

#1 Club Bulletin Meeting of the 9th July 2010

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WELCOME PRESIDENT IAN DURHAM



A new Rotary year begins with a new President and Board of Directors. Our change over night was a success with 40 attending the change over dinner including our DG Neal Fogarty and Barbara. A great night all round with the presentation of two Paul Harris Fellows one to Grahame Miles and one to Craig Corrigan.

A full report on 2009/2010 can be obtained from our club secretary in summary PP Craig sated that we had a great year supporting our local community and in all we raised some \$26,157.00 for various local community groups. PP Craig thanked his outgoing board and members for their support and the wonderful results.







Thank you Marg Perkin for the preparation of the tables and decorations for the change over night!



The Rotary Foundation

Experience of a lifetime .. Go with GSE Lead a Group Study Exchange (GSE) Team to Oklahoma USA or The Philippines.

GSE is a cultural and vocational exchange with a District in another country, funded by The Rotary Foundation. D9700 send teams of four young non-Rotarian business and professional people, with a Rotarian Team Leader, to a District in another country for four weeks and host an

exchange team in return. Applications are called for 2 Team Leaders and Team Members (applicants can nominate for either or both teams):

Team to The Philippines D3830
(approx. 26 Feb to 25 March 2011)
Team to Oklahoma D5770 (approx. 21
March to 19 April 2011)

We will be hosting the GSE Teams from The Philippines D3830 from 7 March to 4 April 2011. The GSE Team from Oklahoma will be hosted from 4 March to 11 April 2012. GSE team member applicants must be between the ages of 25 and 40, not be a Rotarian or directly related to a Rotarian and be fully employed with at least two years of work experience in their chosen field Applications for Team Leaders and Team Members close Friday 6th August 2010.

Further information and application forms from GSE Chairman Dennis Bishop 69263022 ; 0404834884 email dennismbishop@bigpond.com

A date to remember...Australian Rotary Conference – Canberra 21-22 August 2010

All Rotarians are invited to attend. The Conference will focus on ways to achieve a stronger Australian Rotary, with speakers and discussion groups. R.I. President Ray Klinginsmith and R.I. Director Stuart Heal, supported by Zone 8 Rotary Coordinators Rob Wylie and Rob Crabtree, and Public Image Resource Group Coordinator Richard Garner will lead discussion by Rotarians from all levels of our organisation within Australia.

This is an opportunity to share ideas and best practices on how we can make Rotary better. On line registration is available at:

<http://rotarydownunder.com.au/australianrotaryconference>

District 9700 Web Site has been improved and has some excellent new information as well as the DG's newsletter:

DISTRICT 9700

ROSTERS:

- **Bingo Thursday August 12th: Ray Foley; Ian Durham; Dick Jennings; Marg Perkin**
- **Caravan Park 16th July Ian Durham & Ray Foley**
- **Caravan Park 23rd July Ray Foley & Craig Corrigan**

Diary:

19th July Monday FIRST meeting of 2010/2011 Rotary Year

6 Aug GSE Team Leader and Team Member applications close.

9th August Guest Speaker Terry Jones Bathurst

15 Aug GSE Team Leader selections – Young

21-22 August Canberra Australian Rotary Conference

28-29 Aug GSE Team Member selections – Young

14 Nov PRESIDENT's FORUM & District AGM– Grenfell

1-3 April 2011 District 9700 Conference – Orange

Joke of the Week:

A Homeless Man's Funeral

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Kentucky back country. As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions. I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight.

There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man. And as I played 'Amazing Grace,' the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together.

When I finished I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full. As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years."