

# Rotary International District 9650

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## **The Objective of Vocational Service**

The introductory statement and three of the four objectives of Rotary relate to Vocational Service, underlining its importance to the philosophy and culture of Rotary. Those objectives are:

- To encourage and foster high ethical standards in business and professions, to recognise the worthiness of all useful occupations, to dignify the Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- To apply the ideal of service in personal, business and community life.
- To advance international understanding and goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of businessmen and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

## **The concept of Vocational Service**

The Object of Rotary is a philosophical statement of Rotary's purpose and the responsibilities of Rotarians. The concept of vocational service is rooted in the Second Object, which calls on Rotarians to "encourage and foster":

- High ethical standards in business and professions
- The recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations
- The dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

As a Rotarian, how can you put these ideals into action? Consider these suggestions:

- Talk about your vocation in your club, and take time to learn about fellow members' vocations.
- Use your professional skills to serve a community.
- Practice your profession with integrity, and inspire others to behave ethically through your own words and actions.
- Help a young person achieve his or her career aspirations.
- Guide and encourage others in their professional development.

If you do any of these things, you are performing vocational service. And if vocational service motivates and energizes you, then you're in the right place,

because vocational service is the very essence of Rotary. It is what sets Rotary apart from other service organization.

### **General Overview:**

- promote Vocational programs and activities within the Club,
- provide specialised advice and guidelines on Vocational Service,
- assist the Club President and other Members to manage the affairs of the Club,
- interact with the Club's Board of Directors and Club Members

### **Vocational Service Committee:**

The committee promotes the value of vocational work and the recognition and application of the 4-Way Test in business and personal life. It aims to stimulate and promote Club Vocational Service Projects and assists the club to develop projects, encourage mentor programs, plan activities for October's Vocational Service month and encourages the club to present Vocational or Business Excellence Awards.

### **Working Relationships:**

- District Vocational Service Director and committees,
- Club President and Board of Directors,
- Club Vocational Service Committee members,
- Local schools, Chamber of Commerce Groups, Welfare organisations, Employment Groups and Service Clubs.

### **Specific Duties:**

#### ***Club***

- Review and evaluate existing and previous Vocational Service programs.
- Evaluate and consider establishing new Vocational Service programs.
- Determine Committee/s and appoint Committee members in conjunction with President and Directors.
- Lead the Committee in planning and conducting a comprehensive Vocational Service program.
- Establish goals and priorities, strategies, personnel available, time frames, and budgets for achieving these goals. Summarise this information in the Club Plan.
- Oversee the Committee's Vocational Service programs and projects to ensure their success.
- Conduct regular meetings of the Vocational Committee to plan activities, allocate responsibilities and monitor progress.
- Implement Risk Management procedures and policies for Vocational Service Projects.
- Attend Club Board Meetings and inform the Board of the progress of Vocational Service programs

- Encourage Club Members to become involved in Vocational Service programs and Projects.

## **Finances**

- Ensure that all Vocational Service programs and projects establish budgets and financial guidelines, which will be required to be presented to the Board of Directors before funding.
- Ensure that all projects keep to budget
- No expenses are to be committed without the approval of the Club's Board.
- There may be a need to ensure that adequate funds will be available to complete the project, or a need to investigate how the necessary funds are to be raised.

## **Effective Communications**

- Keep the Club President and Board of Directors up-to-date with the progress of the Club's Vocational programs.
- Inform Club members of the progress of Vocational Service programs and projects.
- Educate and inspire Club members about Vocational Service programs through **guest speakers, regular articles in the Club's Bulletin and verbal reports at Club meetings.**
- Develop, establish and/or maintain communication links with local High Schools, TAFE Colleges and employer groups associated with youth employment schemes, Apprenticeship of the Year awards, Pride of Workmanship awards and other associated Vocational activities.
- Regular communication with the District Vocational Director, including keeping him/her informed about the progress of the Club's Vocational programs.

