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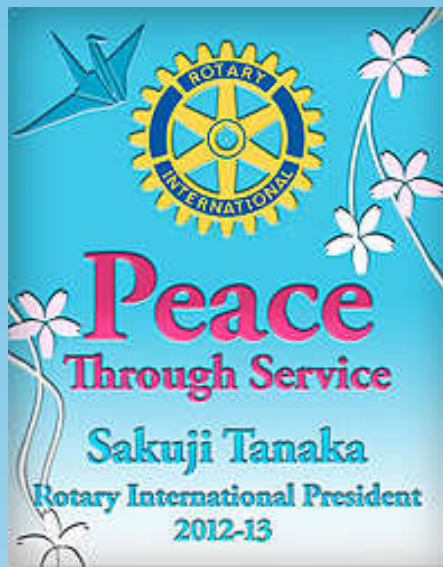
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Rotary Peace Forum

Rotary International's theme for 2012/13 is "Peace Through Service", and our Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka has challenged every Rotary District around the world to hold a "Peace Forum".

Despite all of the distractions of the Adelaide Fringe Festival and the 37 degree heat, an audience of 340 gathered in the Adelaide Oval Members' Dining Room on Saturday Feb 23rd to celebrate Rotary's commitment to Peace.

Rotarians were thrilled to see so many younger participants in the audience, our future leaders who participate in Rotary's numerous youth development programs.

The keynote speakers Lieutenant Governor of South Australia, Hieu Van Le OA and Alexander Downer AC, both delivered outstanding speeches relating their personal involvements in the Peace process, Mr Le's in war torn Vietnam. Other speakers were Dr Daniel Biro (PhD Politics & International Relations), Peace Scholar Sonja Basic and Emily Haren from the Oaktree Foundation.

The children's procession in Japanese costumes complete with Peace cranes and candles highlighted Belair Primary School's status as a School of Global Peace.

Throw in the fabulous voice of harpist Siohban Owen and the repertoire of Peace songs by the Adelaide Harmony Choir plus the wit and humour of MC Peter Goers OAM and success was assured.

Following the success of the Forum a dinner was held in the evening as a celebration of Peace and Rotary's 108th Birthday at which Mark Aiston was guest speaker.



Lt. Governor Hieu Van Le



Alexander Downer



"Peace is not a final destination to be reached, but an active and continuous process. All of us are capable of becoming peacemakers in our own lives, and through our words and actions, we will demonstrate that peace is possible"

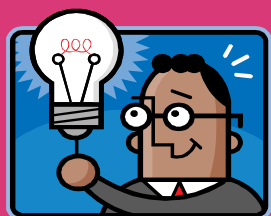
An extract from the International Peace Forum held in Hawaii in Jan 2013.



Emily Haren, The Oaktree Foundation



Dr. Daniel Biro



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.

Introducing Roving Lifestyles - 21st Century Fundraising

Four members of the Rotary Club of Eastwood thought there had to be a better way to raise funds, and spend more time engaging with family and friends, and increasing membership.

Their solution is **Roving Lifestyles**, an online shopping centre at your fingertips to raise funds for Rotary. A percentage of all sales goes to local Rotary clubs for use in local or international projects. Consumers can receive considerable discounts on a wide variety of products and services, including wine & dining out, health & beauty products, jewellery, sporting goods and much more!

Roving Lifestyles is seeking local merchants to offer their products and services to a wide network of Rotarians and their friends, families and colleagues. For more info call (08) 7071 7298 or visit our website.

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Rotary Peace Fellowships



Do you want to change the world?

Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders promoting national and international co-operation, peace, and conflict resolution in their careers and in their communities. Fellows are chosen based on their ability to have a significant, positive impact on world peace during their careers.

In 2002, The Rotary Foundation partnered with leading universities around the world to create the Rotary Centres for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution, or Rotary Peace Centres. Rotary Peace Fellows began master's degree studies in the fields of international relations, sustainable development, peace studies, and conflict resolution. In 2006, a new Rotary Peace Centre at Chulalongkorn University began offering three-month professional development programs in peace and conflict studies for mid-level and upper-level professionals.

Today, up to 110 Rotary Peace Fellows are selected annually. The program is privately funded by Rotary club members around the world.

Rotary Peace Fellows earn either a professional development certificate in peace and conflict studies or a master's degree in international relations, sustainable development, peace studies, or conflict resolution.

The Rotary Peace Fellowship includes:

- Tuition and fees
- Room and board
- Round-trip transportation
- Internship/field study expenses

Qualified candidates have:

- Bachelor's degree or equivalent plus three years related work experience (master's program)
- Strong academic background plus five years related work experience (certificate program)
- Proficiency in English
- Second language (master's program)
- Excellent leadership skills



SAPOL Inspector **Sandy Morey** was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hyde Park to participate in the three month program at Thailand's Chulalongkorn University.

“ There’s a direct connection between the work I’m now doing and the opportunities I had through the Rotary program.”

