

# District 9650 Weekly mailing update 23

4 December 2011 – December is Rotary Family month

From District Secretary PDG Laurie Barber (3 pages)

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Please ensure this information is available to all interested members of your Club.

Please Note that all prior editions of this weekly news together with the Monthly District Governors Newsletter is available on the District website at <http://www.rotary9650.org.au>.



"REACH WITHIN TO  
EMBRACE HUMANITY"

**Secretary – please ensure this and all future enews are distributed to all interested members of your Club for their information. – send it on using [Forward](#) button.**

✓ **Showcase Room at Conference.**

The conference committee is seeking applications from those wishing to provide a display in the Showcase Room at the conference in March.

It will be important for District Leaders and interested persons who would like to take advantage of this facility to contact the conference committee as soon as possible through Tim Newberry on email; [timothynewberry@bigpond.com](mailto:timothynewberry@bigpond.com) or phone 6723 2992 - mobile 0427 506 874.

The Showcase Room will be located in the morning/afternoon tea marquee and will be in full view of the conference attendees. Space will be limited so may I suggest you contact Tim now rather than later.

✓ The December edition of the Rotary on the Move Newsletter is now on the District website at <http://www.rotary9650.org.au/Membership>.

✓ **"The Rotary Success Conference"**, will be held in Canberra Australia from 21st-22nd July 2012 – reserve the dates.

✓ Rotary International exchange rates for December 2011 are:

Country	Monetary Unit	Currency/US\$1	US\$ Equivalent
Australia	AUD	1.00	1.00000000

This information can always be retrieved by viewing [www.rotary.org.au](http://www.rotary.org.au) under the "resources" tab.

✓ From Judy Drake at **Rotary Down Under**: I am pleased to advise that many of your number have already lent strong support to the Gates Challenge 'Pin It For Polio' campaign. We have already received orders for almost 10,000 pins from Rotary clubs and District officers. We will really appreciate clubs ordering pins before Christmas.

RI advises that our pin supplier will charge 30 cents per pin for 50,000 but the price drops to 27 cents if we reach 100,000 pins. Such a saving is vital in RDU's promise to contain costs (printing, post, and handling) of the program to \$1.50 per pin – with \$1.50 per pin guaranteed to The Rotary Foundation. Please reply directly to me – on the numbers below or via email [bobaitken@rotarydownunder.com.au](mailto:bobaitken@rotarydownunder.com.au) – if you have any questions.

✓ From **Graeme Bird and Friends – CD Reflections**: I have a small property at Wherrol Flat. NSW, running beef cattle and until recently operating a small family run sawmill. Writing songs started as a hobby and has got out of hand somewhat!! Being affected by polio myself inspired me to donate 25% of the proceeds from CD sales to the "END POLIO NOW" fund through the Rotary Club of Wingham – D 9650 of which I am a member. The whole production has been an interesting journey, from the enjoyment of working with my son while building Little Run Studio, to writing the lyrics and composing the music, recording (using local musicians), producing and now promoting. This album is a diverse mix of 13 songs from alternate country to songs from the heart, all with my special flavour of the Australian way of life.. Your support by purchasing a CD will be greatly appreciated and will help to raise necessary funds to go towards the eradication of polio. Contact Details: Email: [graemebirdmusic@skymesh.com.au](mailto:graemebirdmusic@skymesh.com.au); Phone: 02 65507268; Address: 993 Little Run Rd., Wherrol Flat. NSW 2429

✓ **The following Clubs have made application for District Designated Funds from The Rotary Foundation for the 2011\_12 year:**

- ✓ Rotary Club of Forster on Wallis
- ✓ Rotary Club of Moree on Gwydir
- ✓ Rotary Australian World Community Service – District 9650
- ✓ Rotary Club of Tamworth on behalf of District 9650
- ✓ Rotary Club of Tamworth on Peel
- ✓ Rotary Club of Taree North

Thanks to those Clubs who have made submissions. The committee will meet shortly in December and Clubs will be notified of successful projects and relevant funding from The Rotary Foundation.

✓ **Rotary Influence in the Community:**

We've all heard stories of people willingly donating to a cause if Rotary is involved. And I believe that all Rotarians who have ever been involved in a fundraiser of any kind could tell stories relating to that. My story is in that vein, yet I believe its message is so strong that it needs telling in this forum.

About 4 years ago I took on the job of District Donations In Kind Chairman, & the first thing that struck me was the logistic nightmare of getting the collected goods to our main DIK depot in Sydney. In the complex where I have my workshop, there is an interstate trucking company, R&T Transport, operated by Rob & Tanya Baker. In casual conversation with Rob, (forgetting he ran a trucking business,) Rob said he'd take our stuff to Sydney at no cost. I asked why? His reply was; *because Rotary does good work.* From then till now, R&T have transported over 100 tonnes of goods. Mostly to Sydney DIK, but a full semi-trailer load went to Queensland during the recent devastating floods, & a load went down for the 2009 Victorian bushfires. My Club's reputation for getting goods moved resulted in a request from Rotarian Meg Gervay of Sydney, to help with the transportation of "Wrapped With Love" blankets & woollies, knitted in the local community. R&T transported 15 pallets to Alexandria in Sydney. Much to Meg's surprise, the goods arrived at her designated depot within 48 hours of her plea for help. At our last changeover, & before I stepped down as President, I had the absolute pleasure of recognising Rob Baker as a "Paul Harris Fellow." This came as a huge surprise for Rob & Tanya, particularly as they are not Rotarians, & believed the award was only for Rotarians. The relationship with the Rotary Club of Wauchope (D9650) & R&T Trucking is ongoing. It is an example, even a demonstration that Rotary & the community can, & should, work together to help those who cannot help themselves. Also in evidence is the utter respect people have for the integrity of Rotary, & Rotarians. These people have donated thousands of dollars in transport *"because Rotary does good work."* Often I think of all the tonnage distributed overseas & nationally, & the number of people whose lives have been made more bearable because of the work we Rotarians do, with the co-operation of people like Rob & Tanya Baker. But the best part is that in any country, city, town or village that receives our help, no one knows our names, or who we are!

Reg Pierce, PHF & PP



U Beaut Ute and  
**CAR BOOT SALE**

at the



**SWR Primary School Oval**

**Sturt Street**

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> DEC from 7.30am



**MAKE SOME MONEY FOR CHRISTMAS**

Limited space \$10 Car Boot \$20 Ute/Stall

Bring your NEW and USED Bric a Brac and Collectables,  
Jewellery.

Do some Face Painting or Busking.

Bake some Cakes, bring your fresh produce.

Fund raise for your Service group.

**ALL WELCOME**

Contact Chris 6566 6400

**BOOK and PRE PAY YOUR SITE**

Donations of goods to Rotary to sell: Contact Geoff 0409 071 278

**Supporting SWR Rotary Club**