## **District Governor's Newsletter & Rotary Down Under**

- Prepare and present articles (with photos, if possible) on any special Vocational Service programs or projects to the **Editor of the District Governor's Newsletter.**
- Prepare and present articles (with photos, if possible) on any special Vocational Service programs or projects to the **Managing Editor of Rotary Down Under.**

## **What is Vocational Service?**

If you are an active, engaged Rotarian, you probably view vocational service as a way of life, even if you find it difficult to articulate a clear definition. This handbook can help you gain a better understanding of vocational service and equip you with ideas to help you practice it through your club activities and in your career.

***Paul Harris wrote: "Each Rotarian is a connecting link between the idealism of Rotary and their trade or profession".***

## **The Definition of Vocational Service**

Vocational Service is the way Rotary fosters and supports the application of the Ideal of Service to the pursuit of all vocations.

Vocational Service is the shared responsibility of both each Rotary Club and its members. The role of the Club is to implement and encourage the Object by its own actions in dealing with the community and by the development of projects that enable members to use their vocational talents in the service of the community.

The role of members is to conduct themselves and their businesses in accordance with Rotary principles, as embodied in ‘The 4 Way Test’, to observe and live by The Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions and to support the Vocational Service projects that the club has developed.

## **Integrity and ethics**

Promoting integrity through ethical behaviour is an essential part of what it means to be a Rotarian. Two standards developed by Rotarians — The Four-Way Test and the Rotary Code of Conduct — provide a road map for ethical behaviour in the workplace and other areas of life.

### **The Four-Way Test**

The Four-Way Test was conceived in 1932 by businessman Herbert J. Taylor, a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago who served as Rotary International President in 1954-55. Having taken on the task of saving a company from bankruptcy, Taylor developed the test as an ethical guide to follow in all business matters. The company’s survival was credited to this simple philosophy.

Adopted by Rotary International in 1934, The Four-Way Test remains an essential standard against which Rotarians measure ethical behaviour. It has been translated into dozens of languages and promoted by Rotarians worldwide.

### **The 4 Way Test**

*Of the things we think, say or do*

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?**
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

## **Rotary Code of Conduct**

The Rotary Code of Conduct (formerly known as the Declaration of Rotarians in Businesses and Professions) provides a framework for ethical behaviour that all Rotarians can use, together with The Four-Way Test, in their business and professional activities.

### **Rotary Code of Conduct**

As a Rotarian, I will

- 1 Exemplify the core value of integrity in all behaviours and activities
- 2 Use my vocational experience and talents to serve in Rotary
- 3 Conduct all of my personal, business, and professional affairs ethically, encouraging and fostering high ethical standards as an example to others
- 4 Be fair in all dealings with others and treat them with the respect due to them as fellow human beings
- 5 Promote recognition and respect for all occupations which are useful to society
- 6 Offer my vocational talents: to provide opportunities for young people, to work for the relief of the special needs of others, and to improve the quality of life in my community
- 7 Honour the trust that Rotary and fellow Rotarians provide and not do anything that will bring disfavour or reflect adversely on Rotary or fellow Rotarians
- 8 Not seek from a fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded others in a business or professional relationship

## **Classification**

What first brought you to Rotary? In all likelihood, someone identified you as a prospective Rotarian because you are a respected member of your business or professional field — in Rotary parlance, your “classification.” Each Rotary club’s membership represents a cross-section of its community’s business and professional population, which ensures diversity in experiences and perspectives. Classification and vocational service go hand in hand.

## **Vocational Service programs**

Vocational Service programs, by their nature, offer excellent opportunities for involvement with your local business community. This involvement can lead to creating a raised awareness of what Rotary stands for, to support and sponsorship of your club's programs, and to membership growth.

Many Vocational Programs can be undertaken by a small group of Club members over a relatively short time frame and at low cost. Most Clubs have a number of Vocational activities that they support on a continuing basis, which we encourage you to continue. There may be an opportunity to pass details of those successful programs onto other Clubs where that is appropriate.

