

Our first newsletter for 2014/15 please find some important and interesting news from the Rotary Foundation at work in our district.

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Tony Castley,
District Foundation Chair

GRANT PROJECTS:

Last year we had 40 completed District Grants. In our May newsletter we featured 8 of these grants and here we have another 8 for you. This gives everyone a cross section of the many varied grants that clubs have successfully completed last year with the help of a District Foundation Grant. For more details on grants, see page 2.



Lifeline Bus to North Sydney

The Rotary Club of North Sydney used a special District Grant of \$5,000 towards the purchase of a new bus for Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury. Congratulations again to Past President Jenny Thomas, who has in the past, led the club in projects to supply a number of new buses for charities in the North Sydney area.



The Entrance "Jump Start Room"

The Rotary Club of The Entrance used a District Grant of \$1000 to assist the purchase of gross motor and sensory equipment for the "Jump Start Room" at Yarran Early Intervention Centre at Bateau Bay for young children with disabilities and developmental delays.



Pennant Hills Community Hall Renovations

The Rotary Club of Pennant Hills, used a \$2,500 District Grant to help fund their renovation of the Bernard Curran Community Hall. Photo shows the hall nearing completion with painter David Feeney and Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Hospital PR Manager Greg Lill discussing the progress.



Combined Efforts to Refurbish Primary School in Laos

The Rotary E-club of Greater Sydney combined a \$2,000 District Grant with club funds and support from the Rotary Club of Chatswood, to raise \$5,500 for a refurbishment project at the Nambian Primary school in Vientiane Laos. The project included a new roof, shown here under construction, painting and other building improvements.



Lane Cove funds Multiple Projects to Indonesia

The Rotary Club of Lane Cove used their \$5,000 District Grant to help fund a number of small projects in Nusa Tenggara Timur, Indonesia, which included water tanks, building toilets, refurbishing schools, supplying books, library staff training as well as providing agricultural training to improve crops.



Chatswood Sunrise Funds Indigenous Literacy Project

The Rotary Club of Chatswood Sunrise used their \$1,000 District Grant to help fund their indigenous literacy project. Pictured here is Karen Williams from the Indigenous Literacy Foundation showing one of the many books written in the local Aboriginal language(s).



Ku-ring-gai's Tick-induced Allergy Awareness Campaign

The Rotary club of Ku-ring-gai used a District Grant of \$4,000 for a project to raise awareness that tick bites can cause certain allergies, and how to avoid Tick bites. The project to produce a brochure (above) and a YouTube video, was in conjunction with TiARA (Tick-induced Allergies and Awareness Fund) and the Royal North Shore Hospital.



Funding Active Health Program

The Rotary Clubs of Pittwater and Terry Hills have used a \$5,000 District Grant to help fund an indigenous program called "Active Health - play, eat & live". This project is administered by an elite group of athletes from the Sydney University Flames (WNBL basketball) working in schools and communities in low socio-economic areas with higher than average Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander enrolments.

FOUNDATION GRANTS



Rotary Projects in Oecusse - East Timor

One of the poorest areas of East Timor is the enclave of Oecusse, and it is here that Rotarian Judy Charnaud of the Rotary E-club of Greater Sydney has been working for 12 years. Judy's work includes the supply of fresh water filters, sustainable village programs and her Green Games.

The Rotary Clubs of Brookvale, Epping, Balgowlah, Dee Why-Warringah and the E-club of Greater Sydney have been assisting Judy with these projects.

Green Games A District grant for \$2,000 assisted the funding of the Green Games, which engaged more than 1,000 of the youth in Oecusse this year. The games which were run over 2 months included 21 teams for soccer and 32 teams for Volley Ball.

Sustainable Village A Global Grant by Brookvale for a Sustainable Village project costing \$42,000 has just been approved by The Rotary Foundation. This project will assist villagers through the process of looking at their resources, history and environment to identify key issues impacting on livelihoods, and develop site-specific future vision and action plans.



District to Support Indigenous Literacy Global Grant with D9550

Our district has agreed to give \$5,000 to District 9550 (Qld and NT) for their Global Grant GG1417858 to provide a sustainable program in the focus area of basic reading and literacy to Indigenous pre-school children aged 0-4 years at Yarrabah in the Northern Territory which is one of most socially disadvantaged townships in Australia.

