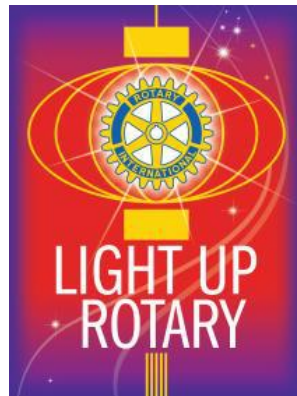




## Rotary Club of Sydney, Inc.

### 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Report

2014-15



District 9675 Governor Barry Antees, President Diana Richards, NSW Premier Mike Baird, PDG Garry Browne, PE Andrew Laurie; PP John Randall, Peter Townsend, Ray Knight; at the induction of the Premier as an Honorary Member on 4<sup>th</sup> Nov 2014.

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## Rotary Club of Sydney Office Holders

### Board Members

President	Diana Richards
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President Elect	Andrew Laurie
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Vice Pres Internal	Irene Kennedy
Hon Secretary	Karen Loblay/Peter LeMessurier
Hon Treasurer	Colin Westman
Director Service & Awards	Shane Herbert
Director Youth	Anthony Le Marchant
Director International	Stuart Campbell/Peter Khoury/Bruce Edwards
Director Membership	Rez Akbarian/Diana Richards
Director Investment Finance	Peter LeMessurier
Police Officer Awards	John Given
Twin Clubs	Moss Akbarian

### Administration

Sergeant-at-Arms	Fatima Ali
Sergeant-at-Arms	Kassim Durani
Reception Administration	Ray Knight
Front Desk	Roni Corne
President's Aid	John Randall
Legal Adviser	Peter Townsend
Speakers Management	Lynda Ben Menashe/Diana Richards
Foundation Soukup Mgt	Karen Loblay/Gilleen Wilbow
Revenue Generation	Scott Steyn/Peter LeMessurier
Peace Building Committee	Chris McDiven AM
Fundraising/ "The Dance"	Julie Fish/BobChen/Phil Lau
Hon Auditor	Mannion's Business Services
Risk Mgt/Child Protection	Irene Kennedy

### District Governor

Barry Antees

### Rotary International President

Gary Huang



1. Garry Brown, Diana Richards, David and Linda Hurley, James Allen, Ros McLeod, Peter Townsend.



2. Kassim Durani



3. Shane Herbert, Fatima Ali, Chris McDiven



An evening meeting with guest speaker Dr Charlie Teo



Irene Kennedy



## 1. President's Report 2014-15 (Diana Richards)

The Rotary Club of Sydney (RCS) had a very active year with our many continuing projects, committees and activities plus a new major project, the Rotary Aboriginal Oral Health Scholarships and two new committees, the Peace Building Committee and 'The Dance' Fundraising Committee.

I am grateful for the opportunity of being President of the Rotary Club of Sydney which has been an honour and a memorable experience. I sincerely thank the Board, the Committees and all club members who gave their time and money to support the great community work we have collectively achieved this year.

### 1.1 President's Project - Rotary Aboriginal Oral Health Scholarships

The New South Wales Centre for Oral Health Strategy (COHS) has identified a persistent gap in oral health between the most and least advantaged Australians. The pain and suffering resulting from poor oral healthcare can lead to poor diet, inability to concentrate at school, difficulty in keeping a job, social disconnection and even costly long-term chronic disease. In response the Rotary Club of Sydney partnered with the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health at the University of Sydney to develop a program to improve both the uptake and delivery of Oral Health services particularly by indigenous communities in regional areas. The NSW Ministry of Health COHS supported the program by matching funding up to \$200,000.



The program focused on a state wide training program for Aboriginal people in Dental Assisting and Oral Health Promotion. Of the 12 students sponsored by RCS, all completed their course, many with 2 certificates, and two have enrolled in higher education such as Dental Therapy or Dentistry. This success can be attributed to the hard work of the students and the specially designed course which used a mixed method of teaching and mentoring, on-line and face to face. This enabled Aboriginal students to remain in their community and maintain their employment and community relations and obligations. We thank Open Training and Education Network (OTEN) who provided the course and Poche mentors who worked tirelessly. Because of the success of the program, it is being replicated by Poche in 2015-16 in NSW.

While searching for funds, RCS found money put aside by the NSW Dental Council to train indigenous dental technicians. We put the Dental Council in touch with Poche and two 'Diploma in Dental Technology' cadetships were established to train indigenous students in the development of dentures, mouthguards and plates. Training commenced in June 2015 and the Diploma will take 2.5 years to complete.

It has been a most rewarding experience for me to work within our community, to initiate ideas and make contacts that result in projects and partnerships that develop sustainable and far-reaching improvements. On behalf of RCS I sincerely thank Kylie Gwynne (Poche), John Skinner and Boe Rambaldini (COHS).



Assistant Minister for Health Jai Rowell with Oral Health students, Poche, COHS and OTEN staff at a practical training session



At the District changeover at the end of June 2015, the Rotary Club of Sydney was awarded special recognition for two of its projects. The Rotary Aboriginal Oral Health Scholarships received the Award for Best Vocational Community Event. Also our project developed by Past President James Allen to eliminate lymphatic filariasis from East Timor, a 5 year program involving mass treatment of the population annually with two anti-parasitic drugs, won the Best International Project.

## 1.2 Fundraising

### Major Supporters

The Club is lucky to have major financial support from a number of club members whose generosity is outstanding. In particular, I want to thank Karen Loblay. This year, the Royal Freemason's Benevolent Institution (RFBI) gave \$30,000 at the outset of our fundraising campaign. We thank Peter Lazar (Director RFBI) and RCS member Alex Shaw (CEO RFBI) for this generous contribution. Major Corporate Supporters were: Servcorp, Stuart Alexander, Shaw Stockbroking, Fiducian, Mannion's Business Services, Costin Roe and Arinex Professional Conference Organiser. Of course it is the participation and contribution of all members that makes RCS so special. Thank you everyone for the difference you have made.



### Fiducian Golf Day

The VisionBeyondAus Charity Golf and Dinner supported by Fiducian Group was held in March 2015 at the Killara Golf Club. There were 67 golfers who participated and 79 attendees at the dinner. In total a net amount of \$58,000 was raised. Another \$10,000 was donated directly to Rotary Australia Worldwide Community Service (RAWCS).



### Fellowship Fundraisers

To coincide with Sydney Festival events in the Domain in January, club members were invited to two fundraising dinners at the President's home nearby the Domain. A good time was had by all, albeit with more fellowship than fundraising and less attendance to the Domain attractions.

