



"The ROTIAC" - Rotarians in Action in 9500

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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EDITION.



Preamble

Please find attached "The ROTIAC"& its attachments for this week. The following information has been sent to all Rotarians.

[This publication and past district dispatches are available on the District 9500 website at www.rotary9500.org](http://www.rotary9500.org)

All items for The ROTIAC to be sent to the District Secretary by 4.00 pm Thursdays either by email secretary16-17@rotary9500.org (preferred) or post Rotary D9500 PO Box 6669, Adelaide Halifax St PO SA 5000 (AND allow time for delivery):

The ROTIAC will not be published 24 & 31 December 2016 – first publication will be 7 January 2017 (so the Dist Secretary and Webmaster can have a well-earned rest)

Are your Club Members missing out on emails?

We have noticed that a number of Rotarians have 'old or incorrect email address' which bounce back and we are striving to improve email communications to all Rotarians.

To help us, you can 'log in' through the District Website (www.rotary9500.org), or if you do not know your District Login and Password please ask your Club President or Secretary to check your email address on your behalf. ***Perhaps it is time to update all your contact details.***

You are most welcome, ***in fact I encourage you*** to update your details yourself – however if you are not sure of your login and password, please contact our 'friendly' webmaster (Graham Fussen). webmaster@rotary9500.org

DG John Pohl

Diary Dates – Disease Prevention & Treatment, Month – December 2016

Sunday 22 January 2017 – Closing day for District awards

Friday 17 February 2017 – Closing date for nominations for District Governor 2019/20

Saturday 18 February 2017 – Round table AG's, Team Leader & club leaders Training - Adelaide

Saturday 20 May 2017 – Membership Summit – St Michael's College

EXTRA SPECIAL NOTE!

Good news for Secretaries from the Editorial Team

From the first edition of ROTIAC in December every Rotarian will receive their own copy of the ROTIAC direct via ClubRunner. This means that the club secretary will no longer need to forward it to members of their club thereby saving them time and work.

CheersDG John Pohl

District Conference 2017

Make your New Year resolution to reserve your place at the District Conference in Geelong? Here is where you can do it – a Conference Registration would make a nice Christmas present too!

[Click here for the Registrations page on the Conference Website.](#)

WWW.d9500conference.org.au

Travelling to the Geelong Conference

Here are ideas getting to Geelong – including Crows supporters who don't want to miss the opening game

- 1 Drive yourself via the internal road from through Bordertown
- 2 Drive yourself via the scenic route from Adelaide via the Great Ocean Road
- 3 Fly to Tullamarine (Melbourne) airport and hire a car – most car hire firms are there
- 4 Fly to Avalon airport (approx. 20 mins out of Geelong) and hire a car – Avis and Europcar are there as are other hirers

Jetstar fly on selected days to Avalon quite cheaply. For Crows supporters, you can come in on the Wednesday, the day before the conference starts, and leave on the Sunday morning and miss the Sunday morning session but be able to get home for the opening Crows game at the Adelaide Oval

- 5 Get a group together and all go across and back in a luxury Mercedes coach. Costing for quality coach travel, departing Adelaide at 7:00am on Thursday 23 March and returning on Monday 27 March, to/from Geelong (**minimum of 8 passengers and maximum of 14**) is \$250 per person (GST inclusive). Please allow 10 hours travelling time for comfort & refreshment stops. Please note that if a group books out the transport and wishes to extend the tour with additional days of sightseeing to suit, this can be planned.

Contact the operator direct – 'Teague Tours', Jeffrey Teague 0412 065 052. Have a look at their website at www.teaguetours.com.au



Motions to be submitted to District AGM

The District AGM will be held at the District Conference in Geelong next March. Clubs are asked to submit any motions for discussion at this AGM to the District Secretary, Jeff Cluse, by Friday 16 December 2016.

Updating your Club's Executives on the District Database.

The District Database is now ready to record your Club Executives for 2017-2018 Rotary year.

To do this, you can 'log in' through the District Website (www.rotary9500.org) and then select Club Executives, and by selecting the 2017-2018 tab you will be able to enter the names for your Club Executives and Officers.

