

The District Chronicle



District Governor Bill Seelis (Mary)

—helping Clubs do what they want to do

From the Governor's desk ...

My official Club visits have started and already I have had the pleasure of experiencing the fellowship and diversity that exists in our District, and I have marvelled at the many projects in which Clubs are involved. This is one of the best aspects of being Governor; to be able to share the enthusiasm with the Clubs and to ensure that Clubs "DO WHAT THEY WANT TO DO." I would like to extend my thanks to those Clubs that have made a financial contribution to the District's Children's Medical Emergency Fund administered by my wife, Mary. The District collects these funds and makes them available—on application by a Club to Mary—to assist in cases of need for families. The appropriate form requesting assistance will be sent to you on request to sel4957@bigpond.net.au

The NYSF Committee has been working hard recently to select students to attend NYSF next January. A total of 54 students were interviewed and only 17 can be selected. This is indeed one of the most sought after youth programs.

Later this month (14–15 August) the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) will be held at Old Parliament House; another wonderful opportunity for our young people to showcase their talents and experience the world of negotiation.

Also this month, we have an exciting opportunity to meet with Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith. Ray will be coming to the Australian Rotary Conference to be held at the Hellenic Club in Canberra from August 21–22. We are hoping that RI President Elect Kalyan Banerjee will also be there. Additionally, you will have the opportunity of meeting our new Rotary International Director for Zone 8, Stuart Heal and his wife Adrienne, not to mention enjoying the fellowship of many like-minded Rotarians.

This important event does clash with another important event on the same day when Australians have been asked to go to the polls to elect our next Federal Government, but I would urge you to get this done early as there will be little time to do it during the Conference and no provision has been made in the program.

I know that many of you are anxious to receive your District Directory and I can confirm that they have all been printed and are awaiting assembly; some Clubs I have visited have their Directories already.

If anyone needs a copy of the Directory urgently, I can provide a PDF version on request.

The District website has been updated with most of the relevant dates and key positions. I would remind Club Secretaries to ensure that the Club details on the District website are up to date.

Enjoy your Rotary.

Regards to all

Bill



Stronger Rotary clubs can raise the profile of Rotary in the Australian region and ensure our service efforts are as effective as possible in meeting the needs of communities in Australia and internationally.

PDG Bob Aitken (Rotary Down Under July 2010)

In this issue ...

From the Governor's desk	1
Paul Harris Fellow or ...	2
A membership snapshot of the District	2
Around the Clubs	3
Tanaka is choice for 2012–13 RI President	3
Club of the month—Moruya	4
On Membership from Ron Crabtree	5
Supporting healthy minds ...	5
When the Berlin Wall fell ...	6
The 85 Rule	6
Resources for Club Officers	7
District membership	8
For the diary ...	8

Paul Harris Fellow or Paul Harris Fellowship? Award or Recognition?

PDG Noel Trevaskis



Clubs have now completed their changeovers and, as usual at those changeovers, some Rotarians and non Rotarians were named as Paul Harris Fellows.

There seems to be some confusion or misconception about the naming of Paul Harris Fellows.

When \$US1,000 is contributed to The Rotary Foundation, a request can be made for an individual to be recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow; that person can be a Rotarian or a member of the community who is not a Rotarian.

When a person is recognised as a Paul Harris Fellow, they are presented with a Certificate signed by the Rotary International President and the Chairman of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation, and a lapel pin and medallion.

The contribution to The Rotary Foundation can be made in one sum or by cumulative giving over a number of years. Individuals can make a personal contribution or the contribution can be from a club, a company or business.

Some of the misconceptions or misunderstanding surrounding a Paul Harris Fellow are:

- There is no such thing as a Paul Harris Fellowship, and it is not an award; it is simply recognition. When a Club contributes \$US1,000 to The Rotary Foundation, the Club sets its own criteria for naming a Paul Harris Fellow. Usually this is done to recognise an outstanding commitment to the Club or the community.
- A personal contribution of \$US1,000 and the subsequent recognition of a Paul Harris Fellow should be encouraged not criticized; it is a donation to The Rotary Foundation, Rotary's own charity and, therefore, every Rotarian's own charity.
- Recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow was never intended to be an award and certainly is not Rotary International's highest award, although it is an honour to be named a Paul Harris Fellow.

