



# DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

Rotary International  
District 9500

South Australia &  
Northern Territory

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Be a Gift to the World

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BBQ King, Doug



My other car - a 1950  
Mercury 1-Ton Pickup

**JUNE 2016**

## Recreational Fellowship Month

Well, here we are at the end of another Rotary Year. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to serve as your District Governor.

My sincere thanks to all Rotarians and their partners, families, friends, and Friends of Rotary for the warm welcomes received as we visited clubs far and wide. Your friendship and support are two of the important ingredients which made my work as DG a much easier job than I thought it would be! Thank you!

Special thanks to my District Secretary, Martin Cini; the District Management Team, District Finance Team, District Team Leaders and my Assistant Governors. I could not have chosen better people. Your time and energy were such great assets to the District. Very special thanks to my "rock", best friend and wife, Lynne, who kept me on track and was my champion throughout this journey.

Lynne and I have thoroughly enjoyed these last 12 months, meeting old friends and making new friends. It has been a busy time. Lots of travelling by road; just one visit by plane (to Alice Springs). I really am amazed at the diversity of activities, events and projects being undertaken by clubs and individuals. It was wonderful to see clubs joining other Rotary Clubs and other Service Clubs in their efforts to get projects off the ground to ensure the best outcomes. The international projects, too, prove that our reach to help others is always as far as it needs to be.

We began our Official Club Visits in July and finished in November. Since, we have revisited many clubs to help celebrate milestones, inductions, Change Overs and other special events.

## My Goals For The Year

Membership: I had hoped to increase membership by 4% across the District, but that wasn't to be. Looking ahead, the recent changes announced by The Council on Legislation in April have paved the way for more flexibility within clubs, the relaxation of "attendance", frequency of meetings and what form meetings may take on; dropping some of the tired old weights and adopting more positive, powerful ideals. These are all positive ways which will help us to increase and retain numbers. But let's not be complacent ... we all need to work on Membership.

Congratulations to those Clubs who have been working hard and are showing a membership gain. In the last few days, we have received notice of over 30 inductions. A list is at the end of this Newsletter.



RI Director Jennifer Jones



RI President Nominee, Ian Riseley and his wife, Juliet



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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.

### The Rotary Foundation

This year, the District has raised over \$150,000 in the form of donations from clubs and individuals.

An Evening with Jennifer Jones in November was jointly hosted by DG Dick Wilson (D9520) and I at the Military and Naval Club to launch Our Rotary Legacy.

Ian Riseley, Rotary International President Nominee and RI Past President Bill Boyd were our guest speakers at a special Foundation Dinner in May. On the night, 17 bequests totalling \$637,000 were recognised.

The work of the Foundation is funded by the donations Rotarians and others make individually or as a Club directly to the Foundation. Remember that 50% of those donations come back to the District every three years in the form of Grants. Please make your first charity, our own Charity, The Rotary Foundation.

Grants: A total of 18 successful District Grants to the value of \$47,000 were awarded by the Grants Committee to a great variety of projects that included Health, Community Development, Water & Sanitation and Education. Congratulations to you all.

The Rotary Clubs of Adelaide and Prospect together with the Rotary Clubs of Waling Waling Davao and East Davao are continuing their work on a Global Grant for a project in the Philippines.

### Polio Eradication

We are winning the war! We are 99% of the way to a polio-free world. Yes! We're truly, "this close" to eradicating polio forever. There are just 17 known cases remaining. Help us get closer by spreading the word. Now is the time to give it our best effort to reach our goal of a polio free world by 2018.

### Rotary Community Corps

We introduced the concept of the Rotary Community Corps (RCCs) which 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

### Rotaract/Interact

RC of Pt Pirie has established an Interact Club, now up and running, and the final paperwork has been submitted to Charter the club. The three clubs in Alice Springs are looking to set up an Interact club. The RC's of Mawson Lakes and Gawler are each in the planning stages to form new Rotaract clubs.

Help | Learn | Enjoy

**Rotaract**

Rotary Club Partner



rotaractors  
against  
malaria

A Training weekend was conducted on the 18th and 19th of June at Emmaus Campsite at Halbury near Balaklava. There were 28 participants including a Rotaractor from Ballina in northern New South Wales. Several speakers for the training sessions included outgoing Adelaide City club President Kirsti Kankunnen and Rotarian Rick Henke.



## Partners

**Rotaract**  
Rotary Club Partner



**Interact**  
Rotary Sponsored Club



My co-driver, Pete Rogers  
and me in my Corolla



Sturt Desert Peas



Rotary Parade at Roxby



Guiller and Letty with DGs  
Doug Layng & Dick Wilson



Visiting the "Toy Boys"

Youth Programmes were well supported by many clubs in the District, with participants in RYLA, RYPEN, The Conocophillips Science Experience, RYDA, Youth Exchange and others.



