach Within to Embrace Humanity and there are three emphases in our Rotary service.

FAMILY. The family and the home are where all our service begins. And through the family, we approach all of our community and indeed, all of humanity, as an extended family, in which all members care for each other. In times of joy and in times of need, no one is ever alone.

CONTINUITY. Find the things we do well and take them to the next level. We must build on our successes, expand on them, and strive to do even more. Of course, our greatest obligation is to PolioPlus, where success is now so close.

CHANGE We must understand that true change can only begin with each of us, and start within



us. We cannot share peace with others if we do not have it to give. We cannot look after the whole world without first looking after those closest to us: our families, our clubs, and our communities.

In Rotary, we endeavour to live ethically and honestly, to share friendship and fellowship, to see equal worth in every human being. Together, we will Reach Within to Embrace Humanity.

And in peace, harmony, and friendship, we will bring change – and a more joyful world.

Kalyan Banerjee

> Presidents Resource is a valuable reference and resource for the Club President and President-elect.

It provides easy to read support for the President in such topics as: Leadership, Goal setting, Time management, Delegation, Leading your club, Vibrant clubs, Role of the Board, Committees and meetings, Your club plan, Membership, PR, and Information on the District.

Message from RI Director Stuart Heal

This year RI President Kalyan Banerjee has asked us to “Reach Within to Embrace Humanity” and that journey started on 1st July.

The challenge remains to keep those things we want and need, and review the rest. Change is a constant and we must ensure our clubs remain relevant and active.

That is our collective responsibility for ensuring the future of Rotary.

The Booklet of Club Administration Issues will be valuable for Secretaries, Treasurers, Club Administration Directors and Presidents.

It provides an easy to read consideration of the following topics: Incorporation responsibilities, Charitable Fund-raising Act issues, Information about money matters and Rotary International, Risk Management – checklists, insurances and claims management.

Reference books on-line

D9700 Presidents' Handbook and Club Administration Booklet is now available on the D9700 website, under Committees>Pres Resources at: <http://www.rotarnet.com.au/users/9/9700Dist/pres.resources.asp>

Alternatively, the site can be accessed by going to the District 9700 website and following the trail: Committees > Administration



District 9700 Awards for 2011



The Rotary Foundation - Citation for Meritorious Service

PDG Bruce Barber

Bruce has completed a three year term as District Foundation Chairman.

He initiated D9700 involvement in the Royce Abbey Scholarship program, which funds a 3-month customised training program in Australia for an agriculturalist from developing countries in the Pacific and near Asia.

The District has hosted four scholars from the Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea and this year, Thida Hing from Cambodia. Bruce was invited to become a member and serves on the Royce and Jean Abbey Scholarship Committee.

He was also the District 9700 Chairman of the 2004 Boxing Day tsunami response. Over \$364,000 was raised in the District and Bruce was responsible for organising relevant projects and the distribution of the funds mainly in Sri Lanka, Sumatra and India.

Bruce Gruber Outstanding Rotarian of the Year Award for Contribution to Rotary International

Dr Alok Sharma - Wagga Wagga Club

Initiating the Darkness to Light project and conducting two eye camps in India this year. Since 2005 he has carried out 670 cataract operations and assisted to improve the sight of over 4000 people.

The District Governor's Award to the Rotarian of the Year

Brian Munro - Leeton Rotary Club

Brian was a driving force behind the inaugural Leeton MS Swimathon. The event was a fantastic community effort over 24 hours and raised an amazing \$38,700. As well as running the 24 hour barbecue and other assistance, several members of the Club participated in the swim.

The District Peace Communities Award

Winner: Parkes Rotary Club

For establishing initiatives and partnerships that have significantly contributed to world peace.