### Art Show Fundraiser

In June members were invited to the home of Paul Harris Fellow Reg Richardson and his wife Sally who are devoted to the work of the Poche Centre. This exclusive opportunity to view their collection of fine art, aboriginal art and numerous artefacts was enjoyed by 40 guests and raised \$3000. The club is most grateful to Reg and Sally for their support.



**'The Dance' fundraising event** raised \$14,000. Please see committee report 7.



### 1.3 Speakers and Club Meetings

Thanks mostly to Lynda Ben-Menashe's efforts, we enjoyed informative and entertaining presentations at our meetings as listed in Appendix 1. As the premier club in NSW we enjoyed interaction with numerous visiting Rotarians, many from countries as diverse as Hungary, Italy, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Belgium, India, Scotland, England and United States. The organisation and presentation of the lunch meetings was a consistent undertaking for a team led by Ray Knight, with a significant workload undertaken by Roni Corne. Thank you all for the warmth of your welcome to guests and for your professionalism.

This year, as an experiment to attract younger members having difficulty leaving work at lunchtimes, we held four \$20 evening meetings. More Rotaractors, E-Club members and guests enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere but the increase in attendance by our club members was not significant.

### 1.4 Rotaract Chartering

RCS and the Rotary Club of Kogarah jointly sponsored the chartering of the Rotaract Club of UTS at the University of Technology Sydney. Led by President Tim Millar, the Rotaractors have been very active and successful in recruitment and community engagement.

RCS has also supported a number of undertakings of the Sydney City and Sydney University Rotaractors. We are grateful to all three clubs for their contribution of manpower to our events such as the Police Officer of the Year Awards and ANZAC Day BBQ.



### 1.5 Membership

Despite inducting 17 new members (listed below) into the Club, membership dropped from approx. 150 at the beginning of the year to about 137 by the end of the year. Numerous resignations were received from members who had moved interstate or overseas or had retired from their workplace.

#### New members

Gillean Wilbow  
Beate Dancs  
Vick Berberian  
(Ivo) Enrico Poluzzi  
Phil Lau  
Sabir Siddiqi  
Ahmed Elkhatab  
Theo Premetis  
Spyridon Premetis  
Thomas Moegelin  
Loic Rethore  
Krasimira Alexandrova  
Beate Meyer  
Joanne Moss  
Jason Boles  
Tim Sheridan  
Stephanie Giannis  
Nicholas Assef  
Estelle Pollard



#### Vale

We sadly noted the passing of three esteemed members and sent condolences to their families.

**Mark Jacobs** joined the club on 10th Jan 1984 and passed away 2 September 2014.

**David McLeish** OAM passed away on 9th February 2015 aged 95. David McLeish joined the RCS in 1981.

**Rev Dr Gordon Moyes** AC died peacefully on 5th April 2015. He was our President in 1993-94.

## Honorary Members

With the changing of Premier from Barry O'Farrell, Mike Baird was inducted as an honorary member of RCS in November 2014. And with the changing of Governor from Marie Bashir, David Hurley was inducted as an honorary member in March 2015. Both meetings were well attended and both spoke very positively about Rotary and generously stayed beyond the meeting to speak to members individually.



In October a number of Board Members visited John Plummer and awarded him honorary membership for his long service and outstanding generosity to the club.

## Paul Harris Fellows

At our end-of-year dinner in December, the extraordinary contribution by Greg and Kay Poche to the Australian indigenous community and the Melanoma Institute Australia was acknowledged with a Paul Harris Fellow. Reg Richardson's support of the Poche Centres was similarly also recognised.

To acknowledge their great service to the Club including as Presidents, James Allen, Ned Boyce, Roslyn McLeod and Geoff Wilbow were recognised as Paul Harris Fellows. Geoff Little also received a Paul Harris Fellow award from Rotary International.

## Emeritus Rotarians

During the year a few long term members of RCS resigned and were made Emeritus Rotarians in recognition of their extensive, valued service.

**Stuart Howe** after 30 years in the club.

**Adrian Pilton** after 24 years in the club. Adrian was President during 2005-06.

**Craig Miller** after 26 year of service.

**Herman Eisenberg** after 36 years of service to the community.

## RCS Bulletin

The Club thanks Andrew Laurie for producing the Bulletin this year. He did a good job writing 17 Bulletins which were emailed to approx. 250 members and friends to keep them informed of all the wonderful work being done in the community as well as promoting our variety of guest speakers each week.

In addition I thank Grace Teng who was our photographer for most of the year, whose works featured in the Bulletin, on our website and many times in this report.

## 1.6 Other Events

A complete list of events supported by RCS is in Appendix 2.



### Rotary International Multi District Conference

was held in November 2014 at the National Convention Centre, Canberra. The theme "Our Youth, our Future" inspired attendees through some outstanding key note speakers including Dr Brendan Nelson.

## District 9675 Inspirational Woman of the Year

Held at Daltone House Darling Harbour, 8th March 2015, RCS nominated Carolyn Fletcher AM who won a regional award. Organised by the eight Rotary Districts in NSW and the ACT and Inner Wheel, to recognise women who are unsung heroes in our communities, having worked consistently and tirelessly to make this world a better place. Carolyn is Founder and Director of Opportunity Cambodia, a charity to advance the education of very poor children in rural Cambodia.





## Kids in Need

On 30 May RCS and Sydney Rotaractors supported the Kids in Need charity by selling raffle tickets at the open house at a number of fire stations. John Given was instrumental in organising our efforts. As pictured, our volunteers took to their tasks with enthusiasm although they weren't allowed to get the firetruck out of 'Park'. At the Woollahra Fire Station alone over \$1,000 was raised on the day.



### 1.7 Donations by RCS

The Rotary Club of Sydney responded to a number of calls for help during the year. The complete list of donations made by the Club is in Section 9 Statement of Accounts



#### Anzac Centenary Garden, Concord Repatriation Hospital

RCS was one of four Rotary Clubs involved in the funding of the construction of the Anzac Centenary Garden at Concord Repatriation Hospital to commemorate the Centenary of ANZAC. Many plants, shrubs and rose bushes were planted and four chairs were installed within the gardens near the entrance. Since the planned commemoration day was rained out, the garden was dedicated on Armistice Day, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015 when many veterans attended.

#### United Nations Association of Australia

At the UNAA Lifework Awards on 21st March a \$10,000 cheque was presented from the Rotary Club of Sydney to UNAA Peace Program Director, Dr Zeny Edwards.

#### Vanuatu Cyclone Appeal

Cyclone Pam hit the 83 Islands of Vanuatu with devastating force on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Over 70% of the population was displaced and the death toll rose as more and more of the islands were contacted. ShelterBox mobilised a response team with volunteers from Australia and New Zealand. The RCS donated \$2,000 to assist with the provision of Emergency Response Kits to affected areas.