- Honorary Membership is the highest distinction that a Club may bestow on a Rotarian, provided that Rotarian is not from the Club bestowing the honour. Rotary International recommends that Honorary Membership should only be given to people in exceptional circumstances. Additionally, Club Presidents may award one Four Avenues of Service Award each year to a Club Rotarian.
- The highest award an individual Rotarian can receive is the Service Above Self Award; only a maximum of 150 are awarded each year by the Board of Rotary International.
- Being named a Paul Harris Fellow is not unique. There are over one million Paul Harris Fellows worldwide.

PDG Noel Trevaskis (2005–06) is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a former RI Regional Membership Coordinator. He is currently the Chair of Australian Rotary Health and will contribute occasional articles on Rotary protocol.



A membership snapshot of the District

Rotary International reports—at 30 June 2010—District 9710 comprised 49 Rotary Clubs with 1509 Rotarians.

Over the last five years, the District membership has shown a small but steady increase—from 1457 to 1509.

In the same period, eight Clubs have shown three or more consecutive years of membership growth, but twelve Clubs have shown three or more years of consecutive membership decline.

The District has chartered two new Clubs (Mitchell-Gungahlin in 2007 and Gungahlin in 2008) since 2006, but two Clubs have surrendered their Charters (Canberra Sundown in 2007 and Eden in 2010).

On 30 June 2010, nine Clubs were below the charter strength of 20 members. The Club average is 30.8 members.

There were 18 Clubs in Canberra (555 members), 15 Coastal Clubs (448), four Highland Clubs (148) and 12 Inland Clubs (358).



Around the Clubs

Snippets from Club Bulletins

At **Canberra South**, Youth Exchangee Daniel Pedler reported from Poland: My first Rotary meeting was in Auschwitz. I met all of the other exchange students for the first time in Auschwitz, we were there to participate in "The March of the Living"; this is an annual event that commemorates the lives of those who died in the Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps and also those who died in other camps and during the Holocaust. It was a very moving event because the majority of our fellow marchers were of the Jewish faith and had come from across the world to participate.

Guest speaker at **Hall**, Dr Peter Fletcher, spoke on Health and Wellbeing. This was a pleasure for us all as we were able to check our BMI levels and, more importantly, the obvious benefits of drinking red wine!! Peter did stress that to be really "well" we needed to look after our physical, psychological and spiritual needs. His message on "moderation" was well received and many of us saw much doom and gloom in his list of items to avoid! Ah well, you can't win them all.



At **Gungahlin**, CP Sandra Mahlberg was named a Paul Harris Fellow for the second time when IPP Rob Morton (**Canberra East**) presented her with a Sapphire Pin on behalf of the Rotary Club of Canberra East, recognising her work, dedication and passion for ROMAC.

Rotarian Werner Koch and his wife Barbara from Switzerland joined **Ginninderra** for the evening. The Kochs were one of the host families when PP Monica Garrett's son, Matthew, was a Rotary Exchange student to Switzerland in 1996. They are currently in Australia for six months, doing the "grand tour" down under. Werner briefly addressed the Club and exchanged Club banners with Monica. Matt has kept in touch with all his host families in Switzerland, and fortunately, was able to attend the Club meeting with Werner and Barbara.

At the last **Canberra South** meeting, DG Bill presented pins and a crystal plaque to PDG Michael and Julia Pedler in recognition of them becoming Major Donors to The Rotary Foundation. Major Donor recognition represents a personal donation of \$US10,000 or more. Congratulations Julia & Michael.



Congratulations to Rotarians recently named as Paul Harris Fellows: Rtn Trevor Fair (**Bowral Mittagong**); PP Clive Badelow, CP John Hodson, PP Greg Cutbush, PP Tony Howard, PP Peter O'Clery, PP Ken Spencer and PP Kingsley Southwell (**Hall**); PP Dave Clark, PP Graham Smith and PP Noel Marshall (**Berry Gerringong**); and CP Rowley Tompsett (Hall, awarded by **Gungahlin**).

Tanaka is choice for 2012-13 RI President

Peter Schmidtke—Rotary International News

Sakuji Tanaka, a member of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, Japan, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2012-13. Tanaka will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates.



Tanaka said he would like to see Rotary "continue its vital work as the force to improve our communities."

To do this work, Rotary needs active, involved clubs, he added. "We are fortunate to have our revised RI Strategic Plan to help build strong clubs that are vibrant, action-oriented, and relevant in the changing world."