- Team to Fiji to build Rota homes
- 100% Life membership of Rotarians for Fighting Aids (RFFA)
- Supporting a local artist to develop a Filipino & Wiradjuri artists exchange program
- Development of adventure playground for children with challenging behaviours
- Sponsoring Australian Rotary Health Indigenous scholars & research scholarships

2010-11 Presidential Citations

Awarded by RI President Ray Klingsmith for achievements across all 4 Avenues of Service

Congratulations to the following Clubs:

Blayney, Boorowa, Condobolin, Coolamon, Cootamundra, Cowra, Forbes, Griffith, Griffith Avanti, Lake Cargelligo, Leeton, Leeton Central, Murrumburrah-Harden, Narrandera, Oberon, Orange, Orange Calare, Orange Daybreak, Orange North, Parkes, South Wagga Wagga, Wagga Wagga, Wagga Wagga Kooringal, Wagga Wagga Murrumbidgee, Wagga Wagga Sunrise, Wollundry Wagga Wagga (Distinction), Yenda, Young

Our photo: A very proud Bruce Barber accepting his award from DG Neal Fogarty.



Rotary Changeovers

The Club Changeovers started with Griffith Avanti on 4th June and continue until Coolamon hosts their event on 29th July.

There have been some fantastic people involved (as usual) and these are just a few from 2011-12



"I am looking forward to being your President for the next year and proud of being a third generation Rotarian, a second generation Orange North President and the third Laughton to be President of Orange North" President Roger Laughton, Orange North.



One of the younger Members to be Club President in 2011-12. Brenden McKay from Murrumburrah Harden, pictured with his wife Jen, was introduced to Rotary as a member of the successful Group Study Exchange team to District 2320 Sweden in 2007



And just in case you thought you were too old for Rotary, meet Lil Mills who at the age of 90 has JOINED the Narranderra Club. She is photographed here with DG Ian, Pres Joan Graham and Jenny Clarke. Welcome Lil!

Now harden up you blokes who complain about being too old to go out to a Rotary meeting, function or project, this girl is really showing you up!



Peter Commens, incoming President of Junee club joined Rotary in February 2011 and a week later was elected President for 2011-12. It was a quick indoctrination but Peter is one of the quiet achievers and will fit the role perfectly.

Photographed with Peter (centre) are DG Ian and AG Gary Roberts.



Take the 100 day Centurion Challenge

At the District Changeover, I announced the 2011-12 Centurion Challenge for the Rotary Foundation and handed my payment to Foundation Director, PDG Fred Loneragan.

The aim is to have 100 Centurions join @ AUD \$100 in the first 100 days of this Rotary year (by Monday, 10th October [10th day of 10th month]).

If you or your members can assist in achieving this Challenge, that would be tremendous. There are three methods of payment: Cheque, Credit Card &/or Direct Debit. It is important to return the completed form and \$100 payment to PDG John Egan who will issue a Centurion Certificate and a lapel Badge to every member.

John Egan will send the



completed Forms to The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust and ensure that a Tax Deductible Receipt is issued to each Club member.

If possible, please recognise the Centurion members in your Club

by presenting the Certificate & Badge at a meeting and remember that all donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Photographed above - DG Ian with PDG Fred Loneragan, Foundation Director

Rotary D9700 Flood Appeal Disbursement

Almost \$120,000 was donated through 32 District 9700 Rotary Clubs following the disastrous floods in Queensland and Victoria early in 2011.

The majority of the funds donated to the D9700 Disaster Fund have been distributed to two projects of the Rotary Clubs of Toowoomba South (\$27,000) in Queensland and Kerang (\$30,000) in Victoria.

The Toowoomba South project involves a \$1.2m major restoration of the Old Grantham Butter factory as a Community Centre.

The Kerang project involves rebuilding the Lake Meran Recreational and Community facility and District 9700 has funded the complete purchase and construction of a compliant children's playground as a

community facility.

We also forwarded \$3,000 to District 9550 for fuel for the clean up at Mission Beach after Cyclone Yasi, following a request from the DG Allan Church.

Over \$11,500 of individual donations were sent directly to the D9630 (Qld) Flood Fund to provide tax deductible receipts for donors.

Our Clubs also sent donations totalling about \$38,000 direct to Rotary Clubs in the disaster areas.

The District thanks PDG Fred Loneragan for coordinating the Flood Appeal and AG Con Bunnik for the idea of the Fodder Drive and its coordination.

