

Greetings and Welcome to our New Rotary Year, 2016-17 from DG Ian Jackson

As you know our theme this year from RI President John F Germ is '**Rotary serving Humanity**' which is what we do best. Doing 'good' in the world is what we have been doing all our Rotary service. So this year shouldn't be a challenge for us.

To quote part of what RI President John said when he announced his theme for the year, "*You may think you are small - you are not small, every day you serve Rotary, every good work you do, makes the world a better place. One good work at a time, one day at a time, that's all it takes. Next year is your and my responsibility to make sure Rotary serves Humanity as much as we can, as well as we can.*"

That's our challenge. *Together* we can do almost anything; make changes that as individuals we could never achieve. The End Polio Now campaign is one example.

At this point I would like to acknowledge the effort and work of now Immediate Past District Governor Maurie during the year just concluded. IPDG Maurie was ably supported by his wife Deidre who I am sure was responsible for getting Maurie where he needed to be and on time.

Thank you both for your great efforts, for leaving the District in a sound position and for you both being "**A gift to the World**".

World Convention in Seoul

For those who went to the Convention in Seoul, what an incredible experience. On the opening day there were over 44,000 registrations we were told.



One of the general sessions and 20,000 chairs



Half of a real House of Friendship

Important District Dates**16 July**

- ◇ YEP Briefing 2017 Outbounders
- ◇ YEP 2015 Inbounders depart for home
- ◇ YEP 2016 Inbounders arrive

31 July: -

- ◇ District Finance Committee Meeting at Walcha 10.00am—12.00 noon,
- ◇ District Management Team Meeting at Walcha 1.00pm—3.00pm.

26-28 August

- ◇ YEP 2016 Inbounders Orientation

20 September

- ◇ Walcha Rotary 60th Birthday Celebration

3-7 October

- ◇ RYAG Dairy Wingham

5-6 November

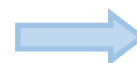
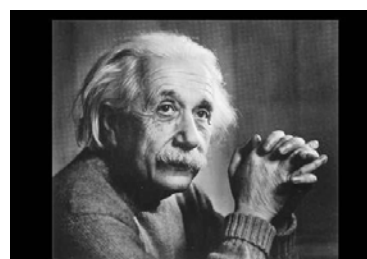
- ◇ District Muster—Armidale

26-27 November

- YEP Briefing 2017 Outbounders

Visit the District website for details of the District Governor's visits and other activities.

The halls where activities and the general sessions were held were measured in acres. The speakers and presentations were, of course, world class. They say as a Rotarian if the opportunity ever arises for you to attend a World Convention, you should attend and I certainly support that concept.

**Pin of the week**

"The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything." - Albert Einstein

The Rotary Foundation

This year is a very significant year as we will celebrate the Centenary of the formation of the Rotary Foundation in April 1917. The Foundation is our charity of choice and this year I encourage you all to make a special effort to help mark this 100th Anniversary.

End Polio Now

At the time of writing this message, there had only been 17 reported cases of Polio worldwide, 6 in Afghanistan and 11 in Pakistan. We are winning the battle and now the end is in sight. In 2017 we hope to announce the eradication of Polio but we will need to continue to vaccinate for a further period and after 3 years of no new reported cases, declare Polio eradicated from the world.

Partners Project

Barbara is planning a Partners Project this Rotary year. It will take the form of a PHD Research Scholarship in conjunction with Australian Rotary Health (ARH) in the general area of Cancer Research. ARH are currently calling for applications and in August we should be able to announce the agreed specific area of research.

Cancer touches each one of us through either family or friends and we are keen to continue research into this devastating disease.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL MONTHLY THEMES

AUGUST: Membership and Extension
SEPTEMBER: Basic Education and Literacy
OCTOBER: Economic and Community Development
NOVEMBER: Rotary Foundation
DECEMBER: Disease Prevention and Treatment
JANUARY: Vocational Service
FEBRUARY: Peace and Conflict Prevention/
Resolution
MARCH: Water and Sanitation
APRIL: Maternal and Child Health
MAY: Youth Service
JUNE: Rotary Fellowships

Attached to E News this week:

- * Rotarians Against Malaria Conference Information
- * Australian Rotary Health Invitation

District Governor Club Visits

A schedule of Club visits has been promulgated through PETS, District Assemblies and now the Assistant Governors will be talking with Club Presidents to confirm the details. I will be in contact with each Club President about a week out from the planned visit date to confirm.

I would like to thank you all for your wonderful support and encouragement so far. Barbara and I have been made so welcome at every Club and function we have attended in my DGN and DGE roles and we are now looking forward to an exciting year working with you all.

There is one favour I would like to ask, that we take time to enjoy our Rotary time, enjoy the fellowship of like-minded Rotarians around us, and make sure we have fun whilst we do our *good work in the world*. I truly believe if we relax and have some fun and fellowship whilst we do our Rotary work, new initiatives will flow and nothing will be a chore or task.

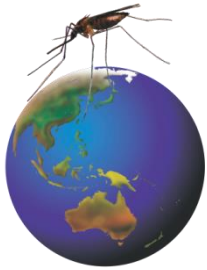
Barbara and I are looking forward to visiting you all as we embark soon on our Club visits and I know we will have a great year together doing our part of Rotary Serving Humanity.



In our Theme Jackets: Barbara, Ian, John F Germ and Judy



The amount of water on Earth is constant, and continually recycled over time: some of the water you drink will have passed through a dinosaur.



Rotarians Against Malaria

A volunteer-run organisation working to eliminate malaria

RAM Conference 2016

20th / 21st August 2016



Tullamarine, Melbourne

- Review RAM programs in PNG, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste and Vanuatu.
- See latest research on new drugs, effective vaccine and vector control strategies. Visit the Burnet Institute and Walter and Eliza Hall Medical Research Institute.
- Discuss new program development and opportunities for Rotary Volunteers to contribute overseas. Meet RAM sponsored PhD student Edgar Pollard.
- Shape RAM's future programs and strategic directions and help plan national awareness and fund raising events for 2017.

Speakers include RAM Project Managers, Tim Freeman and Wayne Morris, Prof. Ric Price (Menzies Institute), Prof. Denis Shanks (AAMI), Dr Danielle Stanisc (Griffith Uni.), Dr Jack Richards (Burnet Institute), and Michael Sheilds (Chair of Rotaract Australia Against Malaria). Speakers from WEHI and Operation Buzz-Off to be confirmed.

REGISTER at www.rawcs.org.au/ram-conference Or click links on RAWCS or RAM web sites. Fill in your details then click 'send' then scroll down & click 'pay now' which will bring up a Non Tax Deductible RAWCS donation page to receive your Conference payment details. Your interim receipt will be displayed on successful completion. Please record your receipt No. or print it.

**Registration \$100; extra dinner guests \$30; Single day Registration \$50 (Sat. or Sunday).
[Registration fee includes morning and afternoon teas, breakfast and the Conference Dinner.]
Conference runs 1pm Sat. till 1pm Sun. RAM Exec and planning meetings Sat. am.**

CILOMS is located close to the airport with a free shuttle bus service. Book your room direct with Ciloms Reservations at ciloms@ciloms.com.au or Phone : 61 3 9335 2788 or 1800 819 443. Include credit card details and "RAM Conference". Singles or couples \$130 ; Twin Queen \$150 per night.

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attendance would be appreciated**

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by Friday 15th July, 2016