



DISTRICT LIGHTHOUSE



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IMPORTANT DATES:

FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

MD Pets

February 27-March 1st, 2015

GSE Team from Turkey arrives

March 2nd, 2015-02-26

GSE Welcome Dinner (Berwick)

March 4th, 2015

Grant Seminars

March 15th, 2015 (Sale & Berwick)

District Conference

March 27-29th, 2015

GSE Farewell Dinner (Dandenong)

April 1st, 2015

World Convention

June 6th - 9th. 2015 (Sao Paolo)

From DG Charlie

Australia day has seen a lot of activity in Community events within the Rotary family as we participate in the broader community through service, citizenship activity and Rotary Days.

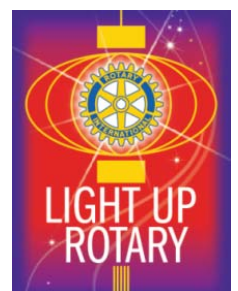
May I also take the opportunity to congratulate those in the District recognized with Community and Citizenship awards, some even received National Awards. I refer to PDG Peter Newman, a member of the Frankston North Club, who received an OAM for "Service to Veterans and the Community". We also have a second OAM, Bob Lay who is a former Olympian and is from the Berwick Club and received his OAM for "Significant service to sports administration and athletics in Victoria through a range of executive positions and to the Community. It is great to honour these Rotarians and the countless others recognized, if I have missed someone please let me know so we can share your recognition and rejoice together. Celebration is a wonderful part of life and recognizes our achievements for our community and Rotary as we make a difference.

As we focus on World Understanding Month it is a great time to see how we can have a positive influence the on the World. Sometimes we think how can I make a difference? However if we band together and all give of ourselves and our resources as we are able, our combined efforts can make a difference. As my mother used to say many hands make light work. So it is with Rotary as we give to the Rotary Foundation, our cents become dollars and our dollars combine to make projects that make a difference. So as we celebrate the 110th Birthday of our great organization if we all commit to giving a little we will generate a lot and make a difference. The best way we can celebrate our birthday is to make a commitment to give regularly to the Foundation by going on line it is easy to give \$1, \$5, \$50 or more a month as we are able and we will make the World a better place. For the cost of a cup of coffee donated to the Foundation a month we can make a difference. The thought of every single Rotarian across the District, the State and our great country going onto My Rotary and making that small (or large) contribution to the Rotary Foundation is enough to make the hairs on the back of your neck stand up. Can you imagine what this would mean for the

countless thousands depending on organizations like ours for a chance at a better life? Can you imagine how good we would feel knowing that every one of us cares that much. As John C Maxwell once said and Theodore Roosevelt once quoted "People don't care how much you know – until they know how much you care". LET'S CARE ENOUGH TO DO IT NOW. I have included a couple of links for those already registered on My Rotary and for those not registered. Once again we have come to the time of year where we are seeking participants in the RYLA and RYPEN programs Youth



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programs. These great youth development programs build leaders of the future and begin the engagement of young people in the Rotary family and an attitude of Service above Self. Please support these programs and encourage young people to get involved.

The links for contributing on-line are:

Not registered for My Rotary ... <https://www.rotary.org/en/take-action/give-0>

Registered for My Rotary ... <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/take-action/give>

AROUND THE DISTRICT – JANNE SPEIRS

Things are really back in full swing around the District now and we've been to an assortment of activities over the last few weeks, culminating of course in the very enjoyable and exciting 110th Birthday for Rotary and the Chartering of the new Rotaract Club of Casey-Cardinia. This was a great afternoon, thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended. It has been great to attend inductions of new Rotarians, naturalisation ceremonies and so much more. What a fantastic organization we belong to – not only with local activities but with so much going on on an International scale – some of those examples are featured in this month's newsletter and I hope you are challenged and inspired by them as I am. Below: the newly naturalised Australians, last year's Youth Exchange students, the members of the Rotaract Club of Casey-Cardinia, PDG Peter Newman OAM cuts the 110th birthday cake.



WORLD CONVENTION BE ADVENTUROUS

THE WORLD IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK IN SÃO PAULO.

At convention, you'll reach beyond Brazil's borders. Tour Liberdade and experience Japanese, Chinese, and Korean customs. Stroll through Bixiga, home to more Italians than Rome, or take in Brooklin Novo for a taste of old Germany. Exotic Bohemian nightlife will thrill you in Vila Madalena. All just a short subway ride away.

Rotary Convention — Cultures in Concert.

[Register today and be adventurous.](#)

BOB LAY

More than 50 years on, Berwick Olympian Bob Lay's memories of his golden sporting years remain vivid as ever. Then again, it's not every day you turn 18 while representing your country in your chosen sport. It was the 1962 British Empire and Commonwealth Games in Perth and Lay was a budding track and field star, reaching the semi-finals in the 100m, 200m and 4x100m relay. "It was unbelievable just to be there," he said. "Even though I'd only been in the sport for two years."..... For full story please go to www.district9820.org.

GSE

It's getting close now – the Turkish team arrives on Monday evening March 2nd and the hosts Clubs have a great program in store for them. Unfortunately, early this week, one of the team members, Gonenc, had to withdraw but Nilay Arkun is taking her place and will, I am sure, do a great job.

