



# DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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District 9500

South Australia &  
Northern Territory

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Be a Gift to the World

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## December 2015

### Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

Hi everyone

Since the last issue there has been heartbreak in our District.

The Pinery bushfires devastated many with losses including life, homes, pets, livestock, sheds, fences, farm machinery, and much more. Both Rotary District 9500 and D9520 were quick to respond.

The District Committee will be looking for projects and places to assist the recovery efforts. To achieve this we need to be able to fund the projects.

The RC of Kapunda is one club with plans already underway ... a Concert to raise funds. In conjunction with the Kapunda community, including the Kapunda Harness Racing Club, the business community and other service clubs.

**This fundraiser was to take place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December, but as the weather forecast for that day is for a temperature around 42C, event organisers have decided to postpone until April 2016. We'll let you know the new date early next year.**

Although this is some months away, funds will still be needed to help those who lost everything ... money to replace or repair fences and farm machinery, homes and household items. This will be possible with the generosity of those who give freely to help their fellow man.

I would like you to know that many clubs in both Districts have undertaken or are about to plan events and activities to raise these funds which will be needed well into the New Year and beyond.

You can help by making your donation to the [District 9500 Disaster Recovery Fund](#), through the District Treasurer. You can download a donation form [here](#).

It would be helpful to know what your club or individual members have already done in the form of donations or activities or planning to do to raise funds. Please email the District Secretary with full details. We will publicise your plans so that other clubs or individuals who might like to participate can contact you to offer their assistance.

### Hot?find How to Weather the Weather

Stay inside. Keep hydrated. Make sure your pets and livestock have shade and water. Check on your neighbours (especially the elderly) to make sure they are coping. Invite them in to enjoy your aircon if they don't have any.

Thank goodness for our Emergency Services personnel who put their lives on the line when Mother Nature decides to throw everything at us all at once.

## END POLIO NOW

A message from our  
RI President  
K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran

"It has been well over a year since South Asia was declared polio-free.

Thanks to our work, polio is gone from that part of the world. Far from being over, our work must now intensify, for we have no time to spare, and no room to fail.



Your role is more important than ever.

Now is the time to spread the word, to raise awareness, to support our work: in your communities, on social media, with your elected representatives, and through our Foundation.

The long race is nearly over. The finish line is in sight.

This is our time to Be a Gift to the World: to End Polio Now".

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Please submit any articles and photos by 12<sup>th</sup> of the month for publication in the following month's issue.

## New Members

Good news: Great to see more new members inducted.

RC of Adelaide Edge: **CATHERINE MACLEOD**, **LIS BELTRAME** and **JOHN BELLMAN**. These three young people are former Rotaractors and their induction was conducted at the meeting of the RC of Walkerville.



Ashleigh Lorraine, John Bellman Catherine McLeod, Lis Beltrame and DG Doug Layng

Also inducted recently were:

RC Port Lincoln: **JOHN BALDISSERA** and **DENISE FOULDS**.

Denise is the third woman to be inducted at Port Lincoln.

Congratulations and welcome to Rotary.

If you club has inducted new members in the last few months, please advise the District Secretary.

## Rotarians on the Path to Change

### "Young People Shaping the Future of Rotary"

Article by RC PDG Jessie Harman

Young people want to be office bearers and meaningful leaders in Rotary, and they want to support causes that they can relate to – these were just two of the many findings from the Australian National Youth Summit held recently in Canberra.

Held in parallel with the National Membership Success Seminar, the Youth Summit brought together around 25 young people from Rotary, Rotaract, and Youth Exchange. It was facilitated by young Rotarians Damian Leach, Kaye Titmarsh and Natalie Jupe.

