



Rotary District 9830
Tasmania
District Governor's
Newsletter



October 2009

Government recognises value of RYDA \$100,000 funding boost



RYDA in action, demonstrating braking distances to students

The Rotary Youth Driving Awareness (RYDA) program in Tasmania has been boosted by funding of \$100,000 by the Tasmanian Government. In announcing the contribution to RYDA, the Premier, David Bartlett, said the government contribution would enable every government high school student in Tasmania to have access to the RYDA road safety education program.

RYDA Australia Chairman, Mr Terry Birss, welcomed Premier Bartlett's announcement of the wonderful contribution to the Tasmanian RYDA program, saying the grant would help young people stay safe on our roads.

District 9830 RYDA Chair, Charles Cook, said the funds would ease pressure on Rotary finances and help the program reach more students. Last year, 3448 Year 10 students from 48 schools undertook the day long RYDA course.



Simulating being drunk

The RYDA Program in District 9830 (Tasmania) receives outstanding support from many Rotary Clubs with Rotarians providing organisational support at RYDA venues around Tasmania.

Membership and Public Relations Seminars
Devonport 3rd October, Hobart 17th October – see District website

Danish Rotary Youth Exchange establishes life long relationship

In 1985, the then RC Rosetta hosted a Danish Youth Exchange student, Lola Norgaard, a vivacious and outgoing 18 year old. Rtn Arthur Orchard and his wife, Jill, have kept in contact with Lola over the years. Lola and her family have returned to Tasmania on three occasions, including two years ago when a reunion of members and partners of the now defunct R C Rosetta was held.

Rtn Arthur and Jill recently holidayed in Denmark and were escorted around the country by Lola and her husband, Hans Peter.

On a whim, Lola contacted the local newspaper (The NORDJYSKE Stiftstidende) to see if they were interested in doing a story on the reunion. The interview ended up on the front page of the paper.



Former Danish Rotary Youth Exchange student, Lola Norgaard (centre) with Jill and Arthur Orchard

One of the photos published in the paper shows Lola holding up her Rotary Youth Exchange blazer, still covered in badges.



MINDERNE FRA Tasmanien stadig lige ved hånden i billeder, historier, breve og så denne jakke fra Rotary. Lola Norggaard bår.

Lola Norggaard with her Rotary Youth Exchange Blazer bedecked with badges

The ongoing relationship of the Orchard family in Tasmania and Lola Norggaard and her family in Denmark demonstrates that Rotary Youth Exchange is a great Rotary program.



Public Relations Tip

This month's PR tip is simple enough. Check out and sign up for the fortnightly RI PR e-newsletter. Once you sign up you will receive a fortnightly email outlining some of the best PR ideas and success stories from Rotary Clubs around the world.

Go to the www.rotary.org website and use the search function to search for 'pr tips' and it will re-direct you straight there.

Come along to the Membership and PR seminars in Devonport on 3 Oct and Hobart on 17 Oct.

Devonport: St Brendan Shaw College, 127 St James St. Sat 3 Oct, 9.30am to 12.30pm

Hobart: Harold Gregg Centre, 1 Southerwood Drive, Sandy Bay. Sat 17 Oct, 9.30am to 12.30pm

Tumbling Times

We have all watched anxiously as the stock market tumbled. By way of contrast, in District 9830, we have seen strong increases in the number of young people participating in our diverse youth programs.

As I visit Clubs, I'm inspired by the level of commitment being exercised in helping young people develop. Much of this can be attributed to ramping up of public relations success stories in the various media outlets, coupled with community and Government recognition that Rotary cares. Here are a few examples:

- **Storm the Stage** with record numbers participating – 70 locally out of 180 nationally
- **Science and Engineering Challenge** – records number of schools competing and Riverside High competing in the National Final shortly
- **National Youth Science Forums** in Canberra and Perth in January – a record number of 70 applicants
- **Rotary Youth Exchange** – increase in outbound students from four to ten
- **Rotaract and Interact** Clubs increasing

- **Group Study Exchange** – number of applicants for team positions doubled to 30
- **Rotary Youth Driving Awareness (RYDA)** – Recognition by the Premier, David Bartlett of RYDA with a \$100,000 contribution to assist all Year 10 students to participate



RYDA in action

- **Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM)** – two youth volunteer teams are scheduled to visit The Solomon Islands early next year to support the RAM program

Thank you to all youth committees at both Club and District level for a great achievement. *The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands.*

Ian Shuey – District Governor

Centurion Club

Why not join the Centurion Club? Donations are fully tax deductible and contribute to your club's PHF credits. The commitment is \$A100 per year as long as you are able to do so. On receipt of your initial \$100 donation, you will be issued with a pin to recognise your participation in this worthwhile program. If you choose to make your payment \$US100 per year, you will qualify as a Foundation Sustaining Member.