Matthew Ford, Rotary Peace Fellow 2005-07, International Trade Consultant, Melbourne, Australia.

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, Crockery, Cutlery, Household Goods, Soft Furnishings, Handyman & Garden Tools, Records, CDs, DVDs, Ornaments & Bric a Brac and Haberdashery.

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The Calperum Experience

For three years members of the Rotary Club of Eastwood have been visiting Calperum Station, just north of Renmark, to assist in the assessment of tree health and measuring of ground and surface water condition on the flood plains near the homestead. It's a win-win experience for these Rotarians who can make a positive contribution to the health of our environment and get away for a fun filled break. The scientific aim is to determine the relationship between health of the vegetation and the level and quality of waters in the Murray River, tributaries, lakes and underground. It is hoped this will lead to an understanding of how best to manage the land and waters for ideal environmental health. The social aim is to provide an opportunity for club members, friends and family to get together away from the usual time constraints of meetings and day-to-day commitments of city life.

The former sheep station covers more than 2,400 square kilometres of mallee woodland and Murray River wetlands and floodplains. Calperum and neighbouring property Taylorville Stations are managed by the Australian Landscape Trust. The properties provide an ideal place to try new ideas for community engagement in landscape management and use.

According to National Parks and Wildlife Service, the mallee scrubland of Australia is one of the most endangered vegetation types in the world, with approximately 80 per cent cleared for agriculture in the past 150 years. The mallee, like many parts of Australia, has not responded well to imposed European style land use. In the past the fragile soils and vegetation have been over-exposed to grazing and inappropriate land use.

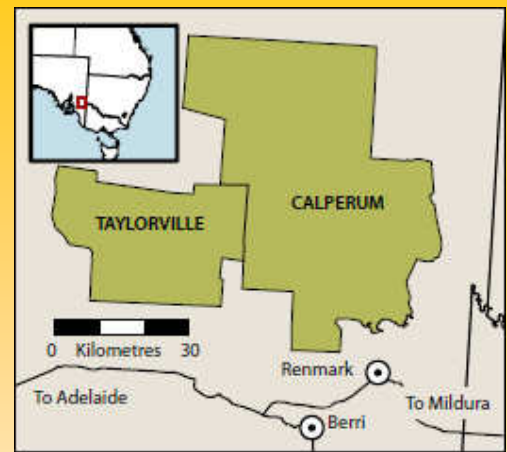
Eastwood Club members visit Calperum four times a year, usually for three days at a time. Under the guidance of manager Dr Grant Whiteman and ecologist Dr Peter Cale, they venture out into the wilds among the kangaroos, emus, goannas, echidnas, frogs and a profusion of beautiful bird life that rises and falls with the migratory seasons. During good seasons, when the river is high, there is a burst in the numbers of yabbies and the team are known to occasionally enjoy a meal of fresh crustacean. They also disturb the odd fox and herd of feral goats that Dr Whiteman is aiming to eradicate. There are also plenty of European Carp to be found muddying the waters of the shallow lakes when filled, but their future is dim as those waters inevitably dry out.

This work requires little scientific expertise with trees being observed on a scale from five (for healthy and thriving) to zero (for dead and gone). Equipment is provided to measure essential parameters of water quality: acidity, temperature, conductivity, dissolved oxygen, turbidity and, in the case of observation bores, depth to water table. All sites, trees and water are located by GPS coordinates and information is transferred to a database at the Calperum office. Recent results are showing an improvement in tree health as river water appears to be improving the quality of groundwater some hundreds of metres from the river from high river flows over the last two years.

Club members also assist each year with the visit of senior international students who are often unaware of Australia outside the city and university campus. Students gain an understanding of "the outback", River Murray and water resource problems. In addition they get to rub shoulders with some real Aussies – Rotarians, families and friends – and soak up some Aussie culture.

During warmer months the days are pretty hot but evenings are glorious and the stars shine like glistening crystals across the Milky Way and beyond. In the cooler months the bush environment is a naturalist's dream. And after an energetic day in the scrub the hot shower and well-appointed kitchen and bedrooms are much appreciated. The Calperum Wine Appreciation Group (WAGs) meets most evenings! Larger groups and students are well catered for in a large communal kitchen and dormitory. As such the members of many other Rotary Clubs are also starting to discover the Calperum Experience. All in all it is a lot of fun in the interests of science and the environment.

For further details or to join a club visit to Calperum Station, contact Elliot Dwyer on 0427 397 536 or eadwyer@hotmail.com



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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 Ashley Kellett on 8236 6806.



The Rotary Club of Hyde Park have just celebrated their 30th birthday in style.



Chocolate Rush played to a packed hall at a superbly organised Quiz and Dance night to celebrate Hyde Park Rotary's 30th birthday. Over 170 Rotarians and friends from clubs all over SA were in attendance and enjoyed plenty of food, plenty of music and plenty of opportunities to stretch the 'grey matter'. A great time was had by all with promises to return again next year.