#### Nepal Earthquake Appeal

In late April a devastating 7.8 magnitude earthquake hit Nepal between Kathmandu and Pokhara, with tremors felt in Delhi. Approx 8,000 people lost their lives with almost twice as many injured. The good news from Indy Singh is that none of his colleagues from VisionBeyondAus were injured. The RCS donated \$1,000 to Shelter Box to provide emergency relief to the people of Nepal.



#### Police Legacy

As a result of the funds raised at the Police Officer of the Year Awards night, organised by Rotarian John Given, the RCS presented a \$13,000 cheque to the Chairperson of Police Legacy Paul Bousfield. Numerous staff members from Police Legacy were guests at the luncheon on 19<sup>th</sup> May.



## 1.8 Continuation of Last Year's Projects (Geoff Wilbow)

### Rotary Life Skills Centre

Our contribution continued to the Rotary Life Skills Centre at the Salvation Army's William Booth House. The Centre was built in 2013-14 in the previously unused basement and outdoor decking areas of William Booth House as a joint project between the RCS and The Salvation Army. It is a centre of hope by giving opportunities to those struggling to put their lives back together after and during recovery from drug, alcohol and gambling addictions often associated with mental illness and homelessness. It was opened in June 2014



IPP Geoff Wilbow with Dwayne Simpson, Centre's Coordinator and Tim

at the time of the Rotary International Sydney Convention by Her Excellency Professor The Honourable Dame Marie Bashir CVO Governor of NSW and Ron D Burton Rotary International President 2013-14.

The Rotary Club of Sydney has since received the Rotary International District 9675 Best Community Service Project Award for the Centre. At a morning tea in May 2015 the Rotary Club of Sydney donated \$10,000 to help support this work, bringing Rotary's financial commitment to the Centre to \$210,000.

### Drought Relief in Rural Australia

In 2014-15 drought continued in western NSW and Queensland and the Rotary Club of Sydney continued to support rural communities. The RCS spent over \$70,000 on fuel to move donated hay, and sometimes the purchase of hay, to feed drought affected livestock. Donations totalling over \$275,000 were collected from 2GB listeners, other Rotary Clubs, other organisations, club members and supporters. The club continued to work closely with Brendan Farrell whose on air call to radio announcer Steve Price at 2GB in early 2014 started this public appeal. Brendan and his supporters have worked tirelessly to raise funds for this project.



### Western Division Resilient Landscapes Project

In June 2014 the Rotary Club of Sydney launched the Western Division Resilient Landscapes Project in partnership with Soils For Life (SFL). The RCS has now committed \$154,000 to this project.

Soils For Life focuses on the national and global challenges we face in dealing with land degradation, a changing climate, food and water security, energy demands and the needs of an increasing population. Chairman of Soils For Life, former Governor-General, Major General The Honourable Michael Jeffery, said: "The joint Project aims to help farmers learn how to manage their properties to minimise the impact of drought on production and landscape health."



As Part of the Western Division Resilient Landscapes Project, Ashley and Carolyn McMurtrie's Gilgunnia Station near Cobar, and Gus and Kelly Whyte's Wyndham Station near Wentworth were selected as showcase properties where mentoring of other farmers is taking place.

In February 2015 Gus Whyte (left) shows Gilleen Wilbow, Michael Jeffrey and Geoff Wilbow over the Wyndham Station project.

RCS thanks the many members who continue to work hard within the committees as reported below.

## **2. International Committee ( Peter Khoury, Bruce Edwards)**

### **2.1 Timor-Leste Health Project (James Allen)**

RCS has been working in partnership with The University of Sydney since 2012 on a major health initiative in Timor-Leste - the elimination of lymphatic filariasis and other Neglected Tropical Diseases. Working slowly with the Timor-Leste government, a Memorandum of Understanding on the implementation of the project was signed between the Ministry of Health and the University. This allowed work to begin in earnest and the first round of drug administration was scheduled for June-August 2015. The local capacity of the Timorese to manage these problems for themselves has increased with local involvement and commitment. We succeeded in getting a global grant from the Rotary Foundation in support of this project so Rotary will contribute approx \$320,000 over the next two years. The Korean government's aid agency, KOICA, has committed to fund the balance of the program from 2016 to 2020 which should see it through to completion.

### **2.2 VisionBeyondAus (Indy Singh)**

Founded in 2011, Vision BeyondAus (VBA) restores the sight of some of the world's most disadvantaged and desperate people. Once treated, these people have a reason to hope for a better, healthier life and an opportunity to contribute to their community. From a humble beginning of 180 surgeries in Rishikesh, India in 2011-2012, VBA has since completed over 12,050 free surgeries and some 60,000 free consultations to April 2015 through four hospitals in India at Rishikesh, Ayodhya, Tughlukabad and Garivadi, one hospital in Nepal at Kavre, one hospital in Cambodia at Battambang and two hospitals in Myanmar (Burma) at Wachet and Htee Suang. Our work also extends to the screening and provision of glasses or surgical treatment to schoolchildren in disadvantaged rural areas of Nepal. The goal is to restore the sight of 100,000 people - and then keep going!



### **2.3 Opportunity Cambodia (Carolyn Fletcher)**

Opportunity Cambodia (OC) provides education and training for Cambodia's poorest and most vulnerable children so they become healthy, self-empowered and self-sustaining members of their society. It recognises the critical role of girls' education in breaking the cycle of poverty and child labour. During an 18 month pilot program, nine girls achieved great results at secondary school, and are determined to continue to high school, college or university for nursing, teaching or other vocations. We are now seeking funding for an expanded program of secondary school support for 30 girls.

During the last year the children at our Education Centre have benefited enormously from initiatives such as our hiring an English teacher from Siem Reap for several days a week, introduction of computer classes with donated computers, retaining a sports teacher so the children can compete in football and volley ball with teams in Siem Reap, a vocational awareness program and leadership training for a small group of years 8 and 9 students. In September our four oldest children will go to High School (years 10-12) in Siem Reap. These children have been with us for 8 years so it is exciting to see them starting senior education.



To help our children's families in our outreach program OC has purchased some land and dug a large water storage dam to provide permanent clean drinking water for a desperately poor community of 60 families. This community had no clean drinking water or sanitation, and little water at all during the dry season. We have now provided most of the families with water filters. We plan to start an early childhood education program in this community and encourage the mothers to take part in hygiene, nutrition and baby care training programs. We are looking forward to an exciting, productive year ahead.