## Some Highlights

My third "Corolla Capers", the RC of Regency Park's annual fundraiser in July was the prelude to the commencement of my year. About 15 of us who have pre-1983 Toyota Corollas took off to a previously reconnoitered track somewhere in the bush for nine days. Nine 4WDs support vehicles travelled with us. We all camp out under the stars most nights, with two nights in a motel or in shearing sheds on private properties (by arrangement with the station owners). We have a great time! I think this year might be cold and wet!

Our official visit to Roxby District in August with Assistant Governor (Group 8), Sandy Sumsion and her husband Craig hosting 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. We visited the opal mining town of Andamooka and drove into an open cut opal mine. We saw "carpets" of Sturt Desert Peas which were in bloom for the first time in around five years. You can read more about the RC of Roxby District in the September issue of the DG's Newsletter.

### RI Zone Director, Guiller Tumangan's visit

In September the two Districts in South Australia came together to host RI Zone Director, Guiller Tumangan and his wife, Letty. D9520 DG Dick Wilson and Liz hosted them on Monday, with visits to various places of interest. On Tuesday, we took Guiller and Letty to visit five Rotary projects in our District. They included the RC Walkerville's new tree planning facility, a tour of the production facilities at Woodville with RC of Charles-Sturt Grange "Toy Boys" and the RC Largs Bay "Wheelchair Guys". They enjoyed a ride on the Carousel at Semaphore, and last, the RC of Salisbury's Op Shop. After that very busy day, we attended a Dinner with members of both Districts to say farewell to our friends from the Philippines.

We enjoyed a wonderful musical evening in November hosted by DG Dick Wilson and Liz at their home, with D9650 DG Maurie Stack and Deidre, D9456 DG Melodie Kevan and John, and RI Director Noel Trevaskis and Sue. Sang our hearts out and laughed so much.

The RI Institute at Etihad Stadium in Melbourne with all of our "classmates" for 2015/2016, the DGNs, DGEs, DGs and PDGs was very exciting. We made more new friends and learned lots.

The RC of Clare invited us along to a special meeting, when they were visited by Rotary Clubs from Maitland in New South Wales as part of a Friendship Exchange.



SA Governor's wife, Mrs Lan Le, came along to wish us Happy Birthday

## Rotarians:

We may not have invented service, but we perfected it.



Toby Adams, Ilyasi Siraji, and Matt Williams MP spoke about their experiences with Rotary and how it has changed their lives.



Exchange Students at the District Conference.

## Rotary's 111<sup>th</sup> Birthday

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Rotarians from Districts 9500 and 9520 came together in Rundle Mall to promote Rotary and the wonderful work it does locally and around the world. Rotarians from both Districts joined me to hand out birthday cupcakes and pamphlets and to talk about Rotary to passers-by. A wonderful day! Thanks to Adelaide City Council. A great venue for getting our message out there!

## Rotary Round Table

Rotarians from around the District gathered in February to learn more about Membership Recruitment and Engagement, Using the Rotary Brand for Success, Ideas for Setting up an International Project, Youth Matters, the New Protection Policy and more.



## Rotary Alumni Event

Also in February, another highly successful joint District event was held. Among approximately 60 Alumni were members of GSE teams, Rotaractors, RYLA and RYPEN, some who had participated as far back as 1973.

## VTT Dental Team to Vanuatu

The Team travelled to Vanuatu this year to further the work started last year. They established oral health records for children and adults, which can be used by subsequent dental teams to identify and prioritise patients. The needs are great. The May 2016 VTT also worked shoulder to shoulder with local dental assistants, modelling best current practices in dentistry. Great work!

## RYPEN/RYLA Empowering Youth – our Future Leaders

Over 40 young participants gathered at Nunyara in April for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards. It was a hugely successful week. Those who attended told their stories of meeting new friends and how much they had learned about themselves at a special mid-week dinner, and again at the Rotary clubs which sponsored them. This programme is one of the best of its type and helps young people build confidence and self-esteem.

The RYPEN weekend hosted 42 young participants.

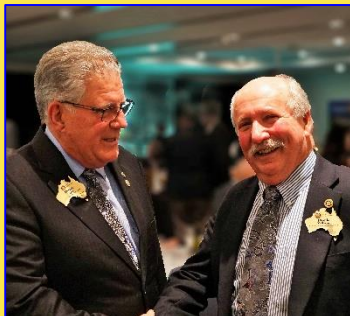
Thanks to the Team Leaders who put these two programmes together this year.



