

Di North's Weekly Bulletin

Good evening Presidents and Secretaries, Welcome to another week of the bulletin.

1. By now you should all have the the of the District Conference marked in your calendar – 10th to 12th March 2017 at the Novotel Wollongong. District Governor Stephen would like to welcome everyone to the Rotary District 9675 Conference 2017 "Foundations for Success"

<https://www.facebook.com/rotary9675Conference2017/> District Governor Stephen is pleased to announce that the District Conference program, which may be subject to change.

Full details about the Conference, including speaker profiles, can be found on the District website <http://www.rotarydistrict9675.org.au/>

We look forward to seeing you in Wollongong in March. Early Bird pricing ends December 31st so book soon.

<http://www.rotarydistrict9675.org.au/Stories/conference-early-bird-registration>

2. As advised in a previous bulletin, District Governor Stephen is reviewing a standard Club Constitution for conformity among all clubs and advised any clubs doing updates of their constitution to hold off until further advice from the District Governor. I have had several questions from clubs this week about their constitution which indicates some clubs are still working on it. Please be advised that it is probably best to hold off on doing this until advice from the District Governor. This will also save you from a lot of unnecessary work at the moment.

3. Dick Smith was a guest at the Rotary Club of Wahrenonga recently and gave a donation of \$1,000,000 to Rotary. This money will be administered by the Rotary Australian Benevolent Society (RABS) and will be used to help local Australian communities. Dick Smith has said that he admires the work of Rotarians and has previously donated significant amounts of money to Polio Plus. To read more information on this go to

<https://www.rotary.org/en/news-features/news/australian-entrepreneur-announces-1-million-gift-rotary>

4. Paul Reid, the District Foundation Chair, has sent the following information. This year we have negotiated a wonderful new "feel good" movie. The release date for this movie is February 16, and Rotary Clubs in Australia can have access from **February 1st**. I will be sending you a USB with the converted file on it to be able to screen the Centennial video of The Rotary Foundation. This movie should be very successful for you. There will also be a full page advert in the February edition of RDU Magazine to support this screening. Let's try and make this the most successful fundraiser for Polio yet.

5. We have received a request for help from Dr Damien Pearce CEO of the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF)

Rotary Volunteers (Mum, Dad, Uncles, and Aunts)

Despite our best efforts we have not had enough Rotary Volunteers to meet our

wellbeing and first aid / health obligations for both January NYSF Sessions. This is a critical role and can I ask that you canvass your networks to see if there is anyone available over January to assist with a minimum commitment of a few days? We need as many as five volunteers who are available for a week to get us over the line. You may be able to attend yourself or know someone in your District NYSF team who can assist? Maybe your DG, DGE or DGN needs an opportunity to get away and collect their thoughts? Being part of the NYSF over January is probably the best way to learn about the program. At this late stage, we are also interested in non-Rotarians who can assist. I have attached a copy of the application form and please don't hesitate to contact Madeline madeline.cooper@nysf.edu.au for more information.

Billeting (Sydney and Melbourne)

As part of the travel to and from the January Sessions, some students will need to be billeted in various cities. Would you like to volunteer to billet students? It's a great opportunity to get to know NYSF students from across the country, and be involved with the program if you're not in Canberra. Again, please distribute through your networks.

In Sydney, we're looking for people to host students overnight on these dates: Sunday 1 January and Sunday 15 January

In Melbourne, we're looking for people to host students overnight on these dates:

Sunday 1 January (students travelling to Session A), Saturday 14 January (students travelling home from Session A), Sunday 15 January (students travelling to Session C), Saturday 28 January (students travelling home from Session C), For more information, and to volunteer as a host, go to <https://goo.gl/forms/vBwhE6oWICM4QCML2>.

Any people who billet are of course required to adhere to NYSF's Child Protection policies, and will be asked to complete a Child Protection declaration before being confirmed as a billet.

6. There will be a retirement dinner held for Commissioner Greg Mullins AFSM on Friday 3rd February 2017. This will be held at Dockside, Sydney Darling Harbour. Tickets will be \$90pp. Please see attachment for more information.

Kindest regards

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