

# District 9650 Weekly mailing update 10

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

✓ **September is New Generations Month. - Ken Raison** Director, Youth Services 2009 – 2010

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.

**Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Information for Schools, Students and Parents - What is RYDA?**

The RYDA program is a road safety education program aimed at reducing death and injury amongst young people on Australian roads.

The program targets 16 to 17 year olds who are at the stage of their lives where they start to drive or ride in a vehicle driven by their peers.

RYDA is a community-based initiative of Rotary Clubs, partnering those organisations in our community that have a responsibility for, or interest in, road safety for our youth. It has been developed in consultation with the RTA and the NSW Government Departments of Education and Training, Health and Police and is designed to compliment and supplement the school curriculum and government road safety messages.

**The Program**

RYDA focuses on attitude and awareness with the aim of helping young adults become better people on the road. The program highlights the privilege and responsibilities of owning and driving a motor vehicle and also illustrates their rights and responsibilities as passengers and pedestrians.

It is a one-day event held at a non-school site which co-ordinates the efforts of local road safety experts, driving instructors, the Police, recovering survivors or road crashes, drug & alcohol educators and financial services personnel.

**Talk to your school about their involvement in the RYDA program or contact Ken Patterson, District Committee chair, on 6552 5057 (h) or 0429 150 536 (mob.)**

✓ **Rotary Australia – New Zealand Student Exchange (RANZSE)**

This family-to-family matched exchange is most popular with students from Year 9 at high school. Each student selected spends a school term (term II or term III) living in the home of, and attending school with their exchange student. The exchanges are direct exchanges with the family of the Australian student, who is going to New Zealand, hosting the son or daughter of the host family in New Zealand. **Contact Carolyn Wilson, District Committee chair, on 6551 2729 (h) or 0412 121 605 (mob.) to obtain further information.**

✓ **Congratulations to Shelterbox:** Forum's Alternative Rich List campaign recognizes society's true heroes; the people whose wealth is measured not in pounds and pennies but in the way they have enriched the lives of others through their actions.

On hearing he had topped the Rich List; Tom remained as pragmatic as ever: I always say life is about doing the most for the most. "To win the Alternative Rich List is a tremendous honour but it's an honour I share with the thousands of Shelterbox supporters and volunteers, not just in the UK, but around the globe. It's because of these people, the people who work tirelessly day in and day out, that Shelterbox has been able to respond to more than 90 disasters in close to 60 countries across the globe, providing hundreds of thousands of people who have lost everything with shelter, with warmth and with dignity."

Check out: <http://tvnz.co.nz/business-news/thousands-vote-alternative-rich-list-2972757>

✓ It is with sadness I advise that **Elaine Dyball**, mother of PDG Ian Dyball, and an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Taree, passed away yesterday, Tuesday 15th September. Elaine was also a life member of Probus in Taree. Ian advised that his mother passed away peacefully, and her funeral will be at St John's Anglican Church at 1.00pm on Monday 21st September. All are invited to attend.

✓ The following is the email address that James Levingston the Walcha Secretary now uses.  
[jaslevo@nsw.chariot.net.au](mailto:jaslevo@nsw.chariot.net.au)



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From General Secretary Ed Futa: While we wait for Rotary's independent auditors to complete the audit of Rotary's 2008-09 financial statements, preliminary results indicate that Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation have weathered the recent financial crisis with less damage than we had feared. RI's investment losses dropped from over US\$26 million in February to approximately \$12 million for the fiscal year ended 30 June 2009. The Rotary Foundation, which had suffered more severely in the investment markets, also recouped some of its losses by year-end — going from over \$222 million in losses in February to \$164 million for the year. These reversals, along with 2008-09 spending reductions, enabled the Foundation Trustees to reinstate an additional \$2.3 million in [Matching Grant](#) funds for 2009-10, an action that will strengthen Rotarians' humanitarian efforts this year.

Small membership increases in 2008-09 have strengthened our dues base. In addition, contributions to the Foundation, excluding the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) and [Google Foundation](#) grants, reached record levels in 2008-09 and remain strong this year. Both of these developments speak to the intrinsic value of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation as a force for good in our world. While the worst of the economic crisis may be past, the recovery remains slow and painful. In a world marked by high unemployment, mortgage foreclosures, and failing businesses, Rotary service is needed now more than ever. The RI Board, Foundation Trustees, and Secretariat staffs are all working to protect the resources that help to make this vital service possible.

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Since our 2008 calendar was so popular we have decided to do it all over again!

Our 2009 calendar will be in the same style as 2008 but with much more colour and gorgeous photographs of our students – their big smiles will blow you away!

If you would like to purchase a St Jude's 2010 calendar then please click on the following link <http://bit.ly/4mfmbL>

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On a different note, we are looking to employ a Visitor's Assistant. We are looking for a person who:

1. can be based here at the school
2. can commit to at least two years at the school on a stipend type salary
3. is at least 24 years of age and has travelled overseas
4. is resourceful, hard-working and endowed with a good degree of common sense
5. is a really good organiser
6. is friendly and outgoing
7. is self motivated, confident and willing to take initiative
8. has great communication and customer service skills
9. can help lead tours of our school campuses
10. can help arrange our tour groups visits
11. who can help communicate general tourist information for visiting Tanzania.

Ideally this person has a tourism background and is a great person who is passionate about the school.

If you don't mind working all hours and are up for the excitement of combining work and travel then this could be the job for you!

Email me know if you would like to apply.

Finally, if you have any questions or queries please email me so I can help.

Many thanks,

Gemma Sisia School of St Jude Tanzania ([schoolofstjude@habari.co.tz](mailto:schoolofstjude@habari.co.tz))

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#### **Global Handwashing Day 15th October 2009 – School holidays in NSW**

Last year UNICEF introduced the first ever Global Handwashing Day which was held on October 15<sup>th</sup>, since then they have decided that it will become an annual event and this year it will again be held on exactly the same date. All Clubs are requested to make contact with schools within their area and endeavour to hold a suitable event in the school during the week of 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Jim Morwitch, Secretary- Rotary Club of Great Lakes makes a courtesy note, in case it is helpful to clubs that the suggested date falls in NSW school holidays. Presumably the project could be conducted before or after.

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The Club Recognition Summary, EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) Eligibility Report, and Monthly Contribution report are useful tools for verifying contributions to the Foundation. Recently, the Foundation extended access to these reports to club Foundation chairs or directors and club treasurers. To provide access, the club president or Secretary should go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and click on Member Access in the upper right hand corner and login, then enter the name and e-mail address of the club Foundation Chair/Director and the club Treasurer.

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**Rotary International Exchange Rates against US\$** - September \$1.20 (July/August \$1.26)

**Rotary International Motor Vehicle Rates - Per km Rate** – September 0.5400 (July/August 0.5670)

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From Chris Watson – Travelworld; Gunnedah I am taking a group to India next year for a tour, I would like to extend this invitation to Rotarians plus any Rotarian that's attends we will also donate \$100 to Polio Plus and give them the opportunity for a make up meeting in India with a local club. ([info@travelgun.com.au](mailto:info@travelgun.com.au)). More details next week. Watch this space if you are interested.