

# District 9650 Weekly mailing update 5

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



- ✓ As of 1 July, [Paul Harris Fellow certificates](#) will carry the End Polio Now logo for all new Paul Harris Fellows. The special certificates will be issued for the duration of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. This recognition can serve as a keepsake once polio is eradicated worldwide.
- ✓ **Legislation to be considered by the 2010 Council on Legislation**  
The Constitution of Rotary International provides that the Council on Legislation shall meet every three years at a site determined by the RI Board of Directors. In 2010, the Council on Legislation is scheduled to meet from 25-30 April in Chicago, Illinois, USA. PDG Harry Durey will represent District 9650 at the Council on Legislation. There are 374 pages of proposed legislation and if you are interested you can download them at:  
[http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/col10\\_proposed\\_legislation\\_en.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/col10_proposed_legislation_en.pdf).
- ✓ **International Postgraduate Paediatric Certificate (IPPC) & "Kids Health"**
- ✓ A PROJECT TO IMPROVE CHILDREN'S HEALTH CARE – WITHOUT STRAIN ON RESOURCES OF AN ADOPTING CLUB. For further information contact the Rotary Club of Gloucester.

**What is required is promotion to ensure that health and medical organisations (worldwide) are aware of the availability of paediatric up-to the minute training and treatment procedures; that advice is freely available through the Factsheet website, to everybody, to treat or seek a doctor's advice on hundreds of complaints.**

**Rotary Clubs could sponsor, wholly or partially, professionals in disadvantaged communities, either within the District or in other countries, to become participants in the IPPC postgraduate paediatrics course or to gain the Diploma in Child Health.** (The Rotary Club of Gloucester in association with RAWCS has enabled 3 nurses from the Solomon Islands to participate in 2009 in the DCH course).

**Website:** Check the scope of Factsheet help for parents and carers:  
[www.chw.edu.au/parents/factsheets/](http://www.chw.edu.au/parents/factsheets/) IPPC education information: [www.chw.edu.au/dch](http://www.chw.edu.au/dch)

**Could your club adopt this worthwhile program and promote it to improve children's health?**

- ✓ If every club in the world was to increase their membership by a net gain of one new member over the next twelve months we would have a worldwide increase of over 33,000 members. Most Clubs would achieve this easily if they decided to go beyond being a token dual gender Club and embraced being a balanced Club with a balanced membership. A balanced membership is a true representation of the local community.

- ✓ There is a short survey that we want all Rotarians in District 9650 to complete. It concerns the effectiveness and distribution of the District Governor's newsletter each month. Copies of the survey are printed in the August newsletter. They can be completed and sent to IPDG Ken Hall, 58 Kyooma Street, Tamworth. NSW 2340. Otherwise if you are computer savvy, paste the following URL into the address box and complete the survey on line.

<http://www.surveypirate.com/Survey.aspx?surveyid=5289&hash=h1T1BdKY38NAGI12hbEbKQ%3d%3d>

Thanks for your cooperation with this and we will notify the results in due course.

- ✓ **FYI Seniors Week funding program is now open.**

NSW Seniors Week Grants are provided through the NSW Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care (DADHC) for the development and organisation of local NSW Seniors Week projects.

DADHC assists older people, people with a disability and their carers to participate fully in community life.

Applications close Friday 18 September.

Return the application forms to DADHC and keep a photocopy of your application and the application guideline information for your reference.

In 2010, NSW Seniors Week will be held from 21-28 March.

For further information go to: <http://www.nswseniorsweek.com.au/grants.asp>

- ✓ EREY newsletter- We are happy to inform you that the next edition of the Every Rotarian, Every Year newsletter is now available on-line. The newsletter is your source for news about the monumental EREY effort uniting our international membership. It provides updates on the Annual Programs Fund, features on what Rotarians are doing to meet their club goals and stories illustrating how APF contributions enhance people's lives. Find all the information at:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/Funds/EREYnewsletter/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

- ✓ The 2009-10 Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2011-12, having functioned in accordance with the bylaws of Rotary International, has indicated that it unanimously nominated: KALYAN BANERJEE of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat, India; for the office of President of Rotary International for the year 2011-12.

Rotarian Banerjee will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates. Biographical information for Rotarian Banerjee will be available on the RI Web site and in the next issue of the *Rotary World*.

- ✓ From **Bruce Allen; Manager, The Rotary Foundation - South Pacific & Philippines Office**

I'm delighted to advise that the long awaited DVD on the struggle to eradicate Polio, "*The Final Inch*" is now, finally, truly for sale on Amazon.com. It costs US\$7.50 and US\$2 of each sale goes to the PolioPlus. It's been translated into 19 languages. You can order it on:

[http://www.amazon.com/The-Final-Inch/dp/B002HMDQ3C/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&s=dvd&qid=1247788758&sr=8-1](http://www.amazon.com/The-Final-Inch/dp/B002HMDQ3C/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=dvd&qid=1247788758&sr=8-1)

- ✓ On 3 September, Armidale Central Rotary Club will be farewelling Wendy Swain, our Ambassadorial scholar at their normal lunchtime meeting. Wendy will be leaving shortly for her twelve months of study in Wales as the District's Ambassadorial scholar. Anyone interested in attending should book with Alan Francis, 67724534
- ✓ Coonabarabran Rotary Club had their official visit last Monday night and were not only visited by DG Neville and Patti but also had a visit from IPDG Ken Hall, launching the posters to be distributed to Clubs shortly as part of last year's Publicity grant from RI. With DGE Jo Wilkin their as well, her Club, Neville made comment in his speech about "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow". Very Apt!
- ✓ **Dinner - Dance - Concert for Somnang Orphanage in Cambodia**
- ✓ David & Lyn Brown are organising a Dinner - Dance - Concert at 6.30pm on 29 August at MacKillop College Hall to help raise funds for the Somnang Orphanage in Cambodia. They have asked Clubs in Port Macquarie to gather a table of 8 or 10 for this night. The cost is \$30 per person. Take your own drinks and nibbles. Tea and coffee will be provided. Please contact David and Lyn Brown (6583 8202 or email [brownsport4@bigpond.com](mailto:brownsport4@bigpond.com)) with numbers attending by 20 August.
- ✓ **What's the big deal with Twitter?** The last 6 months have seen yet another social media phenomenon take the world by storm. Is this just another Gen Y fad or something more? In this article, Michael McQueen looks at where Twitter has come from, how it works and the reasons why so many people have embraced it around the world. Read more at <http://thenexgroup.com/resources/106/Twitter%20article.pdf>.