## 2.4 Sudan School Project (Robert Clifton-Steele)

The Hope Road project, auspiced by Australian organisation South Sudan Orphan Education Inc (SSOE), is building a primary school for girls “The Anek Mathiang School” in Abyei Ajok, a poor rural community in Cueibet County in the Lakes State of South Sudan. The plan is to build 8 classrooms, a teachers’ room, and separate blocks of latrines for girls and boys. Already a well and security fence have been funded and all of the bricks for the school have been made by the local community. The first classroom block will be constructed in the dry season, from late 2015 to early 2016.

The major activity this year was the Hope Road walk by the President of SSOE, Zacharia Mawat Machiek, between Tweed Heads and Sydney, to raise funds for the project and to connect with the South Sudanese communities on the North Coast of NSW. The walk was supported by Rotary Clubs along the route, commercial sponsors and a wide range of private individuals. Hope Road is supported by RCS and RAWCS.

## 2.5 Manjeri School Project (Nick Harrington)

The Manjeri School Project is a youth run international development organisation that seeks to empower rural Ugandan communities through education and sustainable development practices. The team has developed a 300 student primary school in the Buikwe district of Uganda and is simultaneously developing income generating businesses in the community to subsidise the school. The school provides access to high quality education to some of the poorest children in the area with 20% of the children being orphans. To date the team has established a 2,500 bird chicken farm enterprise, a honey bee cooperative, a matatu taxi business and is presently implementing a 15 acre mixed farm. Sustainable development and local ownership is at the core of the organisation’s strategy and so with the community we are working towards 100% sustainability of this first school by 2018.

The Rotary Club of Sydney lit the school up in 2014 by purchasing a complete solar electricity unit which allows the classrooms to be illuminated and the recently acquired laptops to be charged. The addition of power to the school has had a profound impact on the education of the children as the school is now running revision and homework sessions for students who do not have positive study environments at home. This also means that children are spending less time working on the family farm and more time learning and playing at school. The Manjeri School Project team appreciate the support of the Club and the assistance of the International Committee members.



## 2.6 Kiribati Clean Water Project for Children (Paul Wenham)



RCS Rotarian, Paul Wenham, (Consul General of Kiribati) Rotarian Rob Avery, Coffs Harbour (who was a volunteer in Tarawa) and Rotarian George Fraser RC Bairiki (Australian High Commissioner in Kiribati) introduced the project of providing a container of Lifestraw filtration units to treat the polluted ground water in Tarawa to provide clean drinking water for school children. This was supported by then Rotary District Governor Garry Browne.

The total project cost was originally estimated at US\$38,000. Coffs Harbour and Sydney Rotary have committed funds to this project and made application to Rotary International (RI) for a Grant to provide the balance of the funds. The Kiribati Chamber of Commerce have committed to a programme to fund the ongoing supply of filters for the units.



## 2.7 Pollinate Energy Project (Kassim Durrani)

Pollinate Energy continues to improve the lives of India's urban poor by providing access to sustainable technologies to solve the issue of energy poverty and to empower local Indian entrepreneurs. Energy poverty is a fundamental barrier to human well-being and to economic development.

To solve the problem of energy poverty, Pollinate Energy provides solar powered lights, clean energy cooking devices and water filters to slum communities. Pollinate Energy has used 'pollinators', local Indians they employ to go into slum communities, conduct surveys and sell their products. The business is run as a social enterprise, funded by charitable donations and by profits from the sale of their products.

Pollinate Energy has now serviced over 500 communities in Bangalore and is now in the process of expanding into Hyderabad, with a further 500 communities already identified. The new office space is up and running, the fellowship program is being rolled out successfully and two pollinators have been recruited. Plans for expansion into a third city in India have been set for mid to late 2015.



## 2.8 Adrian Golding Gift of Life (Ian Conley)

Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) provides funds and accommodation assistance for the treatment of ill Oceania children in Australia. ROMAC has identified a patient from East Timor, 8 year old Frinaliya Soares dos Santos who needs repair of a cardiac ASD (hole in the heart). It is estimated that total costs, including hospitalisation, treatment and travel costs, will be somewhere around \$35,000. The RCS sponsored Frinaliya and honoured our pledge of providing assistance to a ROMAC patient each year.

## 2.9 Four Clubs Centenary Project (Alex Ebert)

As the centenary approaches of the chartering in 1921 of the four clubs, Sydney, Melbourne, Auckland and Wellington, plans are being put in place to develop a single major project in our region as well as to celebrate the occasion with a large scale event. In collaboration with the other clubs we hope to identify a suitable project for each club to participate in.

## 3. Peace Building Committee (Chris McDiven)

In the early days of Rotary our founder, Paul Harris, said 'The road to war is well paved; the road to peace is a wilderness'. The first of Rotary's six areas of focus is 'Peace and conflict prevention/resolution'. Inspired by the Rotary International World Conference in Sydney in 2014, Chris McDiven AM formed a group with Fatima Ali, Goranka Slavujevic and club members to find ways for the RCS to contribute to Peace. Terms of Reference were developed as well as the following Vision and Mission Statements.

'Our vision is a peaceful world, where peace is maintained at local community, regional, national and international levels. Our mission is to work with other like-minded bodies to achieve a greater understanding of the ways to create peace and harmony and to assist in implementing those into our local community and in our state, our country and internationally.'

Monthly meetings have guest speakers and lively discussions around a wide range of topics such as religion, international/local conflict, asylum seekers, mediators and intercultural cohesion.

Members have represented Rotary at many functions including the Sydney Peace Foundation Peace Prize lecture, the NSW Community Relations Commission's Call for Calm meeting, and have met with leaders of Affinity Intercultural Foundation, Harmony Walk and Crime Stoppers to discuss partnerships with Rotary.

The Chair has met with officers from the Office of the NSW Police Commissioner to advise them on the process for applying for Rotary Peace Fellowships. The Committee is planning its first function to be held in conjunction with The Asylum Seekers Centre in September as a Mazi Mas dinner in a local café. In addition other activities are being considered for the 2015 – 2016 Rotary year including how to recognise World Peace Day 21<sup>st</sup> September.

#### 4. Service and Awards Committee (Shane Herbert)

It was another busy year for the Services and Awards Committee providing numerous opportunities for members and friends to be involved in community service and vocational activities throughout the year.

Highlights included



August 2014 – **Australian Citizenship Ceremony** was conducted during a Club meeting by the Department of Immigration. Twelve new citizens were welcomed to full Australian citizenship by members and guests. NSW Parliament Member for Sydney Mr Alex Greenwich provided the address.

September 2014 – The Club presented three nominees and selected the **Police Officer of the Year for Sydney Local Area Command** in a ceremony and presentation during a regular Club meeting. The selected police officer went on to represent Sydney LAC at the NSW Police Officer of the Year Awards.

