



District Governor's Bulletin



Rotary District 9675

September 2016



DG Stephen & Judith

A very successful **RYPEN** (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) was held recently at Homebush under the guidance of Committee Chair Richard Booth and his Committee Emily O'Brien, Jill Kelly and Aneek Mollah. My wife Judith and I attended the special presentation and lunch on the Sunday and were greatly impressed by the amazing enthusiasm and excitement amongst the students.

Don't forget Australian Rotary Health **Hat Day** on 7th October and the ARH **Race Day** on Sunday 9th October. Both days are great opportunities for you to show your support for and to celebrate the amazing work done by Australian Rotary Health.

World Polio Day on 24th October is a fantastic opportunity to promote the very significant role that Rotary has played in the eradication of polio as well as an opportunity to raise funds. We must continue the fight towards a polio free world.

Don't forget the **Million Dollar Dinner** in aid of The Rotary Foundation which is to be held at The Epping Club on Monday 28th November together with District 9685. The guest speaker will be Past RI President and current Trustee Chair of the Rotary Foundation Kalyan Banerjee. The booking details are on the District website. This will be a great night and I encourage you to attend.

I am really keen for our District to have a special and significant celebration of the **Centenary of the Rotary Foundation** in 2017. We are joining with District 9685 for the Million Dollar Dinner at the end of November but I think we, as a District, should have our own celebration next year. **However we need ideas!! If you have an idea for a Foundation Centenary event please contact me.** There will be a special prize to the Club which comes up with the "winning" idea.

The **NSW Police Officer of the Year Awards** are getting closer. To be held on Friday 4th November these Awards are a very special night in the Rotary calendar each year where we recognise our police officers for the work they do in our community. Please consider attending this important event.

Following on from our strong support of DonateLife Week in early September the **Australian Transplant Games** were held recently in western Sydney. Our District supported the event by sponsoring a perpetual shield for one of the events. Many of our Clubs and Rotarians assisted in the event including Robert Owen from the St Marys Club.



Soap Aid has been a huge success story in our District over the past couple of years. District Community Service Chair DGN Sue Hayward has provided an excellent update.

With great regret **Picton Rotary Club** has had to close the recently publicised “Little Blue Book” project. This became necessary due to an irresolvable difference of opinion on the future management of the project with the software developer who is now intending to develop the LBB phone-app as a private venture. It is to be hoped that ultimately the community will benefit from efforts expended by Picton Rotary Club up to this point.

On Monday 29th August I signed, on behalf of District 9675, a Memorandum of Understanding with **WorldSkills Australia** CEO Brett Judd. This MOU is a continuation of our previous agreement. WorldSkills Australia encourages Australians to shift perceptions and to create the understanding that to choose a skill-based career is one of the most important decisions a young person will ever make. I am photographed here with WorldSkills CEO Brett Judd and our District Vocational Service Chair Charles Mille.



Our **District Directory** is being updated regularly by our Directory Editor Nerrie Lacey as new information comes to hand. To access the updated version log in to the District website here: www.rotarydistrict9675.org.au then go to “Documents”.

The updated **Manual of Procedure** has been released. A hard copy will be released soon. <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document/manual-procedure-035-en>

There is a great new Rotary Publication “Introducing New Members to Rotary” which I encourage everyone to have a look at. The new document can be found here: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document/introducing-new-members-rotary-orientation-guide>

Please click [HERE](#) to view/download the ‘**Rotary On The Move**’ Newsletter for October 2016.

Make sure that you have the dates for our **District Conference** in your diary ... **10th to 12th March at The Novotel in Wollongong**. The programme is coming together extremely well and it promises to be a great weekend. Registrations will open in early November.

A very important reminder about **RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute)** which is to be held on the weekend of 26th & 27th November. This course is an amazing knowledge builder of all things Rotary and I recommend it to all Rotarians, most particularly anyone coming into a leadership position within their Club. A great course, particularly for Presidents-Elect as a build-up to your training next year at Presidents Elect Training (PETS).

Sadly, Immediate Past District Governor Graham Wilson’s father passed away recently. Judging by the eulogies at his funeral, Graham’s father enjoyed a very full life, much loved by his family. I extend to Graham and Helen, Graham’s sister Narelle and their families, the sincere condolences of all Rotarians in our District.

Yours in Rotary Serving Humanity,

Stephen

Australian Rotary Health Medal

The Board of Australian Rotary Health awards an annual Medal to an individual who has made a contribution of outstanding service to Australian Rotary Health. The Medal is the second highest award of meritorious service, after Life Membership (which ARH bestows), and is awarded annually. Recipients are presented with a framed certificate and commemorative pin.