The theme of the Summit was 'Shaping the Future of Rotary in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific'. During the weekend the young participants discussed three key questions: How do we make Rotary more attractive to young people? How can we better retain our Alumni? How can we support young people to be effective leaders and contributors in their clubs? Discussion was active and solution oriented, with participants exchanging ideas, best practice and advice. [Read More](#)

**Change** is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future. **John F. Kennedy**

**Change** will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek. **Barack Obama**

The  
**Rotary**  
Foundation



### Our six areas of focus



Peace and Conflict  
Prevention/Resolution



Disease Prevention  
and Treatment



Water and Sanitation



Maternal and  
Child Health



Basic Education  
and Literacy



Economic and  
Community Development

...to do good in the world



**Valerie at the  
RC of Adelaide South**  
Valerie was awarded an  
Order of Australia in  
1999 for service to  
international  
humanitarian aid  
through promoting  
health and literacy  
programs in the horn of  
Africa.

Valerie was also awarded  
Rotary International's  
[The One Award](#) in 2012  
which recognises an  
individual whose  
extraordinary service  
activities exemplify the  
Rotary ideal of  
Service Above Self.

## Valerie Browning AM and the APDA Water Development Project

Valerie grew up in Armidale, NSW and moved to Sydney when she was 17 to study nursing at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children. Valerie has supported “the underdog” in Ethiopia since the terrible drought and famine of 1973 when as a very young nurse she made a three month commitment, which has become a lifelong vocation.

Why? The answer lies in a mixture of passion to right injustice, love of land and people, belief in the providence of God, and commitment to serve.

Valerie, who is known as “Maalika” to the Ethiopian people, which means Queen or Mother, was the Guest Speaker last week at the RC of Adelaide South and talked about the current Afar Pastoralist Development Association (APDA) Water development project which has become an essential part of APDA's program strategy in order to involve the community in education as well as health, aside from securing the community from thirst.

How? With the building of the Birikut, or cistern. A birikut is a rock walled pit that is cement-rendered and roofed. It has a rain-water catchment apron, slit trap, and an inlet and outflow. The organisation has improved the design from the regular rectangular shape to cylindrical pits which are more durable and can be constructed as a twin birikut wherein the first cylinder spills over to the second improving the purity of the water.

These cisterns can be readily filled from a tanker and access to water can be established as a tap outlet some meters from the cistern. A double birikut will provide drinking water for around 1,500 people for up to 2 months.

The initial programme of health and education which Valerie and her husband, Ishmael, established has now extended to include environmental issues, the capture and storage of water, indeed it has become a holistic programme. Valerie's philosophy is that “*one aspect of life cannot be improved without addressing its totality*”.

## A Gift to Babies to Celebrate Rotary's Birthday

Rotary International celebrates its anniversary on 23 February. In the week surrounding that date in 2016, it is estimated that some 400 babies will be born in hospitals in Districts 9500 and 9520. What better way to celebrate than to present mums and dads of new babies with a gift towards early literacy development.

In association with Penguin Australia and best-selling children's author Mem Fox, a special edition of “*Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes*” will be available for clubs to purchase at the discounted price of \$6.74 each (incl GST).

Certificates will be provided for one to be affixed to the inside front cover of each book, identifying your club and a space to include the baby's name. [Read More](#)

## Connect with Korea Touch the World



The Rotary International Convention travels to Seoul, Korea  
28 May-1 June 2016.

Explore this world-class city and discover the rich culture that connects the latest trends with time-honored traditions.

Taste eclectic cuisine and shop for the newest fashions and electronics.

Meet new friends, share ideas, and interact with new technology at this dynamic, unforgettable convention.

Connect with the thousands of Rotarians who will come together in friendship and peace.

**Register Now!**  
Check the website for new details and program updates.

[www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org)



Dr Sepi & Dr Suren with Santa (Jim Buckoke) at the RC of Prospect's Christmas Meeting

## Look Who's Going to Seoul!

Earlier this year, expressions of interest were called from members of the Rotary Community aged between 19 and 35 years to apply for a number of positions at the 2016 Youth Leadership Summit in Seoul Korea over the period May 26 to June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. The summit will be conducted in Seoul in conjunction with the Rotary International Convention 2016.

