

District 9650 Weekly mailing update 7

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From **District Secretary PDG Laurie Barber**



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

- ✓ **September is New Generations Month.**
Young people don't represent our future; we represent theirs.

Throughout September a series of articles will appear in each of the weekly news sheets to clubs. These articles will highlight the numerous programs we, as Rotarians, support and manage to involve young people in our communities.



Public Speaking Competition

This program is showcased in the finals on the Saturday of the District Conference each year. The lead up to this point starts with clubs approaching their local secondary school(s) for candidates from Years 10 or 11 to compete at the club level. This round should be completed before the September/October school break – end of Term III. From here club winners go to compete in their cluster round to find 9 cluster winners across the District. At Walcha, each February, the 9 compete and 4 are selected to present at our District Conference. The prize, donated by Harvey World Travel – Inverell, is a return airline ticket to New Zealand. The winner is hosted by NZ Rotarians during their stay.

For further information contact your Assistant Governor or Lorraine Coffey, committee chair, on 6772 7833 (h) or 0427 778 916 (mob.)



RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Award

This week-long residential program for 18 – 24 year olds seeks to strengthen leadership, citizenship, self-confidence, dignity and respect in young people. Participants frequently return from the week with comments of the experience as being life-changing and cathartic. Now is the time for you to start looking around your community for a young person, or persons, for your club to send to RYLA in April 2010. The paperwork for this is already in clubs.

For further information contact Craig Swift-McNair, chair of the RYLA committee on 6582 7689 (h) or 400 081 803 (mob.)

Ken Raison – Director Youth Services – District 9650 – 2009-2010

- ✓ **SAVE THE DATE! - On Saturday - June 19, 2010 - The 3rd Annual WASRAG/WRG Rotary Water Summit in Montreal, Canada**
- ✓ The RI exchange rate for September 2009 is 1.20 for those Clubs still with outstanding dues to RI.

- ✓ **VALE PDG JOHN TREGURTHA – received from Helen Crossley 27th August**
I have just returned from Glen Innes and Tamworth clubs. Trigger Tregurtha lost his battle with cancer on Monday evening. The family is having a private cremation in Inverell (I think today) and then a memorial service in Glen on Monday. Could you pass on the news to Gail when you get a minute, please? I know she gave Jean a copy of her book. I think it was the bone cancer in the finish. He was in great pain but still racing around at our District Changeover in Glen Innes in July, taking photos and developing them overnight as he did with Glen Innes IW club just 4 weeks ago. He had been in North Shore Hospital, then Armidale, then Glen Innes and finally home with a palliative care nurse from last Wednesday. Apparently he deteriorated very quickly in the end – Jean thought she would have him for a few more months yet but sadly, not to be.
- ✓ **COMMUNITY HALL RENEWAL FUND**
The NSW Government announced the Building the Country funding package in November 2008. The Community Hall Renewal Package is 2.5 Million over five years to help small communities in country NSW to renovate, extend or upgrades on community halls. Grants will be provided to community based organisations for materials and equipment on a non- recurrent basis that demonstrate a clear community benefit by repairing or upgrading the hall. Funds of up to \$50,000 per community will be provided to not for profit organisations in communities of 10,000 or less population. Funding for projects is to be matched on a 2 for 1 basis for every \$2 dollars provided by Government the community must contribute \$1 either in-kind or as a financial contribution. Projects are to be supported by local government. Applications can be made to the Office of Rural Affairs by **post only**. There is no closing date for this fund.
**Post Applications OR MAKE ENQUIRIES to: Community Hall Renewal Fund
Office of Rural Affairs PO BOX 1314 ORANGE NSW 2800**
- ✓ Wauchope Rotary Club now has generic email addresses for the board which will be passed on for each succeeding years. Club contacts are to: wauchopepres@gmail.com or wauchopesect@gmail.com
- ✓ **MAGAZINE ‘FOLD BACK’ FACILITY FOR ROTARY DOWN UNDER MAGAZINE**
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.
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?
Don’t forget to go to WWW.ROTARYDOWNUNDER.COM.AU and click on the special button to make the RDU Web Site home page your favoured home page ... regards Bob Aitken Managing Editor, Rotary Down Under
- ✓ **ROTARY DOWN UNDER [You can now change your subscriber details online.](#)**
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- ✓ **And that’s all for this week!!**