



DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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Please submit any articles
and photos by 12th of the month
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Membership & Extension Month

Hi everyone

Official Club Visits began on 14th July. Lynne and I are having a really enjoyable time catching up with old friends and meeting new ones in the District.

Hearing about the Clubs' plans and projects is definitely heartening and I'm pleased to report that most so far have plans in place to increase and retain membership, to continue support for polio eradication, to respect the importance of fellow members' vocations, and to keep club details up to date on the District Website to name just a few of goals set for this year. Support of The Rotary Foundation and Polio Eradication are also high on the lists of many clubs. Thank you!

We've heard about some very interesting and innovative new projects which should keep current members engaged and attract new members. Here are just a few:

Adelaide South's commitment to their Birikut water project in Ethiopia.

Adelaide West's support of the Thebarton Senior College Rotaract Club and the RYDA Project.

Barossa District's plans to hold a major community project with neighboring Rotary and other service clubs in the area.

Charles Sturt Grange's plans for a fourth RYDA with the Rotary Clubs of West Lakes and Largs Bay.

Gawler Light's initiative to take Marilyn Ann Fitzgerald's story, "If I Had a Water Buffalo" and create their Club's own project; micro-loans to villagers in Bontihing, Bali to purchase piglets to raise for resale ~ a wonderfully self-sustaining project.

Largs Bay's Wheel Chair project; one of the longest running and hugely successful projects in our District.

Playford's continuing involvement with the Indigenous Scholarships program.

More news on Club projects next month. In the meantime, check out some photos of visits so far. [Read More](#)

ALUMNI ~ We Want YOU!

Do you know someone who has had contact with Rotary as an Exchange Student, a GSE or VTT participant, or anyone, including volunteers, who have participated in any of Rotary's projects or programs? Please provide details of those people to District 9500 Rotary Alumni Team Leader, Warren Hobbs by email at whobbs@shd.com.au. More details on Page 48 of the District Directory.

Henley On Todd Boats but no Water!



Commodore
Peter Nankivell



Battleship
USS Navy



Battleship
Nauteus



Battleship
Vikings

Celebrating 50 Years Of Organ Transplant Surgery



With Yael Cass, CEO of
Australian Government
Organ & Tissue Authority

Our trip to "The Alice"

Last week Lynne and I were in Alice Springs to visit the Rotary Clubs of Alice Springs, Alice Springs Mbantua and Stuart Alice Springs. We were made to feel most welcome, thanks to members of all three clubs. We had a great time. AG Fran Neylon looked after us very well. Thanks Fran ... you're a star!



A highlight of our trip was the Henley-On-Todd. On Saturday August 15, the Todd River in Alice Springs came alive for the 54th Henley-on-Todd Regatta. ASSA ABLOY Australia once again was the admiral sponsor of this iconic Northern Territory event. As part of this major sponsorship, they contributed \$10,000 to the event's fundraising campaign to help The Fred Hollows Foundation end trachoma.

The Regatta was started in 1962 when several members of the RC of Alice Springs met for a picnic at 16 Mile Creek outside of Alice Springs, where over a few beers they discussed ways to raise money for charity. The three Rotary Clubs of Alice Springs searched for a cause they could take on that would significantly alter people's lives in a positive way, and for which they could raise the profile of, as much as Rotary has raised the profile of ending Polio worldwide. [Read More](#)

Donate Life

On Saturday 1st August, we were among almost 700 people at the Adelaide Convention Centre for an event held to launch Donate Life Week ~ 2nd to 9th August. More than 500 of the attendees were either organ donor recipients or organ donors. The event celebrated the 50th anniversary of the first kidney transplant in South Australia.

We heard from Mr Peter Knight and Professor James Lawrence, the surgeons who performed that operation. We also heard from a recipient of a kidney donation who is still going strong with her transplant which she received 44 years ago! She is so grateful for the gift of life a stranger has given her.

