

Congratulations Carolyn!

Hello all

For those who were at our great Hawkesbury Rotary Christmas you would have heard that our Carolyn has been chosen by the District Panel to represent Rotary District 9690 as an Inspirational Woman.

This is an initiative of the combined Rotary Districts of NSW, each of which has chosen its own Inspirational Woman, to receive an Award on 10 March 2011.

The aim is to recognise **Inspirational Women from NSW**. If the woman is a Rotarian, then the nomination is to be based solely on work outside Rotary. In Carolyn's case it was her work with LINC'S

The awards will be presented at a Celebration Dinner to be held at the **Four Seasons Hotel** in Sydney on **10 March, 2011**.

Rotary International President Ray Klingensmith and his wife Judie, from Missouri USA will be attending the Dinner. It is also hoped that **Governor Marie Bashir** will be free to attend.

How fitting is this inaugural celebration, as on 19 March 2011, we mark the Global Centenary of International Women's Day. The first IWD was held on that date in 1911 when more than a million European women united, calling for the right of women to vote, work and hold public office, and to end discrimination. .

I hope you will be able to attend. It is sure to be an "Inspirational " Evening. We should be able to fill a table.

Information regarding this Gala Dinner is available.

What a great way to begin another year of the Rotary Club of Hawkesbury
Warmest wishes

Marilyn Mercer
Governor Rotary District 9690

An invitation from Rotary International District 9690:

Valentines Day Dinner Dance

Music from the Australian Army Dance Band
Sat 12th Feb 2011
7.00pm for 7.30pm start
Blacktown Workers Club Ballroom
\$45.00pp incl 2 Course Meal and Cash bar
Supporting Australian Rotary Health

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National Disaster—10/11 Australian Floods

Recently, so many communities and towns in our nation have been damaged by large scale floods. The aftermath and affects on the people involved emotionally, and in terms of their lost property, is unimaginable. As a club, we need to do what we can to assist.

- * Margaret suggested a \$500.00 donation be made from our club to The Flood Appeal through Rotary—TBC
- * Donations in Kind—non-perishable food, baby products, towels, sheets, pillows etc...—perhaps hold a donation drive
- * Hands on Help if you are free and can physically help

The clean up process will take a very long time—perhaps years. In addition, people will have experienced extreme trauma, including fear, loss and devastation to their towns. This is an Australian disaster on a mass scale and even if we are not directly affected, we all will be in some way as food and goods prices increase and the cost of re-building homes and infrastructure is realised.

Let's keep our thoughts and prayers with the people in these communities.

Well done

to all who helped at the Xmas Carol BBQ in conjunction with KNR. Our share of the profit was \$493.25