Thanks to the following Clubs for their tremendous financial support of the Flood Appeal:

Bathurst Daybreak 500, Bathurst

East 3,000, Blayney 1,000, Boorowa 2,027, Condobolin 6,500, Coolamon 2,000, Cootamundra 3,452, Cowra 8,520, Forbes 3,640, Forbes Ipomoea 500, Grenfell 2,428, Griffith 6,270, Griffith Avanti 10,000, Griffith East 2,500, Junee 500, Lake Cargelligo 4,500, Leeton 8,129, Leeton Central 305, Murrumburrah-Harden 800, Narrandera 5,530, Oberon 1,000, Orange 3,000, Orange Daybreak 5,600, Orange North 1,000, Temora 7,000, Wagga Wagga 1,500, Wagga Wagga Kooringal 500, Wagga Wagga Sunrise 2,300, West Wyalong 3,353, Wollundry-Wagga Wagga 5,339, Yenda 5,000, Young 1,681, Fodder est 10,000

Total \$119,374

Neal Fogarty,
Governor 2010-11

MOUNTAINS OF THE MOON 2011

John Glassford is leading a team of adventurers to the Mountains of the Moon in Uganda in December 2011. Due to the unprecedented success of the Mount Kilimanjaro Project, we are doing it again...the mysterious mists, gorillas, elephants and unique prehistoric flora of the Mountains of the Moon await. A unique and adventurous way to raise money for the most vulnerable children and orphans in the world! The AIDS orphans of Africa.

We are going to summit Mount Margherita on World AIDS Day December 1st 2011. Our goal is to raise awareness of the plight of some 15 million children made orphans by the loss of one or both parents to HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa.



With its snow-capped peaks looming over the tropics, the Rwenzori are a geographical marvel that has haunted the Western imagination for centuries. As early as 500 B.C. the Greek dramatist Aeschylus wrote about “Egypt nurtured by the snows.” In 150 A.D., Claudius Ptolemy, the most distinguished geographer of his time, produced a celebrated early map of Africa that fanned speculation about a snowy source of the Nile. Without ever setting foot in Africa, he sketched an icy range rising from the heart of the continent that he called Lunae Montes — the Mountains of the Moon — a name widely used for the Rwenzori today.



But it wasn't until 1888 that the American explorer Henry Stanley proved Ptolemy correct. Looking up from a camp in the Congo, he spotted what he first thought was a silver cloud in the shape of a mountain.



“Following its form downward, I became struck with the deep blue-black colour of its base,” Stanley wrote. “Then I became for the first time conscious that what I gazed upon was not the semblance of a vast mountain, but the solid substance of a real one with its summit covered with snow.”



The Mountains of the Moon are located in Western Uganda, not far from the border of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It has the third highest peak in Africa Mount



Margherita which is 5,109 metres (16,760 feet) high.

The beneficiaries of the project are:

1. ORPHAN RESCUE –
Rotarians for Fighting Aids (RFFA)
www.rffa.org/the-ork.php

2. BISHOP MASEREKA'S
MEDICAL CENTRE, KASESE,
UGANDA; www.bmcf.org

3. OPERATION MEDICAL
HOPE , HOUT BAY, SOUTH
AFRICA:
www.rotaryhoutbay.org/operation-medical-hope

4. SCHOOL OF ST. JUDE'S
MOSHONO, TANZANIA: [www.schoolofstjude.co.tz](http://schoolofstjude.co.tz)



Taking the Mystery out of Rotary Acronyms with Nannette Stevenson

A myriad of acronyms exist in Rotary which can be very frustrating if you don't know what they mean. Over the next 12 months, I aim to ease some of those frustrations and help you become more informed about Rotary programs.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Did you know that RYLA is an Aussie-born program? It all began in 1959, when the state government of Queensland, invited local Rotarians to help plan a festival celebrating Queensland's upcoming centennial. Encouraged by the event's popularity with the young attendees, Rotarians saw potential to create a similar annual youth program. With the approval of Art Brand, Governor of the then D260, RYLA was born on 2 May 1960.

The official framework of RYLA established at the time was to train youth (ages 14-30) in character, leadership, personal development, and good citizenship.

These guidelines helped RYLA expand to all Rotary districts in Australia and led to its approval as an international program by the RI Board at the 1971 RI Convention in Sydney.

By 1998, RYLA had become an established program in more than half of the 521 Rotary districts worldwide with an international RYLA committee, appointed by RI President James Lacy, dedicated to improving and expanding this special Rotary program throughout the world.