I am pleased to announce the chosen candidates ~ Lis Beltrame former District Rotaract Representative and now a member of the RC of Adelaide Edge; Damien Lynch, the current District Rotaract Representative; Emily Halford a former Exchange Student and a member of ROTEX, and Cameron Rowe, a Rotaractor from the Rotaract Club of Salisbury City.

They will act in a variety of RI Convention positions as guides and undertake other important duties. Accommodation and meals will be provided by the host country and may include home stay with Korean Rotarians. I believe that these four young people will represent our District exceptionally well and will return with renewed enthusiasm to tell us what they've learned.

If you would like to donate a few dollars to help them with some of their expenses, please contact Rotarian Rob Eley, Team Leader of Youth Services who will make sure that funding is equally shared. Rob's email is: [eflatcoat21@bigpond.net.au](mailto:eflatcoat21@bigpond.net.au)

## Rotary Youth Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange District Chair, Ian Howlett reported that The District Youth Exchange committee held its very successful Final Briefing day for next year's seven outbound students, their parents and club counsellors at the School of the Air at Port Augusta on 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Topics of discussion included insurance, possible language and cultural issues, as well as covering policies on youth and child protection, reporting procedures and use of social media.

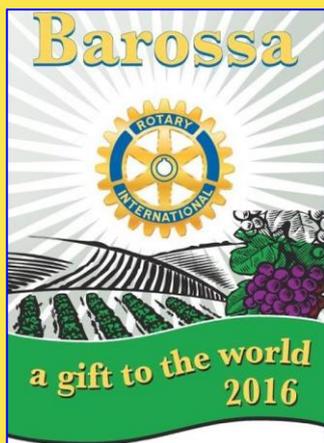


Grace Franco, Sophie Arthur, Rhianna Pendergrast, Jessica Lines, Tyson Richards, Shaynee Ackland and Mackenzie Meadow

The students were also given their Blazers, final paperwork and information of their respective flights in preparation of them leaving for their European countries in January 2016. What a fabulous experience awaits them!

Have a great time guys! Stay safe and come back to tell us all about your great adventure!

Rotary District 9500  
Conference  
17th - 20th March 2016



To be held in the  
beautiful Barossa

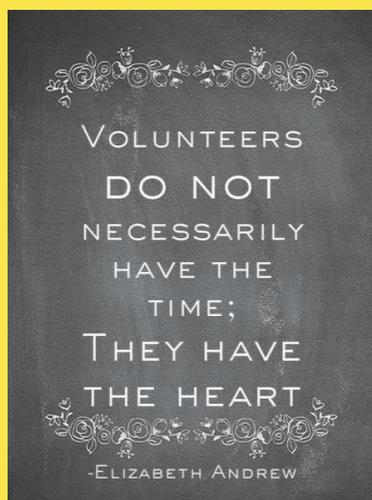
All Conference  
Sessions at  
The Barossa Arts &  
Convention Centre

Celebration Dinner at  
Chateau Tanunda

To book, log onto  
[www.d9500conference.org.au](http://www.d9500conference.org.au)

The Conference  
Committee has more  
news and all Rotarians  
across the District  
will receive the  
December Update  
via email very soon.

Keep an eye on  
your InBox



## [Do Your Membership Update](#)

Before RI produces the January 2016 invoices, please make sure your club's membership data in Rotary's database is current. Any updates must be made **by 1 January 2016**. Invoices cannot be adjusted after that date. The Invoice Detail summary report will be available ONLY in My Rotary.

To check your membership:

1. Sign in to your [My Rotary](#) account and choose Manage, then Club & District Administration, Club Administration, and Club & Member Data.
2. Review your membership data.
3. Make any necessary updates by 1 January.
4. Make sure you save your changes!

Even if you report membership changes using an RI-approved data integration software provider, please verify that the membership data in Rotary's database is current.

