



# District Conference NEWS

District 9500

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## GEELONG - there's a lot to see and do.

**Waterfront Dining** - Geelong's bayside dining precinct merges exceptional chefs, gourmet cuisines and inspiring over-water views.

**All aboard** - Cruise in style or dance the night away aboard a big, luxurious party cruiser.

**Do the wild thing** - Board a safari bus for the Werribee wildlife experience or stay up all night chatting on a group Safari Slumber sleepover overlooking an African savannah landscape.

**Love the local fare** - Fillup on fresh-off-the-boat seafood, munch on local mussels, revel in cool-climate wines, sample artisan cheeses.

**Fly by** - Awesome views over Geelong and beyond, take to the big blue in a helicopter.

**Water adventures** - Share in unique water adventures including dolphin swims and eco tours. Join Victoria's only semi-submersible tour to discover underwater marvels.

### Don't miss the boat !

Registrations from keen Rotarians have started to flood in. The conference is less than six months away so start making plans. **Register by clicking below**

Or contact Geof Irish to secure your place.

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### Conference showcase

Does your club have an outstanding project and you want to brag about it?

Secure a spot for your club in the

**D9500 PROJECT SHOWCASE.**

Contact: [fischer@bigpond.com](mailto:fischer@bigpond.com)

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## Hear from some great speakers:



### Marion McCall - Outback Pilot

Since meeting and marrying David McCall in 1969, an Anglican priest and now a bishop, they have moved gradually westward, from parishes to dioceses and until 4 years ago, lived

in Bunbury, Western Australia, clinging to the Indian Ocean and she has become a partner, parent, poet, pilot and performer instead! When David was Bishop of Willochra in South Australia Marion learnt to fly. She was then 50! Marion has flown 1700 hours (8 times around the equator) and has won four International Flying Competitions, the latest 2014. Marion also won the Nancy Bird Trophy. She was awarded an OAM for service to aviation and the Australian Women Pilots' Association in 2011.



### Dr Jeremy Austin - DNA researcher

Dr Austin's research uses "ancient" DNA techniques in two very different fields of genetics and evolution. The first focuses on using DNA sampled

through space and time to understand the evolutionary history of living and extinct animals and birds, to assess the impacts of past environmental change on animal and bird populations, and to provide valuable genetic data for conservation and management of threatened species. The second utilises ancient DNA techniques to allow forensic identification of highly degraded human remains – murder victims, missing persons and war dead. In this area Jeremy's group is developing new "genomics" techniques for human identification as well as providing a service to the Australian Defence Force, Australian Police and humanitarian agencies to assist with the identification of human remains.

## • Conference Chair

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## • Registrations now open

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