Contact District Foundation Chairman, Kevin Shadbolt:

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Tel: 03 64 267215

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Rural Medical Student Scholarship

Has your Club ever considered offering a scholarship to attract medical students to specialise in Rural Medicine? We all know of the shortage of doctors in rural areas and this is an area where Rotary can help. Hearing about the excellent teaching opportunities being offered at the UTAS Rural Clinical in Burnie, Past President Peter Radel contacted the Chief Executive, Professor Judi Walker, and a new initiative was born in 2007.

This resulted in the establishment of the *Rotary Club of Wynyard Scholarship in Rural Medicine* which is offered to a student entering the final two years of clinical studies. The relationship between the two organisations continues to grow and is mutually beneficial. The first student to be awarded the two year scholarship, Alison Neilson, is now an intern at the North West Regional Hospital and has remained in touch with Wynyard Rotary.



Rekha Ratnagabol with club members Julie Murray and Steve Seaford and Brazilian Exchange student, Eduardo Oda

The current student is Rekha Ratnagabol, a 5th year medical student from Hobart. Since arriving in Burnie in January she has become a popular member of the Wynyard Club.

The rapport between the Club and the Rural Clinical School has also led to another new program with four 2nd year medical students spending a week in Wynyard, being hosted by Club members and visiting a variety of local health services and community groups. As a result of this experience, and seeing the excellent teaching and accommodation facilities offered at the RCS, students reported that they were much more likely to consider rural medical practice in the future. Wynyard Rotary's support for the "Rural Communities Week Program" was subsequently used as a model for other communities and has been very successfully adopted by the Ulverstone West, Ulverstone and Latrobe Rotary Clubs. It is hoped that this will become an annual event

If other Clubs are interested in establishing a scholarship with the Rural Clinical School there are opportunities for varying levels of sponsorship. Please contact Rosalie Maynard, Manager, Marketing & Community Engagement, Rural Clinical School, University of Tasmania, NW Hospital's Campus, Brickport Road, Burnie 7320 (Private bag 3513) or Tel: 03 6430 5920 or email: Rosalie.Maynard@utas.edu.au

Or contact Rotarians, Peter Radel, pradel@eftel.net.au or Janet Sell, janetbernard@southcom.com.au for more information.

Rotary supporting NYSF students

Rotary District 9830 is sponsoring nineteen Tasmanian students to attend National Youth Science Forums in Canberra and Perth in the New Year.

An impressive induction of the nineteen National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) students took place at the UTAS campus at Newnham recently. One of the highlights was the visit to the Human Interface Technology Laboratory.



Observing a demonstration by the Human Interface Technology Laboratory

The students were then guests at a reception at Government House in Hobart three days later. Parents, teachers and Rotarians of sponsoring Rotary Clubs were well looked after by Government House staff whilst they admired the various public rooms of Government House.



NYSF students at Government House

Santi settles into Salamanca

My name is Anssi Simo Santeri Kuivalainen, though I'd prefer being called Santi, for obvious reasons. I'm a 17-year old boy from Lohja, Finland and have come to Tasmania as an Exchange Student hosted by the Salamanca Rotary Club. My hobbies include playing the guitar, listening to rock and being a couch potato.



Our family includes me, my mother, father, my two brothers, my sister and a dog called Leevi. My father runs a small kiosk and my mother is a teacher. My eldest brother works on IT and my younger brother (still older than me) is studying to become a gardener. My sister is studying in Bruges; she was also as an exchange student in Australia.

My grandfather is a Rotarian and can take some credit in getting me here. I've experienced a lot in the month I've been in Tasmania. So far I've been bushwalking, visited numerous interesting places (e.g. Mt. Field, Mt. Wellington, Bruny Island and Bonorong), bought an ukulele, brewed ginger beer (non-alcoholic, mind you), given presentations on Finland to primary school students and visited Burnie.

Yours in Rotary
Santi

Strong Demand for Forensic Accounting Classes in Fiji

In the July issue, we reported on Helena Mitev going to Fiji on a Rotary Foundation University Teaching Grant to teach forensic accounting in Suva. Helena has reported that her classes are proving extremely popular and she is having to look around for a larger lecture room.



She started with nine students, it grew to forty, and then another thirteen turned up. The students are from the police force, customs, anti-corruption agencies and local officials as well. They are all senior working officials, expert in their fields. Unlike young students, they ask very specific and intelligent questions.