District 9650 needs to attract men and women with the capacity to influence, motivate challenge and lead their communities in service to ensure that Rotary's profile as the world's premier service organisation is retained.

Your District has a number of Vocational Service Programs that you may wish to incorporate into your plans for the coming year. In some clubs the Vocational Youth Programs are administered by the Youth Director.

An important way of fostering high ethical and professional standards in club members and in the broader community is to suitably recognise and reward individuals and organisations which actively demonstrate and promote these standards. To this end there are a number of programs and activities at club, community and district level which can help achieve

While exemplary **Club** activity in Vocational Service is recognised at District level with the PDG Kevin Hards Trophy for Vocational Service, usually awarded at District Conference.

**An active program of Vocational Service activities through the year can also contribute to recognition for your club with the RI Presidential Citation.**

## **Some areas of Vocational Service that could be addressed include:**

- Vocational Awareness: Increase your Club's awareness of the scope of vocations. Encourage Members to give Classification Talks. Visit Members businesses.
- Vocational Awards: Develop a local Awards program to recognise excellence in vocation. "Pride of Workmanship"
- Career Development: Support youth through Careers Days or mentoring programs. Support training programs.

- Vocation at Work: Support small business development in your local community.  
Create vocational opportunities for disabled people.
- Partner with a high school in their mentoring program.
- Work with a high school in their Career Day activities.
- Provided a speaker for the Career Day Activities at the local high school.

## **VOCATIONAL/YOUTH SERVICE PROGRAMS**

*Many of the District's programs for youth have a vocational emphasis, so Vocational Service Chairmen should plan to coordinate their activities in these areas with their club's Youth Director, deciding who should be responsible for them in their club. Listed below are most of these youth/vocational programs and the details, whilst correct at the time of publication, are subject to change.*

### **National Youth Science Forum**

District Chairman: Stuart Bayley (Walcha Rotary Club)

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The National Youth Science Forum is a prestigious Australian program dedicated to exposing year eleven students who are heading into year twelve and are thinking about a career in science, engineering and related disciplines to major scientific institutions and researchers, so that they may make more informed choices for their future endeavours. They are also given training in time management, interview skills and public speaking. In previous years it has been known as the National Science Summer School (NSSS).

The Forum is fully residential and takes place during January in Canberra and Perth. All activities are fully supervised by student staff and resident Rotary counsellors. The program is extremely intensive with little time for outside activities except for meeting those people already in the program.

The most important aspect coming from the NYSF is a network of friends, colleagues and support groups throughout Australia which will be of value to participants for the whole of their lives.

The NYSF continues after January, first in the form of university seminars and industry site visits in March and April and afterwards as a long term personal network of people with common aims. You can tell if someone has been to the NYSF or NSSS by one subtle aspect of their formal wear. All will possess what is known as a "plum

pudding” badge. The badge consists of the NYSF logo and is either red, green or blue, depending on the year attended.

The NYSF provides a unique experience for some 280 of Australia’s best Year 11 high school students who are interested in science. For two weeks during the summer vacation, successful awardees come together in a stimulating environment enriched by the input of acknowledged experts in science and technology. NYSF is a dynamic mix of seminars, workshops, visits to laboratories and supervised social activities. It encourages excellence, helps develop communication and interpersonal skills, teaches time management, and promotes the values of balanced lifestyles. There are two forums based in Canberra and one in Perth. Students reside at tertiary institutions and have access to university and to industry and related research staff and facilities. Most sponsoring Rotary Clubs choose to subsidise or pay in full the student fee.

## **Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)**

Chairman: David Mayne

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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is a leadership development program run by Rotary. While participants can be any age, most events focus on secondary school students, university students, or young professionals. RYLA events are typically 3–10 days long and include presentations, activities, and workshops that cover a variety of topics, including:

- Leadership fundamentals and ethics
- Communication skills
- Problem solving and conflict management
- Community and global citizenship

RYLA participants are nominated by their local Rotary clubs.

