



D.G. PAUL REID

R.I. PRESIDENT JOHN KENNY

# 9690 DISTRICT NEWS

## “The Future Of Rotary Is In Your Hands”

### FROM WHERE I SIT; THE MONTH IN REVIEW

#### Welcome to the new Rotary Year

Well the year certainly got off to a great start with almost 300 people



in attendance at the District Changeover dinner. Julia & I hope that you all had as enjoyable a time as we did and we thank all of you who took time to offer your best wishes for the year ahead.



#### The Year Ahead

Ninety Six years ago, Paul Harris told those attending the 1913 Rotary Convention in Buffalo, New York. “It is a far greater undertaking to be a good Rotarian today than it was yesterday, it will be a far greater undertaking tomorrow than it was today”.

With the many challenges that each one of us faces in these changing times this statement

is just as relevant today as it was way back then.

Over the past few weeks we have had the opportunity to attend many Club Changeovers enjoying the friendship and hospitality. Reading and hearing the way that every Club has embraced the challenges of the past year and seeing the tremendous work that you have undertaken for your Local, National and International communities and the enthusiasm expressed by our new Presidents gives me great confidence and certainty That The Future of Rotary in 2009-10 is in Good Hands and District 9690 is ready and well equipped to meet these challenges.

For our year R.I. President John Kenny has stated that he will continue with those areas of emphasis from the past few years namely; Water, Health and Hunger and Literacy and has included an additional area of emphasis, that being Sanitation.

This year my particular emphasis for 2009-10 will be LITERACY, particularly in our own region and I encourage you all to also adopt this

as your emphasis also.

As I indicated at the Changeover, Padstow Club are looking to partner with an outside organisation currently conducting literacy programs with Indigenous Australians and it is my hope that we can join together as a District to make an even greater impact in this area.

#### Website

Our updated District Website is now on line and my thanks to Richard Brymora for again taking on the arduous job of managing it for the year.

Please take the time to visit the website at [www.rotary9690.org.au](http://www.rotary9690.org.au)

and see the changes that Richard has made. Remember, this is your District site and with your support in providing articles, club information, upcoming function date details and photos it will become a true reflection of our District.

*Paul*



# GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM LEADERS AND MEMBERS

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The Group Study Exchange (GSE) committee is calling for applications for the position of **GSE Team Member** for travel in May 2010. There will be 4 team members. This year we are exchanging with District 7820, which covers Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Labrador and Prince Edward Island in Canada.

Applications close 31<sup>st</sup> August 2009 with a compulsory selection interview to be held on a date to be advised

The GSE program of The Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries and home hosting is provided by Rotarians in the host District. For four weeks, team members experience the host

country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

**The Team Leader** must meet the selection criteria which include: being an experienced Rotarian; attend the District D9690 Conference with the Team in March 2010; coordinate the exchange by facilitating the submission of pre and post-departure documents (including the Travel Request) and by acting as an advisor during the selection of team members. The team leader is also required to conduct training and orientation sessions for the team.

**Team Members** must meet the selection criteria which includes: aged between 25 and 40, employed full-time in a recognized business or profession for at least two years, is a resident of, or

works in D9690, not a Rotarian or not a relation of a Rotarian, able to travel for four weeks with their employer's consent, willing to attend required orientation and training sessions, complete final reports along with attendance at the D9690 conference in March 2010 and club meetings before and after the exchange.

The application form, together with any other information they may want on the GSE program, can be downloaded from the Rotary International website at:

[http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_doc/161en.doc](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_doc/161en.doc)

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## From our Founder, Paul Harris

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On the 9th of November the Rotary Club of San Francisco, the second club of Rotary celebrated with a gala ball at their original place of gathering, the famed Palace Hotel in San Francisco. They are now the second club to reach the young age of one century of service to others.

In the last article before his death, Paul Harris made reference to San Francisco club number 2.

This was published in The Rotarian, in February 1947, a month after the founder's death.

"Our peace and tranquility soon burst their bounds, however, we

ceased to be content with isolationism and began Community Service, built upon the rock of fellowship and goodwill, and that foundation has never been shaken. Rotary became known as a beneficial influence .

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## President's Meeting

Our first President's meeting for the year will be held at Panthers on Friday 14 August 2009 commencing 6.30 for 7.00pm. We are looking for a 100% roll up of Presidents and remember that Club Administration, Membership and Public Relations Chairs are also invited. Cost is \$25.00 per head.

Lets all make 2009-10 the Rotary year to remember



## ROTARACT NEWS

Welcome to the new Rotary Year. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Alana Wilson and I am the District Rotaract Representative for District 9690 this year. Keep an eye out for this column throughout the year, as I will use it to keep you all updated on what Rotaract is up to in our district.

