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## "ROTARY SUCCESS CONFERENCE

## AND YOUTH SUMMIT IS READY, ARE YOU?"

*Article by PDG and RI Director 2016-18 Noel Trevaskis*



Everything is in place for the National Rotary Success Conference on September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2015. Who should be attending? All Rotary Leaders, Presidents and Presidents Elect, PR Chairs, Membership Chairs and Future Rotary Leaders and Rotarians who want to be involved in the continuing success of Rotary in Australia. At this conference you will be able to participate in breakout sessions on various topics such as Membership Retention, Membership Recruitment and Extension, Diversity in Rotary, Flexibility and Innovative Clubs in the Future, Leadership, Public Image and Media, and more.

As well people will hear about what has been successful for some clubs in growing and getting stronger. Social media will also be explored with Rotary Public Image Coordinator Wendy Gaborit leading discussion. Wendy has a great grasp on social media and how it can work for clubs and getting engaged with the local community.



You will hear about a number of new innovative ideas on a wide range of topics, all practical ideas that you can use in your club.

The programme will consist of mainly breakout groups enabling everyone to be able to participate and interact over the weekend in a practical, worthwhile and meaningful way.

Coupled with the Rotary Success Conference this year will be a Youth Summit for those people who are under 40 years of age. The Youth Summit will be an opportunity for people to put forward ideas and practical thoughts on how Rotary clubs can interact with younger people. How and why Rotary clubs need to become more involved with Rotaract.

This Conference will be focussing on the future. We are positive that every Rotarian will gain practical knowledge and new ideas to take back to their Clubs and Districts from this Conference. You will meet Rotarians from across Australia and be able to share with them your ideas and hear their ideas; it will be a great experience for everyone.

The Regional Co-Project leaders for membership Noel Trevaskis, Jessie Harman, Philip Archer and Malcolm Lindquist look forward to welcoming you to Canberra for the Rotary Success Conference.

For registration – booking; please click [HERE](#).

# "THE ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE"

Article by **PDG Cathy Roth, International Vice-Chairman (ANZO Region) RLI**



It is fun! It is fast-paced! It is totally inter-active!

What is it? It is the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI). With introduction to, and expansion on, Rotary topics ranging from Membership to Leadership to Service Projects, Rotarians complete the facilitated sessions over three one-day sessions, across a Rotary year.

Each group of ten to fifteen Rotarians, from different clubs across the District – and sometimes the neighbouring District – fast become friends as they share experiences and knowledge, through the facilitated topic discussions. Structuring of the courses is comfortable for participants, feeling familiar to participants, since they reflect, and are geared towards, busy professional, business, trade, and community leaders.

Group after group complete the course, and each time Rotarians go back to clubs re-invigorated, excited, and impatient keen to apply their learning to projects and club activities, and to savour their expanded Rotary experiences. Many gain the confidence to take on more responsible roles, including leadership roles within the club. Many also comment that the skills gained have been as useful to their professional development as well as their Rotary development.

Over 365 Districts, across almost 200 countries and territories, are conducting Rotary Leadership Institute sessions. The six Districts of New Zealand and the Pacific Islands are all utilising the Rotary Leadership Institute to educate and inspire Rotarians. In Australia, 19 of the 21 Rotary Districts are running Rotary Leadership Institute sessions. Although not a specific program of Rotary, the Rotary Leadership Institute has the enthusiastic support of Rotary International, and that support translates into wisdom with many current, past, and future RI Presidents and Directors part of the Rotary Leadership Institute Senior Advisors' Board, including our current Rotary International President Gary Huang.

With the future of Rotary, and the local and international service we give, dependent on strong clubs with knowledgeable Rotarians and excellent leadership, the Rotary Leadership Institute is an excellent way of providing the underpinning for club success.

# "THE BENEFITS OF ROTARY: FRIENDS WHEREVER YOU GO"

By **Evan Burrell, RC of Turrumurra, NSW, Posted on March 9, 2015 Rotary Voices**



It's nice to have connections in a foreign country. That's what makes Rotary International so, um, international! Whether you're travelling for work, or for leisure, you can visit a Rotary club almost anywhere you go. And one of the benefits of being a Rotary member is that you are certain to make new friends, and find valuable local information to enhance your stay, while you are at it.

Need to know the best things to see during your stay? Where to eat? You might even find someone who has a room to rent for cheap.

It's also great to see how different clubs conduct their meetings. You can discover new ideas for your own club.