Our District regularly receives requests to contribute to other Global Grants from around the World, and while we prefer to use our DDF (District Designated Funds) on projects instigated by our own clubs, we do from time to time assist other districts with their Global Grant projects, especially other Australian districts and more especially those that have also assisted us. For example last year District 9550 contributed DDF to one of our Global Grants in East Timor.

District Grants 2013-14

Congratulations to all the clubs that received District Grants last year. 40 district grants were given out for a total of \$98,882, and the good news is we have submitted the final report to the Foundation and it has been approved and finalised!

40	District grants paid during 2013 - 14
\$98, 882	Paid out to clubs in total
101%	Of our available foundation grant money used! (1% funded from interest)
All	Clubs have submitted an interim or final report

District Grants 2014-15

Thank you to all the clubs that have submitted their application for District Grants this year. We have received 30 applications and we have now lodged our district consolidated application with The Foundation and we would expect that all these club grants will be approved. Then all being well, we should get our money within about 4 weeks and then we will be able to make first payments to all the clubs who have applied for grants. There may still be a little flexibility to receive a late application, and so if your club has missed out, please talk to our District Foundation Chair Paul Erickson. We do have however, more funds available for Global Grants, so if a club has missed out on a district Grant, they might like to consider applying for a Global Grant. For any questions re District Grants please contact District Grants Chair, PDG Paul Erickson Ph: 4751 2040 M: 0488 097161 paul.erickson53@hotmail.com

Global Grants 2014-15

We have made a good start to Global Grants this year with 8 Humanitarian Grants in process and three Vocational Training Team (VTT) Grants, well in the planning stage.

This year our District has \$150,000 (DDF) available to assist Global Grants, and remember this effectively becomes \$300,000 as the Foundation matches our DDF by 100%. Then it will also match your club or other funds by 50%. So if you have an overseas project with a budget of more than \$35,000, talk to our Foundation Zone Coordinators now!

GG Number	Club	Project	Status
GG1418450	Carlingford	Water wells in Ghana	Draft stage
GG1420651	Northbridge	School Desks in Timor	Submitted
GG1420717	Lindfield	Cleft Palate in India	Submitted
GG1421077	Carlingford	Fishing Boats Philippines	Submitted
GG1414433	Chatswood	Toilets in Timor	Draft stage
GG14220083	Brookvale	Green Games Timor	Approved!!!
GG 1423218	E-club of GS	Rabies in Philippines	Draft stage
GG1523867	Wahroonga	Disease Cambodia	Draft stage
VTT	Roseville Chase	Child marriages Turkey	Planning stage, Ian Garrard
VTT	Erina	Health project Turkey	Planning stage, David Dean
VTT	Ryde	Interplast Fiji	Planning stage, John Dodd, David Hart

WE DID IT! District 9685 wins the Australia Cup!

Congratulation to all the clubs and Rotarians who supported The Rotary Foundation last year, and for the first time ever, our District has won the Australia Cup. This cup is awarded each year to the District in Australia with the highest donations to the Annual Fund per capita. This cup has for the last 5 years been won by Melbourne district 9810 and this year we just tipped them with \$191.27 per capita to their \$189.36. Now the challenge is can we hold again this year? This cup will be presented to 2013-14 District Governor Graeme Davies at the Annual Institute in November!

2013-14 Giving Results - Best Ever!

Our District Foundation "giving" results for last year were simply amazing! Along with my District Foundation Team we would like to sincerely thank all the clubs and members who so strongly supported the Foundation last year. Our results were the best in Zone 8 and 7 – Australia /NZ/Indonesia/Philippines. In short we raised the largest Annual Fund for Australia and NZ with \$409,314, the largest per capita with \$191.27, and all up with Permanent Fund, and Grants our total of \$653,000 was the highest ever raised! Wow what a great result! Now the challenge is to emulate that again this year, and so we have set the bar at \$600,000 and we can do!