April 2015 – The annual **Ethics** event featured a thought provoking address by Laurie Glanfield discussing ethics and government, followed by an extended question and answer session from members and guests.

Also in April the Club continued our tradition of running the **Anzac Day BBQ** in Hyde Park at the end of the Anzac Day March in Sydney. Over 40 members and friends volunteered to help feed large crowds of veterans and spectators remembering the Centenary of the Gallipoli Landings. The volunteers sold about 2,000 steaks and sausages and made about \$7,500. The event raised money for future club projects and continues to be a popular community service and fellowship event for many members.



May 2015 – The **24 hour MS Mega Swim** provided another great opportunity for members and friends to get involved in community service. Many members volunteered their time to provide marshalling duties, reception, and help to cook and serve hot food and snacks for the swimmers, including our own Rotary Tumble Turns team. This year's popular community service event had 45 swimming teams, 596 participants and \$228,649 was raised for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.



Also in May the Club presented the annual **Vocational Service Award** to Phillip Adams. The award was presented at a regular club meeting, then Mr Adams entertained members and guests with an interesting address.

June 2015 – at another regular Club meeting a second major award was presented. This time John Brogden received an award from the Club for **Leadership in Community Service**. Mr Brogden then provided a thought provoking and enlightening address.



#### Other Activities:

The Service and Awards Committee continued to support the **Joan Salter Fund** recipient Professor Melissa Green who has received funding from the Joan Salter Fund during the past three years to support her team's research into schizophrenia treatments. The committee is currently finalising selection criteria to find the next recipient of support from the Joan Salter Fund.

A rejuvenated **Excellence in Teaching Award** is being developed by the Committee, with early meetings to source a sponsor and expectations that the award can be in place in 2016.

The Service and Awards Committee is planning to represent the Rotary Club of Sydney in a multi club project to launch the **Dolly Parton Imagination Library** into underprivileged communities of Sydney.

During Anzac Day in the CBD, the Service and Awards Committee organised a bucket donation collection to raise money for the **Australian Rotary Health Anzac Scholarships**. Over \$1,500 in donations was raised which was then matched by the Club with a donation of \$3,000 presented in June 2015.

Every event above was coordinated and conducted by individuals and groups within the Committee, and members of the Service and Awards Committee should be recognised for their generous efforts and commitment. The Committee would also like to note special thanks to **Shaw Stockbroking** for allowing us to use their boardroom for monthly committee meetings.

### 4.1 Rotary Police Officer of the Year Awards for 2014 (John Given)



The 5th annual NSW Rotary Clubs 2014 NSW Police Officer of the Year Awards dinner was held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November at the Shangri-La Hotel Sydney. Attended by 420 guests, the event raised \$73,000 of which \$40,000 was dedicated towards a special lift wheelchair for a young boy who suffers from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. The remaining monies were split between NSW Police Legacy, The Rotary Foundation and Rotaract.



RCS extends sincere thanks to Ray Hadley for helping us stage a truly fantastic evening that will be remembered by all who attended, especially those outstanding officers and volunteers who were nominated for an award on the night. Again we had the opportunity of witnessing all that is good, not only in the Police Force but in the Community as a whole. It was one of those evenings, masterfully orchestrated by Ray, that had everyone feeling like winners, and that included the four tables of Media that supported this year's event.



Obviously the awards were the highlight of the evening but our special guest, young Scott Green from Baulkham Hills nearly stole the show with a little help from Ray. Scott demonstrated the sit-to-stand wheelchair which will make an incredible difference to his life, enabling him to stand at the push of a button to stretch his back and feet, which together have had a total of eight fractures. It will afford him the added benefits of being able to converse with people at their level and to reach things that he would otherwise be dependent on others to reach.



## 5. Youth Committee (Anthony Le Marchant)

### 5.1 International Youth Exchange (Julie Fish)

The Youth Exchange program was very active this year, driven by the enthusiasm of Program coordinator Julie Fish. RCS sponsored three outbound students on exchanges to France, Italy and Germany. Later in the year we welcomed two inbound students, Sara Cecchi from Italy and Nicolas Deweer from Belgium. Sara and Nicolas attended Blackwattle Bay Secondary College in Glebe and have been regular and enthusiastic attendees at Club Luncheons and events during the year. Both also participated in many RCS events and both gave a well-received valedictory speech to the club towards the end of the year. The development in their self-confidence, English and maturity has been a pleasure to behold and their gratitude to RCS and their host families was pleasing.



### 5.2 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (Shane Herbert)

During the first weeks of January over 70 young leaders aged 19 to 25 years attended Rotary Youth Leadership Award RYLA 9675 at Stanwell Tops south of Sydney. Once again the Rotary Club of Sydney provided outstanding support to RYLA, including sponsoring the attendance of 11 participants. This year most of the participants were nominated by Club members, either as colleagues or employees within organisations in our community. We also supported some Rotaractors and Police Legatees.

The feedback from RYLA was that all of our participants worked hard, contributed actively and gained enormously in their personal and professional development. During February many of the RYLArians attended Club meetings to say 'thank you' for our support. Our volunteer drivers who delivered participants to the seminar were Robert Funke, Julian Ledger, Anthony Le Marchant and Hassan al Zahab.



### 5.3 Rotaract

RCS deepened our connection with local Rotaract Clubs during the year. We are particularly thrilled to have been involved in the charter and foundation of UTS Rotaract, a new club that has quickly grown to over fifty members and a dynamic addition to the local Rotary family. Rotaract members from the UTS and Sydney City Clubs are now regular attendees at our Youth Services Committee meetings, Club luncheons and functions. RCS members have enjoyed Rotaract functions including the very successful UTS Charter dinner.

### 5.4 Young Business Person Workshop

Rotarian Scott Steyn successfully launched the Youth Business program in August. This new initiative is a one-day workshop that provides real world insight into business skills and entrepreneurship to Year 11 & 12 students from local secondary schools. Topics include 'a day in the life of an entrepreneur', discussion of key business functions, and an understanding of how to plan a business career and what it takes to succeed. The workshop was highly praised by attendees and teaching staff from the schools that participated.

## 5.5 Police Citizens Youth Club

RCS continued to strengthen links with PCYC. CEO Darren Black was a speaker at one of our lunch meetings and representatives from PCYC attended lunch. PCYC staff also attended RYLA.

## 5.6 National Youth Science Forum

RCS again sponsored a student to attend the prestigious National Youth Science Forum in Canberra during January after a rigorous selection process to identify the best & brightest aspiring scientific minds.