For 32 years, Tanaka was president of Tanaka Company Ltd., a wholesale firm that went public in 1995 and later merged with other leading wholesalers in Japan. Currently, he serves as vice president of the Yashio City Chamber of Commerce and adviser to Arata Co. Ltd., an animal feed and pet food wholesaler. He also chaired the National Household Papers Distribution Association of Japan for eight years. Tanaka studied business at Nihon Management Daigakuin and Tokyo Management Daigakuin.

A past trustee of The Rotary Foundation, Tanaka chaired the 2009 Birmingham Convention Committee. His other service to Rotary includes RI director, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, district governor, and member of the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force, the Permanent Fund Committee for Japan, and the Future Vision Committee.

Tanaka established an endowed Rotary Peace Fellowship, and he and his wife, Kyoko, are Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors of the Permanent Fund, and Major Donors.

He is a recipient of RI's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award.

Tanaka said that eradicating polio will "fulfill the promise we made to children in the world" and that "there is no doubt in my mind that the day of this success will be realized in the near future."

Tanaka and Kyoko have three children and five grandchildren.



Club of the Month

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MORUYA

from John Sewell

Moruya started this Rotary year with 56 members, making us the second largest Club in the District. This is surprising because Moruya, even with the addition of Tuross and Broulee, is still basically a small country town.

But it is a town with great community spirit. The information board which Rotary erected at the entrance to the town lists eighteen organisations run by volunteers.

In the 54 years since we were chartered, we have served this community well: building parks, planting trees, laying walkway paths and erecting seats and playgrounds – all the typically Rotary projects. We established the Jazz Festival; now an annual attraction. We strongly support our schools and make sure students are given the opportunity to participate in the District's youth activities.



Our latest project—a chook shed and veggie patch for the Moruya Pre-Primary School

So where do our members fit in? In 1956 all 25 charter members were reasonably young and very active in the town's businesses and professions. Then the town's prosperity depended on strong dairying and forestry industries. Now it depends on tourists and on its attraction as a retirement venue. So over recent years we have attracted recently retired or semi retired professionals who find in Rotary the opportunity to participate in community work. We have four lady members and would like more, but suspect that the town's strong View Club and CWA are providing cheaper alternatives. Sadly we have just lost our youngest member as a career change took her to Queensland – but on the other hand we have two of our charter members still active after 54 years.

We like to think that our Wednesday meetings are social outings, with a great deal of fellowship and noise. Serious business is done of course and good speakers are important, but not as important as avoiding cliques and 'inner circle' governance.

Most of our fund raising comes from preparing and serving food. For some years we have held the contract for catering at the Moruya Races. This is no small undertaking – a varied menu of almost twenty items, prepared and served, we like to think, to the ever more rigorous standards applied to food establishments. We also have a well equipped food van which turns up at sporting and social occasions. These activities involve the majority of our members.

We were enthusiastic supporters of ShelterBox and received great community support which allowed us to fund seven boxes last Rotary year. We are saddened by the confusion that brought our activity to a standstill and sincerely hope that this fine worldwide project will soon be back in action in Australia.

Three years ago we began a system of collecting and recording small contributions to the Foundation on our dinner attendance sheets. So successful has this been that we have a record number of 'Centurians' and last year won the District Foundation Service award.

We support the Youth Exchange program—both inbounders and outbounders. We have hosted several Group Study teams and sponsored two members of outgoing teams. Last year we hosted a Friendship team from Wales. Our meeting that week was a night of song, provided by Ambassadorial Scholar Josmary Ramirez and Welsh singer Phyllis Hughes.



*International Night
Hedvig Winsa (left), our Swedish Exchange student, with US
Consul General Judith Fergin*

At present our Club has PP Rohan Gleeson as Chair of District Youth Exchange Program, Steve Young as District Insurance Officer and Phil Armstrong as District Governor Nominee; 2012–13 will be a challenging year for us.

So – what is our downside? Like most older clubs, we would like to recruit younger members. But time moves on and our average age moves inexorably upwards.

On Membership from Rob Crabtree

Whilst in Chicago with Rob Wylie learning about our new role, phrases and words shared by some very knowledgeable and experienced Rotarians struck a chord. They were not just words—if we believe in the future of Rotary then they should provide the basis for actions we can all undertake to ensure we enjoy that future.

