

Dr J. Neil Adamson OAM

Dr Adamson is a retired school principal. During his career with the NSW Department of Education he taught in several Demonstration Schools and a Secondary School.

Dr Adamson holds three degrees from Australian Universities. In 1986 he was awarded a major Education Grant to study in Canada and USA. He is a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators and a Fellow of the Australian Council for Educational Leaders. From 2001 to 2004 he was Chairman of the Advisory Committee for the Doctor of Education Program of the University of New England.

Dr Adamson has been a Rotarian since 1972. He served as Club President and Chairman of the D9650 Conference Committee in 1987-88, District Governor in 1990-91 and in 2004-05 as Chairman of his District's Rotary Foundation Committee,

He has served on several Rotary International committees and Task Forces and in 2004-05 was the General Coordinator of the Literacy Task Force. In 1992 Dr Adamson was a member of the Council on Legislation.

Dr Adamson has conducted Literacy Leader Seminars in Papua New Guinea, Turkey, South Africa, Nepal and the Philippines. He has been a guest speaker at Literacy Seminars in Indonesia and Turkey, a keynote speaker at Presidential Celebrations on Literacy in Chennai, India and Istanbul, Turkey and a presenter at Discussion Group Sessions at International Conventions and Presidential Conferences. Dr Adamson was a guest presenter at the Zone Institute in Queenstown, New Zealand in 2005.

Dr Adamson is a Rotary Volunteer and has been a member of the Humanitarian Grants Cadre of Technical Advisors. He is presently a member of the Humanitarian Grants Cadre of Technical Coordinators of The Rotary Foundation and in 2009 served as a Post Project Monitor to evaluate a 3H Street Children's Project in the Philippines. He is a member of the Rotary Foundation Alumni. He continues to be a literacy consultant for projects in the Philippines, Cambodia, India and Nepal. In 2010 Dr Adamson accepted an invitation to coordinate CLE activities throughout the world.

For his involvement in literacy projects in developing countries Dr Adamson was awarded a Commonwealth of Australia Centenary Medal and the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM). In 2005 he was awarded Rotary International's Service Above Self Award.

He is married to Diana who is a research officer employed by the NSW Parliament.