This information for the main roles is automatically uploaded to the Rotary International Database.

Secretary Jeff has also sent out a form for the collection of additional information for the 2017-2018 District Directory, so I ask if you can follow this through as soon as possible.

You are most welcome, ***in fact I encourage you*** to update all Club details – however if you are not sure of your login and password or editing the Club Roles, please contact our 'friendly' webmaster. webmaster@rotary9500.org

DG John Pohl



The **Australian Red Cross Blood Service** is calling on South Australians to roll up their sleeves and give blood between Christmas and the New Year in order to prevent a shortage of blood products vital to the treatment of cancer patients.

Adelaide donors are among the millions of Australians taking holidays, leading to a worrying drop in donor numbers, particularly from December 23, 2016 to January 3, 2017.

Yet the need for blood never stops, with one product vital to cancer treatment - platelets - having a shelf-life of just five days, meaning cancer patients need a constant supply throughout the festive season.

South Australians will need blood this Christmas and New Year just to have the hope of spending those moments with friends and family.

With one in three Australians needing blood or blood products in their lifetime, thousands more could also need blood during this critical period without yet realising it.

If a friend or family member needed blood this festive season you'd expect blood to just 'be there, yet only one in 30 Australians regularly donate.

Blood will only be there, if others have made the generous decision to donate at these critical times.

There are five fixed mobile centres across metropolitan Adelaide that will be open over the Christmas and New Year period. You can also donate at our Mobile Donor Centre which will be visiting Kadina from December 20 - 23 and Whyalla from December 28 - 30.



Shelterbox - Ecuador

On 17 April 2016 a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Ecuador. In partnership with Habitat for Humanity and Fundacion Progad (a locally registered agency) ShelterBox assisted 2,588 earthquake affected families in the province of Manabi in areas surrounding the city of Puerto Viejo. The earthquake led to a total of 35,198 buildings being classified as "unsafe" or "for limited use". Even families with a house considered suitable for limited use were afraid that aftershocks would cause further damage, or worse, lead to fatalities. Families worried their possessions would be stolen, and staying on or nearby home sites became imperative. Some households stayed with other families who were lucky enough to have a stable structure to live in, but most people had little choice but to sleep outside their home. Although families built shelters with salvaged items, these only offered minimal protection from the rain or the intense heat of the sun. There were also problems associated with a lack of privacy with some households only washing at night when passers-by could not see them. ShelterBox's provision of shelter items and technical training enabled families to improve structures, making them watertight, better ventilated and more private. Most importantly families were provided with the means to stay on their land but away from the dangers of unstable buildings. This helped reduce stress and anxiety.

www.shelterbox.org



The Rotary Club of Prospect provided funds for the Community Foods SA Inc to provide 20 gift baskets and wooden toys from the local men's shed for those less fortunate to have a merry Christmas.

Long Table Lunch

The International Committee of the Gawler Rotary Club are organising a "Long Table Lunch" to be held on Saturday 11 March 2017.

All monies raised will be going to our Rotary partners, Interplast Australia & New Zealand, to assist with the cost for procuring some much needed medical equipment and/or training of local nursing staff in the Asia Pacific region, depending on how much money we raise.

Tickets are limited and are available for \$80.00 which includes a glass of wine on arrival, 3 course long lunch and entry into our lucky ticket draw.

Held at Seppeltsfield Winery in conjunction with Owen Andrews Catering the scene will be set for an entertaining afternoon of food and friendship with a touch of cheeky auctioneering thrown in. All for a great cause, one of Rotaries best kept secrets - Interplast Australia & New Zealand.

For information or ticket sales please contact Rebecca Rigano on 0402 371315 or email rignano01@bigpond.com



Comment of the week:

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2017 – may all your wishes comes true.

From DG John Pohl, District Secretary Jeff Cluse and District Web Master Graham Fussen

Reminder – District Awards

Sunday 22 January 2017 – Closing day for **nominations for District awards**. See last week's ROTIAC for the details. Clubs are doing great work in the community. Why not put your project or work up for an award?

Reminder that this publication requires information from you – please send me your information about your club activities.

District Secretary 9500

Jeff Cluse

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