Before I joined Rotary, I spent twelve years in Rotaract, Rotary's program for adults 18-30. I remember back in 2008 when I was on an exchange to New Jersey, and I visited plenty of clubs as part of the experience. But one club struck a chord with me – the **Rotary Club of Red Bank**. A few members of the club made sure we were taken care of. One member in particular, Steven Sanfilippo, took me to the local attraction "Jay & Silent Bob's Secret Stash" a comic book store owned by director Kevin Smith. He knew I was such a big fan of Superman and pop culture. It's these little things that make Rotary what it is, a place for friendship.

But you don't have to go far to experience this benefit of being a member. Visiting other clubs in your own region can build strong connections and develop relationships that make it easier to do joint projects.

With Rotary the journey never ends. Rotary gives you opportunity to travel, meet people from all different backgrounds, and see the world in a whole different way

# "YEARNING FOR LEARNING AT YARRABAH; FACEBOOK WORKS"

Article received from PDG Ian Lomas, ARC, D9950 and D9570



Last year Sandra Scoggins from Florida wrote on the District 9550 [Facebook page](#):

"I'm President elect of my Rotary club, and District Grants Chairperson. I'm coming to Australia for the International Convention next year. I plan to visit Cairns while I'm in Australia. I'd like to donate to one of your service projects as a thank you to your country for hosting the Rotary convention. Please help me to make a new Rotary contact and find a project. Thanks."

From this initial contact we quickly struck up a conversation. Sandy made it clear that her club would very much like to assist with a project preferably in an Indigenous community.

As a result members of the [RC Cairns Southside](#) made contact with an Indigenous community at Yarrabah some 90 kilometres from Cairns. Julianne Boneham, the wife of then club President Bob Boneham knew Yarrabah well and assisted in making contact with the inspirational principal Simon "Spike" Cotton. Spike is an outstanding and well respected educator and a great orator who articulated his ideals, aspirations and vision when he spoke to our club.

The club responded immediately to his presentation. He spoke of the challenges of providing education to young children in a contained Aboriginal community virtually cut off from the rest of the world. Yarrabah is tucked away behind a wild mountain range and fronts onto the Coral Sea. It is both beautiful and utterly remote as there is only one tortuous road in and out taking well over an hour for the journey. It has been shown to be one of the most socially disadvantaged communities in Australia.

Yarrabah has a population of over 4000 with the average age being in the mid-twenties. There are many young children approaching school age who have never seen a book or had any stories read to them. This is because older members who could read through the original mission school are now few in numbers and the younger generation speaks the local dialect known as Yarra lingo in the home. In Spike's mind was the concept that if books could be introduced into the homes of children between ages one to four and the parents were themselves part of a reading program designed to have them sharing books with their kids there would be the potential to have future students entering school with a much better reading skills.

Sandy and her new husband Wayne did come to Cairns in May of 2014 and visited Yarrabah. They met Spike and also the local mayor and in the short time they were they committed their club and district to the program outlined to them.



**Induction of Judy into club, L-R Ian Lomas, Judy Walker and President Sue Way**

With the help of teacher Judy Walker, [D9550](#) Foundation Chair Greg Marlow and the Foundation chairs in Australia and New Zealand the funding goal of US \$29,000 was achieved and the Global Grant was approved within a three month time frame. In fact we had so much support that we were able to ask a couple of districts to scale back their initial offers. The idea of supporting an Indigenous school in our own country obviously struck a responsive chord.

In the last week of the school term of 2014 the new library arrived and when we last went to the school in early February the cataloguing of the new books was well underway.

The result has been a US \$70,000 global Grant used to restock the library and to employ specialist literacy teachers to drive the program.

The International partner is Sandy's club [Bonita Springs](#) in Florida District 6960. They agreed to provide US \$6000 which meant that we required a further US \$29,000 from other partners bearing in mind that the Foundation would match all committed funds from district designated funds dollar for dollar.



**Teacher and Students at Yarrabah**

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The real story will now begin. A reading program involving parents, teachers and children over two years with measurable outcomes through reporting systems already in place at all Queensland schools and the potential for roll out to other schools in the future.

We already are reaping rewards from this grant process. Other Cairns clubs are now interested in Yarrabah and a program to support young students to achieve their driving licences and thus be in a position to find work is being looked at.

Our sincere thanks are due to Australian districts 9685, 9600,9820,9800,9550, New Zealand Districts 9940, 9920, Florida District 6960 and the Rotary Clubs of Bonita Springs and Cairns Southside. And all of this from one Facebook contact!