## **Rotary Youth in Agriculture (RYAG) Programs**

*These programs are unique to Rotary District 9650. These vocationally oriented programs are designed to foster and develop interest in rural industries. Young people enter a camp and receive instruction and encouragement from people in primary production. It should be noted that not all programs are held every year. Information is sent to Clubs and is also available on the District website.*

### **Rotary Youth in Agriculture – Beef**

Project of the RC of Coonabarabran



RYAG Beef is a five-day camp for year 10 and 11 students, aimed at providing participants with a broad knowledge of the cattle industry. The students are accommodated under supervision within the Coonabarabran showground complex. They are allocated a beast between two students and over 5 days prepare the animal to show ring condition. This entails breaking in, clipping, grooming, with watering and feeding. The camp is brought to a close on the 5<sup>th</sup> day with a grand parade and judging. In addition to the many vigorous hours of hands on cattle work, the students receive informative lectures on: Cattle herd management, Artificial insemination, Embryo transplant, Animal health, Grooming & parading, Feeding & nutrition, Transport and Marketing.

### **Rotary Youth in Aquaculture**

Project of the Rotary Club of Great Lakes

This project will not occur in 2015 - 2016

### **Rotary Youth in Agriculture – Cotton**

Project of the RC of Moree-on-Gwydir

Chairman: Tim Lyne

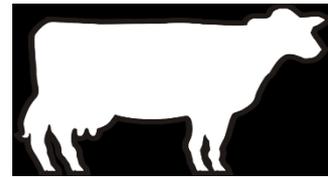


RYAG Cotton has run successfully over a number of years, with students participating in a range of hands on activities to learn about cotton from field to fabric. RYAG Cotton is a three-day camp for year 10 and 11 students designed to provide participants with a broad overview of the Cotton Industry and the employment opportunities available. The vocations explored include: Agronomist, bug checker, foreman, plant operator, truck driver, irrigation, farmhand, aerial spray operations, ginnery operations, and sales.

## **Rotary Youth in Agriculture – Dairy**

Project of the RC of Wingham

Chairman: Lawrie Ayres



This six day camp is run in partnership with the Department of Primary Industry in October by the Rotary Club of Wingham. It is for students aged 14 – 17 years and showcases dairy farms and the dairy industry as an innovative and advanced industry. The camp focuses on developing leadership and public speaking skills, hands on milking, judging, making products and having fun! The next RYAG (dairy) will be in the last week of the September school holidays. The dates for RYAG will be Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October 2015.

We don't start sending invitations out until after the various Rotary clubs have their change overs and schools are approached at the start of the third term. We have found that any earlier letters are read and forgotten. Nominations are received until the 16 places are filled and hopefully that is achieved by the end of August. No student will be left out so long as we don't exceed 16 and fresh students will have preference over returning students.

If you have any further enquiries please direct them to Lawrie Ayres at [lawrie45@bigpond.com](mailto:lawrie45@bigpond.com)

## **Rotary Youth in Agriculture – Equine**

Project of the RC of Tamworth First Light

Chairman: Barry Biffen



This three day camp, run by the Combined Rotary Clubs of Tamworth in conjunction with management of the Australian Livestock & Equine Events Centre (AELEC) is for Year 10 & 11 High school students. The camp will introduce students to a number of the disciplines within the equine industry with site visits to local race track, AELEC centre, local horse studs and meeting various professionals within the industry at the camp. The cost covers all meals, accommodation and the educational components of the Camp. It is limited to 40 participants.

## **RYAG Sheep**

Project of the Rotary Club of Walcha

Chairman: Anne Andrews



## **Rotary Marine Experience**

Project of the RC of Coffs Harbour Daybreak

Chairman: Ingrid Gardiner



The Rotary Club of Coffs Harbour Daybreak Inc. holds an annual motivational school around October each year for talented young people who are interested in marine studies and marine careers. The school is held over three days and the cost of the camp includes student's accommodation, all food and travel to various field trips and venues and also snorkelling if weather permits. The group only takes part in optional snorkelling under the control and discretion of qualified Dive Masters from Coffs Harbour Dive Centre. Schools and Rotary Clubs can nominate talented and interested students to attend the camp. The selected student/s must be sponsored by their local Rotary Club which may or may not defray some or all of the cost. Please note that the camp is limited to 18 participants and early applications are advised to avoid disappointment. Dates – 8 October 2015 – 11 October 2015