Here are some I noted:

- *A key word for all is 'relationships'.*
- *Come alive and grow your club - net growth is not an option.*
- *Run to seize the future so we have better communities and a better world.*
- *Ask club members what they want, what their community wants.*
- *Understand and question tradition.*
- *Ask the potential Rotarian - what would entice you to join our club?*
- *Educate new members as to the essence of Rotary.*

Some interesting (and somewhat significant) numbers from recent surveys were shared as well. We lose 10% of members annually. We need thousands of new Rotarians to balance that out. Less than 5% join us for personal growth and networking; 5–20% for hands on projects; but 20% plus join for fellowship, staying in touch! What an opportunity!

President Ray's goal is that the new strategic plan will result in bigger, better, bolder clubs!

The question—how do we do it? To start, we must ask ourselves is the club—bold or old?

Are our clubs trying to do too much? Why not consider narrowing focus—do fewer things better in service programs—don't spread the members too thinly.

Empower clubs to change to meet the needs of their communities. Autonomous clubs have and need flexibility—but we need to help them realise they have to change. Emphasise continuity and credibility and ask—what do you want to do? Strong clubs = better, bolder clubs, which in time should become bigger.

Wearing the hat I've worn for the past four years as a coordinator for the Public Image Resource Group, I know we must also engage public awareness through any or all variety of means - publicity programs, newsletters, editorials, or simply communicating the message of our service to friends.

PDG Rob Crabtree (2001–02) is one of the newly appointed Rotary Coordinators with responsibility for Zone 7B and part of Zone 8, including District 9710. Rob hails from the Rotary Club of Stokes Valley in New Zealand. He is a past RI Training Leader and South Pacific Area Coordinator.



Supporting healthy minds and healthy communities



Mental health issues are no stranger to many Australians. They are issues that affect our friends, our families and our community. In fact mental health issues are so prevalent it is estimated that they will affect more than 20 per cent of Australia's adult population at some stage of their lives.

In any one day, 330 people with serious mental illness will be turned away from hospital emergency departments, 1200 will be refused admission to a psychiatric unit and seven lives will be lost as a result of suicide – the leading cause of death and disability for Australians under the age of 45.

However, mental health is finally on the Government's radar thanks to individuals like Australian of the Year Patrick McGorry, who took an 84,000 strong petition to the office of new Prime Minister Julia Gillard asking for the Government's commitment to increase mental health funding. But while PM Gillard has left open the prospect of injecting more money into struggling mental health services, it is up to all of us to do our bit to help understand and support good mental health.

Australian Rotary Health is Australia's largest non-government funding body for mental illness research. As such, it has pledged to invest in mental illness research in an effort to facilitate better treatment and services for all Australians. Thanks to the generous support of Rotarians Australia wide, Australian Rotary Health has been able to fund a number of projects that aim to improve the quality of life for people who are least able to assist themselves.

If you would like to know more about Australian Rotary Health, please visit our website at www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au or call 02 8837 1900 for more information. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



Anon

When the Berlin Wall fell, Rotary was there

Matthias Schütt

Adapted from Rotary Magazin, the certified regional magazine of Austria and Germany



Enthusiasm for Rotary's role in a soon-to-be reunified Germany was scrawled onto the Berlin Wall before it was dismantled in 1990.

Photo courtesy of Rotarv Maaazin

On a November 1989 evening, hundreds of Rotarians participating in an International Institute packed the foyer of the Hilton in West Berlin. They anxiously waited for taxis to take them to a host hospitality event, but none arrived.

Finally, a hotel employee walked to a microphone and made an announcement, as organizer Peter Lorenz, of the Rotary Club of Berlin-Spree, recounts:

“He said, ‘We have to ask for your patience because the taxis we called can’t make it to the hotel. As you will see, thousands of visitors from the eastern part of the city are on the streets, blocking access to the hotel. We have been waiting for these guests for 28 years, and we ask you to wait with us. The [Brandenburg] gate and wall are open.’”

The fall of the Berlin Wall 20 years ago this month marked the beginning of monumental political changes in Europe, but also the start of a new era in Rotary. The event is largely seen today as the launching pad for the rebirth of Rotary across Eastern Europe.