THE TEAM – UMIT (leader), NILAY, ONUR



ASU, ASLI

XI ROTARIAN WEEK OF IBLA BAROQUE



Social Year 2014 - 2015
Il Presidente, Angelo Firrito

Dear friend,

We would like to invite you to attend the 11th Rotarian week held in Ragusa (South-eastern Sicily) on May 10th - 17th 2015. This event will take place again in Ragusa after the success of last year and will be hosted by the local Rotary Club. Aptly named the Rotarian week of Ibla Baroque, the event intends to introduce Rotary club members of the whole world to this beautiful part of Baroque Sicily, recognized by the UNESCO as world heritage site.

The program begins upon your arrival at Catania airport on Sunday 10 May, and ends your departure from Catania, Sunday 17 May; includes a stay in Ragusa in a double room, Mediterraneo Palace Hotel with full board from 7 June dinner to 14 June Breakfast and participation in tours as pen program.

Programs, itinerary and booking form on www.rotaryragusa.it and also on www.district9820.org.

This initiative is not for profit and all proceeds will be donated to the Rotary Foundation. Instead losses will be charged to the host club.

Bookings: Participation is limited to 120 persons. **Reservations can be made prior to march 15th 2015 or until complete, using the form published on the website site www.rotaryragusa.it .**

Airfare from your city to Catania airport is not included in the package; however discounted flight reservations are available from Sojanni Viaggi (Tel 0039 0932248025) upon request. We will do our best to make your stay in Ragusa memorable. We hope to see you soon.

With kind regards,

Angelo Firrito (President Rotary Club Ragusa)

TIMOR LESTE PROFFECT (RC Frankston Sunrise and RC Bright)

Volunteers are wanted to work for two weeks on a Community Training Centre on Atauro Island!

Spend two weeks on the beach at 'Barry's place' and help the community! Remember, East Timor is our nearest neighbour. The project is RAWCS registered.

Contributions to Project costs are being sought! We still need ca \$15,000 to complete all components of the project (including Maubisse) (for further details please contact Chris Angerer 9770 0611)

The project at Atabae has been successfully completed.

The next component of the project is on Atauro Island. It consists of extending a current simple house to a community centre, fixing existing structure, adding veranda and roof, toilets and washing facilities. We are looking at



- end of April/early May: prep team to go over and set up.
- 3 teams subsequently ca 13th to 27th May, ca 27th May to 10th June and ca 10 to 24th June. Your members can join a team or you can form a team for one of these dates
- Teams will go for about two weeks, team size 5 to 10 volunteers, 1 tradie per team. There will be locals employed, to help with the work, as this encourages community participation as well as training the locals.
- Accommodation at 'Barry's Place' ca \$40 per day including meals
- Flights to be booked centrally to coordinate teams and help with logistics (ca \$1300)

Subsequent to this job the extension of a Kindergarten in Maubisse is the final component of this project.

For any questions, don't hesitate to contact me or Rob Moore.

A volunteer information sheet is on the website at www.district9820.org.

Cheers Chris Angerer

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA) 10th – 12th April, 2015

RYLA will be held at the Somers Camp, Portsea – please contact Peter Kingsbury on pak56@bigpond.net.au for details or contact Charlie at dgcharlie@9820.org. This is a great program so keep an eye open for young people who would benefit from this weekend of leadership and personal development.

HANGO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE PROJECT TONGA (RC of CRANBOURNE)



The first water flows!

The Project Objective was to provide a reliable water supply for the College to enhance health and hygiene of the students, staff and their families...AND to enable the College to re-establish revenue earning food production activities. There were a number of facets to this wonderful project and for full details and more photos please go to www.district9820.org. To see the value of the project this excerpt from an email by Kavamone saying "Good news for Hango Water Supply, that they feed all Eua Island in the last 3 months..." shows how things multiply!

ROTARY CLUB OF PHILLIP ISLAND & SAN REMO 24th ART & PHOTOGRAPHIC SHOW

Official opening 7:00pm on Friday 6th March then Saturday 7th &
Sunday 8th March 10:00am to 6:00pm
Monday 9th March 10:00am to 1:30pm
SEE www.district9820.org for details

FOUNDATION

This is a final reminder for the Foundation Grant Seminars in Sale and Berwick on Sunday March 15th. Remember that your Club needs to attend one of these in order to become eligible for District Grants. Please give the matter your attention as the more Clubs who can access grants, the more projects like the one above can be made possible!

Rotary Club of Mount Eliza Inc. Is giving you a chance to have a Summer Clean-up!

Rotary Garage Sale

Saturday 11th April, 2015 8.00am - 3.00pm

for flier and full details please go to www.district9820.org.

2014 – 2015 DISTRICT CONFERENCE, SHEPPARTON, MARCH 27-29

REGISTER! REGISTER! REGISTER! – Green is for **GO** as we enter the countdown period of the final four weeks before we head to Shepparton for a great weekend of learning, enjoyment, laughter and fellowship. Join your fellow Rotarians as we all 'Light Up Rotary' in the best possible way – together!

Visit the website at www.district9820conference.org