## **RYSTARS - Rotary Youth Studying Astronomy and Related Sciences**

Project of the RC of Coonabarabran



This three day camp is run by the Rotary Club of Coonabarabran, an ideal venue, given the wealth of knowledge, experience and technology in the area. The camp, which is limited to 20 applicants, aims to:

- Develop an interest in astronomy and the various sciences and technologies related to it, such as mechanical engineering, information technology, optics and electronics.
- Give students hands-on experience in handling astronomical equipment, and undertaking guided observations

- Provide well-known and experienced astronomers, and others working in the field, as speakers and demonstrators
- Take students to a number of different observatories, giving them a wide range of experience of astronomical sites.

## **RACE - Rotary Aviation Careers Expo**

Project of RC of Tamworth West

Chairman: Greg Thomas



The Rotary Aviation Careers Expo is a residential programme for a select number of Year 10 and 11 students conducted by the Rotary Club of Tamworth West in association with Careers Network Inc.

The programme is designed through on-site inspections and lectures to create an awareness of TAFE courses, civilian, and Australian Defence Force aviation related career opportunities.

The diversity of the Tamworth Regional Airport, with its mixture of commercial and defence force activities, makes it an ideal and unique location. Students will visit the major resources of BAE Systems where the Australian Defence force conducts pilot training; Qantas link Major Overhaul hangar; Sigma Aerospace facility; the Australasian Pacific Aviation College where TAFE conducted training and the Control Tower. Additionally participants will be briefed by a Qantas long-haul Captain and a helicopter pilot trainer.

## **Roadsafe Youth Driver Awareness – RYDA**

Contact: Ken Patterson

This program promotes driver awareness by young people to help save lives on the road. RYDA is a community Road Safety Program for Youth which targets awareness and attitudinal change.

“Young people aged 17 – 25 represent less than 15% of the population yet account for over 235% of motorists killed or seriously injured in road crashes”

Venues operating in D9650: Kempsey, Macksville, Narrabri, Taree, Coonabarabran and Inverell.

Visit [www.ryda.org.au](http://www.ryda.org.au) for further information.

## **Outback Links**

Project of Port Macquarie West

Chairman: Trevor Gilson

This committee aims to reduce isolation and disadvantage in outback Australia by linking appropriately skilled and gifted volunteers with outback families who could benefit from practical assistance.

## **Dorothea Mackellar Memorial Poetry Competition**

Chairman: Harvey Stoneman

The Dorothea Mackellar Memorial Poetry Competition recognises Mackellar's contribution to Australian literature. The aim of the competition is to capture the imagination of every student in Australia, inspiring him or her with a passion for poetry.

## **Youth Insearch**

Co-ordinator: John Green

## **Pride of Workmanship**



The Pride of Workmanship Program is designed to acknowledge any member of our community, irrespective of age or vocation, who displays outstanding qualities in terms of approach, dedication, attitude and commitment to service.

The Pride of Workmanship Program enables managers in our society to help employees achieve the goal of job satisfaction, and publicly recognize them for their efforts.

Participating businesses and organisations promote the Pride of Workmanship theme of **“Do it once- do it well”** throughout their organization and nominate employees worthy of recognition, not only within the organization, but the wider community.

Nominees of the Pride of Workmanship Program are presented with recognition of their achievements. Awardees, accompanied by family and business associates, are invited to be present as club guests to witness the presentation of a plaque and reading of a citation.

### **Objectives of the Program**

- To promote Vocational Service.
- To encourage Pride of Workmanship in all vocations.
- To provide employers with an opportunity to recognize employees who display the qualities worthy of an Award.
- To encourage favourable employer/employee relationships and a sense of community pride in individual achievement.
- To provide an opportunity for Rotary to be involved in the community, particularly the business community.

