



# DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Hi everyone ~ Well, we thought things might slow down a little after our very successful District Conference, but it hasn't.

## We've Been Out & About

On 29<sup>th</sup> March, Lynne and I visited Izak, a 15-year-old boy from Timor Leste, brought to Adelaide by ROMAC for surgery at the WCH. **Back Row:** President Graham Purbrick of RC Salisbury and DG Doug Layng. **Front:** Interpreter Elizabeth Goncalves, Lynne Layng, Izak's mother Inez, Izak and Mary Purbrick.

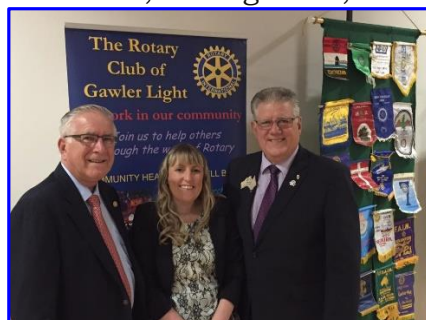


PDG Alun Hughes, the ROMAC Regional Committee Chairman acknowledges the valuable support given to recent patients hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Somerton Park, Edwardstown, Goolwa, Burnside, Elizabeth and Salisbury; and to the staff at the Women's and Children's Hospital. We couldn't do this work without them. Please see the Edition 5 of the ROMAC newsletter [HERE](#).

Meeting 1,000 at the RC of Gawler Light on 2<sup>nd</sup> April was a wonderful night with around 100 attendees, including visiting Rotarians, friends and family members. Some of the club's great achievements were mentioned, among them, Educated Smiles, a project which provides

funding for children's education and educational material for use at a school in a remote village Bali. PDG Dick Milner gave an overview of the club's activities and history of the past 20 years.

Pictured are DGE, John Pohl, President Jacqui Slater and DG Doug Layng





At the Rotary Club of Adelaide's Membership Information night at Adelaide Oval



Adelaide Edge's IPP Ashleigh Lorraine, President Lis Beltrame and DG Doug Layng



Members of Adelaide City Rotaract, Rotary Clubs of Prospect and Adelaide Edge with President Lis Beltrame



RYLA participants numbered over 30 for this camp from 16<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

Looking forward to hearing from them when they have completed their stay at Nunyara

Click this to see a [video](https://youtu.be/yM44GdhFPn4) of the District Conference

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Last Tuesday night, 5<sup>th</sup> April we enjoyed mingling with members of the RC Adelaide in the Cathedral Room at the Adelaide Oval for their Membership Information cocktail party with the theme, "join with leaders, exchange ideas and take action". Around 120 attendees including Members and invited guest, heard from several club members about what excites them about Rotary. A well put together evening which will have inspired some to enquire further about Rotary.

We drove to Kadina for the induction of new member, Glenys Blacker into the RC or Northern Yorke Peninsula on 12<sup>th</sup> April.

On 13<sup>th</sup> April, at the RC of Prospect, I had the pleasure of inducting Lis Beltrame as President of the RC of Adelaide Edge for the remainder of the current year. She officially becomes President from 1<sup>st</sup> July for 2016/17. This club has gone through some changes of late, and will change its name in the near future. My thanks to Ashleigh Lorraine for his assistance in the progression of this club.

We had a very enjoyable night on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April at a Farewell Dinner for the VTT/GSE Team who told us about their Aussie experience, what they have learned and the many tips, tricks and innovations they will take with them to their respective occupations. I managed to get myself to the airport by 4.30am the next day to see them before they left our shores for their homes in the USA and Canada. Read more about them on [Page 5](#).

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April was the start of this year's RYLA Event where I welcomed participants and talked a little about Leadership. There are over 30 young people in attendance this year. Thanks to clubs who have sponsored a participant. We look forward hearing about their experiences at various club meetings.

Later that afternoon we joined Rotarians and friends at the cinema to support The Rotary Foundation. We marvelled at the trials, tribulations and the ultimate triumph of "Eddie the Eagle". Many gathered at two restaurants to enjoy dinner and some fellowship afterwards. This event was the first project of the E-club of Greater South Oz, and funds raised on the day went to End Polio Now. Thanks to President Eric Russell and his team for a most enjoyable afternoon and evening!