German Rotarians, stunned by the events of 9 November, rejoiced in the prospect of a reunified Germany and what it would mean to Rotary. They also wasted no time in getting involved, even as the wall itself was coming down. Members of the Rotary Club of Berlin-Tiergarten welcomed visitors coming through the wall from East Berlin with tea and coffee. The Rotarians also donated street maps of West Berlin, which the visitors needed because their East German maps didn’t indicate any West Berlin streets. “The coffee went cold, but the maps went in a flash,” recalls Berlin-Tiergarten club member Jürgen Thormann.

In the weeks and months that followed, West German Rotarians developed strategies for reestablishing clubs that had once existed in the eastern part of the country, in cities such as Chemnitz, Dresden, and Leipzig.

District governors from the Austrian and German districts discussed plans for expanding Rotary into East Germany and neighboring countries, including Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and Yugoslavia. Clubs and districts also began conducting seminars with communities in East Germany, many of which helped establish twin city programs or led to Rotary club projects that are still ongoing, 20 years later.

Even though the concept of service clubs was foreign to an entire generation in what had been East Germany, within a year after the German reunification, 49 new clubs were chartered there.

In March 1990, Hugh Archer, who was RI President at the time and attended the International Institute in West Berlin when the wall came down, traveled to the Kremlin to discuss the concept of service organizations with Soviet officials. Three months later, the Rotary Club of Moscow was chartered.

By the autumn of 1995, the reunified Germany had 91 new clubs, and the Rotary movement was rapidly expanding into Eastern Europe.

The 85 Rule

The standard RI Club Constitution (Article 9, Section 3 a.) provides for approved leave where ‘the aggregate of the member’s years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member’s desire to be excused from attendance and the board has approved’. This is known as the ‘85 Rule’.

Although members granted leave under the 85 Rule are not included in calculating meeting attendance (unless they are actually present at a meeting or approved activity), they are still members of RI and *must* be included in Club membership numbers, and *fees be paid accordingly*.

Resources for Club Officers

Rotary International offers many resources to help club officers understand their roles and responsibilities and help their club achieve its goals. Effective clubs are able to

- Sustain or increase their membership base
- Implement successful service projects that address the needs of their community and communities in other countries
- Support The Rotary Foundation through both financial contributions and program participation
- Develop leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level

Club president

- **Club President's Manual** -- A key resource for incoming presidents that details roles and responsibilities and includes discussion questions and worksheets for the district assembly and the presidents-elect training seminar.
- **Club Leadership Plan** -- A brief publication that describes the recommended administrative structure for Rotary clubs. It's based on the best practices of effective Rotary clubs.
- **Club President's Monthly Checklist** -- A monthly reminder of activities and deadlines that apply to all Rotary clubs; revised annually and sent by your RI Club and District Support representative
- **RI Theme and Presidential Citation Brochure** -- This outlines the Presidential Citation program
- **Strategic Planning Guide** -- It helps clubs develop a long-range vision and serves as a framework for establishing goals.



Club secretary

- **Club Secretary's Manual** -- It includes RI policies and describes the responsibilities of club secretaries

Club treasurer

- **The Club Treasurer's Manual** -- It includes RI policies and describes the responsibilities of club treasurers

For all club leaders

- **TRF Global Contribution Form** -- This document that should accompany contributions and donor appreciation requests to The Rotary Foundation
- **Leadership Development: Your Guide to Starting a Program** -- This provides guidelines and resources for developing a leadership development program
- **RI Catalog** -- A list of RI publications, audiovisual programs, forms, and supplies, updated annually. Available in print and online at shop.rotary.org
- **RI Visual Identity Guide** -- A reference for the design of publications at all levels of Rotary. Includes information on the proper use of the Rotary emblem, the Rotary colors, elements of good publications, grids and page layouts, typography, graphics, and photographs.



- **Member Access** -- The members-only area of the RI Web site that allows Rotarians to contribute to The Rotary Foundation, manage their e-mail subscriptions from RI, register for meetings, download administrative software, and access member benefits. Club presidents, treasurers, and secretaries have access to additional club reports and records.
- **Membership Development Resource Guide** -- Materials to assist the club officer responsible for developing the club's prospective and new member information programs. Contents: New Member Orientation: A How-to Guide for Clubs (414-EN), Membership Development Resource Guide (417-EN), and the RI Catalog.





ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

DATA SERVICES

Club Officers:



Greetings from Rotary International!

