



Be a Gift to the World

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DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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RI World President ~ K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran

September 2015

Education & Literacy Month

Hi everyone

Our Official Visits continue, and the more we see, the more we are impressed. Clubs in our District are hardworking and dedicated in their quest to help those less fortunate.

This monthly Newsletter allows me to give the District a snapshot of some projects and events by some clubs. Every club is unique in its endeavours to initiate projects, present awards, recognise excellence and serve its community, both locally and globally.

It's impossible to mention every club and their activities and events, this month I've chosen to highlight The Rotary Club of Roxby District because of its uniqueness.

Roxby District's main focus is its local community. The very nature of Roxby Downs is its somewhat transient population which means members come and go. While Lynne and I were there at the end of last month, the club inducted four new members and one returning member. There are three more waiting in the wings.



DG Doug & Lynne Layng, Tarina McBain, Garry Sims, Peter McBain, Katie Meadow, President Tony Harwood, Deb & Dave Brown, front AG Sandy Sumsion

The club has just announced that their very first long-term Student Exchange participant, Mackenzie Meadow, will go to Sweden next year.

Our trip to Roxby Downs

Our visit is one I want to share with you, as I think many Rotarians know little about the area, the challenges faced by the Rotary Club of Roxby District and the positive ways in which it deals with those challenges.

District Governor's Club Visits

~ SEPTEMBER ~

Kapunda

Monday 14th

Northern Yorke

Peninsula

Tuesday 15th

Port Pirie

Thursday 17th

Makin Edge TTG

Monday 21st

West Lakes

Tuesday 22nd

Tea Tree Gully

Wednesday 23rd

Port Adelaide

Thursday 24th

Whyalla Norrie

Monday 28th

Port Lincoln

Tuesday 29th

Port Augusta

Wednesday 30th

~ OCTOBER ~

West Torrens

Tuesday 6th

Henley Beach

Wednesday 7th

Adelaide Light

Thursday 8th

Elizabeth

Monday 12th

Mawson Lakes

Tuesday 13th

Gawler

Monday 19th

Kidman Park

Tuesday 20th

ROXBY DOWNS: Assistant Governor (Group 8), Sandy Sumsion and her husband Craig hosted us during our stay. Sandy introduced us to members who gave us a tour of the local Area School, the Cultural Precinct, Sport and Leisure facilities, and the Police Station.

Sandy took us to visit the opal mining town of Andamooka where another member took us 4Wdriving to his open cut mine and through of part of the incredible landscape made by the hundreds of mines dug since the early 1900s. We saw the high volume pump donated to the Andamooka SES several years ago from the D9500 Disaster Relief Fund (arranged by RC Roxby District).

We visited the CFS facility, Andamooka Bottle House and Post Office with its underground "simulated" mine, a wonderful collection of old mining equipment, historical photographs, opals and other gem stones.

The Sturt Desert Peas were in bloom for the first time in around five years. We saw "carpets" of them growing just meters from the highway about 30 kilometers from Roxby Downs. As well as the standard red with black pea, there were the rare, pure white, white with mauve pea, red with red pea, dark pink, iridescent pink, purple, petticoats ~ all beautiful.

See our photos of the Sturt Desert Peas and learn more about the township of Roxby Downs. [Read More](#)

Hat Day



Help Hats Help Heads on World Mental Health Day

Hat Day is Australian Rotary Health's national fundraising and awareness day for mental health research, celebrated each year on World Mental Health Day

This year it's Friday October 9, 2015.

The joint District Hat Day Committee (D9500 & D9520) is seeking your help to ensure the badge day collection in the city on Friday 9th October will be a success for Australian Rotary Health.

If you would like to be involved and can give 2 hours of your time please book a space using the following link –

<http://e.mybookingmanager.com/http://e.mybookingmanager.com/2015/Badge+Day+-+Hat+Day>

If you or your club would like more information please contact: Barbara Wheatcroft (PDG) Mob: 0413-511-243 [Read More](#)

RI Zone Director Guillier's Visit

Last week the two Districts in South Australia came together to host RI Zone Director, Guillier Tumangan and his wife, Letty.

