



# Community



# Link

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## Sydney Lights Up the Rotary World International Convention Highlights

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**Winner, Public Relations Award  
Rotary International District 9520**



# Sydney was the centre of the Rotary world from June 1 - 4

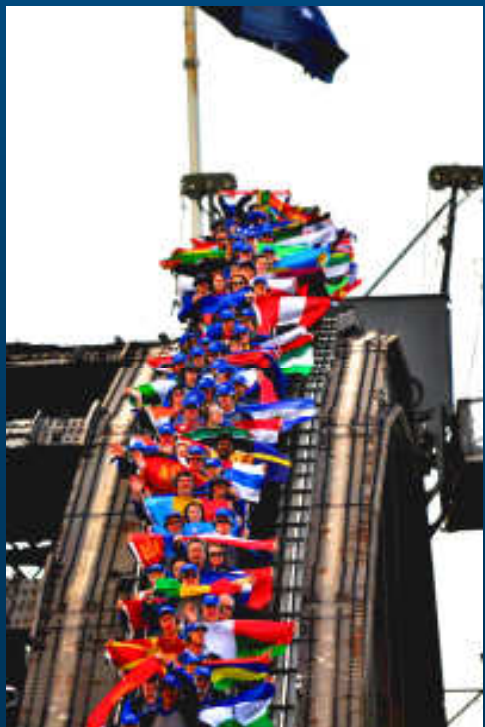
when it played host to the 105th Annual Convention of Rotary International, held at Sydney Olympic Park. 18,000 Rotarians and partners, including a large contingent from local Adelaide clubs attended the annual event, which is held in a different country each year. As an added bonus, the convention was held during the Vivid Sydney Light, Music and Ideas festival, which transformed Sydney into a wonderland of 'light art' sculptures and grand-scale projections.

The opening ceremony held in Allphones Arena included a welcome address from Prime Minister Tony Abbott, who recounted memories of his father's involvement in Rotary, and announced the Australian Government had committed \$100 million towards Rotary's global campaign to eliminate Polio and was topped off by an amazing performance by Australian group Human Nature. Delegates were entertained and inspired by a broad range of key note speakers over the 4 days of the convention. Former test cricketer and founder of the Mewsic Foundation Brett Lee spoke of his work with childhood cancer patients in India. Professor Jack Sim, founder of the World Toilet Organisation reminded us that the world had more mobile phones than toilets, and Rotary was playing a major role in delivering potable water and sanitation solutions to the third world. Paralympic Medallist and broadcaster Ade Adepitan MBE told his amazing story of growing up with Polio, and his campaign to drive Polio out of Africa. World Health Organisation Assistant Director-General Bruce Aylward brought us up to date on our Polio eradication end game. Over the course of the convention, numerous breakout sessions were held, giving delegates the option of hearing about special programs and initiatives that took their interest.

An international meeting on this scale presents countless opportunities to make new friends and catch up with old friends, such as harbour cruises, a concert at the Opera House, and numerous dinners at Sydney's amazing variety of fine restaurants. Rotarians also had the opportunity to participate in two successful world record attempts. The first record was for the largest group to climb the bridge, with 340 Rotarians joining in. The second record was for most international flags being flown from a bridge. The event raised \$110,000 for Polio eradication, enough to immunise 240,000 kids from Polio. An International Convention is the greatest show on Earth for a Rotarian, and an opportunity not to be missed, especially on the rare occasion it is held in one's own country. It showcases the very best of the organisation, its amazing humanitarian projects across the globe. One simply cannot come away from an event like this without feeling totally amazed and inspired by the extraordinary work of ordinary people.



Clockwise from top left: Human Nature the feature act of the opening ceremony. The Opera House lit up during the Vivid Light Festival. Rotarians setting records on the Harbour Bridge. The Sydney Olympic flame lit for the convention. Former test cricketer Brett Lee, key note speaker. Prime Minister Hon. Tony Abbott welcomes delegates to Australia.



