

District 9650 Weekly mailing update 4

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Prepared and Edited by Publicity & Public Relations 2009-10 Director Ken Hall and circulated to all Club Presidents and Secretaries.

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Please ensure this information is available to all interested members of your Club.



This poster will soon be available to Clubs in District 9650 for promotion and advertising. Thanks Claudia Stern of Coonabarabran Rotary Club who is making these posters for us on canvas c/- Publicity grant 2008-09

✓ **Gloucester Rotary Club is offering Christmas Trees as a Fundraiser.**

Traditional Beautiful 6ft Radiata Pines tipped and shaped.

Order your trees now for your Club At the wholesale price of \$20 each (in lots of 20).

Make this your Christmas fundraising project - Your Club can sell them easily for \$50 each - well below retail.

All trees are specially bagged ready for delivery to your customers. Club Collection/delivery by arrangement in December; Orders to be placed by middle of November Contact Valda Barron 0265582992 Email valdabarron@cirruscomms.com.au.

✓ **Brian Beesley of Gloucester Rotary Club has written the following article which may be adapted and is available to do so by other Clubs in the District.**

R.I.P (One Rotarian)

Most of us have made a will or at least planned to spend our inheritance before the kids get it ... but what about Rotary?

Now before you stop reading or "bin" this article .. let me throw you a few facts.

If you are a dedicated Rotarian and attend most meetings and a few service projects .. you will clock up some 78 hours per year enjoying the friendship of your mates at Rotary. Lets assume you have a 10 year enjoyment of Rotary then you will spend the total of 32 FULL days or approximately 1 month FULL TIME being a Rotarian.

That is a lot of time from your life.!

You are important to Rotary in a similar way to your family and work.

Not irreplaceable but important.

Rotary will get along without you individually ... BUT if we **all** do not plan to replace ourselves the *Rotary Species* will not survive. Personally, I am not prepared to invest this time in Rotary and not plan to replace myself.

August is Membership month. - NOW again ... before you think ... *Here is the rub* ... think again!

Membership month is about looking after your mates. In other words making sure the Rotarian friends we all enjoy at Rotary are happy in the time they spend in Rotary. In other words looking after the Rotarians we already have.

Then ... if you and your mates are enjoying Rotary ... then ask someone else you know to come and share a meeting or two or come on a service project.

Perhaps this way you will find a replacement for yourself when your time at Rotary is over.

Membership Month is designed to help us focus on the *Survival of the Species* ... the *Rotarian Species* ... see you when the Gong rings on Tuesday.

✓ RYLA 2010

Please start talking the program up and commence attracting some early nominations.....or corporate sponsorship

Where: Bonny Hills Conference Centre – just 20 minutes south of Port Macquarie:

When: 10th – 17th April 2010:

What will it cost: Check with Ivana Agapiou of the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie Sunrise for full details of sponsorship by Clubs of suitable applicants -

Phone 02 65838222, Fax 02 65836622, Mobile 0404056278

Full details are on the District website.

- ✓ Since Paul Harris founded Rotary more than 100 years ago, his words have inspired millions, laying the groundwork for new clubs and worldwide service. On Rotary International's official Facebook page, several people listed some of their favorite quotes from Harris, such as:

✓ "This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it."

✓ "Ignorance is a menace to peace."

✓ "Perhaps dreaming is not so bad if one dreams good dreams and makes them come true."

✓ "Personality has power to uplift, power to depress, power to curse, and power to bless."

Network with other Rotarians and join the conversation on Facebook, where you'll find more than 28,000 Rotary fans from around the world. While you're there, let us know some of your favorite quotes from Rotary's founder.

✓ **Rotary Clubs in NSW asked to help Wrap with Love -**

I am writing to seek your help regarding Wrap with Love (WwL). Please find enclosed a one-page document that will hopefully be published in the June issue of *RDU*.

WwL is a grass-roots not-for-profit organisation that has been running for 17 years. It sends blankets/wraps crafted by 25,000 volunteers across Australia. To date the organisation has sent almost 160,000 blankets to more than 30 countries where people are suffering from natural disasters, war and poverty. They do this singly and in conjunction with other aid agencies such as World Vision. For more info on Wrap with Love, please visit www.artsandcraftsnsw.com.au/Wrap.htm

Over the years, WwL has been supported by many organisations, in particular the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) who have used their offices throughout rural NSW as collection points as well as promoting the project at an annual knit-in through their Ultimo offices each August. The knit-in results in a significant number of wraps, or ingredients for wraps, being delivered from all over the country.

ABC is no longer able to supply the rural backup for collections because the previous freight company experienced financial difficulties and WwL has approached Rotary to facilitate the logistics of collection, and the sourcing of freight opportunities to move the goods to their central warehouse in Alexandria, near Sydney Airport. One of our clubs, RC Sydney Cove has agreed to take this on as a service project.

At present, it is only in NSW that they need help to keep it going. The extent of assistance sought cannot be gauged as present due to unknown outcome of the ABC promotion in August. In some cases, the network of sending the stuff to Sydney is still intact due to the dedication of their strong volunteer network.

We think this is an incredibly worthwhile cause to champion because of the grass-roots support network and their work aligns with Rotary's humanitarian objective. It generates great publicity and plans are in place to acknowledge Rotary's participation via the ABC broadcast and in the labels sewn on to the wraps.

We would be pleased if your Districts will support this worthwhile endeavour and permit us or the local WwL liaison to contact your clubs if the need arises. Yours sincerely **Glenn Wran** D9750

- ✓ National Immunisation Day India September 2009 – watch this space for more details but it is definitely happening. For further information contact PDG Ken Hall – hallkr@bigpond.net.au
We are organising for a ten days trip as volunteers. Everything is ready to go and we are waiting for a date from the Indian Government which will be released in August – one month before we go.
- ✓ International Convention Montreal Canada. June 20-22 2010. Planning has commenced for a team to go from District 9650 participating beforehand with Rotarians from New York State. Keep an eye on the District Governor's newsletter for more information and continue to watch this spot for further planning --- but for now **RESERVE THE DATE.**
- ✓ International Literacy Day, 8 September - Share with the media what your club or district is doing to create a more literate world on [International Literacy Day](#), 8 September.