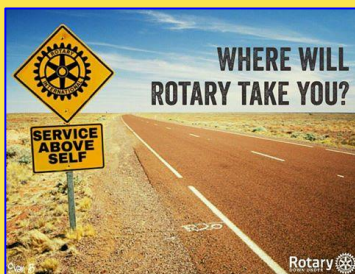


Cataract is the third biggest cause of blindness.

Religion and Politics remain the first two.



District Governors  
Doug Layng and  
Dick Wilson



### [GSE/VTT ~ CANADA / USA / AUSTRALIA](#)

In March/April 2016, our District hosted four members, John Cooper (Team Leader), Jim Blonde, Lynn Bremmer and Reto Gebert (opposite) from the Rotary International District 5060 which includes Northern central Washington, USA, and South central British Columbia, Canada. They learned how Agriculture, Horticulture, Viticulture, Wine Marketing and Tourism is done in South Australia. Many thanks to the Clubs and individual Rotarians who hosted out visitors in their homes and took them to the various venues planned for their visit. They certainly took home some invaluable information.



On 11<sup>th</sup> May, Team Leader, Jim Mitchell, and Team Members, Alice Fargher, Jessica Crettenden, Claire Webber and Ben Mitchell (above), headed off to Canada and the USA on their Exchange to District 5060. They studied how Agriculture, Viticulture, Aquaculture, Farming and Ecotourism is done in that part of the world.

### [District 9520 Conference](#)

District Governor, Dick Wilson invited Lynne and I to join him at his Conference in Renmark April 28<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> May. Great speakers! We enjoyed the weekend which included boarding an old paddle-steamer to cruise on the mighty Murray River.

### [An Aussie at The Helm](#)

Ian Riseley, Member and Past President of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria was selected as 2017-18 Rotary International President.

### [Leading Rotary Now](#) (formerly known as PETS/DTA)

Taking place in April and May, the interest and enthusiasm in Adelaide, Port Augusta and Alice Springs saw high levels of engagement. The day included information on applying for District Grants. The theme of the seminars, flexibility and innovation, is important to Rotary in our District now and in the future, and the evaluations indicate that there is great support for this new approach.

### [Strengthening Rotary](#)

Rotary is enhancing its public image. Worldwide, more than 2 million non-profits compete for limited volunteer hours, donor money, and other resources. Let's no longer be "the quiet achievers." Rotary has a great story to tell, and we need to tell it. Share your stories.

### [Donate Life](#)

Lynne's project was well received across the District with many Rotarians filling out and returning Registrations. Many others joined on line. It's estimated that around 360 Rotarians chose to Donate Life and are now on the Organ Donor Registry.



Ashleigh Lorraine, President  
Lis Beltrame and DG Doug

## The Voice of Rotary Programme for July 2016

5 July

PP Alun Hughes  
RC Salisbury  
"ROMAC – Getting the  
Children Here"

12 July

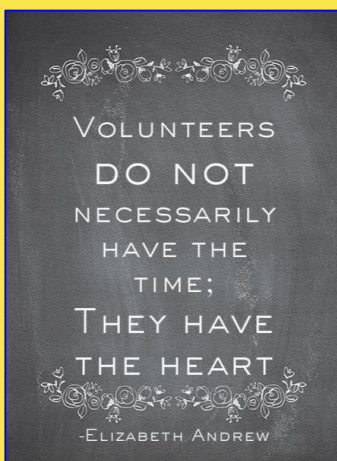
Immediate Past DG  
Dick Wilson  
District 9520  
"So, how did your  
year go?"

19 July

Immediate Past DG  
Doug Layng  
District 9500  
"So, how did your  
year go?"

26 July

Ant Craven:  
Voice of Rotary  
"On being a panel  
operator on  
The Voice of Rotary"



Recently, I had the pleasure of inducting Elisabeth Beltrame as the President of the RC of Adelaide Edge which now has a new name; the Rotary Club of Adelaide Innova. Lis will continue as President for 2016-2017.

Presenting RI President Ravi's Presidential Citations to the Rotary Club of Whyalla, Adelaide City Rotaract and Salisbury City Rotaract was a task I really enjoyed.

Young Leaders – Korea. Lynne and I did not attend the International Convention in Korea, but we've heard from those in our District who did, that it was hugely successful, with over ??? delegates.



Among the attendees from our District were Cameron Rowe from the Rotaract Club of Salisbury City; Emily Halford a former Exchange Student and a member of ROTEX; Lis Beltrame, former District Rotaract Representative and now President of the RC of Adelaide Innova; and Damien Lynch, the current District Rotaract Representative; all of whom were chosen to represent our District.



Something with which all Rotarians agree.



Change Over Night at the Adelaide City Rotaract Club.