Rotary Youth Leadership Award program is a no-cost to participant leadership training seminar for young adults now in (ages 18-25yrs) age range, who have the desire to grow personally and contribute to the seminar. It is conducted on a district basis

annually with participants being sponsored through local clubs.

This 6-day residential program is aimed at encouraging and developing leadership and social skills so that awardees can contribute to their communities in a practical manner. The seminar also offers the opportunity of disseminating the Rotary ideal of service to the community as well as creating an awareness of the range of programs available through Rotary sponsorship

RYLA aims to:

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth;
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders;
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth;
- Recognise publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities.

RYLA is run by a dedicated and professional team of RYLA leaders, many of whom are former RYLA participants, who have a passion for working with young people and seeing them develop to their full potential.

Many 'RYLArians' have described RYLA as a life-changing experience that has challenged them to grow and learn more about themselves and others, giving them the skills and confidence to achieve more than they ever thought possible for themselves. RYLA participants often go on to become Rotaract participants or Ambassadorial Scholars and in some cases, become a Rotarian.

In 2012 RYLA will be held in Parkes from Monday to Saturday, 16 - 21 April 2012.

Further information contact Colin Offner of Parkes Rotary Club Ph 02 6862 2950 Mob 0467 310 089

Australian Rotary Health

Mental illness can affect anyone at any age and is close to becoming an invisible epidemic, affecting one in five Australians every year. So fast is this problem growing that depression and anxiety are expected to become the world's leading cause of disability within eight years.

This year, mental health was put back in the spotlight when the Federal Government invested \$2.2 billion over a five year period into mental health services, allowing the 1500 people on average turned away from psychiatric units and emergency rooms each day another possible avenue of treatment.

The success of these services is heavily reliant on the research funded through donations to organisations such as Australian Rotary Health who allow mental health professionals to stay informed of the most recent research findings in areas of mental health.

Australian Rotary Health is Australia's largest non-government funding body for mental illness research. Thanks to the generous support of Rotarians Australia wide over the past 30 years, Australian Rotary Health has raised over \$26 million in donations.

In the past year alone, researchers funded by Australian Rotary Health have unearthed links between symptoms of depression and anxiety and dietary habits, as well as discovered depression to be a long term side effect of other illnesses such as cancer.

Find out more about Australian Rotary Health, please visit our website at www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au or call 02 8837 1900 for more information. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Friendship Exchange 2011-12

The District has been approached from District 3040, India and have also made contact with a District in the USA and one in Canada. These are the brief details:

■ Proposed District D9700 Friendship Exchange to India

District 9700 will hopefully have a Friendship Exchange Team going to India in February 2012. This is the best time weather wise to visit India and will also coincide with D3040 Conference on the 5th & 6th February.

This will be a great opportunity to experience a Rotary Conference in a different part of the world. With the current International President also coming from India it is a great time to visit his country. A reciprocal visit will take place either in October/ November this year or March/ April 2012.

A team of 4 to 5 couples or singles will be needed. For more information on Rotary Friendship Exchanges visit your District website for an updated local viewpoint and ask amongst your fellow club members, there is sure to someone who has experienced the success of a Friendship exchange.

■ District 5080 Canada (part British Columbia) & USA - team exchanges during 2012

■ District 6200 Louisiana USA - team exchange during 2012

Please email or phone me to indicate your interest.

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VALE

PP John Lehmann PHF

Joined Junee Rotary 11th July 1975

Club President: 1982-83, 1995-96, All 1998-99

Awarded a RI Presidential Citation

Paul Harris Fellow 1996 for service in Rotary

John was involved in the rural fire service, show society, Rotary, Landcare and Tidy Towns and was instrumental in the "Junee Lamb" promotion. Always been a dedicated member of Rotary and Junee in particular, supporting our youth programmes.

PP Anthony (Tony) Ronnfeldt PHF

Joined Lockhart Rotary September 1992

Club President: 1994-1995, 2009-2010

Paul Harris Fellow 2000 for community service and for his contribution to the Lockhart Rotary Club.