Please make the decision to Donate Life when Lynne comes to your club to explain her project. She will have Registration forms for you and your family members. [Read More](#)

District Governor's Club Visits

Modbury

Monday 24th August

Prospect

Wednesday 26th August

Roxby Districts

Monday 31st August

Whyalla

Tuesday 1st
September

Maitland

Wednesday 2nd
September

Kapunda

Monday 14th
September

Northern Yorke Peninsula

Tuesday 15th September

Port Pirie

Thursday 17th
September

Makin Edge TTG

Monday 21st
September

West Lakes

Tuesday 22nd
September

Tea Tree Gully

Wednesday 23rd
September

Port Adelaide

Thursday 24th
September

Whyalla Norrie

Monday 28th
September

Port Lincoln

Tuesday 29th
September

Port Augusta

Wednesday 30th
September

Rotary Community Corps A "win-win" opportunity.

A Rotary Community Corps (RCC) is a team of non-Rotarian men and women who are committed to their community's long-term economic development and self-sufficiency. RCCs are active in urban and rural communities in both developed and developing countries. Remember that no matter where you are, even if it is a developed country, there are always underserved groups and communities in need of assistance. RCCs can help identify and address these service opportunities.

RCCs work in partnership with Rotary clubs to improve their communities. Each RCC is sponsored by a Rotary club and, as with Rotaract and Interact clubs, the Rotary club acts as its partner in service.

Some RCCs are created to undertake a specific project, while others tackle larger, more entrenched problems on an ongoing basis. RCC members bring enthusiasm, creativity, and sustainability to the projects they design and implement. They offer community solutions for community challenges. [Read More](#)

Strengthening Rotary

Why is Rotary enhancing its public image? Worldwide, more than 2 million non-profits compete for limited volunteer hours, donor money, and other resources. Rotary has a great story to tell, but we need to tell it more simply and consistently.

By providing a clear, consistent image of what Rotary stands for and how we differ from other charitable organisations, we offer prospective members, donors, and other stakeholders a strong vision of what it means to engage with us. Tell them what Rotary does:

- We feed the hungry
- We secure shelter for the homeless
- We provide the sick with medical care
- We give thousands upon thousands access to clean water
- We give opportunities to thousands to learn to read and write
- We give value to lives where there seems to be none
- We give hope to situations where none exists
- Rotarians are engaged in changing lives
- We are all Volunteers [Read More](#)



SPREAD THE WORD

The elephant in Rotary's living room

Posted on the internet
by Rotary International
By Terry R. Weaver,
Governor of District 7750
(South Carolina, USA)

In my travels as a newly
fielded district governor,
I've run into a mis-
perception that several
clubs have told me is
getting in the way of
membership growth.

The elephant in the
living room?
ATTENDANCE

Let's step back. Several
years ago, Rotary's
Council on Legislation
declared that almost
ANY legitimate Rotary
activity qualifies as a
make-up.

This includes not only
attending another club's
meeting, but also a
committee meeting or
board meeting, working
on a project (some clubs
say for at least one or
two hours), etc.

"Etc." means anything
that can reasonably be
called a Rotary service
activity. Now, of course
to get "credit" for a
make-up, the member
has to report that
qualifying activity to the
club secretary.

Most clubs use a sign-in
sheet at a committee
meeting or project and
then forward the whole
list to the secretary.

Just for fun

DG Doug saw lots of these little guys when he was growing up in
Canada. Check them out here:

<http://www.care2.com/causes/daily-cute-prairie-dogs-in-the-wild.html>

Highlighting BowelScan

There are several clubs in our District which have been working
hard to bring bowel cancer into the spotlight. It has not been an
easy road. Around a dozen of our members in District 9500 have
lost loved ones to this disease during the last few years.

Bowel cancer, also called colorectal cancer, is the second most
common cancer in both men and women in Australia. Eighty per
cent of cases have no known hereditary genetic associations. This
disease is the second most common and the second most deadly of
cancers in Australia, killing more than 4,000 every year.