### What is Rotaract?

Rotaract is a service club for young adults aged 18-30 who are committed to community service. It fosters leadership, responsible citizenship and promotes international peace and understanding.

Rotaract can also be a great source for potential Rotarians after they turn 30 and have to leave Rotaract.

Rotaract in District 9690: We currently have 2 active Rotaract Clubs in the district, these are Gunargarang and Burwood. The challenge for us all this year is to increase the number of Rotaract clubs within the district. Congratulations to Blacktown City Rotary Club who are actively engaged in starting a new Rotaract Club in the Blacktown area.

If your club would like to know more about Rotaract or would like to start a new club in your area, please don't hesitate to contact me.

I am happy to arrange for a guest speaker to come and give a presentation about Rotaract to your club. District Rotaract can also provide assistance with starting a new Rotaract club in your area..

I look forward to working with Rotary throughout the year to assist Rotaract to grow in our district.

Alana Wilson  
D9690 District

Rotaract Representative 2009-10



## GUEST SPEAKERS

We all know that it is sometimes a challenge to find interesting and suitable guest speakers.

This year we are building an up-to-date data base of guest speakers to assist you with your Club programs but we need YOUR help.

Has your club had a guest speaker that was interesting and captured

the attention of your members?

Do you know someone who would make a great guest speaker?

Well, let us know so we can share it with all the Clubs in the District. You can submit the details to Robert Feil at ; e-mail

[robertfeil@optusnet.com.au](mailto:robertfeil@optusnet.com.au)

Rob will contact the person and ask if they are prepared to be on the guest speaker data base.

Graham Wilson – D9690 Club Administration Chairman

*The current list of speakers is available on our district web page*

[Www.rotary9690.org.au](http://www.rotary9690.org.au)

## Congratulations to outstanding members of our District.

Five members of our district were recognised during this years Queens Birthday Honours list they were

**Glen Gardner Parramatta City Australia Medal (AM)**

**David Bamford Blacktown City Order of Australia (OAM)**

**Tom Colless Katoomba Order of Australia (OAM)**

**Peter Kilkeary Springwood Order of Australia (OAM)**

**Bruce Rushton Cabramatta Order of Australia (OAM)**

**August is Membership and Extension Month**

**R.I. PRESIDENT JOHN KENNY  
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**District Governor's Calendar**

**Club Visits and other functions for July & August 2009**

<b>Bankstown</b>	<b>July 20</b>
<b>Liverpool West</b>	<b>July 21</b>
<b>Membership &amp; Public Image Seminar (RDU)</b>	<b>July 25</b>
<b>Penrith</b>	<b>July 27</b>
<b>Granville</b>	<b>July 28</b>
<b>Parramatta Daybreak</b>	<b>July 31</b>
<b>District Rotary Leadership Institute</b>	<b>August 1 &amp; 2</b>
<b>Springwood</b>	<b>August 3</b>
<b>Padstow</b>	<b>August 4</b>
<b>District G.S.E. Team Leader Selection</b>	<b>August 8</b>
<b>Gunnagarang Rotaract Changeover</b>	<b>August 8</b>
<b>Chester Hill</b>	<b>August 11</b>
<b>Mt. Druitt</b>	<b>August 12</b>
<b>President's Meeting (Panthers)</b>	<b>August 14</b>
<b>College of Governors Meeting</b>	<b>August 16</b>
<b>Cabramatta</b>	<b>August 17</b>
<b>St. Mary's</b>	<b>August 18</b>
<b>Blackheath</b>	<b>August 20</b>
<b>Liverpool</b>	<b>August 24</b>
<b>Wetherill Park</b>	<b>August 25</b>
<b>Penrith Valley</b>	<b>August 26</b>

**District Membership**

Club	start of year	plus for month	minus for month	current status	Club	start of year	plus for month	minus for month	current status
Bankstown	11				Mount Druitt	17			
Blackheath	16				Nepean	27			
Blacktown City	51				Padstow	44			
Breakfast Point	27				Parramatta	29			
Burwood	42				Parramatta City	31			
Cabramatta	14				Parramatta Daybreak	16			
Central Blue Mountains	23				Penrith	35			
Chester Hill	13				Penrith Valley	44			
Concord	31				Prospect	8			
Granville	22				Richmond	44			
Hawkesbury	17				Springwood	33			
Holroyd	36				St. Mary's	24			
Katoomba	22				Strathfield	64			
Kurrajong / Nth Richmond	18				Upper Blue Mountains				
Liverpool	30				Sunrise	19			
Liverpool Greenway	32				Walacia / Mulgoa Valley	13			
Liverpool west	25				Wetherill Park	35			
Lower Blue Mountains	57				Windsor	39			