## 6. Soukup Memorial Scholarship Fund (Karen Loblay, Gilleen Wilbow)

In the 2014-15 year the Fund spent \$45,000: \$20K for Country Education Foundation of Australia Scholarships, \$10K for Australian Rotary Health Indigenous Health Scholarships and \$15K for the first year of a UTS 3 year Scholarship for an Indigenous student to study for a degree at the University of Technology. The Board approved the three year scholarship (subject to satisfactory progress by the student) so that \$15,000 is committed in each of the 2015-16 and 2016-17 years.

## 7. 'The Dance' Committee (Julie Fish, Bob Chen, Phil Lau)

'The Dance' committee was formed in January 2014 to create an event that could be used by successive Presidents to connect with the community to raise funds and stimulate membership. The idea was to harness the internet and social media to raise many small amounts of money from a large number of people. Three successive chairs, ran fortnightly meetings to develop a website, engage a fundraising platform, select the music, find a choreographer and dancers to record demonstration videos, get approvals and licences from authorities, then seek participation from the business and social community (by phone, social media and leaflets), all taking longer than originally anticipated. 'The Dance', in Martin Place, was postponed to November 2015 when 62 registrants (17males/45females) (6Rotarians/56Non-Rotarians) raised over \$14,000 for the President's project and other charities. Many thanks to choreographer Marek Pionka, also to Rotarians Peter Townsend, Dane Eldridge, Nick Walsh and Natalie Rose for their assistance.



See all the action on YouTube [Rotary The Dance November 2015](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RotaryTheDanceNovember2015) or check the Website <http://thedance.org.au>

## 8. Revenue Generation Committee (Scott Steyne, Peter LeMessurier)

2014/15 was a year of consolidation for the Revenue Generation Committee which elected to focus on Corporates, Clubs, Associations, Government and Rotary Grants and High Net-Worth Individuals. The committee met five times during the year and two brochures were prepared and printed to assist with approaching donors for RCS projects.



## 9. Investment Committee (Peter LeMessurier)

The committee comprised the President, Past President and 3 members. It met 4 times during the year and reviewed three Investment Portfolios, the General Fund, Soukup Fund and Benevolent Fund. Each fund performed to the committee's expectation. Morgan Stanley managed the portfolios with an emphasis on income and stable portfolio performance. The committee successfully reduced the annual fees by approximately \$5000. The saving will improve the Club's capacity to support various projects.

## 10. Statement of Accounts

The audited financial statements for the Rotary Club of Sydney **General Fund, Benevolent Fund** and the **Soukup Fund** are available on the ClubRunner website.

The Club extends a special thanks to the Honorary Treasurer Colin Westman and bookkeeper Monique Tilley for their professionalism and commitment in managing the club's finances.

**Donations:** Well over a million dollars of donations, scholarships & sponsorships were facilitated by the Rotary Club of Sydney during 2014-15 as follows.

<b>Rotary Aboriginal Oral Health Scholarships</b> to improve the provision and uptake of oral health service in regional NSW by training indigenous people in Dental Assisting and Oral Health Promotion. The Centre for Oral Health Strategy of the NSW Department of Health matched this funding with a further \$200,000.	\$200,000
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<b>VisionBeyondAus</b> to return eyesight to very poor people in India, Cambodia, Nepal, and Myanmar. Includes money raised by Fiducian, Indy Singh and others, paid to the club for VBA via RAWCS. Also includes \$8,000 from general club fundraising and \$10,000 donated by a member directly to RAWCS.	\$179,000
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<b>Opportunity Cambodia</b> to provide education and training for Cambodia's poorest and most vulnerable children so they become healthy, self-empowered and self-sustaining members of their society. Includes money raised by Carolyn Fletcher and others, paid to the club for Opportunity Cambodia via RAWCS. Also includes \$8,000 from general club fundraising and member contributions.	\$133,000
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<b>2GB/Rotary Drought Appeal</b> to provide hay and fuel to move hay to drought affected farmers in western NSW and Qld. Contributions from 2GB listeners, other Rotary Clubs, organisations, club members and supporters.	\$70,000
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<b>The Western Division Resilient Landscapes Project</b> in partnership with Soils For Life to help farmers learn sustainable land practices, contributed by 2GB listeners, other Rotary Clubs, organisations, club members and supporters.	\$10,000
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<b>Sydney Children's Hospital Foundation</b> from one benefactor.	\$50,000
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<b>Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children</b> for surgery on 8 year old Frinaliya Soares dos Santos from East Timor, who has a cardiac ASD (hole in the heart). From the Adrian Golding Gift of Life Fund.	\$35,000
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President's Project " <b>Take charge of your Life</b> " program, funds accrued to 2015-16.	\$20,000
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<b>The Rotary Foundation:</b> Annual Fund and Polio Plus, End Polio Now. Incl \$14,000 on behalf of Districts 9640, 9650, 9670, 9675, 9685, 9700 and 9710 from the surplus made at the NSW Police Officer of the Year Awards. Additionally a private foundation made a contribution of \$5,000 to the Rotary Foundation.	\$29,000
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<b>Police Legacy</b> to provide care and support for serving and retired police officers and their families during times of tragedy and need. From the surplus made at the NSW Police Officer of the Year Awards.	\$13,000
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<b>Special lift wheelchair</b> for a young boy who suffers from Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, including modifications to the house and car. From funds raised at the NSW Police Officer of the Year Awards.	\$40,000
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<b>Motor Neurone Disease Association</b> from the surplus made at the NSW Police Officer of the Year Awards.	\$2,000
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<b>Fundu Isin-Di'ak Timor-Leste Health Project</b> funding from The Rotary Foundation for treatment and	US\$212,634
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preventative measures for Neglected Tropical Diseases and other endemic diseases to the population of Timor-Leste, grant appeal successfully submitted by District 9550 and District 9675 in July 2014.

**Fundu Isin-Di'ak Timor-Leste Health Project** in partnership with the Sydney University to eradicate two parasitic diseases caused by lymphatic filariasis and intestinal worms. Adding to the \$216,000 already donated by RCS. Final funding for this 5 year, \$5M project has been committed by the South Korean Government foreign aid program. \$19,760

**Schizophrenia Foundation** to establish The Brain Training Centre at St Vincent's Hospital, final of the RCS \$48,000 commitment over 3 years from Joan Salter Fund. \$16,000

**Manjeri School Project** to buy a solar power generator to develop sustainability. \$5,500

**Hope Road, South Sudan School Project** building a primary school for girls. Includes money raised by Robert Clifton-Steele and others, paid to the club for 'Hope Road' via RAWCS. \$21,160  
Also includes \$5,500 from general club fundraising and member contributions.

**Pollinate** to improve the lives of India's urban poor by providing access to sustainable technologies. \$51,290  
Includes money raised by Pollinate, paid through RAWCS.  
Also includes \$5,500 from general club fundraising and member contributions.

