

# District 9650 Weekly mailing update 48

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From District Secretary PDG Laurie Barber (2 pages including information and registration for the District Changeover)

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

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## June is Rotary Fellowships Month. Secretary

### ✓ **WANTED**

All Rotarians that are involved in Fellowships in District 9650.

We need your assistance to get the Fellowship message out to other like minded Rotarians.

Let's increase awareness of Fellowships. Let us know of your activities. We would like to help you get the message out. Reply via email

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Want to know more about the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians. (IFSR)? This is one of many fellowships where Rotarians who are also Scouts have the opportunity to combine their mutual interests and meet with other with similar interests throughout the world. The International Fellowship offers a Cliff Dochterman award as an honour available to recognise an individual Rotarian who acts as a role model and renders distinguished and dedicated service to scouting through active service, leadership and exemplary contributions to the Scout Association. Check on the website for more information - [www.ifsr-net.org](http://www.ifsr-net.org)

- ✓ From Peter Wardman re. BCU **COFFS COAST CYCLE CHALLENGE** - I am the Event Director of this activity which is an initiative of my Rotary Club, being the Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour City Inc. This cycle ride, which will take place annually on the Coffs Coast, is modelled on the highly successful Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge which is organised by the Rotary Club of Lake Taupo Moana. Our inaugural event is on 19/09/10. It offers solo, team and family categories to entrants. We are budgeting for a minimum of 400 riders this year and aiming to eventually emulate the Lake Taupo Event which last year had over 11,000 riders. Our major sponsor is BCU being Bananacoast Community Credit Union which has 23 branches from Port Macquarie to the Gold Coast. As part of the sponsorship deal with BCU it, very enthusiastically, will strongly market and promote not only the event but very importantly for Rotary will promote its community partnership with Rotary generally and with our Club in particular. One of its aims will be to impart a greater public awareness of contemporary Rotary and its attractiveness to new membership.
- ✓ Notification from Rotary Club of Forster on Wallis - We had a couple of last minute changes within the Club, which has resulted in the details noted in the current Information Directory, now needing to be updated to: Venue: Cape Hawke Surf Life Saving Club, Forster  
President : Ross Mason; Phone 65575904; Email [presidentfow@hotmail.com](mailto:presidentfow@hotmail.com)  
Secretary: Josy Mason; Phone 65575904; Email [secretaryfow@hotmail.com](mailto:secretaryfow@hotmail.com)
- ✓ A great idea that all Clubs could adopt:  
Westport Rotary club is giving \$50 to Australian Rotary Health every time it has a guest speaker. The speaker gets a certificate saying the donation has been made in that person's name.
- ✓ Congratulations to Phillip Crossing, Assistant Governor Tamworth Cluster, who received a Paul Harris Fellowship recognition from his club, the Rotary Club of Tamworth on Peel last Wednesday night, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010.

✓ **End Polio Now**

Rotary's promise to eradicate polio worldwide took center stage during the 2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, as Rotarians were urged to finish the task the organization began 25 years ago. At the third plenary session on 22 June, Bruce Aylward, director of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative at the World Health Organization, encouraged attendees to share the "terrific news" that polio is on the run, and that Rotary's vision of a polio-free world is within sight. Aylward praised Rotarians for all they have accomplished in fighting polio. "You have fundamentally changed the polio eradication game, and you have changed it in your favor," he said.

But it is critical to finish the job, something made clear by the recent outbreak in Tajikistan, Aylward said, noting that 300 children in the country have been paralyzed by the virus, adults have died, borders have been closed, and travel banned. He said the outbreak is a stark reminder of the consequences of global fatigue in this battle.

"The stakes are now much higher, because in the past 12 months you have proved, without a doubt, that polio can be eradicated," Aylward said. "The world has also learned the full consequences of failure."

Emergency funds from Polio Plus -- a total of US\$500,000 -- were released within 48 hours of the Tajikistan outbreak, which is now showing signs of stopping, Aylward said. He also shared the encouraging news of the new bivalent vaccine, effective against both remaining types of the poliovirus, and noted the absence of new cases in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, India, in the past six months.

"Rotarians have done the extraordinary in the pursuit of polio eradication," Aylward said.

"You have truly put Service Above Self. And you have truly put Rotary on the world's stage." Those of us who attended the International Convention were truly moved by this most inspirational address by Bruce Aylward.