# Gallery One and Rotary Club of Mitcham Art Prize and Auction

The Rotary Club of Mitcham was delighted to partner with Gallery One to present the **Gallery One and Rotary Club of Mitcham Art Prize and Auction**.

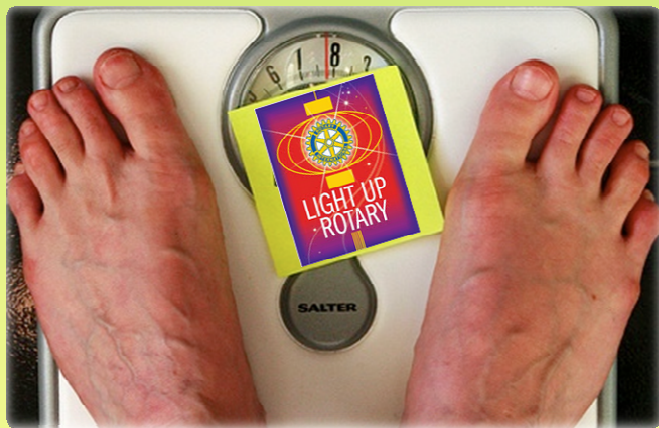
Gallery One is an independent arts initiative, located within the Mitcham Cultural Village, promoting and showcasing excellence in the local art and crafts community. One of the longest running organisations of its kind in Australia, Gallery One has evolved over a span of 40 years into an education facility with a robust exhibition program. The exhibition program provides opportunities for emerging artists to exhibit under the guidance and mentorship of established artists.

This inaugural exhibition and auction was held over a period of 3 weeks from June 7 - 27, concluding with a Gala Event on the 28th. The Gala Event was an enjoyable evening of fine art, music, food and drinks. During the event, visitors were able to meet with some of the artists and David Smallcombe conducted an Art Auction where guests were able to purchase many of the exhibited pieces.

The Rotary Club of Mitcham provided the People's Choice Art Prize. Attendees during the exhibition and at the Gala Event were able to nominate their favourite piece and the winner received a \$500 cheque to assist them to continue to develop their skills in their chosen art form. The People's Choice winner was Marc Spurgin.

The proceeds from this event will go towards Foundation 21 (supporting children with Down syndrome) and assisting Gallery One.

LEFT: The winning entry, BELOW: Two members of the Rotary Club of Mitcham with their entries.



## Lite'n Up Rotary!

Join this new fantastic movement to **Lite'n up Rotary** and join Rotarians, Family and Friends from all over the world.

It is so easy... For every kilogram of weight you lose, you donate one Kg of food to a good cause. If you were naughty and gained a kilo, the same applies.

The **Rotary Club of Eastwood** has trialed this great initiative over the last 6 months and they have lost over 100 Kg amongst their Members, Family and Friends. This means they have donated over a 100 Kg of food to the Northern Domestic Violence Centre.

Want to be part of it? Then contact Rotary Club in your area, start tracking your weight loss and have others join you! Together we can **Lite'n Up Rotary** and help people in need!

# Community Link receives top Public Relations Award

by Mark Huddleston, Editor

This publication first hit the streets in January 2012, in an effort to tell the wonderful stories of Rotary, and in particular five local clubs: Brownhill Creek, Eastwood, Hyde Park, Mitcham & Unley.

For almost 110 years, Rotarians across the globe have been living the motto "Service Above Self", and finding innovative ways to improve our local and international communities. For much of this time, our practice has been to hide our light under the bushel. We never wanted to boast about our achievements, preferring to be silent achievers. But in many ways this mindset has been detrimental, and Rotary has been seen as somewhat of a secret society. If people don't know what we do, they are less likely to join us, and if we cannot grow our membership base, we cannot continue the important work we do. In recent years, we have taken the opportunity to tell our story more boldly, and this is why Community Link was introduced.

Recently, at a Rotary District Awards ceremony, Community Link was recognised as the best public relations initiative in the district. It has been a thorough pleasure to work with these five clubs over the last three years in the capacity of Assistant Governor and Editor of Community Link. This will be my last issue of Community Link as Editor, and I hope Community Link will continue to tell the stories of these wonderful local Rotary Clubs.