**Australian Rotary Health** to fund ANZAC Scholarships for PhD research into war-related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder from funds collected on ANZAC Day and matched by our Club. \$3,000

**Police Citizens Youth Club** Woolloomooloo to support a wide range of activities for young people. \$2,000

**RAWCS Australia** for disaster relief for the people of Vanuatu after the cyclone in March. \$2,000

**ShelterBox Australia** for emergency relief to the people of Nepal after the earthquake in April. \$1,000

**Gawura Foundation** for indigenous education at St Andrew's Cathedral School. \$1,000

**Cure Brain Cancer Foundation** founded by Dr Charlie Teo to find out how to increase five-year survival for brain cancer patients to 50% in 10 years. \$1,000

**Timor-Leste Education Project** to support the building and equipping of schools. \$6,000  
This is matching funding from BHP.

**Country Education Foundation of Australia Scholarships** from the Soukup Memorial Scholarship Fund. \$20,000

**University of Technology Sydney** scholarship for an indigenous student to study for a degree. First payment of a \$45,000 three year program from the Soukup Memorial Scholarship Fund. \$15,000

**Australian Rotary Health** for Indigenous Health Scholarships from the Soukup Memorial Scholarship Fund. Matched by the Government, so \$20,000 worth of scholarships will be paid. \$10,000

**Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment, Model United Nations Assembly, Youth Exchange, and National Youth Science Forum.** \$13,000  
From general club fundraising and member contributions.

**Rotaract Clubs of Sydney City, Sydney Uni and UTS** \$3,100 from general club fundraising and \$3,000 from the surplus made at the NSW Police Officer of the Year Awards \$6,100

**United Nations Association of Australia** for the 2015/2016 Peace Program from a member contribution including \$2,000 from general club fundraising. \$12,000

**Concord Repatriation Hospital** for a chair as part of the upgrade to the ANZAC Centenary Garden at the entrance to the hospital. \$2,410

**Ranfurly Book Aid** to ship donated books to needy schools and communities in PNG and the South West Pacific. From general club fundraising and member contributions. \$1,000

Note: The Rotary TumbleTurns swimming team raised \$7,300 and non-swimming Rotarians volunteered their time and efforts to help raise over \$228,650 at the 24HR MS MegaSwim.

## Appendix 1 List of speakers

John Skinner	Director, Centre for Oral Health Strategy
Justice David Levine	Inspector, Police Integrity Comm & NSW ICAC
Barry Antees	District Governor
Tracy Howe	CEO of NCOSS (Council of Social Services of NSW)
Jane Singleton	CEO of Sydney Peace Foundation
Mongolian Ambassador Bold	Mongolian Ambassador
Tim Wilson	Human Rights Commissioner
Kylie Gwynne	Director, Poche Centre for Indigenous Health
Alex Greenwich & Goranka Slavujevic	MLA, seat of Sydney. Citizenship awards.
Peter Wilkinson	Television journalist
Professor Shane Houston	Deputy Vice-Chancellor Sydney University
Caroline O'Hare	Counter Terrorism & Special Tactics Command
Harkan Harman	CEO Community Relations Commission
Michael Noetel	Sport and Exercise Psychologist
Amanda Doring	YMCA's 'Heartmoves' preventative health
John Bale	Founder 'Soldier On'
Michael Smith	Radio journalist
David Morris	National Director Australian Republican Movement
Jesper Lowgren	Author, inspirational speaker
Julian Todd	Wine merchant, business model.
Premier Mike Baird	Breakfast with the Premier
Brad Manera	Historian/Curator, ANZAC Memorial
Maha Abdo OAM	President Muslim Women's Association
Louise Walsh	CEO Philanthropy Australia
Darren Black	CEO PCYC
Mark Tedeschi AM, QC	Senior Crown Prosecutor, Academic, Author
Reg Richardson AM	Philanthropist
Dr Chris Bourke	MLA, First Indigenous Australian Dentist
Mark Anderson	Rotary Foundation
Dr Jamal Rifi	Muslim community leader
Craig Laundry MP	Business and Politics
David Schwartz	MD & Founder, Board Direction
Club Assembly	Discussion and feedback
Evening Nick Harrington	Sustainable development
Dorothy Hoddinott AO	Education
Dr Keith Suter	Terrorism, technology & regional power
Friday Graduation Ceremony	Sydney Uni, Poche, Open Training Education Network
Hans-Dieter Steinbach	Consul General of Germany
His Ex, Gen, Hon David Hurley AC DSC	Governor of NSW
Ellissa Nolan	Synergising business, technology and communities
Laurie Glanfield	Ethics
Brad Copelin	Services stories from a Veteran
Dr Charlie Teo AM	Neurosurgeon, Sons and Daughters evening
Norman Gillespie	CEO UNICEF Australia
Dr Stavros Kyrimis	Greek Consul General
Phillip Adams AO	Broadcaster - Vocational Service Award
Air Marshall Geoff Brown AO	Head of the Royal Australian Air Force
John Brogden AM	Community Service Award
Prof Attila Brungs	Vice Chancellor UTS - Soukup Day
Peter Price OAM	Vice-President Crime Stoppers International
Andrew & Renata Kaldor & Melanie Noden	Centre for International Refugee Law

## Appendix 2 Functions and events attended by RCS

During the year, the RCS was invited to the following functions which the President and/or other RCS members attended. The list shows the diversity of activities with which the club is associated.

03/06/2014 RCS Rotarians attended an **Egyptian Gala Dinner** at Doltone House.

26/06/2014 UN International Day of Peace Program 2014 – 2018 - Briefing Night at Millers Point.

27/6/14. **District Rotaract Representative Changeover (DRR) and Rotaract Club of Sydney City Changeover** were held at west Circular Quay. Outgoing DRR, Sydney City Rotaractor Carl Charlier welcomed in Lisa Kim from the Rotaract Club of the University of Sydney as the 2014-15 DRR. There were representatives from the three Rotaract Clubs we are sponsoring and the night was full of their energy and enthusiasm.

29/6/14. **District Changeover Lunch** was held at Liverpool on Sunday. It was an elaborate affair with cabaret style entertainment attended by numerous members of our club. Our member, District Governor Garry Browne was recognised for his vitality in leadership as he handed over to District Governor 2014-15 Barry Antees.

12/7/14. The Rotaract Club of Sydney City held a premier conference for students and young professionals called **“Get Ahead 2014”**. Attended by more than 70 young people, this conference will be repeated again next year, many lessons having been learnt by the organising committee.

01/8/14. The first **Combined Presidents' Meeting** at the Liverpool Catholic Club

07/8/14. The first **Presidents of District 9675 Group A Clubs** meeting at the Castlereagh Inn.

