

District 9650 Weekly mailing update 6

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

- ✓ There will be **NO** Rotary Calendar this year as it was considered that the majority of members now have their own electronic diaries. Much of the calendar is already in the directory on pages 70-73. Any changes and additions are already issued from District in the coming date's section that Rotarian Di Hall places in each DG's Newsletter.
- ✓ **INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY is on 8TH SEPTEMBER**
 - ✓ All Rotary clubs are encouraged to be involved in Literacy projects to be eligible for the Literacy Award Certificate at the end of this Rotary year.
 - ✓ All Rotarians who are passionate about Literacy should contact us and request for any support as required.
 - ✓ **Check this out:** http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Literacy_Day.
 - ✓ Do you have an activity in place to celebrate this and create awareness?
Danny Low, Literacy Resource Group Zone 8 Coordinator, Rotary Club of Mosman, dannylow@bigpond.net.au
- ✓ The President of Rotary International in 2011-12 is KALYAN BANERJEE of the Rotary Club of Vapi, Gujarat, India; 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*.
- ✓ Operation Cleft: Patti Berrigan hopes to see a big contingent from the Hastings community & beyond to the Operation Cleft night at Port Panthers (Port Macquarie) on September 5. Patti would love to see this club arrange a few tables of ten people at each table. Contact DG Neville or Patti for bookings.
- ✓ Rotary Club of Port Macquarie on Hastings will be welcoming all 17 District Long Term Youth Exchange Students to their lunch meeting on Monday 31st August at Quality Resort Sails, 1pm start. Lunch is \$22 and excellent value. Anyone interested in attending this lunch should contact President Noelyn as due to the large number we need to plan catering. We sincerely welcome all Rotarians in the area to come along to this fun luncheon. Contact details are: 6584 5777 or mobile 0433 17 9999 or email GandNTunstallAUS@aol.com.
- ✓ Congratulations to the following Clubs who have received certificates from Rotary International **2008-09 MEMBERSHIP GOALS & RECOGNITION AWARD** for achieving a minimum 10% net increase in membership last year.
[Inverell](#), [South West Rocks](#), [Barraba](#), [Armidale North](#), [Armidale A.M.](#), [Coonabarabran](#), [Port Macquarie on Hastings](#), [Warialda](#), [Wauchope](#), [Manilla](#), [Coonamble](#), [Tuncurry-Forster](#), [Coffs Harbour South](#), [Woolgoolga](#), and [Taree on Manning](#).
Certificates will be posted to Clubs with the September DG's newsletter.
- ✓ Have you thought about nominating a member of your local community for Australian of the Year?
Australian of the Year Nominations (organised by the Australia Day Council of NSW) close **Midnight on Monday 31 August 2009**. A link to their website is: www.australianoftheyear.gov.au

- ✓ In an effort to improve the support Rotary International provides to those working with RI's youth programs, we invite your district to participate in a survey about worldwide Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) in the 2008-09 year. The survey is online and only takes a few minutes to complete. To participate, please paste https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=pEOQKDFokfuhJnwl9qOaA_3d_3d into a new window and follow the instructions. Survey responses will be accepted until **18 September**.
- ✓ 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 online.
<http://www.surveypirate.com/Survey.aspx?surveyid=5289&hash=h1T1BdKY38NAGI12hbEbKO%3d%3d>
Thanks for your cooperation with this and we will notify the results in due course.
- ✓ From Rtn. Brian Heaton Montreal Promotions Committee for June 2010
Each District Governor faces different challenges and each District Governor, along with his or her partner, will handle those challenges in their own particular manner and style. This is what gives Rotary its strength. Whenever Val and I have the opportunity to attend an International meeting we sincerely wish each and every Rotarian and their partner could feel that internationality, and the sense of belonging to one world of like minded people.
Rotary International President John Kenny has appointed Val and me to his 'On To Montreal' promotions team, along with 22 other Rotarians representing 17 countries throughout our Rotary world. Our brief is to encourage each and every Rotarian to attend the International Convention in Montreal next year. 2010 will be the 101st year of Rotary International Conventions. It has been said, and I quote 'You will never be a complete Rotarian until you have experienced the internationality of a Rotary International Convention.'
Brian has provided a sample promotional power point presentation which they will make available to District 9650 Clubs. Montreal has so much to offer all Rotarians and their families, plus the opportunity for either pre or post Convention tours throughout Canada, Alaska or the Americas is vast. Keep watching this space!
- ✓ Club treasurers now have their own manual in the *Club Officers' Kit*. What used to be a section in the back of the Club Secretary's Manual is now a 32-page independent publication. Incoming treasurers can prepare for their year by reading the [Club Treasurer's Manual](#), which describes the role and responsibilities of the club treasurer and offers best financial practices from the field. Get the manual at http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/220en.pdf
- ✓ Robert Howard Chairman RYAG Beef 2009 has been omitted from this year's Information Directory in the alphabetical section at the back of the Directory. His details are: ph 68423720(h) email: roberthoward4@bigpond.com
- ✓ From Rod Browne of Gunnedah Rotary Club - I mentioned the web site that we have just begun to use for members awareness and news. It is a free service set up for any Rotary Club. Have a look at [Rotarynews.info](http://www.rotarynews.info), for us enter Gunnedah and click on our club number. We will jazz it up as we improve our knowledge and techniques. If you click on the District number it is possible to link to the District site. You may care to refer it to your webmaster and perhaps notify to other low IT clubs of its availability.
Have you seen this site before? Then go to <http://www.rotarynews.info>
- ✓ Woolgoolga Rotary club is sponsoring the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) program for 180 Woolgoolga High School students on Thursday 20 August. A couple of other district clubs are sending observers with a view to running RYDA programs later on. Woolgoolga Club is grateful to Mike Blewitt Ford for providing a car for the stopping distance module at the "track" and local professional driver Jim Woodhill for getting behind the wheel. Enthusiastic support from the local community is perhaps an indication of the level of concern about the terrible statistics that tell us that on average one young Australian dies in a car accident every day of the year. Local firm, Ryan Earthmoving has provided safety barriers, Woolgoolga Rural Fire Service is assisting on the day and the local Bowling Club, Community Centre, Seniors Centre and the Woolgoolga Sports Council are donating the use of their facilities for the day. Local presenters from the Office of Fair Trading, medical, police and ambulance services have given generously of their time to make presentations as have Jim and Heidi's Driving Academy, John Black of the Noffs Centre and crash survivor Les Burrell.