RIGHT: District Governor Wendy Gaborit presenting Mark Huddleston with the District PR Award

# Vocational Excellence Awards

The **Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek** has recently recognised a number of local professionals with Vocational Excellence Awards. These awards are given to staff members nominated by an employer as someone who goes the extra distance in their job and has pride in their work.

Karen Glaetzer is a Palliative Care Nurse Practitioner at Daw House Hospice who breaks new ground in going well beyond her required role. She is a dedicated and active supporter of end of life care who has demonstrated her endless passion through the many programs she has designed. Alison James, General Manager of the Edinburgh Hotel introduced her employee awardee Hannah McGregor. Hannah has been working at "the Ed" for 2 years and has a gift for hospitality with an amazing work ethic. She manages a staff up to 12 people at a time and understands what is needed to lead a team. Hannah never leaves an unresolved problem and shows great maturity in hospitality in dealing with complaints. Steve Wolf, Centre Manager of Goodlife Mitcham introduced his employee awardee Ann Townsend. He described Ann as a vital staff member at Goodlife ensuring staff are compliant in first aid requirements at all 12 Goodlife centres. As a leader she is happy to get her hands dirty, never complains but solves, and acts as a counsellor for staff.



Karen Glaetzer receiving her award from Club President Judy McAdam



Hannah McGregor, Alison James and President Judy



Steve Wolf, Ann Townsend and President Judy

## Rotary Recognises Top Cop

The Rotary Club of Unley has been presenting the Police Officer of the Year award annually since 1978, so this year's was the 36<sup>th</sup> presentation of the award. The purpose of the award is to provide a means by which members of the public may bring to notice outstanding acts of courtesy, kindness, understanding, compassion, courage or devotion to duty by any member of the South Australia Police.

There are many instances of Police Officers providing help, comfort and assistance to the general community which go far beyond the call of duty and which are often unrecognised. Too often, any adverse comment on Police operations receives widespread publicity but little is ever written or said regarding the tremendous contribution made to our community by members of the South Australia Police.

The Rotary Club of Unley seeks to bring this good news side of the South Australia Police to the fore through this award and to honour the vocation of policing. This year the award was presented by Unley Rotary President Greg McLeod at a public ceremony held in the Soldiers Memorial Garden in Unley. The superb Police Band of SA presented a concert prior to and after the ceremony. Later that evening at the Police Officer of the Year Presentation Dinner, the winner received accolades from the members and friends of the Rotary Club of Unley. The recipient of the Police Officer of the Year 2013 award was Senior Constable First Class Daniel McGurgan who is stationed at the Waikerie

Police Station and has been nominated for outstanding acts of courtesy, kindness and understanding, with a good measure of courage demonstrated throughout his policing career.

Danny McGurgan joined SA Police in 1984 and since then has worked in a number of regional and indigenous communities where he has consistently built valuable relationships. He is committed to a high standard of service delivery and is highly regarded by the people in the communities in which he has lived and worked.

He has received several notable awards and recognitions even before this one, including the Police Efficiency Medal in 1997, the SA Great Westpac Community Individual for the Riverland and Murraylands region in 2007, Mid Murray Council's Citizen of the Year on Australia Day 2011, and the Order of Australia Medal was bestowed on him this year. He was nominated by a prominent member of the Mid Murray Council and resident of the Murraylands region.

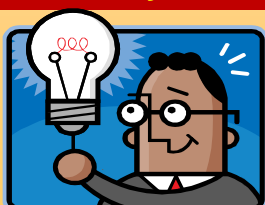
**RIGHT:** Unley Rotary President Greg McLeod with Daniel McGurgan



## Unley Rotary Thrift Shop

Let us put your unwanted goods to use to help others less fortunate. Items needed include: Books & Magazines, Toys, Clothing, Jewellery, Sporting Equipment, Cookware (no electrical goods thank you), Crockery, Cutlery, Household Goods, Soft Furnishings, Handyman & Garden Tools, Records, CDs, DVDs, Ornaments & Bric a Brac and Haberdashery.

