

District Dialogue

June 2017



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We are now into the last month of this Rotary year. What a year it has been as all clubs have been busy with their annual programs and in most cases have taken on extra work for their communities. Planning is well underway for the New Year both at club level and at District level.

Last month saw the closure of Canberra South and it was great to see so many people at the celebration dinner that was held.

The Foundation giving so far this year is on track to meet our goal but we still need that last push by clubs to give their donations. As I type this 13 of our clubs have not yet given to the Rotary Foundation this year. It would be great to see 100% of the clubs give something to our charity. During May we also held the last two of the Foundation seminars within the district and I hope as many clubs as possible have applied for the district grants. These will be collated shortly and the successful clubs notified. Remember the more we give as a District the more we get back.

Of course, June is what I call the silly season in Rotary when all the changeovers are on. Thanks to those clubs that have sent invites into the District and I am sorry that I cannot make them all but I still have not worked out how to be in two places at once. If you have invited me and I cannot make it, I will ensure that there is a representative of the District present at your changeover.

The District changeover will be on June the 25th at the Hellenic Club at Woden commencing at 12 noon – Registrations are available on the district web site. Do not forget this is a celebration of the year and if you want to bring your kids or grandkids please do so, (You have to pay for them though).

In this newsletter, you will see how to propose resolutions to the council. Remember the deadline for this is 30th June and that includes my endorsement and when it should be at RI. If you need a hand or any further information regarding this or any other matter in relation to the RI Council on Legislation please contact PDG Phil Mewett, as he is the District representative on this council.

Congratulations go this month also to the Rotary Club of Yass who have successfully launched another Rotaract Club in the District – the Rotaract Club of Yass. Well done to all those involved. Yass is about the only place in the District where you can start Rotary in School, go all your life in one of our programs, and not leave the town as they have Interact, Rotaract and Rotary.

As you are aware, the District has been holding its annual conferences in October. Due to the change at District and other influencing factors, the conference this upcoming Rotary year will be held in March 2018 from 23rd to 25th at Mittagong. Further details and promotion of this will start to occur in the July Newsletter.

District Calendar 2016-17

June 2017

ROTARY FELLOWSHIP

Sat 3	District Board and Finance Committee Meeting
Sat-Wed 10-14 Fri, Sun 16-18	Rotary International Convention – Atlanta YEP Interviews for 2018 travel Greenhills, Canberra
Sun 25 Fri 30	District Changeover NYSF applications by clubs to District Chair

July 2017

1 From 23	Semi Annual District Fees due YEP Inbound students from Northern Hemisphere arrive (July / Aug)
22	District Board and Finance Meeting

FROM DUST & RABBITS



The First Eighty Years
Len Glare

President Len Glare of the Rotary Club of Belconnen has recently had a book published about his life from his upbringing in Hopetoun and the Mallee country in Victoria to his present day in Canberra.


This book is a great read and is now available – for suppliers go to <https://www.echobooks.com.au/biography/from-dust-and-rabbits/> and at the bottom of the page are links to where it is available.

Well done Len it has certainly brought back memories to me of eating dust during those massive Mallee duststorms.

If you ask Len to autograph the book he will certainly do same – he even may not charge you for that.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Vacancy

The incoming Chair for the District RYLA Committee is looking for Rotarians who may be interested in serving on the RYLA Committee for 2017 – 18. Rotarians who have working knowledge of RYLA are preferred. Anyone interested please contact Lyndall McGrath on lyndallmc@bigpond.com




Rotary International Zone 8

Friday September 1 to Sunday September 3 2017

DARWIN CONVENTION CENTRE

Stokes Hill Rd., Darwin City, Northern Territory

CONVENOR: Noel Trevaskis, RI Director 2016/18

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2017 COUNCIL ON RESOLUTIONS: HOW TO PROPOSE RESOLUTIONS

Council on Resolutions

Rotary International's Council on Resolutions meets online each year to vote on proposed resolutions submitted by clubs, districts, the RI Board, and the general council or conference of RIBI. The Council on Resolutions has the authority to adopt resolutions. Most adopted resolutions are then considered by the RI Board or the TRF Trustees. Every district designates a representative to the Council on Resolutions, and every club and district may propose resolutions. If your club or district is considering proposing a resolution for the Council on Resolutions, please follow the guidelines below.

Deadline to Submit Resolutions

Proposed resolutions from clubs and districts for the 2017 Council on Resolutions must be received by Rotary International on or before **30 June 2017**, including the governor's confirmation of endorsement. There are no exceptions to the deadline.