- ✓ **Plan an event around World Polio Day, 24 October.**
World Polio Day is an ideal time for your club or district to raise awareness about polio and to garner support for the eradication effort. To share Rotary's commitment to a [polio-free world](#) with local media, use the [PolioPlus Headliner Kit](#), which contains a sample opinion piece, letter to the editor, and several press releases that can be customized to reflect your club's involvement in PolioPlus.
Clubs can also arrange screenings of [The Final Inch](#), the Academy Award-nominated, 38-minute documentary that follows health workers, including Rotarian volunteers, as they immunize children in India. The Google Foundation will donate US\$2 from the sale of each DVD through the end of 2009 to PolioPlus. Find more resources at www.rotary.org. The District has also purchased 4 copies of this DVD for your use. Contact Ken Hall for details.
- ✓ The Rotary Club of Singleton has a large Catering Caravan for sale & I would appreciate it if you would circulate the attached advertisement to the Clubs within your District.
Garry Hamblin; Secretary, Rotary Club of Singleton
Surplus to our requirements The Rotary Club of Singleton has a large catering caravan for sale.
Make: Viscount Year: 1971 Length: 5.5 metres (18 feet) Width: 2.4 metres (8 feet)
Tare: 1600 kg Axles: Two Registered: NSW F94105 to 15 Oct 2009
The caravan has the following features: Two roof hatches; Small hand basin; Waste water tank; Double kitchen sink; Two 18 kg gas bottles; Two double power points; Two roof mounted exhaust fans; 6 burner gas BBQ plate, 820 mm x 500 mm; Large food preparation & serving benches; Wired for 240 volts complete with circuit breakers; 50 litre Rheem quick recovery electrical hot water system; Fly screens over all windows & door including serving area; Five interior lights including two fluorescents over serving area.
Price \$7,500.00 o.n.o.
Contact Secretary Garry Hamblin Ph 02-6572 1927 bh or 02-6573 1940 ah
- ✓ **ROTARY DOWN UNDER - MAGAZINE 'FOLD BACK' FACILITY**
Our unique 'fold back' facility on the bottom right hand corner of the Rotary Down Under cover has been in place for two months (July and August) and reports from many Districts indicate that clubs are taking advantage of this feature to enhance contact with the public..
We have acknowledged that this facility was launched as a result of clear feedback from several District Chairmen following our May meeting.
As you all know, we had yellow sticky labels prepared for experimental use in public distribution of the magazine, but reports came back from FOUR District Chairmen indicated that the labels were posing problems. We had previously considered the idea of a "star splash" or line across the page for contact details of Rotary clubs – but we did not want to destroy the quality of the front cover layout and design.
Our talented graphic artist Rhys Martin came to the rescue with his classy "fold back" design and it was a matter of "game over" from that point. This common sense solution was especially pleasing in the light of cost savings with labels!
However, what we really need now is success stories from clubs where members of the public have picked up the marked magazines and inquired about Rotary membership?
So, my challenge to you is to contact your Rotary Clubs and ask if they are marking and distributing magazines? If so, what is the degree of enquiry?
If you wish to respond to Bob, his direct email is bobaitken@rotarydownunder.com.au
- ✓ A note from Graham Keena, Rotary Club of Port Macquarie Sunrise:
Unfortunately Lise (Long Term Youth Exchange student from France) will NOT be arriving on Saturday as planned. There has been a delay in the processing of her Visa and at this point we have no arrival date. I hope to hear from Lise soon with better news.
- ✓ **Plane crash:** Rotary had two connections with the recent PNG plane crash. Dr June Canavan was going to Kokoda in her campaign to raise money for Gemma Sisia's school in Africa. From Taree Rotary comes the news that a ride-on mower was being sent to Kingsley Erero so he could maintain the Kokoda hospital grounds and the airstrip. Kingsley was also killed in the crash.
- ✓ Jackie King who was recently on the GSE exchange to Germany has been invited by the Rotary Club of Gunnedah to join Rotary. What a great chance to include a new younger professional member with your club! Congratulations to all concerned. Thank you to the Rotary Club of Gunnedah for nominating Jackie for the exchange as she was a very valued member.