Another road-trip on 17<sup>th</sup> April saw Lynne and I travel to the RC of Maitland for their club's major fundraiser of the year. Over 220 Rotarians and friends attended. The silent auction raised over \$7,200 for prostate and ovarian cancer research. It was a fantastic day. Thanks to Hugh and Marion Wearing for their boundless energy and supreme organisational skills. We need to CLONE you!



Broadcast on 1197AM RPH  
Adelaide each Tuesday  
7.30pm - 8.00 pm  
From each Wednesday the  
broadcast program can be  
heard on-line at  
[www.rphadelaide.org.au](http://www.rphadelaide.org.au)

**26 April**

Jeremy Scott from  
New Zealand,  
"The Long Road from a  
Broken Heart~  
London to Auckland  
by Bike"

**MAY**

**3 May**

Rtn Isabella Greig  
(RC of Elizabeth)  
"On Being Playford  
Citizen of the Year"

**10 May**

Gemma Sisia  
(Arusha, Tanzania)  
"The School of Saint  
Jude, Tanzania  
**A Great Rotary Project"**

**17 May**

Alexis Davidson:  
Scholars in Collars.  
"Reward Based Dog  
Training"

**24 May**

James Ferguson, Friends  
of Butcher's Gap: RC  
Burnside's Volunteer of  
the Park 2016  
"Volunteering in Our  
National Parks"

**31 May**

Linda Sweeney  
(RC of Somerton Park)  
"Prosthetics for Sri  
Lanka – How it Went"

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**Membership Resources**

Article by RC PDG Jessie Harman

Rotary International has released a new resource for clubs entitled 'Strengthening Your Membership: Creating Your Membership Development Plan'. Formerly known as the Membership Development Resource Guide, the new resource is intended for club presidents, district membership chairs and club membership committees.

The guide explains the process of creating a membership development plan, and provides tips and tools to attract and engage new members. It also includes information about sponsoring new clubs, as well as the membership resources available through Rotary. The new resource is particularly user-friendly, and for those with membership responsibilities, definitely worth a read. The guide can be downloaded from [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

**New Members**

These are the only ones we know about since the last newsletter:

R E-Club of Greater South Oz: **TERESA (TERRY)** and **MIKE MORAN**, are from the USA. Mike is a doctor is doing locum work in SA and Terry is a nurse. **GREG LOVE**, PP of RC Kentown and Shelter Box Director, and **TERENCE (TERRY) HADERT**, PP Adelaide Parks.

RC Northern Yorke Peninsula: **GLENYS BLACKER**.

RC Prospect: **MICHAEL IAMMARRONE**

*If your club has inducted new members in the last few months, please enter their details on the District Database and advise the District Secretary so we can acknowledge them. Ask your new members to create their own My Rotary accounts.*

**Leading Rotary Now**

On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April, the Adelaide session was held with over 100 attendees. District Trainer, Marie Dorrington is pleased to report that the initiative was well received! **The Evaluation sheets were very positive about the day and affirmed that this new approach was worthwhile.**

Formerly known as PETS, District Training Assembly & District Grants Seminar, and held over two days in the past, **the focus of this day was to interest and inform all Rotarians and especially Club Leaders.** While there were specialist sessions for Presidents Elect and Presidents Nominee, Club Leaders including all Rotarians, and clubs registering to be eligible to apply for a District Grant, **the day covered topics important to all as we work together to ensure a vibrant District with vibrant clubs.** [Read More](#)

**If you can get to either of the remaining session, I encourage you to do so. You won't be disappointed.**

Pt Augusta: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May, Caritas College

Alice Springs: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, Quest Apartments

For full session details and registration, click [HERE](#)

## Foundation Dinner

On 14 May 2016, Past RI President Bill Boyd and RI President Nominee Ian Riseley will join us at the Convention Centre, Riverbank Room, North Terrace, Adelaide.

District Governors Doug Layng and Dick Wilson invite you and your club members to book a table and join us for a night supporting to support our Foundation.

[Read More](#)

**Bookings: click here**

<http://e.mybookingmanager.com/MDD2016>

### Something interesting posted on Facebook by Mark Anderson - Rotary

Posted on Facebook 9 April 2016

I just love reading about all the activities that Clubs are doing to raise funds for other charities. They do great work and love the fact that Rotary Clubs will do their fundraising for them.

I would love to read about the events that Rotary Clubs are doing to raise funds for our charity - The Rotary Foundation? After all we do good in the world.