Proposing Resolutions

Resolutions are expressions of opinion of the Council. They can be submitted to the Council on Resolutions by clubs, districts, the RI Board, and the general council or conference of RIBI. However, a resolution proposed by a club must also be voted on, or endorsed, by the clubs in its district at its district conference, a district legislation meeting, or through a ballot-by-mail, before it can be submitted to Rotary. Resolutions must be submitted by **30 June 2017** through the online [form](#) for the 2017-18 Council on Resolutions.

Drafting a Resolution

Resolutions are made up of two parts. First is the supporting information, which uses preambulatory or whereas clauses as the proposers argument for the resolution.

The second part to each resolution is the action or resolved clause. Resolutions may contain any number of supporting information clauses, but they always have only one resolved clause. The resolved clause states the action that the proposer wishes the RI Board or TRF Trustees to consider. For examples of resolutions, see the [2016 Council on Legislation Report of Action](#).

Endorsing a Resolution

For a club to propose a resolution, the club's board of directors must first submit the proposed resolution to the club members for adoption, before sending it to the district. A district conference or a district council in RIBI may also propose a resolution directly to the district. Any resolutions proposed by clubs or districts are then voted on, or endorsed, by the district at a district conference, a district legislation meeting, or through a ballot-by-mail.

If a district does not have enough time to vote on a proposed resolution in person, the governor may conduct a ballot-by-mail. Such ballot should follow as closely as possible the balloting procedures set forth in RI Bylaw section 14.040. for electing a governor- nominee through ballot-by-mail.

Once endorsed, the proposer may submit the resolution to Rotary through the online [form](#) by **30 June 2017**. The district governor must also confirm the district's endorsement by **30 June 2017**.

Duly Proposed Resolutions

The submission must include the following by 30 June 2017 in order to be considered duly proposed for the 2017 Council on Resolutions:

1. Name of the proposing club or district
2. Confirmation from the district governor that the resolution was endorsed by the district
3. Text of the proposed resolution

In addition, all proposed resolutions should be submitted within 45 days of being endorsed by the district.

Defective Resolutions

The Constitution and Bylaws Committee reviews each proposed resolution to determine if it is correctly drafted or

whether it is defective. A proposed resolution will be deemed defective if

1. it would require an action, or express an opinion that is in conflict with the letter or spirit of the constitutional documents; or
2. it is not within the framework of the program of RI.

If a resolution is deemed defective, it may be corrected and submitted to a future Council on Resolutions.

Tips for Proposed Resolutions

- **Review past resolutions.** Legislation books for the past two Councils are posted on rotary.org. Take a look to see if 1) your idea has been proposed before and 2) how a resolution is written.
- **Ask for help.** Past representatives, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and Council Services staff are all knowledgeable about drafting resolutions. If you need help drafting a resolution, please let us know.

Should you propose a resolution?

Resolutions are a great way to propose ideas that will impact the Rotary world; however, the Board only reviews adopted resolutions. To guarantee that the Board reviews your proposal, submit it instead as a petition to the Board as described below.

In addition, if you are proposing a resolution requesting the Board to draft a future enactment, please consider drafting the proposed enactment instead. This will ensure that your idea is considered by the Council on Legislation using your intended language and in a timely manner.

Petitions to the Board

Instead of proposing a resolution to the Council on Resolutions, a club may wish to consider submitting a petition to the RI Board (RCP 28.005.), which is a request for action on a specific matter. Items that have a limited scope, rather than impacting the whole Rotary world, are better to submit as petitions.

The process allows clubs to bring issues of concern to the Board for consideration and possible action at its regular meeting. The RI Board hears petitions at every meeting, and you may receive a more rapid response through this action than by submitting a resolution to the Council on Resolutions. Petitions to the Board may be submitted directly by clubs or may result from a district conference. They must also be signed by either the club president or district governor. The intent of the petition should be clearly explained in a letter either to the Rotary president, Board of Directors, or the general secretary. The petition can be formatted as a proposed resolution or simply as a letter



Recently the editor was in USA and can be seen exchanging our district banner with incoming DG Nancy van Pelt for the newly merged district 5495 (formally districts 5490 and 5510 in Arizona). This occurred at their changeover at D5490 conference.

Nancy was very excited to receive the first banner from another district and for it to be an international one.

Rotary Australia Compassionate Grants (RACG)

Rotary Australia Compassionate Grant (RACG) Projects have been made possible by a \$1,000,000 donation to Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) by Dick Smith. RACG Projects are registered under the entity of Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS), ABN 54 563 288 318. All RABS Projects have DGR status with the ATO. i.e. donations are tax deductible. The aim of the RACG Projects is to provide assistance to disadvantaged members of the Australian community irrespective of their location.