Membership Resources for Clubs

The Rotary website www.rotary.org.au has a number of publications that are available to clubs to assist with their membership development, including:

- 001 This is Rotary
- 595 Rotary Basics
- 414 New Member Orientation
- 417 Membership Development Resource Guide
- 421 Membership Development Initiative Form
- And several others

Rotary Club of Deloraine recognised for outstanding commitment to vocational education and training

Sponsoring the Vocational Student of the Year Award at the Tasmanian Training Awards for the past 15 years saw the RC Deloraine recognised for their outstanding commitment to vocational education and training in Tasmania.

Proceeds from the Tasmanian Craft Fair, organised by the club, have been used to support the annual award of \$3000.



2009 Vocational Student of the Year, Alison Richardson with R C Deloraine President, David Cameron

(Photo courtesy of Tony McKendrick of Photomakers)

The 2009 winner of the award was Alison Richardson of Hobart. Alison is a qualified hairdresser with her own salons. She will represent Tasmania in the Australian Training Awards in Canberra in November.



GSE Team Leaders Announced

To Loire Valley, France: PP Gill Whitehouse, RC Salamanca
To: New York, USA: PP Kim Pitt, RC Kingston
Team members will be announced shortly.

Attendance Report for August 2009

Club	Attendance	Rank
Youngtown	94.00%	1
Bellerive	92.00%	2
Spring Bay	91.40%	3
Howrah	90.97%	4
Devonport North	89.12%	5
Tamar Sunrise	89.00%	6
Moonah	82.85%	7
Georgetown	82.00%	8
Longford	80.66%	9
Devonport Southeast	80.58%	10
City Central Hobart	80.54%	11
Burnie	80.50%	12
Wynyard	80.00%	13
Kangaroo Bay	79.99%	14
Kings Meadows	79.76%	15
Ulverstone West	79.2%	16
Glenorchy	79.17%	17
Somerset	78.72%	18
Kingston	77.24%	19
Central Launceston	77.00%	20

Congratulations to R C Youngtown. For a full report, go to the District website at www.rotary9830.org.au

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**Welcome to New Members**

| Rotarians       | Club                |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Joan Walters    | West Tamar          |
| James Tyson     | West Tamar          |
| Kerry Scurrah   | West Tamar          |
| Selena Reynolds | City Central Hobart |
| George Manifold | Georgetown          |
| Eric Stringer   | Claremont           |
| Eric Lown       | Claremont           |
| June Woolley    | Howrah              |
| Adrian Kok*     | Launceston          |
| * rejoined      |                     |

**New Paul Harris Fellow**

Trevor Flowers was named a Paul Harris Fellow by R C Deloraine for his enormous contribution to the community and to humanity. Trevor's voluntary work has included helping Glendell Homes for the Aged, Giant Steps and Camp Quality where he helped organize activities at the camp for over eight years.



**Pres David Cameron, PP John Bennett, Lola Flowers, Trevor Flowers, Trevor Flowers PHF and PP Lesley Dare**

Trevor has been an exhibitor at the Tasmanian Craft Fair for 15 years and has given his time freely in the construction of special exhibitions. Trevor has travelled with the RC Deloraine to Africa, Vanuatu and Fiji to assist in building projects for indigenous people.

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**Rtn Roger and Pat Sculthorpe
A combined total of membership of RC
Launceston and Inner Wheel Club of
Launceston of 100 years**

October 2009

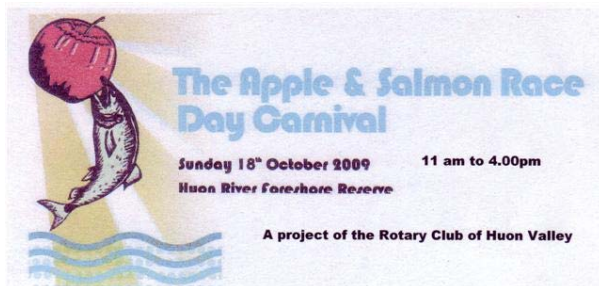
The Salamanca Scone Makers

Super-duper scones have turned into a money spinner for the Rotary Club of Salamanca. As part of their fundraising activities, the club caters for morning and afternoon teas at Hobart Floral Art Shows.

Liz Colman, a Home Economics teacher at Collegiate School, demonstrated to club members how to make scones. A big thank you to Liz for giving up her time to tutor the novice scone makers.



The Salamanca scone makers proudly showing off their super-duper scones.



Tasmanian Craft Fair 2009

30th oct - 2nd nov 2009
deloraine



 The Advocate

HEALTH & WELLBEING

EXPO 

ULVERSTONE CIVIC CENTRE

FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER &

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER

10AM TO 4PM - FREE ENTRY

Rotary Club of  Central Launceston

Sallys Ride '09
Tamar Valley Cycle Challenge

Sunday 15th November starting at Royal Park Launceston

Health & Wellbeing EXPO at Ulverstone on 2 – 3 Oct