



"a new beginning"



ROTARY ZONE 8 INSTITUTE 2009

JOHN KENNY BREAKS WITH TRADITION TO ATTEND ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ZONE 8 INSTITUTE IN NEWCASTLE

RI President John Kenny and his wife June will break with tradition to attend the Rotary International Zone 8 Institute in Newcastle, NSW, in November, 2009.

RI Director John Lawrence was delighted to announce the good news recently, explaining that President Kenny did not visit Australia as President Elect as a result of the combined Zone Institute in Christchurch, New Zealand, last November.

The Institute will be staged in the splendid surrounds of the Newcastle Civic Centre, just a stone throw from beautiful Newcastle Harbour, from November 13 to 15, 2009.

Traditionally, Zone Institutes 'down under' are the domain of the RI President Elect as he moves around the world to make final preparations for his year in office.

Director John said President Kenny was keen to attend the Zone 8 Institute to ensure Australian Rotary families gained the full impact of his dynamic 2009/10 Rotary International theme ... "The future of Rotary is in your hands".

The RI Director emphasized that he is working very hard with Institute Chairman Phil Lacey and his team to ensure the Newcastle staging is an interactive Institute.

"We have decided on an environmental theme – "a new beginning" – to underline the importance of the first institute

under the new zone system and to convince more past officers of Rotary International of the importance of updating their Rotary knowledge annually.

"John Kenny and a representative of the Trustees of The Rotary Foundation will address those present on the real challenges confronting Rotary International and our Foundation during two days of stimulating content. This Institute is being planned to value add the knowledge of all senior Rotarians and partners," he said.

GUEST SPEAKERS & WORKSHOPS

Following the success of interactive workshops in Christchurch last year, a new series of hot topics has been agreed for Newcastle. These topics will be showcased in the July/August Institute newsletter.

Three top class guest speakers all experts on Australia's environmental challenges – are

already locked into stimulating program and, again, all will be revealed in the next Institute newsletter.

ENTERTAINMENT

Cost of Institutes has been a major concern in recent years and every effort is being made to return "more bang for your buck" in 2009.

World class cabaret act, Pot Pourri, from Melbourne will be certain to "wow" the audience at the opening plenary session whilst NSW's # 1 show band, Enormous Horns, will guarantee top class music and entertainment at the Saturday "Black (with a splash of earthy colour) Affair".

As the Institute commences on Black Friday – November 13 – the organizing committee thought the Gala Dinner on Saturday night should be a "black affair" – with a splash of earthy colours (ie: greens, browns, golds) in keeping with the Institute's environmental theme.

REGISTRATIONS & ACCOMMODATION

Registration details will be distributed during July, 2009, 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

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