What are the Project Criteria?

- RACG online Project Applications may be submitted by a Rotary Club or a Rotary District.
- RACG Projects must provide specific, direct relief to people in need and not be simply a general funding donation to an organisation even though that organisation may provide assistance to people in need
- The funding must satisfy a specific need and may be provided directly to a person or a small group of people. Alternatively, the funding may be to an organisation to provide a piece of equipment that will satisfy the needs of a disadvantaged section of the community.
- The funding must satisfy the needs of disadvantaged people or a small disadvantaged section of the community and not be simply to provide a benefit to the whole community.
- The project should be such as to arouse the compassion of the community.
- The project should define and target the disadvantage or need of the people or group of people for whom it is intended.
- The concept of disadvantage is unlimited and could arise from sickness, suffering, distress, misfortune, disability, destitution, helplessness or poverty, any aspect of the negative side of the human condition. The criteria are not prescriptive but should be used as a guide to determine the disadvantage.
- Priority for grants will be given to those whose disadvantage has arisen from an 'ad hoc' event over which the disadvantaged had no control, such as an accident, assault, medical condition.
- RACG Projects cannot be registered as part of an existing RABS Project.
- Rotary Australia Compassionate Grants will match a Club's or District's fundraising on a dollar for dollar basis subject to the following;
 - a qualifying project must have a minimum value of \$2,000 (ie. a minimum grant of \$1,000), and
 - a Club or District can apply for up to 2 grants in any calendar year, subject to a maximum grant total of \$10,000.
- All RACG Projects must contain a budget that states the total cost of the project and the anticipated source of these funds.
- All RACG Projects must be completed within 12 months of the date of registration and are required to submit six monthly online progress reports when requested and a final report on completion.

Registering a RACG Project

All RACG Projects are registered on-line Click [here](#) to apply.

The normal RAWCS project approvals process has been streamlined to enable efficient administration. The Club provides final endorsement of each project submitted by the Project Manager and the project then goes to a Screening Committee of two Rotarians. Following endorsement by the Screening Committee, the Project goes to the RAWCS National Project Manager for approval and registration. Once registered, RACG Projects appear as normal RABS Projects with (RACG) appended to the Project title.

The following RABS projects are examples of projects considered to meet the above RACG approval criteria.

- Provision of a modified family motor vehicle for a 6 year old with cerebral palsy
- Modifications to a home to assist access and functionality for a quadriplegic
- Financial assistance for a seriously injured sportsman's family
- Ongoing support for non PBS medicines for a sufferer of Lyme disease
- Provision of a specialised bed for a person with Parkinson's Disease
- Supply insulin pumps to three children with juvenile diabetes
- Provision of improved prosthetics for an amputee
- Assistance to a family who lost everything in a fire
- Provision of financial assistance to a young family whose mother drowned
- Providing refurbishment of a kitchen and bathroom for a women's refuge or for a house for disabled people.

For further assistance or to get in touch with a club please contact: racg@rawcs.org.au



I am asking for your support. District 5020 won the worldwide bid to host the prestigious 54th annual World Championship for the International Golfing Fellowship of Rotary (IGFR). We need golfers to register now!

It will be my honour to welcome over 200 Rotarians and their companions from more than 20 countries to this prestigious event August 6-12th in beautiful Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

As you are aware, many Rotary Fellowships are often unknown to our members. I am asking you to help by directing this email to your club presidents and for Club Presidents to inform the golfers in their club.

Please see our web site at <http://www.igfr2017.ca>. Thank you for your help!

Tom Carroll
Governor 2017-18
District 5020

Your Victoria Rotarian friends have planned a wonderful week long experience for you here, from August 6-12. Joining us you will be part of bringing worldwide Rotarians together to promote fellowship, fun and understanding. We all speak the common language of "golf" and we all share in the ideals of Rotary. Check out the details at our website at www.igfr2017.ca.

See you in Victoria,

Dr. Gerry Kelly,
Chair, the 54th IGFR 2017 Victoria, BC

[Register Now](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

INVITATION

To raise funds to purchase equipment for the United Mission Hospital in Tansen, Nepal.

The project is a registered Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) project <http://www.rawcs.org.au> RAWCS 118-2010-11 Nepal

Sunday 18 June 2017 at 6.00pm for 6.30pm

The Indian Affair Restaurant, 64 Colbee Court, Phillip

\$65 per person for a delicious banquet, including \$30 tax deductible donation (more can be donated if you wish)

The restaurant is fully licensed or BYO (bottle wine only)

Bookings are essential: RSVP by 16 June vbland1@bigpond.com Mob: 0419 46 1712.