### **Rotary District 9650 Award for Vocational Excellence**

**The Rotary Award for Vocational Excellence** is a District award for an **individual**, Rotarian or non-Rotarian, who has a record of a commitment and high achievement in their chosen vocation which has been to the advancement of that vocation and the nation.

#### **The aims of the Award are:**

- \* To recognise Vocational Excellence of the highest degree and to honour outstanding contributions by individuals for significant advancement in their vocational field in Australia
- \* To inspire further enthusiasm and to give added reward to the exceptional achievers
- \* To set an example to others, particularly youth, of the need to pursue and strive for vocational excellence to the benefit of their discipline and to Australia in general
- \* To recognise outstanding achievement which may not have received some other public award or recognition.

#### **Guidelines for nominations**

- \* Nominations will be accepted from Rotary Clubs within District 9650
- \* Nominees can be either non Rotarians or Rotarians and must be either Australian citizens or be a permanent resident of Australia. They should live or carry out their vocation within District 9650
- \* Nominees must have a proven record of dedication and high achievement in the pursuit of excellence in their chosen vocation to the benefit of their vocation and out nation

- \* Excellence in community service DOES NOT come under the conditions of this Award. The vocational excellence must be evident in the direct activity and / or contribution by the individual and not merely occur within an organisation managed by the individual
- \* It is imperative that the person nominated is NOT informed of the nomination until all nominations have been considered by District and the successful candidates invited to accept the Award.
- \* If possible, the successful awardee should be available to receive the Award in person at the District Conference. All costs in connection with the Award, including trophy, citation certificate etc. will be paid for by District. **Cost of attendance at the Conference for the successful nominee shall be met by the nominating Rotary Club.**

Selection will be based on the information supplied by the nominating Rotary Club. As an indication of the calibre of person we wish to recognise with this Award, some of our past Awardees are: Howard Croker (oar designer / manufacturer), Dr Jim Frazier (cinematographer / lens designer), Dr Lyn Frager (Doctor – Farm Safety), Syd Howard (pyrotechnician), Graham Caldersmith (luthier), Dr Ray Hare (agronomist), Professor Watson (astronomer), Father Leo Donnelly (Catholic priest), Anthony Sarks (Horticulturist) and Bruce Green (Aviation).

There is no doubt that there are many men and women in our District who exemplify the Second Object of Rotary and to whom we should give due recognition. You are encouraged to seek out suitable nominations for this outstanding Vocational Service program and send the completed Nomination Form (see District web site)

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## District Award for Vocational Service



Clubs which have been active in Vocational Service can receive recognition at District Conference by award of the District Trophy for Vocational Service (PDG Kevin Harges Award) for the “most outstanding vocational service project undertaken during the qualifying period.”

The period of activity eligible for nomination is usually from February to February.

Clubs nominate their projects. Nominations close in time for evaluation and award at the District Conference.

## The Rotary International Vocational Service Leadership Award

District governors may nominate one candidate from their district each year. This award has only recently commenced and previous winners are Gareth Owen (Woolgoolga) 2011-12, Raymond McClaren (Tamworth) 2012-13 and John Carroll 2014-15 (Port Macquarie Sunrise).

**Eligibility:** An individual may receive this award only once. Current, incoming, and past district governors, and current, incoming, and past RI directors are ineligible.

**Criteria:** Candidates must have exhibited significant support of vocational service by fulfilling each of the following criteria:

- Exemplifying integrity and high ethical standards in their vocation and in Rotary
- Using their vocational talents to serve the community
- Personally undertaking at least one of the following:
  - Mentoring a young person to help that person succeed in vocational pursuits
  - Organizing a vocational service discussion or group workshop to inspire others to take action
  - Teaching other club members about their vocation by participating in a classification talk
  - Participating in a business networking event that introduces non-Rotarians to the principles of vocational service
  - Implementing an activity to celebrate Vocational Service Month in October
  - Participating in another vocational service project that meets local needs