27/8/14. **Rotary/Rotaract/PCYC catch-up** at the Verandah Bar after the Sydney City Rotaract meeting. Our Germany Global Grant supported student Jane Reuther also attended.

28/8/14. **Young Businessperson Workshop** run by Scott Steyn, key speaker Andrew Laurie. RCS covering half the catering cost. Attended by St Andrews Cathedral School and Randwick Boys High.

30/8/14. Rydges Parramatta for the annual opportunity to meet the recipients of the Soukup supported **Australian Rotary Health Indigenous Health Scholarships for 2014**.

03/09/14. **Rotary Means Business** event attracted around 80 people.

5/9/14. **Morning tea with Ambassador James F. Jeffrey**, Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy and former US Ambassador to Iraq (2010-12) and US Ambassador to Turkey (2008-10), re “Turmoil in the Middle East: Understanding the impact of IS on the region and the world”.

7/9/14. The celebration in honour of **His Excellency Dr Jose Ramos-Horta** being invested as an honorary Companion of the Order of Australia. Congratulations and best wishes were conveyed from the Club.

9/9/14. **2014 NSW Training Awards** to recognise the winners at the premier training event of the year. Dockside Pavilion, Darling Harbour, hosted by The Hon. Adrian Piccoli, NSW Minister of Education.

17/9/14. Shane Herbert represented the Board at the **Rotary International District 9675 Recognition of Youth Awards Night** acknowledging the future leaders of our community.

28/9/14. **MS “Go for Gold Scholarship Presentation Luncheon”** when scholarships worth a total of \$60,000 were awarded to about twelve MS awardees from the money collected at the MS Mega Swim.

8/10/14. **Morning tea to present Honorary Membership to John Plummer**.

24/10/14. **Celebrate UN Day**. A wreath was placed on behalf of RCS at a ceremony at the Cenotaph honouring Australian uniformed personnel who have served with the UN and other multilateral organisations as peacekeepers. We also celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the first NSW Police Contingent to serve in Cyprus on UN Peace Keeping Operations.

26/10/14. **3rd annual Harmony Walk**, the celebration of Australia’s diverse and unique cultural identity.

28/10/14. **Property Industry Foundation’s Senior Executive Networking Forum** held at the City of Sydney Police Citizens Youth Club.

29/10/14. **UTS Rotaract Charter Dinner**.

31/10/14. **1st Annual General Meeting of Rotary International District 9675**.

7/11/14. Rotary Club of Sydney hosted the **5th Annual NSW Police Officer of the Year Awards** to give state-wide community recognition for excellence in Police service. The Awards were seen on the Ch 9 News.

19/11/14. **Poche Centre ‘Key Thinkers Forum’** to develop ideas to close the gap on life expectancy by improving oral health services for Aboriginal people in rural and remote Australia.

25/11/14. Informal dinner **meeting of the executive of Rotaract Club of Sydney and RCS** to exchange ideas about how the two clubs might work more closely together.

26/11/14. **Rotary Means Business** attended by approximately 120 people.

27/11/14. **Meeting with Minister Jai Rowell, Minister Mental Health, Asst Minister for Health, and our RAOHS scholars** who were attending their 2nd face-to-face session gaining practical experience at ADA Centre for Professional Development, St Leonards.



4/11/14. **Packing Day Health Kits for Rural Aboriginal Children** at Great Hall Sydney University to encourage the uptake of medical and dental checks.

10/1/15 **Fellowship dinner** prior to 'Exuberant Brazilian Music Fiesta' in the Domain.

16/1/15 Fellowship dinner prior to the Domain 'Beat the Drum Triple J Birthday Bash'.

19/1/15. **RC Inner West meeting** at a presentation on restoration of Concord Repat Hospital Garden.

13/2/15. **Friday at Five** to discuss Rotary at Barangaroo with Rotarians from the city clubs.

4/3/15. **Launch of the Rotary NSW Emergency Services Community Awards** at Government House by His Excellency, General Hon David Hurley.

8/3/15. **NSW Inspirational Women's Awards**. The winner of our District was Carolyn Fletcher. The NSW winner was Fay Moore from Yass.

9/3/15. Westpac Peoples Forum, re **Donations to Drought Relief Appeal** and to meet the fundraising team.

21/3/15. Presented our cheque to United Nations Australia Association at the **Inaugural UNAA Lifework Awards Gala Dinner 2015**.

23/3/15. **Memorial Service for David McLeish OAM**.

26/3/15. **Sydney University - Poche Centre Oral Health Research Project – Presentations**. In 2014, the Poche Centre for Indigenous Health facilitated numerous research projects surrounding oral health and the evaluation of the Central Tablelands Oral Health Service. The latest results from these research projects and the plans for the future were presented.

6/4/15. VP Irene Kennedy and President met with **Sally & Reg Richardson re Art Show** fundraiser at their home in Mosman.

9/4/15. **Affinity Intercultural Foundation lecture** – speaker Michael Ebeid MD, SBS.

10/4/15. **Service of Thanksgiving for the life of the Reverend Doctor Gordon Moyes AC**, president of the Rotary Club of Sydney 1992-93.

16/4/15. Peter LeMessurier and President met Monica Barone **CEO Sydney City Council** re 'The Dance'.

25/4/15. **ANZAC Day BBQ** in Hyde Park.

2/4/15. **District Assembly** Liverpool Catholic Club.

2/4/15. **MS Mega Swim**.

3/4/15. The Centenary of ANZAC Commemoration Service at the Great Synagogue. PP Gary Browne was the head of the organising committee.

14/5/15. Meeting with Chris McDiven and **Peter Price V-P International of Crime Stoppers**.

21/5/15. Salvation Army Surry Hills presenting a \$10,000 cheque for **The Rotary Life Skills Centre**.

28/5/15. The **National Boy's Health Forum** at Parliament House, hosted by the Top Blokes Foundation, highlighting three critical social issues: family violence, mental health and social well-being of young males.

29/5/15. **International Day of UN Peacekeepers** lunch meeting.

29/5/15. **District 9875 Special General Meeting and President's Meeting**.

1/6/15. **73rd Kuttabul Memorial** and wreath laying service in remembrance of the sinking of the depot ship Kuttabul and the 21 lives lost.

3/6/15. **Rotaract Club of UTS Changeover Cocktails**.

14/6/15. Private Viewing of **Art at Reg and Sally Richardson's residence** at Mosman as fundraiser.

19/6/15. Australia for UNHCR's annual **World Refugee Day Breakfast**.

24/06/15 The end-of-year event **Rotary Means Business** attracted around 80 registrations.

28/6/15. **District Changeover**.



A very happy gathering in Martin Place after 'The Dance' 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015