Tony was a committed Rotarian, attending District Conferences and ensuring that the club was well represented at district assemblies. He loved poetry given half a chance he would recite a poem to suit the occasion. An avid reader and would share a story or two about an article that he read. He was keen on new ideas to foster the word of Rotary ie Learn <> Grow and was pleased that this became a recognised Rotary program. The best way to sum Tony would be: "It's not what Rotary can give me, but what can I do for Rotary".

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWSHIPS Our congratulations to you all.....

Bill Muldoon (sapphire pin) – Oberon

Rod Ceeney – Murrumburrah-Harden

Enid Pillinger – Lake Cargelligo

Bob Gill – Condobolin

Charlie Pecenka, Jim Davis, David Hughes – Parkes

David Bigg (triple sapphire), Bill Watson, Susan Hegarty – Canowindra

Leone Harvey-Smith – Wagga Wagga

Graham Tyson – Bathurst Daybreak

Dennis Morgan – Orange Daybreak

David Somervaille, Karen Somervaille – Blayney

Don Melville – Leeton Central

Alan Josey (double sapphire), David Williams (double sapphire)

– Orange

Doug Sutton, Paul Milde, Joe Savenije – Wollundry Wagga Wagga

Keith Anderson – Temora

Dennis Blackett, Peter Brown, Judy Hinchcliffe, Bob Martin, Marilyn

Walter (sappire pin) – Wagga Wagga Sunrise

Rodney Gabriel – Henty

Ron Walter – Wagga Wagga Murrumbidgee

Jan Newman, Diana Marriott – Griffith

Bob Healy, Barbara Fogarty – Orange North

PHF sapphire pins Don Jewel, Peter Thompson, Cliff Cowel and Bill White – Parkes

Dr Peter Davidson, Anne Jeffery, George Kollas - Cowra

Graham Moon (posthumous award) - Yenda

Welcome to New Members

Jim Stewart, Martin Maunsell – Boorowa

John Hogan – Orange

Leanne Adamthwaite, Margaret Keith – Griffith Avanti

Jason Sachs – Coolamon

Stephanie Brown, Bob Newton – Bathurst East

John Blake, Bob Black – Narrandera

Milena Dunn (transfer from WW Murrumbidgee), Geoff Mackney, Karen Mackney (both transfer from Boorowa) – South Wagga Wagga

Mark Cheevers – Bathurst

Bruce Webb – Leeton Central

Shayne Dumbrell (transfer from Orange Calare) – Orange Daybreak

Amelia Foster – Bathurst Daybreak

Colin Ross – Condobolin

Jessica Pascoe – Young

Max Chapman (transfer from Coolamon), Dominic Ferlito – Wagga Wagga Sunrise

Sue Patterson – Orange

Lisa Love – Temora

Les Borland – Griffith

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

Club Attendance

MAY 2011

Bathurst	19	0	64.33
Bathurst Daybreak	28	2	82.00
Bathurst East	22	0	89.40
Blayney	26	0	82.69
Boorowa	16	0	75.00
Condobolin	15		
Coolamon	19	0	76.00
Cootamundra	20	-1	69.00
Cowra	52	0	70.25
Forbes	25	0	62.00
Forbes Ipomoea	9		
Grenfell	28	0	77.10
Griffith	60	0	87.10
Griffith Avanti	28	3	96.30
Griffith East	30	0	75.00
Henty	19	0	78.94
Junee	7		
Lake Cargelligo	21	1	81.71
Leeton	41	0	72.60
Leeton Central	24		

Lockhart	13	-1	80.00
Molong	7	0	80.95
Mur'ah-Harden	33		
Narrandera	20	0	71.00
Oberon	18	0	79.00
Orange	36	0	83.00
Orange Calare	22	-1	96.50
Orange Daybreak	42	0	71.00
Orange North	49	0	72.00
Parkes	37	0	75.00
South Wagga	37	0	93.10
Temora	27	0	64.40
Wagga Wagga	49	0	76.40
Wagga Kooringal	30	0	86.45
Wagga M'bidgee	16	-2	74.26
Wagga Sunrise	43	2	57.00
West Wyalong	13		
Wollundry-Wagga	77	0	75.30
Yenda	30	1	83.20
Young	43	2	67.44
Total	1151	6	77.61