The district governor must submit a completed nomination form to RI World Headquarters by **1 November**. **Information will be forwarded to clubs when received from Rotary International**

## **New South Wales Emergency Services Community Awards**



District 9650 Co-Ordinator: Terry Kitching (Taree on Manning)

Rotary has agreed to partner with the following emergency services to present community awards in August of this year:

- Fire and Rescue NSW
- Marine Rescue NSW
- NSW Ambulance
- NSW Rural Fire Service
- NSW State Emergency Services
- NSW Volunteer Rescue Association

The only emergency service not included is the Police because they have their own NSW community service awards – already supported by some of our clubs.

The role of Rotary has been to organise the event – which was launched recently at a gala function at Government House Sydney with the State Governor as a patron.

Rotary clubs are asked to acknowledge the outstanding achievements of the Emergency Service Personnel and nominate the Emergency Services that they think has provided outstanding community service above and beyond the call of their normal day to day duties. Members of all six NSW Emergency service organisations are eligible.

The procedure is simple. Anyone can go online on the website set out on the brochure and either download print and mail a nomination form or complete one online. They simply set out

- their own details,
- the details of the person they are nominating,
- the emergency service to which that person belongs, and
- in their own words (up to 500) as to why that person deserves the award for that particular emergency service.

Entries close on 6 May 2015 with finalists announced 3 June 2015 and the winners announced at a Gala Awards Dinner in August 2015. The dates for 2016 are not yet available.

**Please support this initiative. Our emergency services personnel deserve recognition. It enhances the name of Rotary for us to be associated.**



The New South Wales Police Officer of the year awards are run annually and provide state-wide recognition to sworn and unsworn officers for excellence in police service.

Each Police Local Area Command is invited to promote the awards with the co-operation of Rotary. The awards committee must consist of a Past District Governor and police representatives. Other Rotarians may also be involved on the committee.

The awards consist of two areas;

- Peer Awards (*police officers to nominate their colleagues*)
- Community Awards (*members of the community to nominate police officers*)

The committee then selects a winner from each section and forward those details to the State organising committee for the major awards presentation in Sydney on 6 November 2015.

The State organizing committee is from the Rotary Club of Sydney and is headed up by John Given - Phone: 02 95971766

## **Celebration of Education in our Community**



An initiative of the Rotary Club of Gloucester in 2014, serving teachers from their district schools were invited to be recognised by the community for educating the students and preparing them to live independent lives for themselves and their families.

Invitations were sent to all serving teachers and assistant or casual teachers. Each teacher that attended were presented with a special memento of the evening as recognition of their teaching contribution to the Community.

Involving the community promotes Rotary and also a way of attracting new members.

Clubs in D9650 are encouraged to recognise teachers in their area, or as a Cluster project.

## **Resources**

Take advantage of these resources and opportunities, and start promoting vocational service in your club today!

### **Contact your district vocational service chair**

District governors are encouraged to appoint a district vocational service chair to provide guidance and project support to Rotarians.

### **Observe Vocational Service Month**

Vocational Service Month now in January is an opportunity to initiate significant vocational service projects. Consider using some of the suggested project ideas in this guide as a starting point.

The RI website offers resources to help you promote Vocational Service Month, including a downloadable flier and PowerPoint presentation.

### **Sign up for *Vocational Service Update***

*Vocational Service Update* is Rotary's free e-newsletter of vocational service news and resources.

It is available in English, French, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish. Subscribe at [www.rotary.org/newsletters](http://www.rotary.org/newsletters) or email [rotary.service@rotary.org](mailto:rotary.service@rotary.org).

### **Rotary Showcase**

Post your vocational service project on Rotary Showcase and tell your story to the world. Rotary Showcase enables you to share project information, upload photos, participate in discussions, and even join projects launched by other Rotarians. And it can connect directly to Facebook with a simple click. Go to [www.rotary.org/showcase](http://www.rotary.org/showcase) to see what other clubs are doing.

# *Notes*