Thanks for sharing your thoughts Mark.

I totally agree. If we raise funds and give them back to the Foundation, that money will come back to us to fund more projects.

I urge all clubs, when deciding where they will put funds raised, to please very seriously consider our charity, The Rotary Foundation, first.

## Breaking News from the Council on Legislation

Every three years, members from Rotary districts across the globe gather in Chicago to review and vote on proposed legislation. The Council on Legislation is an essential part of Rotary's governance.



RI Director Jennifer Jones took a moment to assess this year's council, moments after the closing bell. "I think this has been a historic council, probably one of the most progressive, evolutionary councils that we ever have seen. I think there was a sense of collegiality and a sense of doing what is right for the future of the organization."

Here are three of the resolutions carried this April which I'm sure will please many Rotarians.

1. Council on Legislation agreed to simplify the qualifications for membership in a rotary club. The measure removes six membership criteria from the RI constitution, replacing them with the simple requirement that a member be a person of good character who has a good reputation in their business or community and is willing to serve the community. Proponents argued that the change will give power back to clubs to "choose their own members without a checklist" and encourage membership growth.
2. The Council on Legislation approved two key measures that would give clubs greater flexibility in their meetings and membership. Both were backed by the RI Board of Directors and passed overwhelmingly after lively debate. The first measure gives clubs greater leeway in when and how often they meet, how often they cancel meetings, and what constitutes a meeting, as long as they meet at least twice a month. The second measure grants clubs flexibility to experiment with membership models. Proponents argued that clubs need the enhanced freedom in order to determine what works best in their communities, noting that "one size does not fit all."
3. Citing a need to provide programs and services that allow Rotary clubs to flourish, the Council on Legislation approved three \$4 increases in the annual per capita dues that clubs pay to Rotary International. . Now is the time to invest in our future and make it possible to move forward and achieve a strong future for Rotary." The increase sets the dues at \$60 in 2017-18, \$64 in 2018-19, and \$68 in 2019-20.



**Ian H.S. Riseley**, of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, is the President Nominee of Rotary International in 2017-18. Ian says, *"We have the programs and personnel and others have available resource. Doing good in the world is everyone's goal. We must learn from the experience of the polio eradication program to maximize our public awareness exposure for future partnerships."*

Ian is speaking at the Foundation Dinner on 14<sup>th</sup> May. (See side bar for full details).

## 2016 Group Study Exchange/VTT News

The Group Study Exchange/VT Team from Rotary International District 5060 have completed their month stay in D9500. They have been home hosted by Rotarians and visited many places of interest, including various businesses and organisations, as well as some of our iconic landmarks. Rotarian, their families and many friends took the team around the Barossa and Gawler areas, the Northern Yorke Peninsula, the Northern Territory and Adelaide city and suburbs. They were home hosted by the RC's of Barossa Valley, Gawler, Gawler Light, Maitland, and Northern Yorke Peninsula. Then there was the Outback Experience which included a visit to Alice Springs and our "rock", Uluru. They were hosted by members of the three clubs, Alice Springs, Alice Springs Mbantua and Stuart Alice Springs. They were hosted by the RC of Adelaide, Henley Beach and Prospect during their last week.



John Cooper, of Yakima,  
Washington, USA  
Team Leader of the  
VTT/GSE from the USA  
and Canada



Lynn Bremmer  
Oliver, BC, Canada



Reto Gebert of  
Kelowna, BC Canada



Jim Blonde of Yakima,  
Washington, USA



The Team members are very appreciative of the vocational and cultural experiences the Rotary Clubs had organised for them. In their time with us so far they have seen, felt and tasted some iconic experiences such as; pie floaters, the footy (and the crowd!), country races and our beers and wines. Please check out their fabulous D5060 blog and Facebook pages, (addresses below) to find out all about their journey.

On Friday night, 15<sup>th</sup> April, along with many of the home hosts, family, friends and Rotarians gathered at the Checkside Tavern in West Lakes for the team's Farewell Dinner. Thanks to Peter Shaw who was our MC at the RC of West Lakes. The team was up at 4.30am the next morning to board their flights home to the USA and Canada. I managed to get there, too! Read their Blog here:

<https://vttrotary.wordpress.com/>

My thanks to D9500 VTT Chair, Jacqui Atyeo and the many others who made this Rotary project a great success.

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

Kind regards,  
DG *Doug Layng*