



District 9650 Weekly mailing update 14

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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.

Please Note that all prior editions of this weekly news together with the Monthly District Governors Newsletter are available on the District website at <http://www.rotary9650.org.au/Newsletter.htm>

✓ **October is Vocational Service Month. - Rotary Vocational Awards – Director Lewis Gratton**

With some clubs still to complete planning for Pride of Workmanship events and deadlines for two other awards only 3 months away, Club Vocational Service Directors may wish to visit the Vocational Service section of the District website (<http://www.rotary9650.org.au/Vocational.htm>) where, shortly, a more comprehensive amount of information will be posted about the various awards relevant to Vocational Service:

- ✓ 1. Rotary Award for Vocational Excellence – a District award to one person; Rotarian or non-Rotarian. Awarded at District Conference.
- ✓ 2. Pride of Workmanship Award – A club-level project – no limit to number of recipients. Usually during October; Vocational Service month.
- ✓ 3. District Award for Vocational Excellence – The PDG Kevin Harges Trophy – for the club with the most outstanding Vocational Service project undertaken during the qualifying year; 12 months to 20 February. Awarded at District Conference.

Do not hesitate to contact District Vocational Services Chairman, Lewis Gratton, if you have questions or ideas to share. Also welcome will be reports of Pride of Workmanship events or other Vocational activities conducted through this month.

✓ **Call to join Dental Team flying the Kokoda Track**

From Gerry Bartlett Gunnedah (geraldbartlett@westnet.com.au): I am in the process of securing 4-5 places for a Flying Dental mission along the Kokoda Track (trekking optional!) - Nearly three weeks, earliest possible start:

Wednesday 11th November, departing Brisbane for Port Moresby. If places unavailable on that day, departure to take place on a subsequent Wednesday. While we might have the assistance of a Port Moresby dental therapist, it would be very beneficial for at least one other dentist to participate; and while previous trips have successfully involved people of unrelated occupations, here is a great opportunity for anyone -Rotarian or non-Rotarian - with previous experience in dental treatment to visit this area of great significance, especially for Australians - without the need to acquire the high degree of physical fitness mandatory for walking the Track.

Proposed Itinerary:

Wednesday: Flight Brisbane to Port Moresby; **Thursday - Day 2**: Tour Port Moresby and environs; **Friday - Day 3**: Special Flight to Kagi (almost the highest point) - 15 minutes; **Saturday, Sunday**, work at Kagi Rotary Health Point - possibly also at Naduri Health Point (optional for non-walkers); **Monday - Day 6**: Flight Kagi to Manari - 5 minutes; **Tuesday, Wednesday**, work at Manari Rotary Health Point ; **Thursday - Day 9**: Flight Manari to Kokoda - 10mins; **Friday, Saturday**: Work at Kokoda Hospital - Dinner at Priscilla's; **Sunday - Day 12**: Road transport to Kebarra - 25 minutes. (Possibly work at Rotary Health Point); **Monday**: work at Kebarra. **Tuesday - Day 14**: Road transport (including traversing Kumesi River by Inner Tube) to Waju - two hours, depending upon river crossing; **Wednesday**: work at Waju Rotary Health Point; **Thursday - Day 15**: Road transport to Sairopi - 90 minutes **Friday**: work at Sairopi Health Point; **Saturday - Day 17**: Road Transport via Poppondetta - 45minutes (plus lunch plus shopping/ sight-seeing two-three hours.), on to Gona - 2 hours; **Sunday, Monday, Tuesday**: Swim; work at Gona Anglican Hospital; **Wednesday - Day 20**: Road transport to Buna - 3 hours; **Thursday, Friday**: Swim; work at Buna Rotary Health Point; **Saturday - Day 23**: Road transport to Poppondetta Airport -2 hours; Flight to Port Moresby-30 minutes. Overnight - Gateway Hotel; **Sunday - Day 24**: Flight to Brisbane.

At this stage, estimated flight costs amount to \$1,500; road transport \$300; guides (when needed) \$300; rotary administration \$40; plus dried food for nine days on the Track - all carried in backpack plus clothing, maximum 15Kg. Food obtainable at Kokoda and Poppondetta.

Although 'work' figures high in the list, there will be plenty of time to explore and to interact with the locals. More time has been allocated to all work stations because there was no visit last year.

A prompt response will enable me to complete the paperwork for this tax-deductible, F.A.I.M. project and to distribute applications for visas for Papua New Guinea.

I have been assured the weather will be pleasant - we should not be tramping through mud!

✓ Join us in Montreal 20 – 23 June 2010; Register now on line at www.rotary.org

✓ **Rotary International District 9650 - Jo Wilkin - Governor 2010-2011**

Expression of Interest for District Role 2010-2011

This is an exciting time to be involved in Rotary International! Our membership numbers are gradually climbing once again, and we have nearly completed one of the greatest health programs in history - the eradication of polio. Our International President Elect, Ray Klinginsmith from Kirkville, USA, is forward looking and eager to consider how we can do things in ways that achieve even better outcomes.

Moreover, there is clearly more need than ever before for the work we do here and around the world. The financial crisis, natural disasters, poverty, illiteracy, disease and lack of clean water all continue to create a world where inequity and injustice cannot be ignored.

If you would like to be a part of the District 9650 Team for 2010-2011, would you please indicate below what particular areas of interest, expertise or experience you may have? The District Directory is a good place to start - look through it and see in what area you might be able to contribute to our program of 'doing good in the world', as we, through our Foundation and through our club and district projects, aim to do.

Could you indicate any specific committee or position you would be prepared to undertake during 2010-2011, and return the information to me by Sunday 15 November - we are required now to submit to RI the names of all district committee members before the end of the year.

Name: _____

Rotary Club: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Position or committee preferences:

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Relevant experience in or out of Rotary:

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Would you please email this information to me at jo.wilkin@gmail.com, or post to

DGE Jo Wilkin, 'Ulalah', 464 Maranoa Road, Coonabarabran, NSW 2357?

✓ To President Brian Riordan, Rotary Club of Gunnedah West,
On the occasion of the induction of Jackie King into your Club I want to say a few words of Congratulations. Firstly; to your Club for making the approach to Jackie to be a GSE team member and now welcoming her into Rotary.
The skills which Jackie will bring to your Club are so valuable and she will be a huge asset to your Community Service.
Secondly, to Jackie herself for making a commitment to join such a great organisation as Rotary.
As the Group Study Exchange Team Leader this year I spent 6 wonderful weeks in the company of Jackie as part of the Team. The potential to relate to other people; share her experiences both vocationally and recreationally were obvious. I guess we can all look forward to some major "Cycle Classic" or such venture coming from Jackie's interest in the sport. One thing I will tell you ... her stamina will beat most of ours!!
Jackie joins Benjamin Paix (Kempsey) as the second member of our team to join Rotary, a wonderful outcome. On behalf of all our team Congratulations Jackie and we all look forward to the unique contribution you will make as a Rotarian. Brian Beesley, Group Study Exchange Team Leader District 9650- 1850.
As the Chair of Rotary Alumni, I too, offer my congratulations to the Club and Jackie. PDG Ken Hall

✓ **Attendance Reports are available for review on the District website at**
<http://www.rotary9650.org.au/District.htm#ATTENDANCE OFFICER>

✓ **District Conference Dates 12-14 March 2010 in Port Macquarie: Conference Information and Registration packs will be available by end of November at the latest.**