We are excited to introduce new capabilities for Rotary clubs to report their club contact and officer information through Member Access at Rotary.org. Each current Rotary club president, secretary, executive secretary/director is now able to report and maintain the following club data online:

- Club permanent mailing address
- Club phone, fax, e-mail, and website
- Club meeting details
- Current and incoming club officers (name and contact details)

Information submitted through Member Access is automatically added to the Rotary International database, and no additional follow up by paper or e-mail is necessary. Please note that RI collects club permanent mailing information for better communication with clubs.

This quicker, paperless process replaces the printed *Official Directory Data Form*, formerly mailed to Rotary clubs in October. By moving this process online, Rotary International saves postage and printing costs and supports environmentally sustainable business practices.

Ready to get started? [Log into Member Access](#)

Need to register for Member Access? [Sign up here](#)

Rotary International | One Rotary Center | 1560 Sherman Avenue | Evanston | IL | 60201 | USA

This e-mail was sent to sel4957@bigpond.net.au.
At any point you can change your e-mail preferences by choosing the appropriate option:
[Update profile/E-mail address](#) | [Unsubscribe](#)

[Click here to read about Rotary International's privacy policy.](#)

District membership figures for July 2010

Club	30 Jun 10*	31 Jul 10	+/-
Aurora Gungahlin	13	13	0
Batemans Bay	26	24	-2
Batlow	18	16	-2
Bega	35	37	2
Belconnen	45	44	-1
Berrima District	36	38	2
Berry Gerringong	25	26	1
Bomaderry	20	20	0
Bombala	27	26	-1
Bowral-Mittagong	51	51	0
Bungendore	22	22	0
Canberra	80	79	-1
Canberra Burley Griffin	36	33	-3
Canberra City	56	56	0
Canberra East	26	28	2
Canberra Fyshwick	16	14	-2
Canberra North	24	18	-6
Canberra South	16	16	0
Canberra Sunrise	37	37	0
Canberra Weston Creek	41	38	-3
Cooma	53	51	-2
Crookwell	33	33	0
Eden	13	0	-13
Gerringong Sunrise	46	46	0
Ginninderra	28	29	1
Goulburn	28	31	3
Goulburn Argyle	18	18	0
Goulburn Mulwaree	33	32	-1
Gungahlin	20	20	0
Hall	31	32	1
Jerrabomberra	33	32	-1
Merimbula	31	32	1
Milton Ulladulla	52	52	0
Moruya	56	55	-1
Moss Vale	28	28	0
Narooma	18	18	0
Nowra	21	21	0
Pambula	42	44	2
Queanbeyan	10	9	-1
Queanbeyan West	32	32	0
Shoalhaven Sunrise	11	11	0
South Nowra	32	32	0
Sussex Inlet	20	20	0
Tuggeranong	26	26	0
Tumbarumba	26	26	0
Tumut	27	29	2
Woden	35	34	-1
Woden Daybreak	25	28	3
Yass	31	31	0
District	1509	1488	-21

* baseline from the Rotary International database.

Red indicates Clubs where returns have not been submitted this month.

For the diary ...



Australian Rotary Conference

August 21–22 at the Hellenic Club, Woden, ACT. Be a part of this great forum to discuss the future of Rotary in Australia. Join Rotarians from all over Australia and enjoy fellowship and lively debate.

District Conference

October 22–24 at the Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre, Nowra, NSW. Join DG Bill and his team for a great weekend of entertaining speakers, Rotary education and fellowship. Experience the Shoalhaven's multi-million dollar conference facility.



Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)

Will be conducted at Old Mogo Town on:
17–16 September 2011
13–15 May 2011

National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

Three sessions will be conducted, commencing:
3 January 2011 in Canberra
10 January 2011 in Perth
17 January 2011 in Canberra

Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

17–22 January 2011 at Greenhills Conference centre

President Elect Training Seminar (PETS)

March 12–13 in Sydney. Interdistrict PETS will be attended by RI President Ray Klinginsmith.

District Assembly

April 30–May 1 in Nowra.

Contributions



Contributions to *The District Chronicle* are welcome, especially when supported by photographs. Please check your photographs. Bright pictures with good contrast reproduce best.

Submissions close on the 30th of the month preceding publication.

Articles can be forwarded to the Editor, AG Rowley Tompsett, at:

(W) rowley.tompsett@defence.gov.au

or

(H) rowleytompsett@optusnet.com.au