D9520 DG Dick Wilson hosted them on Monday, with visits to various places of interest, and a dinner that evening which Lynne and I attended along with the D9500 and D9520 Team Leaders.



DG Doug, Damien Walker (Rotaract Club of Salisbury City), Director Guillier, President Graham Purbrick (RC Salisbury) and Rick Henke (AG Group 4) at RC Salisbury's All Sorts Opp Shop.



Director Guillier and his wife, Letty admire the toys made by members of "The Toy Boys" (below) at the RC of Charles Sturt Grange.



District 9500 **Australian Rotary** **Health**

has scheduled a Movie Event at the Regal Cinema, Kensington on Sunday 25th

See Tom Hanks in "Bridge of Spies" a thriller based on true events. Click on this link to register and pay:
<http://www.trvbooking.com/15543>

Tickets are just \$20.00 ea. Bring your family and friends and help support ARH.



DG Doug, Letty, Guillier and DG9520, Dick Wilson

On Tuesday, we took Guillier and Letty to visit five Rotary projects in our District.

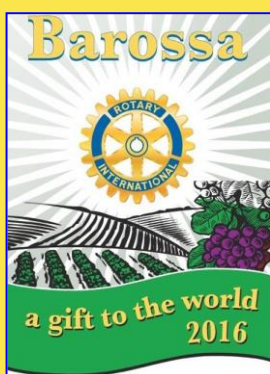
That evening we hosted a dinner for them at the Public Schools Club where DG9520 Dick and Liz Wilson were among 50 Rotarians and partners from both Districts.



Guillier and Letty saying thank you to DGs Doug and Dick.

Guillier and Letty were each presented with a gold lapel pin in the shape of a kangaroo, with an opal imbedded, as well as a beautiful painting by an Indigenous artist from Alice Springs.

Congratulations on a wonderfully successful joint District event. South Australia's District Governors are planning more joint District events, projects and activities to take place during this Rotary Year.



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



BREAKING NEWS

**KIEV: Two polio cases
have been confirmed in
western Ukraine, the first
to be recorded in Europe
since 2010, the World
Health Organization
(WHO) said on
Wednesday last.** [Read More](#)

**We must continue the
fight so that we can leave
our children a future
free from polio**

Strengthening Rotary's Image Through Words

For years, we described Rotary by the numbers: 1,220,115 members in 34,558 clubs in 200 countries and regions. Impressive figures, for sure, but they only tell part of our story. What numbers can't convey is the essence of Rotary ~ what sets us apart and inspires people to get involved.

So we interviewed members around the world to discover why they're passionate about Rotary. What we found was a new way of talking about Rotary that focuses on three core ideas. Through Rotary, you can:

- Join leaders from all continents, cultures, and occupations
- Exchange ideas, bringing our expertise and diverse perspectives to help solve some of the world's toughest problems
- Take action to bring lasting change to communities around the world

It's not a new story but it is a new way of telling our story, one that conveys the top two reasons people join Rotary: for friendship and to make a difference in their communities.

When you share your passion for Rotary, you have the power to change a stranger into a volunteer, a colleague into a donor, and a family member into a Rotarian.

So the next time someone asks you, "What is Rotary?" you have a clear and compelling answer: "Through Rotary, I have a friend, partner, and adviser in communities around the world who are helping me make a difference."

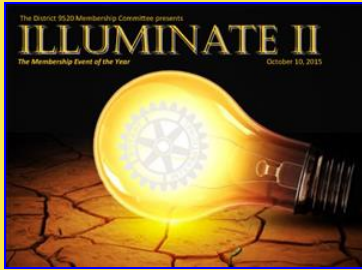
Four Clubs, Two Districts, One Team

A group of 15 Rotarians from the Adelaide and Prospect clubs had a great time in Davao last week with their colleagues from RC East Davao and RC Waling-Waling Davao. Many thanks must go to the local Philippines people for their wonderful hospitality they extended to the Aussies.

Everyone had lots of fun and fellowship, worked hard in the Caliclic Community, learnt about the needs of the Indigenous People (IP), visited current RCED and RCWWD projects and planned a new major joint project to continue support at Caliclic, Tibunco, SPMC (House of Hope and Crippled Children's sections) and start up a range of support initiatives for the IPs in Marilog.