President Sharon Bais (RC Largs Bay) will attend the Bowel Cancer
Conference in Sydney this week.

The cost of a Kit is around \$15.00 ~ a small price to pay to find out
if you are at risk. Maybe the Rotary Clubs of Alice Springs,
Barossa District, Largs Bay and Pt Pirie could work together to
plan an event to promote awareness of this Killer!! [Read More](#)

An Aussie At The Helm

Ian Riseley is selected as 2017-18 Rotary president

Ian H.S. Riseley, of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria,
Australia, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for
President of Rotary International in 2017-18. He will become the
president-nominee on 1st October if no other candidates challenge
him. Riseley says that meaningful partnerships with corporations
and other organizations are crucial to Rotary's future.

Riseley is a practicing accountant and principal of Ian Riseley and
Co., which specialises in advising local and international
businesses, with a strong interest in international affairs. He
received the AusAID Peacebuilder Award from the Australian
government in 2002 in recognition of his work in Timor-Leste. He
also received the Order of Australia medal in 2006 for service to
the Australian community. Congratulations, Ian!!

Daily Health Tips

With all of the fad diets, miracle health pills and supplements
promising drastic changes in little to no time, it can be difficult to
pinpoint what is actually good for you. By following a few, simple
tips for daily health, you can take steps toward becoming a
healthier version of you.

Drink more water
Get you Zzzzzzzs
Eat a healthy diet
Exercise regularly

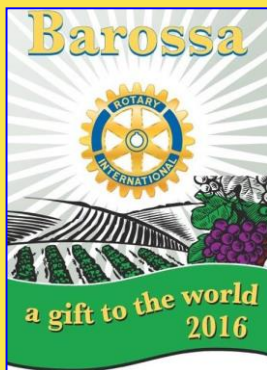
Alcohol in moderation
Quit smoking
Learn to relax
Have a positive outlook

RI General Secretary
John Hewko's
latest Tweet!

Rotary Young Leaders in Action



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



[Empowering Young Leaders Through RYLA](#)

All around the world, Rotary clubs and districts are bringing promising young people together for life-changing leadership training through Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), developing innovative ways to engage young people based on their community's unique needs. In Colorado, USA, [teens with physical disabilities](#) learn to overcome challenges to become leaders in their schools and communities. [Students in India](#) are introduced to sustainable farming techniques by local agriculture experts. [Rotaractors in Nigeria](#) partner with Rotarians to discuss the importance of social responsibility and mentorship. But this leadership journey doesn't have to end with RYLA: Invite young leaders to [stay connected](#) with Rotary through Interact, Rotaract, and Rotary Youth Exchange.

If you want to start a RYLA program or expand an established one, you can now use district grants to [maximize your impact](#)! Follow us on [Facebook](#) to connect around the globe, and find resources to organize a RYLA in your community. Customize our [RYLA certificate](#) to celebrate each participant. Questions? Email ryla@rotary.org.

[Click on the links in text above to find out more.](#)

[Rotary Young Professionals Forum](#)

(From the pages of The Herald ~ No 6, District 9520).

On Saturday 8th August 2015, District Membership Chair Mark Huddleston led the first District 9520 Young Professionals Forum. Sixty students, professionals, Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike gathered at Flinders University to discuss the ways in which Rotary does and doesn't appeal to under 40s in Districts 9500 and 9520 and around Australia. Participants of the forum were split into three categories:

- Rotarians over 40
- Rotarians under 40
- Non-Rotarian alumni

Key topics of the forum included:

- Aspects of Rotary which attract alumni and young professionals
- Major challenges Rotary needs to overcome
- Club and District Social media
- Deterrents to young professionals
- Factors which keep alumni and young professionals involved in Rotary clubs

The forum revealed a lot about where Rotary stays consistently appealing across generations and where clubs could re-calibrate, re-engineer and re-position themselves to ensure a bright future for both Rotary and the communities we support.

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

Kind regards, DG *Doug Layng*