At the ARH Dinner during the recent Zone Institute Keith Henning OAM, Past President, and member of Rotary Club of Parramatta City, was awarded the Medal.

As well as being a major financial donor (The Henning Family are \$100,000 Diamond Companions), Keith Henning actively supports all programs of Australian Rotary Health. Keith organises and promotes an annual function at the Rotary Club of Parramatta City for our PhD scholars and Indigenous Scholars. Keith also sponsors several Indigenous Scholars – and has them regularly attending Rotary meetings. Keith has been doing this for more than 10 years. Keith attends all the ARH functions that he can – dinners, Parramable and other functions.



Keith Henning – pictured centre

Congratulations Keith, the Medal is richly deserved.

While on the subject of Australian Rotary Health, a reminder that Hat Day is almost upon us ... i.e. 7 October 2016.

If your club has not already organised a function, there is still time to host a special function over the coming week to raise funds for and promote mental health awareness!

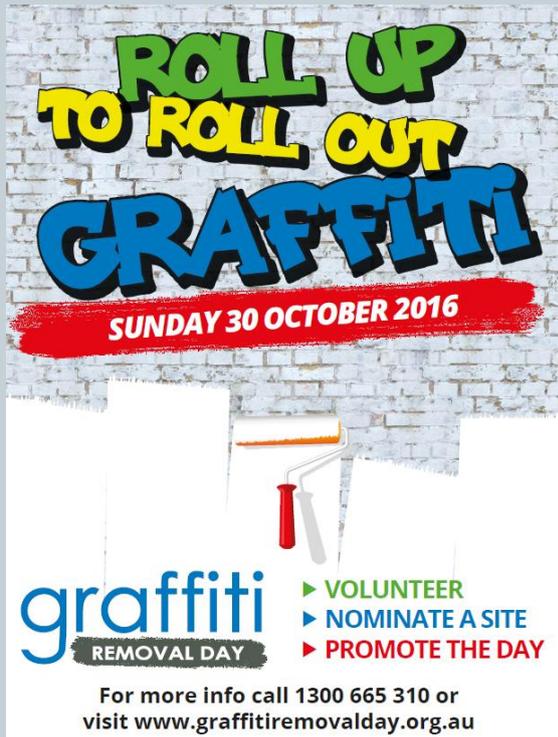
100% of the money raised during this year's Hat Day campaign goes directly to research helping the one in five Australians affected by mental illness.

More 'Hat Day' details and ideas for your club can be sourced from <http://hatday.com.au/>

Graffiti removal day is approaching ...

Graffiti vandalism costs New South Wales over \$100 million per year!

The NSW Government is committed to reducing graffiti by encouraging local communities to get involved in the removal and prevention of graffiti. The aim of Graffiti Removal Day is to highlight the problem of graffiti and encourage people to volunteer their time to remove and prevent graffiti. Rotarians can still nominate a site and volunteer through the official website: <http://ow.ly/EdHR303P69f>



Youth Exchange Certification

Congratulations D9675!

We are back on the Youth Exchange world map and planning has commenced for a potential start of outbound exchanges as early as January 2017.

After a yearlong of Committee work, meetings with RI staff during the RI Convention in Seoul, and satisfying lots of certification questions, D9675 received unconditional certification last month.

DG Graham established a small committee in 2015 to ascertain clubs' attitudes to participating in Youth Exchange. The results of the survey were promising! So the committee was charged with not only achieving RI Youth Exchange certification but also reviewing all our procedures and in particular, matters pertaining to child protection, safe hosting and vetting overseas Districts to make sure our outbound students are well taken care of and safe in their exchanges.

As a result, we have made some changes to the implementation and management of the program and in particular our responsibility for the students in line with RI requirements. Participating clubs will from now on have much more involvement and direct responsibilities pursuant to a contract to be signed by the President (and PE) outlining those specific club commitments and assuring the wellbeing of the hosted student.

The best news is that the YEP Committee will be interviewing potential outbound students in a couple of weeks and once selection has been confirmed clubs can apply to sponsor. Numbers have not yet been determined!

At the same time, we will commence accepting inbound applications and again clubs are welcome to advise the Committee of their interest in hosting from July 2017.

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Simon Rez

District Youth Exchange Chair

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Farewell dinner to the Rotary Club of Bulli and Northern Illawarra

Being a vibrant club that attracts new members through service and friendship and maintains a profile within the local community has always been at the heart of Rotary. However, in recent times this has become more and more challenging with clubs having to be more innovative to grow and sustain membership.