Illuminate II is coming!



Saturday 10th October is the day you have the chance to attend an event which will provide relevant and timely information about Membership Development and Social Media.

I encourage you to come along if you can. It promises to be extremely worthwhile.

Country residents please ask about home hosting!
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

www.trybooking.com/HCRK
Enquiries? Phone Mark Huddleston on 0402-346-994 or Email mark@sugarfreezone.com.au



You could save the life of a stranger or someone you love

Put it in Writing!

Rotary Down Under has started a couple of new features; My Rotary Moment and The Burning Question. The magazine is looking for contributions to both. Up until now many of the contributors have been Rotary leaders but we really want club members to promote their Rotary Moments and also to answer the monthly burning question? You need to write around 200 words for either.

Would you like to write something for RDU about yourself or the club but feel you might not have the talent? Just list some bullet points and send them to EUAN MILLER who will help you whip up something that is both newsworthy and entertaining.

If you want to get your copy of RDU earlier than the printed version, just download the free RDU app. In this way you get the magazine (and the Rotarian) on the 1st of every month.

If you have any concerns or ideas about our magazine or RDU Supplies, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Euan via phone: 0401-124-387 or email: euam@internode.on.net



Health Check Men's Health Matters

Hey, fellas!! Waking up more than once a night to pee may be due to an enlarged prostate. You should not ignore this. Early diagnosis of prostate cancer means you have the best chance of a cure. To find out more go to www.morethanonceanight.com.au or speak to your Doctor.

The Four Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build Goodwill and better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?



Voice of Rotary September

15th

PDG Barbara Wheatcroft
(RC Adelaide Parks)
"Australian
Rotary Health"

22nd

Rtn Michael Krelshem
(RC Eastwood)
"A Business Breakfast
Program"

29th

PP Peter Fowler
(RC Burnside)
"Helena Goldie Hospital
update
(Solomon Islands)"

More information is
available from
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Rotary Australia World
Community Service
(RAWCS) Open
Day/Working Bee, at
Donations in Kind
Edinburgh, Saturday
17th October 10:00am to
3:00pm. Please lend a
hand and help with the
variety of tasks which
need completing on the
day. Lunch provided for a
donation of \$10.00, book
at
<http://e.mybookingmanager.com/rawcsod15>

*The BBQ lunch will be
cooked by DGs
Doug Layng and
Dick Wilson!*

Make The Most Of Your Membership Here's how

- Learn more about [Rotary Global Rewards](#), a new member benefit program that offers discounts on products and services; travel, hotels, car rentals, dining, and entertainment. Visit the [Member Center](#).
- Identify a need in your community and work with your club to design a hands-on project that addresses it.
- Learn how to [apply for a grant](#) to implement a project.
- Know a young leader? Tell him or her about Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Rotary Youth Exchange.
- Explore other clubs. Did you know that you're welcome to attend any club's meeting, anywhere in the world? Use the [Club Finder](#) tool or download the Club Locator app to find a meeting when you travel.
- Try a new role. Clubs need leaders. Take the first step and ask where your club needs help.
- Attend the next Rotary International Convention in Seoul, Korea. Enjoy inspiring talks from global leaders, celebrities, and activists. Meet members from around the world. It's the ultimate way to understand the scope of Rotary. [Register today](#).
- Be part of history and help eradicate polio. [Find out how to support PolioPlus and join the movement to end polio](#).
- Use the resources in the [Rotary Brand Center](#) to help you communicate, inspire, and collaborate.
- Meet other members who share your interests and passions through a Rotary Fellowship or Rotarian Action Group. There are about 70 groups, catering to everyone from cooking enthusiasts to water and sanitation project experts.
- Connect on social media. Rotary has official pages on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), LinkedIn, [Instagram](#), [Pinterest](#), Flickr, and more. [Join the conversation](#).
- Support The Rotary Foundation. Contributions provide millions of dollars in grants that support our humanitarian service around the world. [Learn more](#).

Click on the blue text above to read more about each point.

*Adapted from Global Outlook in the August issue of **The Rotarian***

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

Kind regards, DG *Doug Layng*