If you are unable to report membership online, please contact the Parramatta Office Support Staff, Barbara Mifsud via email: [barbara.mifsud@rotary.org](mailto:barbara.mifsud@rotary.org)

You can find more information, including FAQs and handy "how to" guides on the [Club Administration](#) page.

With Christmas looming, you have only a few weeks to complete this very necessary task. Please don't leave it until the last minute.

## [Scanning the Pages of History](#)

By Keith Rendell ~ R.C. Modbury ~ D9500 History and Records

While waiting for the kettle to boil I thought it might be interesting to glance through the Rotary archives to see what was happening in Rotary at a certain year in the past within the context of local and world events at the time.

For no particular reason I chose the year 2000. It seemed as good as any other.

### **On the World stage:**

- The turn of the Millenium. No doubt we all made our individual resolutions. Some would survive and others would decay.
- Vladimir Putin first elected President of Russia – March.
- Sydney hosted the Games of the XXVII Olympiad – September.
- The first crew of the International Space Station comprising (Bill Shepherd (US), Yuri Gidzenko (Russia) and Sergei Krikalev (Russia) arrived at the Station in November for a four-month tour of duty. The ISS had been progressively assembled for occupation in earth orbit over the previous two years.

### **In Australia:**

- South Australian scientists cloned 'Matilda' the sheep. – April.
- The Goods and Services Tax was introduced. – July.
- Essendon defeated Melbourne to win the VFL/AFL premiership - September.

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**December 2015**

Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Ilyasi Siraji**

(R.C. of Eastwood)

**“Rotaract – an African Experience”**

Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>

**PP David Dewar**

(R.C. of Burnside)

**“Prevention of Drowning”**

**- pool, creek and beach**

**January 2016**

Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>

**PP Chris Hughes**

(R.C. of Burnside)

**“Voice of Rotary**

**The Changing of the Guard”**

Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>

**PDG Euan Miller**

(R.C. of Norwood)

**“International**

**Students in Adelaide”**

Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>

**Jenny Weaver**

(Zonta)

**“The Birthing Kit Foundation”**

Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>

**PP Peter Fowler**

(R.C. of Burnside)

**“Helena Goldie**

**Hospital**

**Update- Part 2”**

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**Rotary International:**

• **Presidents and Themes:**

Carlo Ravizza (1999-2000).

‘Rotary 2000 – Act with Consistency, Credibility, Continuity’

Frank J. Devlyn (2000-2001).

‘Create Awareness – Take Action.’

**District 9500:**

• **District Governors:**

Allan Wilson (Fran) (1999-2000)

Glen Eden (Beverley) (2000-2001)

• **Milestone Events**

○ On 18 and 19 February 2000 421 Rotarians from Districts 9500 and 9520 raised close to \$150,000 by participating in a Community Great Mitsubishi Tunnel Walk through the (then) recently completed but as yet unopened Heysen Tunnels at Eagle-on-the-Hill. Beneficiaries were the Womens’ and Childrens’ Hospital, the Crippled Childrens’ Association, Mission SA and Rotary.

○ District Conference held in Ballarat, Victoria March/April 2000..

○ Group Study Exchange with D1950 (Central Germany – Thuringia and Northern Bavaria) -June/July 2000. Team Leader was Rtn. Ashleigh Lorraine of R.C. Adelaide West.

○ R.C. of Adelaide Daybreak (chartered 1993) surrendered its charter in June 2000.

○ At July 2000 District Membership was 1625 in 52 clubs

**Clubs:** Randomly selected. No doubt your club has its own recorded highlights.

• **Events/Achievements**

○ **Elizabeth:** Lookout cairn at Elizabeth East officially opened – September.

○ **Adelaide:** -Special guest at the December meeting was Sydney Olympic silver medallist Tatiana Grigorieva.

○ **Significant Charter Anniversary Celebrations:**

❖ Regency Park 20<sup>th</sup> – October.

❖ Tea Tree Gully 25<sup>th</sup> – April.