Is your club's Facebook account active? An added bonus has been that Judy Walker is our club's newest member.

## "REGISTER FOR UPCOMING WEBINAR"

### **Rotary International**

Our Membership Matters! webinar series continues, member engagement, and strengthening your Rotary club. Register for upcoming webinar today!

**HOW TO RECRUIT NEW MEMBERS AND STRENGTHEN YOUR CLUB** Wed, 6-May-2015 10:00am US Central Time (60 min) = Sydney AEST 1:00am Thursday 7 May;

This webinar will focus on growing and strengthening clubs by inviting new and diverse groups of professionals to club meetings, asking friends and colleagues to participate in service projects, and reaching out to Rotary program alumni.

## MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS AS 10 FEBRUARY 2015

Area (Zone 7 & 8)	Districts	Clubs	Rotarians	01-July-2014	+/- 01-July-2014	Percentage
International	536	34,749	1,217,435	1,188,539	28,896	2.43%
Australia	21	1,131	30,544	30,384	160	0.53%
New Zealand & Pacific	6	267	8,635	8,736	-101	-1.16%
Philippines	10	836	22,991	21,235	1,756	8.27%
Indonesia	2	106	2,255	2,262	-7	-0.31%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2,340</b>	<b>64,425</b>	<b>62,617</b>	<b>1,808</b>	<b>2.89%</b>

Stats from RI SOUTH PACIFIC & PHILIPPINES OFFICE REGIONAL BULLETIN, FEBRUARY 2015 VOL. 8 No. 8

**'Rotary on the Move' Newsletter's Editor: "I believe that the above figures are more accurate than the ones published last month in Rotary on the Move."**

## "ROTARY RELEASES \$34.8 MILLION FOR POLIO IMMUNIZATION ACTIVITIES WORLDWIDE"

March 2015 / Take action to End Polio Now



Rotary International released an additional \$34.8 million in grants to support polio immunization activities in 10 countries, including Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan, the three countries where the disease has never been stopped.

The funds will be used by the World Health Organization and UNICEF for polio immunization and surveillance activities in the 10 countries, as well as to provide technical assistance in several other countries in Africa.

# " REALITY CHECK - VISIT TO INDIA - A PERSONAL REFLECTION "

Article by PDG Keith Roffey, Assistant Rotary Coordinator, D9650 D9675 and D9685

Recently, Margaret and I spent four weeks in India. The first week we attended a Conference in [District 3160](#) and the last week we travelled to Bareilly, a city six hours' drive east of Delhi in [District 3110](#) where we spent time with the Rotary Clubs in that area as well.



In both of these Districts I met with many Rotarians, however I was particularly interested in the number of Clubs with members of an average age of 30 years, indeed many of the members said to me that they preferred to establish a Rotary Club rather than Rotaract, not that they didn't support Rotaract, it was just that with so many young people and most were young business professionals they felt that they could better apply their energies and expertise as a fully established Rotary Club.

D3160 is in rural India and we visited several projects that clubs in and around the City of Anantapur are involved in. Literacy programs, schools, hospitals and blood banks, set up and funded by Rotary Clubs for the express reason to provide literacy and medical treatment for the poor at no cost.

In Bareilly, D3110 again in rural India, as well as participating in the NID (National Immunisation Day) we visited a prosthetics limb centre, a school for mentally challenged children, a school set up in an outlying area for primary education for children who cannot travel to the main centres for schooling. The Rotary Club took education to them. We visited a drugs and medical supply centre providing medicines and consultations with a Doctor, again in a poor village where people do not have the funds or the ability to travel for these services. We also attended several Rotary Club meetings where we were shown many other programs that the clubs are involved in; these were programs where Indians are helping Indians.



**Administering those two little Drops**

hard work, the commitment and dedication that Rotarians in countries like India have demonstrated in eradicating this disease.

The World Health Organisation told us that we could never eradicate Polio in India, India would be the biggest challenge, but we did, India proved the world wrong and Rotarians of the world helped them do it. I didn't fully understand the infrastructure required, the set-up, the cold chains in transporting the vaccine throughout countries and the management structures needed and in place for on-going immunisation requirements and often under extreme and dangerous circumstances. I now have a much greater appreciation of Rotary International.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> February several clubs held a combined meeting to celebrate Rotary's Foundation Day, or as we say, "Rotary's birthday". I thought, how wonderful to be celebrating this day with fellow Rotarians in another country, bringing to a greater understanding the Internationality of our organisation.

