

## WHAT SORT OF STAR ARE YOU??

The District Governor's Dinner at Conference on the Saturday evening will have an "All Star" theme.

Are you a movie star??



A sports star or circus star??



Or are you another kind of star?



Rotarians, their partners and guests are encouraged to dress up as their favourite star for the "All Stars Dinner".

Perhaps you are a star in your own right - then come as yourself!

## Important District Dates

### 3-4 February

◇ YEP Rebounders debriefing

### 11-12 February

◇ Incoming District Management Committee Training - Uralla

### 18 February

◇ Public Speaking Semi Finals - Walcha

### 4 March

◇ Opera by the Lake

### 4-5 March

◇ PETS - Armidale

### 11 March

◇ Bush Poetry in the Saleyards - Gloucester

### 14 March

◇ Science and Engineering - Tamworth

### 16-19 March

◇ RYMARINE - Coffs Harbour Daybreak

### 24-26 March

◇ District Conference - Laurieton

### 1-8 April

◇ RYLA at Yarrhapinni

### 2 April

◇ Pedal the Peel Cycling Challenge

### 3 April

◇ Coffs Harbour Science and Engineering Challenge Dinner

### 7 May

◇ District Assembly - Kempsey

### 17 May

◇ Northwest Regional Careers Expo Tamworth

### 21 May

◇ District Assembly - Armidale (note venue change)

Visit the Calendar on the website for more details. To have your activity listed on the District Calendar, please contact Phil Hafey.

## Pin of the week



## Did you know this Roger Federer Story?

Every year, at the Australian Open, behind Roger Federer's coach (earlier Edberg and now Ljubicic), sits an elderly couple.



There is a story to this couple, and it shows what a good human being Federer is. The couple are Bob and Diana Carter, the parents of his first international coach, the Australian Peter Carter.

Federer was just nine when Carter took him under his wing.

In 2002, in a terrible tragedy, Carter died in a car accident while on a vacation with his wife. He was only 37 years of age. The story goes that Federer (then 21) was so affected by his coach's death, he ran through the streets of Toronto (where he was playing that day), bawling his heart out.

Carter had recognised Federer's genius at a young age, and was determined to make him an all-time great. He was not Federer's first coach, but the one who took him from relative obscurity in Basel in Switzerland to the threshold of international greatness.

Every year since 2005, Federer's team sends an all-expenses paid itinerary to the Adelaide-based couple - first-class air tickets, bookings in the same hotel as Federer, food, winner's parties and even commiseration parties in Melbourne.

They sit in Federer's box at the Rod Laver Arena, supporting him as if he were their son. They see their son Peter in him. And Federer never forgets the Carter family's role in his life and career.

Federer, now 34, may or may not win his 18th Grand Slam (he did! - Ed.) But he is one of the greatest humans to have set foot on a tennis court.

***Remember the people and the things that have made an impact in your life and be ever grateful for their contribution in making you who you are.***

*(From the Laurieton Rotary Club Bulletin)*

## New Friendship Exchange - Districts 1180 and 9650 *(reprinted from E News #27)*

District 1180 is a District that covers the whole of North Wales, Merseyside, The Wirral and parts of Cheshire, Shropshire and Lancashire. It embraces a variety of communities ranging from the pastoral peacefulness and tranquility of rural areas to the hustle and bustle and vibrancy of the City of Liverpool. Indeed there are a total of four cities within the District, the others being Chester, Bangor, and the newly-designated St Asaph - each of which has at least one Rotary club presence. In addition there is also The Royal Town of Caernarfon.

Liverpool was one of the first clubs outside USA to be chartered. In 2013 they celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the granting of its Charter on 1<sup>st</sup> August 1913. It has since merged with another club in Liverpool which was chartered in 2009 as Liverpool City and the two are now collectively styled City of Liverpool.

Whilst not unique, the District can lay claim to being one of the few represented in two countries, and uses two languages, Welsh and English. It is claimed by the inhabitants of Liverpool that there is also a third language – Scouse!!

Rotarians in the District actively embrace and exemplify the two main themes of Rotary International, namely "Service above Self" and "We're for Communities". They are active in their local communities and in overseas projects, providing support, assistance, advice, and guidance to the clubs and communities both in actively practical and financial terms. Many of these various projects are featured elsewhere in this website whilst others are undertaken without fuss or publicity by the individual clubs.

A team of 12 to tour in May 2018 is now open and the application form is on [www.rotary9650.org.au](http://www.rotary9650.org.au) on the Friendship Exchange webpage link. Closing date for applications is 15 March 2017.



Netflix has created a pair of socks that pause the show you're watching if you fall asleep.