Professor David Croaker, our Paediatric Surgeon, donates his services and expertise every year operating on children and teaching the Nepalese doctors. The Hospital was founded in 1954 and is located 300 kms west of Kathmandu and 125 kms from Pokhara in the Palpa District. In 1987, it was estimated that it served about 7.5 million people with 165 beds providing a high standard of care to a large population in often-difficult circumstances. The hospital is placed in a beautiful area crowded with poor people struggling to survive.

<http://www.tansenhospital.org.np/>

DISTRICT CLUB NEWS

On the 13th May, Southern Highlands held another hugely successful Model United Nations Assembly at the Wingecarribee Shire offices



Winner of Peace prize – Germany – Frensham School

Winner of overall debate – Moss Vale High representing Sweden







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Personal Message.

*Download a letter from
Chairman Elect Greg Ross.*

**LIFT THE LID
ON MENTAL ILLNESS**
Celebrating Hat Day

We are raising funds for Mental Health Research

Australian Rotary Health, since its inception in 1981 and following the extraordinarily successful outcome of its initial research into sudden infant death syndrome, is a great Australian program of the Rotary Clubs of Australia.

This country faces a mental illness epidemic. It is a huge challenge and we know that Rotary can create a happier, healthier society through mental health research, particularly for our younger people.

Australia now faces some very stark mental health statistics, including:

- One in two people will suffer from a mental illness in their lifetime
- One in five suffers from a mental illness in any given year
- 50% of mental illness occurs before the age of 14
- More hours are lost through mental illness in the workplace than any other factor

From 2017 for at least three years, Lift the Lid on Mental Illness will become the principal fund raising initiative for ARH. As the largest non-government funder of mental health research, we are committed to help create a happier, healthier Australia. Our aim is to raise \$20 million by 2020 from the general public and businesses, with support from our Rotary Clubs and Rotarians, and so significantly increase the numbers of researchers we can fund.

As a proud and active Rotarian for 41 years and as the incoming Chairman of ARH for three years from September, I want you to know how much ARH does and the quality of its management. There is no better run Rotary organisation in this country. Please visit the ARH website which will give more detail into our research activities and programs. Financially, we maintain a corpus from which our investments achieve an income which covers staff costs and all operating expenses. This allows us to continue giving 100% of all our donations to our research programmes.

We will contact you again early in the new Rotary year with specific suggestions which Clubs may wish to consider when approaching the general public. The Lift the Lid campaign will take place during the first 10 days in October, culminating on the 10th, World Mental Health Day. This will allow each Club plenty of flexibility when choosing their activities.

There is no greater health challenge than mental illness in Australia, particularly for our younger people. While it is a difficult scenario, we believe that by funding far greater mental illness research, Rotary will make a huge difference and, in time, help create a healthier and happier society.

Warmly

Greg Ross

Chairman Elect

Australian Rotary Health M: 0407 891 048

Every year, 1 in 5 Australians will experience



some form of **MENTAL ILLNESS**

One of the most significant barriers to improving Mental Illness prevention and treatment is the low priority given to Mental Health research.



Help Improve the Health of all Australians. Become a Friend or Companion

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH

- Ensure Australians of all ages, from all walks of life, will lead healthier lives.
- Receive Australian Rotary Health updates.
- All donations are fully tax deductible and cumulative.

Rotary
Districts of Australia



www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au

FRIENDSHIP: INDIVIDUALS

Friend - \$100
Bronze Friend - \$500
Silver Friend - \$1,000
Platinum Friend - \$2,000
Diamond Friend - \$2,500

COMPANIONS: INDIVIDUALS, A CLUB OR CORPORATION

Companion - \$5,000
Gold Companion - \$10,000
Ruby Companion - \$20,000
Emerald Companion - \$50,000
Diamond Companion - \$100,000



Come and join all three ACT Rotaract clubs for their combined Winter Ball Changeover with proceeds going towards UC Cancer Research Fund. Never before have Brindabella Rotaract, Canberra Rotaract and Rotaract University of Canberra come together in a joint large-scale changeover event and we are excited to share this with Rotarians, Rotaractors and Interactors from across the district! Enjoy three club's changeover in one smooth and spectacular Winter Gala themed evening whilst enjoying opportunities to raise funds for a fantastic cancer research program based at the University of Canberra

Please enjoy your June issue of District Dialogue and keep your suggestions, articles and club journals rolling in to editor@rotaryd9710.org.au - Articles should be submitted by the 25th of the month.