Visiting India gave me "a shot in the arm". I have never been more proud to be a Rotarian than when I saw the work happening in India. It made me think of other countries throughout the world where Rotarians are just as actively and effectively engaged, and I was very proud.

We hear complaints and indeed complain ourselves that we get little recognition for the work Rotarians do so let's do our bit and keep telling everyone about what Rotary does. Tell everyone about Polio eradication for a start and our part in it. All Rotarians have their own stories to tell. I now have more and better ones than I did before I visited India.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February we experienced first-hand of how Rotarians in India are supporting the Polio Eradication campaign. We experienced all of the emotions that other Rotarians before us have, the joy of holding babies in our arms, administering the two lifesaving drops and knowing that we had helped save a child and its parents from a tragedy.

Indeed, we visited nine booths and between us estimated that we had immunized approximately fifty children, the memory will stay with us forever and one of life's opportunities not to be missed if that opportunity arises.

This experience brought out my emotions but, it did much more than that. It demonstrated what my fellow Rotarians in India were doing and my admiration and heart went out to them. What I saw at first hand is the

# " ANZAC DAY 2015 - ROTARY'S MT KENYA ASCENT FOR WORLD CHARITY "

**Excerpts from a National Press Release by PP John Glassford, Co-Team Leader, Mount Kenya 2015 ANZAC Day Climb, Rotary Club of Coolamon District 9700 NSW**



This April some 20 Australian Rotarians and friends of Rotary including three septuagenarians will be joining a team led by PP John Glassford, Coolamon Rotary, a Kenyan born Australian and PDG Fred Loneragan, [Wagga Wagga Sunrise Rotary](#).

This is a joint Rotary Club project of the Rotary Clubs of Coolamon and Wagga Wagga Sunrise in District 9700. There is support from climbers from Henty, Wagga Koorinal, Griffith Avanti and Forbes all in D9700 as well as a Kiwi from the RC of Rotorua.

This activity will culminate in ascending Mount Kenya on her third peak Point Lenana at 4,985 metres (16,355 feet), Mount Kenya is the second highest mountain in Africa. All participants will be funding their own airfares, meals, accommodation as well as a share in the costs of hiring local guides.



**Point Lenana**

All team members have a two-fold responsibility. First to create awareness and second each team member has agreed to assist in fundraising for the following beneficiaries:

**In Australia:** To support the war widows and orphans of Aussie diggers through Legacy Australia on this the centenary of ANZAC Day.

**In Kenya:** To provide basic education and literacy to vulnerable and at risk children as well as illiterate adults who lack access to education.

**In South Africa:** To provide support for our joint Rotary project in Hout Bay, Operation Medical Hope, in preventing the transmission of the HIV/AIDS virus to the new born child from HIV+ mothers.

The Mount Kenya 2015 ANZAC Day climb has been approved as an official project for the centenary of ANZAC by the Minister for Veterans Affairs and Legacy Australia.

The climb came about after John Glassford and Fred Loneragan had attempted Mount Margherita in the Ruwenzori Mountain range in Uganda in 2011.

John was born and raised in Kenya was married there and left in 1964 for Edinburgh University and then migrated to Australia in 1968. John said that "I want to climb Mount Kenya in honour of my father George Glassford who landed at Gallipoli on April 25<sup>th</sup> 1915. Dad was wounded badly in July and was sent to Alexandria to recover in the hospital there. On talking it over with Fred Loneragan we decided to climb Mount Kenya for ANZAC Day 2015 the centenary. This is not a walk in the park and will be at times very tough and hard going for these two septuagenarians with another fellow Rotarian 70+ from Forbes Rotary Club Chris Finkel".

The members of the team include: Peter Sparks Griffith Avanti, Mark Janetzki Henty, Alex Thompson, Don Dyce Coolamon, Harry Nixon Koorinal, David Nixon RAAF, and Mathew Joseph Rotorua New Zealand.

We also have a team of 5 of our supporters going on safari while we climb including two Rotarians from Griffith Avanti. The local Rotary club of Nyeri on the slopes of Mount Kenya will be looking after us and we expect a few of them to join us on the climb.

We are going to launch a crowd funding campaign at our District 9700 conference in Cowra on March 22<sup>nd</sup> which we will support with a 1300 785 471 call centre based in Nowra which is run by Rotarians.

On completion of the climb all of the members of the two teams will be visiting the two projects that we support in Nairobi and one which we are looking to support near Mount Kenya.