There is no doubt that the Rotary Club of Hyde Park is one of the stronger clubs in Adelaide with a vision to look outside its immediate community. A proud yet humble tradition of worthy commitment. This club's achievements over 30 years are far too plentiful to list, but their highlights include the establishment of a Charitable Trust to support underprivileged youth, organising a Youth Employment Learning Project for schools in the area,

assisted in setting up a Men's Shed at Clarence Park, establishing and supporting successful Business Networking Breakfasts with the Unley Council, organising mock work interviews for school students, sponsoring the first Rotary Peace Scholar from SA to study in Thailand, propagating and planting out seedlings for Trees for Life environmental projects and sponsoring Clean Water & Sanitation Projects in developing countries. The club has its own BBQ Trailer enabling members to cater for special events, and was responsible for forming the Rotary Club of Eastwood.

Mitcham Rotary's Community Grants

In an earlier issue of Community Link, we reported on an initiative by the Rotary Club of Mitcham to offer Community Grants to support local projects which enhance the community within the Mitcham council district. Preference would be given to those projects which support community groups or organisations within the area whose opportunities for alternative support were limited. After careful evaluation of submissions, the club decided to support the following organisations with grants:



RC Mitcham president Penni Hamilton-Smith presenting a cheque for \$4,000 to John Kelley, of Meals on Wheels

\$1,000 to The Gold Foundation, a Belair based group which provides Social Skills Programs for children with Asperger's Syndrome, for their April/May 2013 family event

\$4,000 to Meals on Wheels SA (Inc), Mitcham Branch, towards the purchase of a replacement heavy duty washing machine for daily use and five stainless steel hot box trolleys to assist volunteers by reducing the need to lift and carry daily meals to vehicles for delivery.

\$1,000 to Trinity Baptist Church in Colonel Light Gardens for the establishment of a playground, supporting their services to the local community.

Coming Events

POLICE OFFICER OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION DINNER

Tues. May 21, 7.00pm Glenelg Golf Club.

The Police Officer of the Year Award is the Rotary Club of Unley's way of saying thanks to officers of the South Australian police on behalf of the wider community. Cost \$55.00

(Unley club details on back page)

UNLEY BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Tues. June 4, 7.00am Unley Civic Centre, 181 Unley Road (enter off Oxford Terrace)

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Hyde Park, this regular event is a fantastic networking opportunity with excellent key note speakers. Cost \$18 includes breakfast. For more details including speaker program visit: www.rchp.org

Rotary funds Dialysis Centre

The Rotary Club of Unley joined with a number of clubs including the Rotary Club of Colombo West to provide a kidney dialysis centre at the Padaviya Hospital in the Anuradhapura district. This district has 15,000 people with kidney disease but very limited facilities to treat them; many of those aged over 50 receive little if any support. As well as the new centre there will be a number of satellite facilities provided for easier local access. The dialysis centre project attracted funds of US\$217,000 from The Rotary Foundation. Unley RC through the generosity of the Wasley family, committed to supplying 6 beds, a cardiac monitor and a blood gas analyser at a total cost of \$9,000. The centre was inaugurated on 26 January and is expected to be finalised shortly.



Rotary filling the gap...



Jenny McCarthy, Clinic Manager at the Tennyson Infusion Centre, is a member of the Rotary Club of Mitcham. Leading a team of people who provide exceptional care for people with cancer makes for a very satisfying and rewarding career. Jenny has been involved in nursing in some form for the past 30 years. She trained at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and then trained in midwifery at the (then) Queen Victoria Hospital, prior to moving to Darwin in 1989 with her husband to work with a group of paediatricians. Their daughter was born there in 1992 and they returned to Adelaide where Jenny had four years at home. She then returned to work as a Practice Manager running a large GP clinic. In 2004 Jenny began her Masters Degree in Business Administration at the University of Adelaide, graduating in 2008. It was during her studies when Jenny met a wonderful professor with a great interest in sustainability and making a difference in the world.

"I have a wonderful husband, the most beautiful daughter, and a dog who gives us unconditional love every day. For these things I am grateful and I have always thought it my responsibility to make the most of my opportunities to help and support others."

Jenny's sister and brother-in-law were members of the Rotary Club of Mitcham and invited her along one evening. She immediately felt most welcome, surrounded by people with similar ideals and a need to serve and support others. Jenny joined the club and hasn't looked back. She is now the club's Director of Fundraising and through the many projects and activities feels a sense of

satisfaction in working together to give back to both local and distant communities. *"Rotary has filled a gap for me and I know that at times it is hard to commit with work and family, but beginning this association early will allow me to continue this interest way after my "working" life has ended. I cannot recommend it highly enough - become a Rotarian and you won't look back."*

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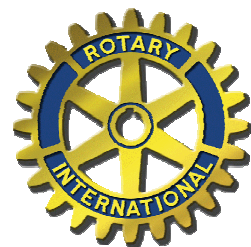
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