Editor:

Ken Adams recognised for 50 years service to Rotary.

Article and photo courtesy of the Southern Highland News...



For the past 50 years Ken Adams has dedicated himself to serving the Highlands community.

That service was recently recognised at a Rotary awards evening.

Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong Linda Knight presented Ken with an award and one very delicious cake in honour of the milestone. At the age of 27, Ken was introduced to Rotary by his employer Dick PLatt and was inducted into the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong on June 1, 1967 by then president Ted Springett.

He served two terms as president and has held all other portfolios over the past 50 years.

For 14 years Ken was a Rotary representative on the Tulip Time Committee and served as president for five years.

At a district level he has been Assistant Governor, group leader and ShelterBox coordinator. In 1996 he represented District 9710 at the first RYLA seminar held in Hong Kong and went to China as part of a friendship exchange.

In 2009, as committee secretary, he assisted in setting up the Science and Engineering Challenge.

For the past nine years Ken has worked with the Dream Cricket program, first as secretary of the Bowral committee and then in the establishment and organisation of Dream Cricket Australia.

In 2013 he went to India and Sri Lanka where together with Rick McCarthy they conducted the first Dream Cricket Day in Colombo.

Dream Cricket has now been conducted in six states across Australia, India, Sri Lanka and Nepal.

In recognition of this work, the Movement Disorder Foundation awarded Ken with a special medal that was presented in the NSW Parliament House by then Premier Barry O'Farrell in 2014.

He has also received a Paul Harris and two Paul Harris Sapphires.

Ms Knight said Ken had always been an active member.

"We remember with gratitude and with pride the contribution that Ken has made to the life of the Rotary Club of Bowral-Mittagong, to the many programs in which he has been involved and the lives of so many people who have received his generous gifts of time, expertise and above all his care for all in need."

Ken said he had enjoyed his time with Rotary and encouraged others to join the organisation.

"I've enjoyed all the organisations I've been involved with and I've enjoyed serving this community. Rotary does wonderful works, not just in this area but beyond. "I've been here 50 years so it must be okay."



ShelterBox sends team to Sri Lanka after worst monsoon flooding and mudslides since 2003

Half a million people affected, around 85,000 made homeless. UK disaster relief shelter experts ShelterBox respond to Sri Lankan Government's call for aid

ShelterBox, UK shelter experts based in Truro, Cornwall, is sending a team to Sri Lanka tomorrow (1st June, 2017) to assess the need for the charity's specialist aid – including sturdy weatherproof tents, emergency lighting, mosquito nets, and water filtration and carriers.

The team will be re-establishing partnerships with the Sri Lankan Government, colleague charities and local Rotary Clubs in response to the Sri Lankan government's appeal to the United Nations for help with rescue and relief. The shelter experts responded to monsoon flooding and mudslides in Sri Lanka at this time last year, meaning they have developed the best possible experience in how to deal with flooding on the island and will be working with partners and the Sri Lanka government to share their expertise.

ShelterBox Operations Team Lead, James Luxton said, **'This is déjà vu on a horrifying scale. I was with our team last year and I'm flying tomorrow again to meet up with our in-country contacts to carry out urgent assessments to help local families and communities.'**

'Last year's response has given us solid experience of how best to level and drain sites so tents can be safely pitched. But the conditions are bad, monsoon rains are still falling, and many rivers are still overflowing. We know from monitoring our aid provision last year what will work best, and we'll be offering that expertise to the Sri Lanka authorities, with whom we already have a good working relationship.'

In this latest monsoon tragedy the island's emergency services are currently dealing with the rescue phase, and many people are housed in temporary shelters away from the flood zones. Sri Lanka's Disaster Management Centre (DMC) warns that the death toll may rise as reports come in from outlying areas. But when the floodwaters recede there could be a need for temporary shelter of the kind provided by ShelterBox.

Sri Lanka is particularly vulnerable to this 'moving earth' mudslide phenomenon, having cleared land over decades to grow export crops such as tea and rubber. When the rains fall this deforested landscape can quickly become a torrent of mud with collapsing hillsides.

In 2016, ShelterBox provided tents and other aid to hundreds of families across six different camps. The work was complex because land had to be levelled and drained before it could be used safely for pitches, ensuring occupants wouldn't be at risk from further storms and flooding. ShelterBox teams worked in partnership with the Rotary Club of Capital City in Colombo, who provided invaluable in-country local knowledge from a network of Rotarians across the island, and with the International Organisation for Migration and World Vision.