To take advantage of the three days we have left in Kenya after the climb and visits to our projects with the Rotary Club of Nairobi we will be going on safari to Amboseli National Game Park under the shadows of Mount Kilimanjaro and the last bastion of the giant tuskers of Kenya who are in danger of being poached. Both Fred Loneragan and John Glassford are directors of the newest approved Rotarian Action Group called [RAGES](#) or the Rotarian Action Group for Endangered Species.

The majority of the team then leave for South Africa for a visit to Hout Bay the Rotary Centennial Twin Club of the Rotary Club of Coolamon where funds raised by the Kilimanjaro and Mountains of the Moon climbs have supported their Operation Medical Hope project by building and equipping a medical care clinic now known as Coolamon House.

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PS. Why not look up the Mount Kenya ANZAC Day 2015 website <http://www.//mountkenya2015.org>

# "BALLARAT SWAP MEET"

## A GREAT OUTWARD-FACING PROJECT

Article by RC PDG *Jessie Harman*

The changing nature of volunteering is forcing many service organisations to look outwards – to understand changing needs, adopt best practices, develop partnerships, even prove the impact of their work.



Rotary is no different, and it's pleasing to see an increasing number of clubs engaging in outwards-facing service projects. By engaging non-Rotarian volunteers in service activities, clubs are doing much to raise community awareness and understanding of Rotary.

An excellent example of an outward-facing service project is the [Ballarat Swap Meet](#) held annually in Victoria. Organised by the eight Rotary Clubs in Ballarat, the three day event relies on the support of more than 500 volunteers, many of whom are drawn from community groups outside Rotary.

According to Swap Meet volunteer co-ordinator PP Judy Dennis, the event provides numerous opportunities for the community groups that assist at the event. "For groups like the CFA, Scouts, and the Ballarat Car Club, the event provides much needed funds, in the form of payment for services rendered by their members.

For groups like the Medical Registrars, the benefits are different. Their members participate for vocational development, because it gives them a chance to explore health management at large community events" she said.



The benefits to Rotary are immeasurable. The outside assistance means that clubs can manage the scale of the event, which attracts crowds of around 30,000 and more than 2,500 stall holders each year. Some of the external volunteers provide specialised expertise that is not readily available within the clubs, and, most importantly, the event enables Rotarians to work side by side with non-Rotarians to showcase the considerable value of Rotary.

Best of all, the Swap Meet is great for Ballarat and its community. The event brings tourists to the city, and employs more than 70 predominantly local businesses and contractors in the preparation and operation of the event. And in the three years since Rotary has been operating the event, more than \$300,000 has been distributed back into the community via specially chosen beneficiaries.

### SHARE YOUR CLUB OR DISTRICT SERVICE PROJECT AND MEMBERSHIP BEST PRACTICES.

We would like to hear from Clubs or Districts telling us what they have done. Please include a summary, contact details, and a couple of photos, and email to [Issa Shalhoub](#), this Newsletter's editor.

We also would like readers to share their experiences and stories on Best Practices in their Clubs and what has worked for their Clubs in gaining new members and also what has helped in keeping members.

## "CLUBS CELEBRATE ROTARY'S ANNIVERSARY, 30 YEARS OF POLIOPLUS"

*From Rotary Voices Posted on February 23, 2015 by Rotary International*

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 marked 110 years since Paul P. Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram E. Shorey gathered in Loehr's office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago for what would become known as the first Rotary club meeting. It also is 30 years since Rotary launched its campaign to rid the world of polio.



**The Rotary Club of Mt Warning AM gives away pancakes to celebrate Rotary's 110<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

Rotary clubs are celebrating the milestones in a variety of ways. The **Rotary Club of Mt. Warning AM**, New South Wales, gave away pancakes and handouts on the village's main street.

"Our brand stood out because of our signage, the shirts we wore, and the handouts we brought," says club president Kaileen Casey. "It was a very relaxed comfortable environment with lots of laughter. It's important for people to feel at ease and to ask questions. This is the way to increase our awareness in the community."

## "STRENGTHENING YOUR MEMBERSHIP"

**Rotary Training Talk, Feb 2015**



The updated **Strengthening Your Membership** guide is now available. It explains the process of creating a membership development plan and provides strategies and tools you can use to attract and engage new members. It also includes information about sponsoring new clubs and an overview of the membership resources available on Rotary.org.

**All past editions of the "Rotary on the Move" Newsletter can be accessed by clicking [HERE](#)**

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