



*Calperum Station*

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## **This is YOUR Invitation to be Involved in a *Rotary Environmental Project***

- ❖ 20km North of Renmark
- ❖ Rotary's Largest Environmental Project in Australia
- ❖ Comfortable Accommodation
- ❖ Two to Four Night Stays
- ❖ Wide Range of Environmental Projects
- ❖ Youth and Leadership Programs
- ❖ Club or Individual Involvement

***For more than 20 years, South Australian Rotarians have been environmental volunteers at Calperum, a former sheep station located a short drive north of Renmark in South Australia's Riverland.***

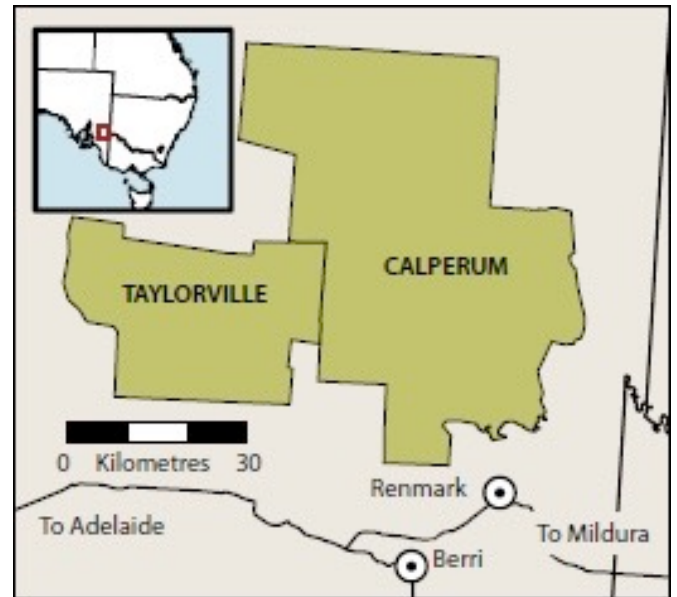
***Over time, Calperum has become Rotary's biggest environmental project in Australia!***

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**S**taying in 10 bed (Rotary House) or 30 bed dormitory accommodation with well equipped kitchens, Rotarians and friends have enjoyed dozens of visits spending two to four nights at a time on the property. A visit to Calperum is a great opportunity to share a glass under the stars around the camp fire on mild evenings or around the pot-belly stove in cooler seasons.

While remaining focussed on the environmental objectives, visitors to Calperum have also been privileged to see a wide



- \* Volunteers have assisted Calperum in its rehabilitation, research and education objectives in a variety of areas including animal, plant and water surveys and vegetation restoration.
- \* South Australian Rotarians have been volunteers at Calperum for more than twenty years
- \* The Calperum project is now recognised as Rotary's largest environmental project in Australia

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variety of wildlife including kangaroos, emus, goannas, echidna, dozens of migratory birds and more. And the recovery of vegetation since the millennium drought has been nothing short of spectacular, demonstrating what nature can do when sheep and feral animals are removed. The beautiful Ral Ral Creek beside the homestead, is a special part of Calperum, with opportunities for kayaking, fishing and yabbing.

In the past, visiting Rotary groups have been mostly Club-based but now the *Rotary Calperum and the Environment Committee* is trialling activity-based visits with Rotarians and friends from different Clubs and different skills and interests. The list below shows a brief range of possible activities but there are opportunities for everyone from unskilled and inexperienced to trade and professional - or simply enjoying a few days in the Outback!

If you are interested in coming to Calperum for work, pleasure or just a look-and-see, please contact the Rotary Booking Coordinator indicating what interests, skills or knowledge you have to offer, and when you might like to visit, and we will organise a party!

Including Calperum into your club program provides new opportunities and experiences.



*Rotarians performing water quality testing*

### **Short List of Calperum Volunteer Tasks**

- Bird surveys - Black eared miner, Mallee Fowl
- Small vertebrate surveys
- Tree health surveys
- Surface water quality surveys
- Vegetation restoration
- Irrigation and site maintenance
- Old fence removal
- Wetland surveys
- Education program support
- Facility maintenance and development
- Track and clearing maintenance
- YOUR PROJECT?



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### **A brief Message from Chairman PDG Dick Cuttle**



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Rotary's environmental project at Calperum Station. There is a lot of detail in this handout and I would welcome any enquiries from either Rotary clubs or individual members for further information.

There is always a task for the willing volunteer and for the past twenty years or so Rotarians, their families and friends have enjoyed in making such a difference in turning what was once a sheep station into an internationally recognised biosphere which attracts PHD students from wide ranging universities in many parts of the world.

It also provides wonderful educational opportunities for our school children who each year take part in the various educational programs being offered. We are particularly keen to expand our support for student camps at Calperum and we need people to help run some of the activities during these camps. Any adult who has a background in working with young people, eg sports coaching, Scouts/Guides, youth groups, teaching, etc will have the skills needed. Volunteers will be covered by Calperum's insurance policy, and from my knowledge, I know you will enjoy this experience. If this is the case and you would like to be involved, please call or email me on the address and numbers below for more information or to add your name to our list. This is a very satisfying task, and for most of us retiring back to the house after dinner at night, and enjoying a quiet evening around the fire with wine is almost as good as a holiday! if you want more information about the tasks, contact Russell Camens from the list below.

If you have an interest in our natural environment and want to be part of Rotary's biggest environmental project in Australia, don't hesitate to contact me either this weekend or by email, the address which is included directly below.

*Dick*

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