❖ Stuart Alice Springs 30<sup>th</sup> - July

❖ Northern Yorke Peninsula 40<sup>th</sup> – April.

❖ Prospect 50<sup>th</sup> – October.

○ **Woodville South:** Distributed 320 toys that had been made during the year to those in need. – November.

Don't forget to lodge a copy of your Annual Report in District Records each year. They always make interesting reading ‘down the track’.

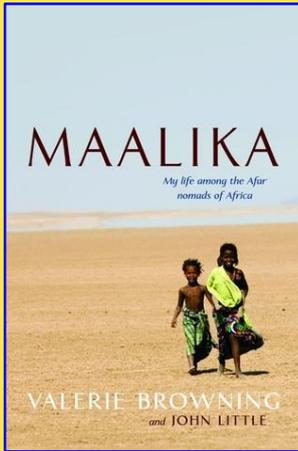
*‘We are not makers of history.*

*We are made by history.’*

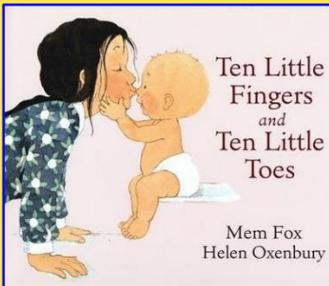
Martin Luther King Jr.

Thank you Keith, for your item, which I hope will encourage all clubs to keep their regular Bulletins or Newsletters reporting the great things they are doing in the name of Rotary. This is how we record our history.

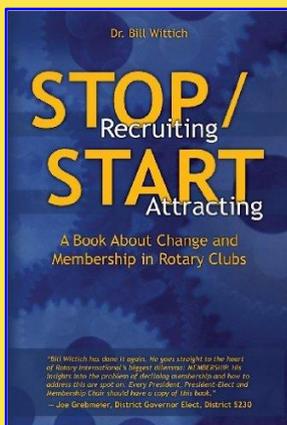
## Recommended Reading



*Maalika*  
*My Life Among the Afar*  
*Nomads of Africa*  
By Valerie Browning



A Rotary Literacy Project for Young Australians  
"To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled out is a spark."  
~ Victor Hugo ~



About Change and Membership in Rotary Clubs

## THIS IS AN IMPORTANT REMINDER THAT REQUIRES YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION AND ACTION.

**Now is the time in the Rotary Year to call for nominations for the position of District Governor for 2018 / 2019**

In calling for nominations, let me say that the position of District Governor provides a wonderful experience. You join what is called the G-TRAIN - this is the training process which leads you through the District Governor Nominee and District Governor Elect years before embarking on the year as District Governor.

The training we receive in Australia prepares us very well for the position. Throughout the training process, you will have classmates across Australia and New Zealand who will be a part of your support team throughout your journey.

During the year as District Governor, you will meet with many likeminded people across the District as well as leading the management of District 9500. **The RI Bylaws 15.070.** lists the qualifications of a Governor Nominee and include, but are not restricted only to the following:

- The Rotarian must be a **member in good standing of a functioning club in the district.**
- **The** Rotarian must have **served as president of a club for a full term** *or* be a charter president of a club having served the full term from the date of charter to 30 June, provided that this period is at least six months.

In addition to the qualifications of Governor Nominee, a governor, at the time of taking office, must have completed seven years of membership in one or more clubs and have attended the governors-elect training seminar and International Assembly. (RIB 15.080.)

Added to this you need  
**ENTHUSIASM FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF ROTARY IN DISTRICT 9500.**

Please download the Nomination form and the Combined DGN District Election Guidelines [here](#) .

I ask that you consider the selection guidelines and any suitable candidate from within your club and forward the nomination to me (doug.layng@bigpond.com) by **12 February 2016**. Thank you.

Hope this edition finds you in good health and enjoying your Rotary.



Lynne and I wish you all a fabulous Christmas and a bright New Year full of love and laughter.



Kind regards, DG *Doug Layng*