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ROTARY ZONE 8 INSTITUTE 2009

WORKSHOPS, INTERACTION AND THE ENVIRONMENT WILL HIGHLIGHT ZONE 8 INSTITUTE IN NEWCASTLE

Two hours of workshop interaction on Saturday afternoon will provide plenty of opportunity for lively discussion at the Rotary International Zone 8 Institute in Newcastle, NSW, from November 13 to 15 this year.

RI Director John Lawrence has scheduled four key topics for the workshops –

- Health, hunger and water.
- Literacy and learning.
- Rotary's public image and Rotary Week 2010.
- Environmental restoration and reshaping our excess.

Planning for this stimulating annual event for past, present and future officers of Rotary International – and their partners – is well advanced with distribution of registration papers and supporting information planned by post for the week commencing August 17.

The old adage "All work and no play ..." is also foremost in Director John's mind as he and Institute

Chairman Phil Lacey piece together a superb support program of entertainment including one of Australia's most awarded divas, Tania deJong and her brilliant musical theatre team Pot Pourri: one of Australia's favourite show bands Enormous Horns; and a special presentation by a legend of Australian children's television, Don Spencer, on the amazing Australian Children's Music Foundation.

Whilst the final list of Institute guest speakers is yet to be confirmed, some excellent speakers are in place including Larissa Brown – 2008 Australian Young



John and June Kenny

Environmentalist of the Year - and Peter Lawrence – a Climate Scientist in the Terrestrial Science Section of the National Centre for Atmospheric Research. Tania deJong and Don Spencer will also deliver key

REGISTRATIONS & ACCOMMODATION

Registration forms and information literature will be distributed in August, with the option of going online to register. Accommodation can be booked online at www.rotaryinstitute.org.au or by calling Newcastle Tourism on 1800 654 558.

FURTHER INFORMATION

People seeking further information may contact Institute Chairman Phil Lacey on 02 9834 2016 (home), 0408 485 036 (mobile); or email: pnlacey2@optusnet.com.au, or Venue Chairman Don Whatham on 02 4981 2049 (home), 0414 955 296 (mobile); or email: dwhatham@nelsonbay.com



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note addresses to support their special musical causes.

RI President John Kenny and Rotary Foundation Trustee John Germ will be Rotary International's star attractions. With their respective wives, June and Judy, the two senior leaders will also be guests of honour at a meeting of the Rotary Club of Newcastle on Thursday evening at 6 pm. All surrounding Rotary clubs are also invited to take part in the meeting which is aimed at providing local Rotarians and partners with the opportunity to hear two outstanding Rotary guest speakers.

Director John Lawrence will present an update on Rotary affairs in Zones 7 and 8 whilst RI Past Director Ian Riseley will address the Institute on the RI Five Year Strategic Plan and Financial forecast – to head a cast of speakers on a range of current Rotary topics.

Director John and Chairman Phil still have a couple of surprises in hand with the pending announcement of a special guest to open the Institute and other

guest speakers.

Master of Ceremonies for the Institute proper will be former Sydney radio personality Chris Jocelyn, a past president of the Rotary Club of Sydney and more recently president of Rotary eClub



John and Judy Germ

One – the Rotary world's first cyber space club.

Institute week in Newcastle will be based at the Civic Centre right in the heart of the city and easy access from all major hotels and supporting venues.

Sessions for District Trainers and Institute facilitators will commence on Monday, November 9, and Pre Institute meetings for District Governors, Governors Elect

and Governors Nominee will follow the next day.

The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International will conduct its annual Institute seminar on Thursday afternoon, whilst annual general meetings for major multi district projects in Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC), Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS), Rotary Down Under Incorporated and Australian Rotary Health (ARH) will commence on Thursday and carry through into Friday morning.

Saturday night will be "party night" at Panthers Newcastle in King Street with the fabulous show band, Enormous Horns. Theme for the night is "Black with a splash of colour".

The Newcastle venue committee have also valued added the Institute with their plan to re-introduce the Sunday lunch time barbecue, after the final session. This relaxed luncheon is optional for Institute patrons and allows for a pleasant fellowship break before people depart for their respective homes.