The **Rotary Club of Bulli and Northern Illawarra** has been impacted by circumstances including illness/retirement which resulted in the members reviewing their ability to continue into the future and, sadly, made the decision to fold after 68 years of *Service above Self*.

Chartered in 1948, the club has been involved in a vast range of projects in the northern suburbs of Wollongong. The club developed long term relationships with a number of local organisations such as Bulli Hospital - fundraising to provide vitally needed equipment and the building of a boiler room; Coledale Hospital - building an access road and providing major equipment; Illawarra Retirement Trust at Woonona; Bulli and Woonona High Schools; Bulli and Woonona Scouts and Guides building and maintaining their facilities; and fund-raising to support the building of Alkira Lodge, a combined Rotary clubs' project to provide accommodation for cancer and renal patients attending the Wollongong Hospital.

In 1988 the club won a Sydney Morning Herald Bicentennial Community Project award for the construction of a lookout at Bulli Tops.

The club sponsored the Rotary Club of Corrimal in 1958 (Chartered in 1959) and was instrumental in the establishment of the Woonona Bulli Men's Shed in 2013.

A farewell dinner was held on 29th August which was well attended by current and past members, with 14 Past Presidents in attendance. President Linda Bunclark extended a warm welcome to them all, and to Presidents and representatives of Rotary Club of Illawarra Sunrise, Rotary Club of Wollongong, Rotary Club of West Wollongong, Rotary Club of Corrimal and Rotary Club of Fairy Meadow, thanking them for their support.

Linda acknowledged the long standing membership of Peter Glass (48 years), whose father Ron was a Charter Member, Bill Munson (53 years) and Bill Kennedy (26 years).

President Linda Bunclark had re-invigorated the Club in recent years. Having served 2 years as President she was willing to continue for a third year as a President-Elect had been secured for the following year. At the Farewell Dinner Linda was presented with a PHF by the members in recognition of all her efforts and commitment to the Club.



Soap Aid

Soap Aid has now been in operation in Sydney since April 2015. Over 25 city hotels are contributing to the collection process and to date over 6 tonnes of used soap has been collected. One hotel in particular has been outstanding and it is the Star Hotel at Darling Harbour where we have collected over one tonne of soap and in fact did this in less than 12 months.

Other hotels that have contributed significant amounts of soap are the Radisson Blu, Pitt Street Marriott, Tank Stream, Holiday Inn Airport and the Rydges group. With the help of the Rotary Club of Darling Harbour we now have a dedicated Rotarian, Jay Thorogood, taking care of our city hotel cluster.



Earlier this year, and with the help of our Sydney Soap Aid Hotel Ambassador, a change in collection strategy was implemented in that contract laundering companies were approached to assist by picking up soap from designated hotels while doing their laundry rounds. We now not only pick up from major hotels but from two laundry companies. This has increased the amount of soap collected and engaged hotels we would not normally be able to visit due to lack of resources or poor location.

Further developments to increase our hotel base for collections are underway. The Rotary Club of Blacktown is now involved and will be responsible for what will be the Western Sydney Hotel Cluster. To get this underway, Soap Aid is currently engaging 10 hotels around the western Sydney area. When this is completed the Blacktown club will take on collection and storage responsibilities. Early next year we will commence work on setting up a Soap Aid group in the MacArthur/Campbelltown area to establish and service another hotel cluster in Sydney.

Another important event for all clubs ... WORLD POLIO DAY – 24 October 2016



WORLD POLIO DAY
24 October 2016 6:30pm EDT



Watch the event on 24 October on endpolio.org

Share the event on social media using hashtag #endpolio and join the global conversation

Help Rotary reach a polio-free world and donate today. Every donation that we commit to polio eradication will be tripled by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

We're closer than ever to ending polio. But we need you help.

**WE ALL TALK ABOUT IT ...
NOW IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

**NO CHILD ANYWHERE SHOULD
SUFFER FROM THIS
COMPLETELY PREVENTABLE
DISEASE. HELP CELEBRATE
WORLD POLIO DAY 2016 AND
MAKE HISTORY TODAY.**

**REGISTER YOUR CLUB'S
EVENT HERE AND DOWNLOAD
RESOURCES FROM THE SAME
WEBSITE TO HELP YOU MAKE
YOUR EVENT A SUCCESS.**

Here are some important dates for your diaries:

Date	Event
24 Sept – 1 Oct 2016	Australian Transplant Games
7 October 2016 (Fri)	Australian Rotary Health Hat Day
9 October 2016 (Sun)	Australian Rotary Health Race Day at Hawkesbury Race Club
15-16 October 2016	Australian Rotaract Conference (Saturday-Sunday)
24 October 2016 (Mon)	World Polio Day
4 November 2016 (Fri)	The Rotary Clubs of NSW Police Officer of the Year Awards
18 November 2016 (Fri)	Presidents' Meeting
24 November 2016 (Thurs)	Committee of Association Meeting
28 November 2016 (Mon)	Rotary Foundation Million Dollar Dinner
8 December 2016 (Thurs)	Australian Rotary Health Christmas Dinner
8 – 14 January 2017	RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards)
11 February 2017 (Sat)	Presidents Elect Training (PETs 1)
17 February 2017 (Fri)	Presidents' Meeting
10 – 12 March 2017	District Conference
1 April 2017 (Sat)	Presidents Elect Training (PETs 2)

A few more events worthy of your participation!

RACING FOR RESEARCH

Hawkesbury's Wine, Food & Music Race Day
SUNDAY

9th OCTOBER 2016

Hawkesbury Racecourse,
Racecourse Road, Clarendon







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THE ROTARY CLUBS OF NSW POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2016



FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2016
FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON, DARLING HARBOUR 7PM TO 12AM

The awards provide statewide community recognition to sworn and unsworn officers for excellence in police service. ZGB's Ray Hadley OAM will host the evening of entertainment and a wide range of food/beverages will also be served.

Visit www.sydneyrotary.com for tickets.

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Upcoming membership webinars for 2016-2017

Learn more about the ways you can strengthen Rotary by participating in these membership focused webinars. Hear how other clubs have adopted new club structures, increased membership, raised diversity, enhanced member satisfaction and raised the profile of Rotary in their communities. And understand more about the resources available to support you in your efforts to strengthen Rotary.



Each webinar features guest panelists with direct experience, as well as a host of useful ideas and tips for Rotarians. Webinars last forty minutes, and are recorded for wider distribution. No special software is required to participate in a webinar; you simply need to register via the link provided.

Focusing on retention: Strategies to enhance member satisfaction

Tuesday, 22 November 2016, 8.15 a.m. (AEST)

Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3308538616889128707>

RI Director's Update, RI Director Noel Trevaskis

Thursday 8 December 2016, 5.00 p.m. (AEST)

Monday 12 December 2016, 8.15 a.m. (AEST)

Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/1913432084078720513>

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ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS

Since the launch of Rotary Global Rewards on 1 July 2015, over 100,000 members have visited the site! If you have not visited Rotary Global Rewards recently, there are now over 1,500 offers worldwide. Try using the member benefits program both locally and when you travel.

If you'd like to give discounts to other Rotarians, add your own company's special offers to the growing portfolio of Rotary Global Rewards. To date, over 350 offers have been posted by Rotarians.

Two new and exciting global travel offers have been added; namely, [a hotel discount center](#) and [an airline discount center](#), which provide great discounts and give up to 10 percent of your purchase back to Rotary. See www.rotary.org/globalrewards for details. Spend less, give more.



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Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value ... Albert Einstein

Rotarians, partners, friends and guests are invited to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of The Rotary Foundation at the Million Dollar Dinner

Celebrating 100 years

Districts 9685 and 9675

Million Dollar Dinner

Date: 28 NOVEMBER, 2016

Venue: The Epping Club
45 Rawson St, Epping NSW 2121




Keynote Speaker: Kalyan Banerjee, Past RI President and Chairman of Trustees of the Rotary Foundation

Dress: Business attire

Cost: Table of 10 - \$700 or \$75 per person

Bookings and payment:

<https://www.trybooking.com/mmrt>

or

by cheque to: Rotary Club of Epping, PO Box 77, Epping NSW 1710 with attendees' names, club and dietary requirements

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WHY A MILLION DOLLAR DINNER?

The Rotary Foundation has set a fundraising goal of US\$300 million for the Centennial year. The Million Dollar Dinner has become a popular event worldwide, including Australia and New Zealand, in encouraging Rotarians, clubs and districts to meet this challenge. Districts 9675 and 9685 are joining together to raise US\$1 million in this Centennial year.

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Monthly ARH News Item - September 2016



Please be advised your current ARH board member is PDG Graeme Davies. Graeme has been a Director of Australian Rotary Health since October 2014. We encourage you to contact Graeme or your District Representative with any future District enquiries.

Australian Rotary Health Director

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A reminder that "OCTOBER" is Economic and Community Development Month...

Nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 a day. Rotarians promote economic and community development and reduce poverty in underserved communities. Projects range from providing people with equipment to vocational training. *See what your club can do this month and beyond to help promote economic growth in impoverished communities around the world.*