**130 Unley Road, Unley Ph (08) 8172 0900 Open Mon - Fri: 10am - 3.30pm, Sat: 10.00am - 3.00pm**



## Got a bright idea? Let's hear it!

The best projects usually originate from **ONE SIMPLE IDEA**. How can Rotary help **YOUR** community? What needs do **YOU** think should be addressed?

**Have a think about putting YOUR Rotary clubs to work.**

# Helping the development of society selflessly with all you can in the name of progress...



The Rotary Club of Eastwood has recently welcomed **Diana Maneva** into membership. Diana moved to Adelaide in January with her young family from Bulgaria, her country of birth.

She specializes in Human Resources, starting her own private recruitment agency 10 years ago. Her company prioritized in gaining Marine specialists for naval fleets. She created strong contact relationships with some of the largest European cruise companies, which lead to her agency being prosperous and successful. Diana is currently a self-employed consultant, partnering with an Australian businessman in the field of Career Counselling and Advocacy. She recently gained a Masters degree in Psychology and has many interests that lead to either physical or intellectual growth, such as hiking, swimming, snowboarding, reading and stargazing and most of all, having fun with her family. With her many travels and knowledge in languages, she had the opportunity to learn about many and various cultures, which she considers as helpful in her future work in Rotary.

Prior to joining, Diana had been inspired about the work of Rotary through her father-in-law, a Past President and founding member of a club in Bulgaria. To be an exemplary Rotarian, she knew that one must have a high understanding of morals and ethics in business, profession and life. She also knew that being a part of Rotary is helping the development of society selflessly with all you can in the name of progress. Diana has always known that the day would come when she would join Rotary, and was well-prepared for this challenging journey. When this moment came, a few months after her arrival here, it was like a dream come true for her.

For Diana, the Rotary Club of Eastwood is a special place to be where she and her fellow Rotarians exchange ideas and discover the pleasure of being an asset for society. She is motivated from the will of everyone to give back to the community, through charity, education and engagement in Rotary. She also says that the welcoming and friendly environment of the club has certainly helped her to feel more comfortable and positive at meetings and events.

Diana is passionate about all that Rotary engages in, because she believes it's of benefit to the local and international community. She has faith that through friendship and unity between people of all cultures, the world will have a brighter tomorrow.



## Join the Conversation

Rotarians are normal people like you and me, who meet over a meal to share a friendly conversation about how we can improve our local and international communities. If you want to make a difference, give us a call. We'd love to hear from you! Contact details on the back page.

## Mitcham Rotary Bookshop

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## Need a hand with your catering?

The Rotary Club of Hyde Park can provide a BBQ Trailer complete with 2 cooks. Standard hire (including cooks) is \$75 per hour (minimum 3 hour charge of \$225).

**THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE FOOD OR BEVERAGES.** Other arrangements can be negotiated, but trailer is not available without Rotarians in attendance.

For more info phone Mike McAuliffe on 8346 2412 .

# Safe Water Saves Lives

Most of us cannot imagine life without our most precious resource.

Having hot and cold running water at the turn of a tap is a standard we've come to expect. But across the globe more than 2.5 billion people lack access to adequate sanitation facilities. At least 3,000 children die each day from diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe water. Women and girls are often responsible for walking hours a day to collect water, often from polluted water sources. This is often seen as a higher priority for girls than receiving an education.

Water and sanitation is one of Rotary International's key areas of focus. Our projects give communities the ability to develop and maintain sustainable water and sanitation systems and support studies related to water and sanitation.



## Community Link is produced by your local Rotary Clubs

**Brownhill Creek** Meets Tuesdays 6.15pm at the Edinburgh Hotel, High Street, Mitcham  
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**Eastwood** Meets Wednesdays 7.00am at the Royal Coach Motor Inn, 24 Dequetteville Terrace, Kent Town  
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**Hyde Park** Meets Wednesdays 6.00pm at the Hyde Park Tavern, Cnr Park Street & King William Road, Hyde Park  
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