## New Members

Most recently inducted

Adelaide:

**MILOS NOVAKOVIC,**  
**DAVID LIU** and  
**DENIS HODGSON;**  
**ELIZABETH HEMPHILL**

returned to the Club  
after a short stint in  
Alice Springs Club and  
**TONY NORRIS** was  
welcomed as a Friend of  
the Club.

**JOHN CVETKO** and  
**JOHN PURL**, plus  
Corporate members,  
**GREG KNAGGE,**  
**JO FIEDLER,**  
**GEOFF ROBERTSON**  
and **MEG HONNE** (from  
Nation Creative CSM).

**RAPHAELA OEST**  
(transferring from former  
Adelaide Edge) and  
**SIMON DERRICK**  
**ROBERTS.**

**JENNY BROWN** (Friend)  
Long standing members,  
**RALPH ARTHUR** and  
**PETER THWAITES** were  
made Honorary Members  
in recognition of their  
exemplary service to the  
Club.

Barossa District:  
**ANITA KELLEY**

Gawler:

**ELIZABETH STOLZ** and  
**ELIZABETH HUDMAN.**

Gawler Light:  
**GRAHAM PARK**  
and **HELEN PARK**

Kidman Park:

**KAROLINA**  
**BJELOPAVLIC,**  
**CHRIS HUGHES,**  
**LYNDALL DENNY,**  
**TONY GRELLI** and  
**MIKE PEARSON.**

## Rotary District 9500 Conference "Barossa, A Gift to The World"

By all accounts, written and verbal, during and after our Conference, those who attended were impressed, many calling it one of the best ever! Beginning on Thursday evening with a Welcome Reception and cocktails convened by Bob Sloane, Mayor of the Barossa Council.

At the Barossa Arts and Convention Centre, our Master of Ceremonies for the three days was consummate professional, Graeme Goodings. We had full programme with great speakers but made sure there was time for attendees to have plenty of time to take in the sights and delights of the beautiful Barossa Valley.



Saturday Night Gala Dinner at Chateau Tanunda looked stunning. The food styled by Elli Beer was sumptuous and the entertainment by Corney's All Stars "rocked".



My thanks to Conference Team Leader, Arch Boonen and his Team. You can read more about the Conference in the April Edition of the District Governor's Newsletter.

When I was nominated and subsequently selected to serve as Governor, I had no idea what an amazing journey it would be; but believe me when I say, I could not have done it without you!

The work that you do to make the lives of others better, your dedication to Service Above Self and your willingness to get out there and make a difference has only strengthened my belief that joining Rotary is one of the very best things Lynne and I have chosen to do. At the end of this Rotary year, I am convinced that Rotarians truly are a Gift to the World. I'm sure RI President Ravi would be so proud.

## More New Members

Largs Bay:  
TARN PEARSON and  
KIM PEARSON

Prospect:  
BARRIE TREVARROW

Salisbury:  
MIGNON CLARK,  
JANVIER MUSHABISA  
and KYM SCHAFER.

TERESA EVANS and  
CHAD HORTON  
transferred from former  
Adelaide Edge.  
Honorary Members  
RICHARD TAYLOR and  
JULIE WOODMAN

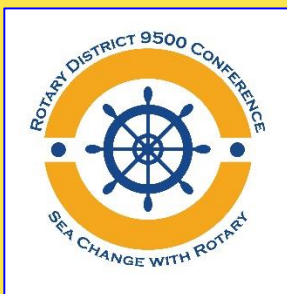
Stuart Alice Springs:  
JUDY  
(no surname supplied))

West Lakes:  
BRENDA BUTLER

West Torrens:  
MICHAEL DAHL

These are those we know  
about, but we think there  
might be a few more.

Both Adelaide City  
Rotaract and Salisbury  
City also inducted  
members during this  
Rotary year. ....



Geelong Conference  
23-26 March 2017 with DG  
John Pohl at the helm.

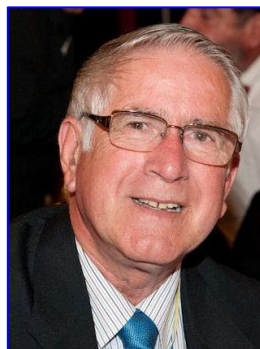
## District Change Over

On June 26, over 100 Rotarians from around the District attended a Brunch at the Glenelg Golf Club for the induction of DGE John Pohl.

After introductions and presentations, I had the pleasure of handing over the Chain of Office and inducting our new Governor of District 9500, John Pohl, who unveiled the new Rotary theme, "Rotary Serving Humanity".



We wish John the very best for his year in "office" and I'm sure that you will give John your support, as will Lynne and I, as he begins a new adventure on his Rotary journey.



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

Looking forward to the year ahead!

Kind regards,  
DG Doug Layng