Summary	Annual fund	Polio	Total Including Endowment and Grants
2013-14	\$409,314	\$126,452	\$653,214
Target for June 30th	\$470,000	\$130,000	\$700,000

CLUB	ANNUAL FUND ACTUAL \$	POLIO FUND ACTUAL \$
Erina	65,005	11,065
Turrumurra	36,522	1,713
E-Club of Greater Sydney	20,579	88
Beecroft	19,897	1,827
St Ives	12,578	917
Castle Hill	12,045	2,004
Lane Cove	11,059	1,955
Wahroonga	11,057	3,791
Hornsby	10,043	909
Central Blue Mountains	9,232	4,317
Lower Blue Mountains	8,271	4,951
Chatswood	8,172	2,588
Woy Woy	8,049	13,727
Ryde	7,704	6,627
Lindfield	7,649	2,819
Glenhaven	7,458	218
Northbridge	7,293	4,545
Penrith Valley	6,954	2,474
Roseville Chase	6,690	5,505
Carlingford	6,325	10,069
Mosman	6,091	-
Epping	5,699	100
Terrey Hills	5,545	-
West Pennant Hills	5,468	91
Springwood	4,805	-
Gosford City	4,371	1,236
North Sydney	4,186	-

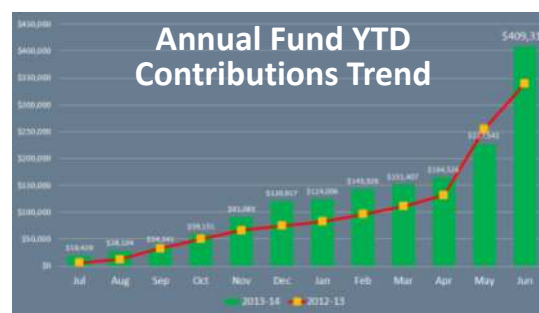
CLUB	ANNUAL FUND ACTUAL \$	POLIO FUND ACTUAL \$
Gosford North	4,158	-
Nepean	4,116	-
The Hills - Kellyville	3,780	2,527
Gladesville	3,475	455
Balgowlah	3,351	-
Crows Nest	3,292	45
North Rocks	3,003	-
North Ryde	2,831	436
Pittwater	2,736	-
Terrigal	2,728	318
Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise	2,727	-
Northlakes Toukley	2,647	92
Galston	2,505	909
Kariong/Somersby	2,468	1,010
Wyong Tuggerah	2,274	74
Dee Why Warringah	2,257	136
Gosford	2,190	-
Ku-ring-gai	2,190	3,811
Pennant Hills	2,045	-
Kurrangong North Richmond	2,000	-
Dural	1,909	136
Norwest Sunrise	1,909	609
The Entrance	1,891	727
Blackheath	1,779	1,603
Waitara	1,774	-
Macquarie Park	1,687	-
Manly	1,683	-

CLUB	ANNUAL FUND ACTUAL \$	POLIO FUND ACTUAL \$
Kincumber	1,592	182
Eastwood	1,545	455
Rouse Hill	1,465	956
Chatswood Sunrise	1,276	434
Gosford West	1,274	-
Winston Hills	1,274	9,892
Penrith	1,183	1,045
North Sydney Sunrise	1,091	909
Frenchs Forest	1,000	1,000
Berowra	948	69
Narrabeen Lakes	546	92
Umina Beach	455	273
Brookvale	455	-
St Leonards	455	-
Thornleigh	364	459
Belrose	279	909
Hunters Hill	277	-
Windsor	258	5,000
Katoomba	92	314
Kenthurst	-	977
Chatswood Int	-	-
East Gosford	-	-
Neutral Bay	-	-
Richmond	-	-
Total for District 9685	409,314	126,452

2013-14 Foundation Giving

Per Capita \$191.27 Full Last Year \$152.14	Annual Fund \$409,314 Last year \$340,036	Other Giving \$243,900 Last Year \$245,000	Total Giving \$653,214 Last year \$585,577
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The "Other" includes \$126,452 to the Polio fund, \$9,100 Endowment Fund and Club money into Grants.



As you can see June still dominates the annual fund Giving. Please help us to bring the collection period to earlier in the year, because the earlier the Foundation receives the money, the earlier it can put it to work, saving lives!

Rotary releases US\$43.6 million to fight polio in Africa, Asia and the Middle East

The fight to end polio will receive an additional US\$43.6 million boost from Rotary in support of polio immunization activities, surveillance and research to be carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which aims to end the disease worldwide by 2018.



Rotary supports WHO director-general's public health emergency for polio

In May, the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the international spread of polio a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), and issued a set of recommendations to all polio-impacted countries. On 31 July, the situation was reassessed and the Director-General has declared polio remains a public health emergency. Several factors played into this decision, including:

1. Both Pakistan and Equatorial Guinea have exported the virus internationally since May.
2. Polio thrives in areas compromised by conflict. The unfortunate reality is that there are currently several countries whose public health systems have been seriously weakened by crisis, and whose children are now some of the most vulnerable to polio. In fact, the number of people living in conflict-torn states has increased since May, putting these children at greater risk.

John Germ, Chair, International PolioPlus Committee, Rotary International August 4th 2014.

John Germ has just been nominated as the Rotary International President for 2016-17

Australia's Youngest Centurion?

In the August issue of Rotary Down Under (page 6) the Rotary club of Campbelltown SA claims they have Australia's youngest Centurion in twelve year old Ashlee Leach. The article explains how Ashlee pays the \$100 donation by putting aside 20% of her pocket money.

I don't know if some of our clubs, especially some of our Interact clubs have a younger Centurion, but if we don't let's get busy! Can't let these SA's steal the news! I know our District Centurion Chair Gavin is raring to go to and present a Centurion badge to any club with a younger Centurion. Let's take up the challenge!

Talking Centurions...

Last year we had a record 660 Centurions, but while that was better, we still have, 2,100 Rotarians plus partners and families! So this year we have set the target at 1,000 Centurions, and to do this we are asking clubs to try and become 100% Centurion clubs, and receive a special recognition from The Rotary Foundation at the end of the year!

The first 100% Centurion club for this year is Richmond!! Congratulations!

If you have any questions about Centurions, need forms or a guest speaker to come to the club, please contact our District Centurion Chair, Gavin Ralston, Ph: 9452 4666 M: 0416 173 015 gadr@bigpond.net.au



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BEACHES	Balgowlah, Brookvale, Dee Why / Warringah, Manly, Manly Sunrise	Peter Kindred	Chatswood	9913 8452		peter.kindred@bigpond.com
BLUE MOUNTAINS	Central Blue Mountains, Blackheath, Katoomba, Springwood, Upper Blue Mountains Sunrise	PDG David Cook (Caroline)	Lower Blue Mountains	4739 5868	0439 494 835	drcook@ozemail.com.au
CENTRAL COAST	E-Club of Greater Sydney, East Gosford, Erina, Kincumber, Terrigal	Tony Castley (Sandra)	Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney	4384 3988	0414 801 888	tony@sewgroup.com
CITY NORTH	Crows Nest, Neutral Bay, North Sydney, North Sydney Sunrise, Northbridge, Mosman, St Leonards	Charlie Barnett	Mosman	9969 2545	0420 299 430	barnett@smartvision.com.au
HAWKESBURY	Kurrajong, North Richmond, Richmond, Rouse Hill, Windsor	Ian Jordan (Judy)	Richmond		0408 219 942	ijordan@parra.catholic.edu.au
LOWER CENTRAL COAST	Gosford City, Gosford, West, Kariang Somersby, Woy Woy, Umina Beach	Margaret Dean (David)	Erina	4384 7079	0402 253 522	margaret.dean@healthroundtable.org
NEPEAN	Lower Blue Mountains, Nepean, Penrith, Penrith Valley	Paul Erickson (Suzanne)	Springwood	4751 2040	0488 097 161	paul.erickson53@hotmail.com
NORTHERN DISTRICT	Beecroft, Carlingford, Epping, Thornleigh, Eastwood, North Rocks	David Rands (Anne)	Beecroft	9498 5692	0408 255 015	dbrands@bigpond.com
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PENINSULA	Belrose, Frenchs Forest, Narrabeen Lakes, Pittwater	PDG Pam Pritchard (Trevor Lowes)	Turrumurra	9451 7663	0411 335 299	pam.1@bigpond.net.au
RIVERSIDE	Gladesville, Hunters Hill, North Ryde, Macquarie Park, Ryde TBA	Lindsay May (Tania Mace)	Lane Cove	9906 6817	0412 914 100	lindsaymay@live.com.au
THE HILLS	Castle Hill, Dural, Glenhaven, Norwest Sunrise (Bella Vista), The Hills Kellyville	Barry Philps (Jennifer)	Glenhaven	9634 5904	0419 415 451	bphilps@bigpond.net.au
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	District Foundation Chair	Tony Castley	E-Club GS	4384 3988	0414 801 888	tonyc@sewgroup.com
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