



RI President John Germ

District Management Team

DG: John Pohl
 DG Elect: Peter Schaefer
 DG Nominee: David Egan
 IPDG: Doug Layng
 District Sec: Jeff Cluse
 District Treas: Colin Davies

PP Peter Neal

PDG Marie Dorrington

PDG Allan Wilson

DG's Official Visits

September

Makin Edge	Mon 05
Prospect	Wed 07
Barossa Valley	Thur 08
Roxby District	Mon 12
Whyalla	Tues 13
Kapunda	Mon 19
Nth Yorke Pen	Tues 20
Peterborough	Wed 21
Port Pirie	Thur 22
Modbury	Mon 26
West Lakes	Tues 27
Tea Tree Gully	Wed 28
Port Adelaide	Thur 29
E-Club GSO	TBA

October

West Torrens	Tues 04
Henley Beach	Wed 05
Whyalla Norrie	Mon 10
Port Lincoln	Tues 11
Port Augusta	Wed 12
Elizabeth	Mon 17
Mawson Lakes	Tues 18
Maitland	Wed 19
Gawler	Mon 24
Kidman Park	Tues 25
Clare	Mon 31

District Governor

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August is Membership and Extension Month

As I continue my rounds of visits to our clubs, I'm heartened by what a great start to the year clubs are making.

There are some very interesting projects and activities already underway and many more planned. There are others which were so successful last year, they will carry on into this Rotary year.

With this month as Membership and Extension Month, we have lost three members who have been called to higher service; but there is good news ... we have maintained numbers in the District because three new members have joined our fold.

Having given you this news, I must say that the gains and losses reported here are only those we have been notified of, but there are others we've heard about but not been officially informed.

If you have lost a member, regardless of circumstance, or you have inducted new members, please let us know so they can be acknowledged.

Rotary Recommits To Ending Polio In Nigeria

END POLIO NOW·FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2016 – FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

The World Health Organisation has confirmed two cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) in Nigeria, the first cases in the country since July 2014. After passing a year without a case of the wild poliovirus, Nigeria was removed from the list of polio-endemic countries in September 2015. These cases, from two local government areas of Borno state, occurred in July 2016.

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/news-media/rotary-recommits-ending-polio-nigeria>



ATTENTION CLUB SECRETARIES

Re: New Members

When your club inducts new members, please make sure their details are entered on the District Database.

If you lose a member, this information also needs updated via the District Database.

If you don't know how to do this, please contact the DG's Newsletter Editor,
Lynne Layng
lynnelayng5@bigpond.com
She will walk you through the process.



John Hendrickson really informative content at the Membership Summit

NEXT RLI COURSE

OCTOBER 22/23, 2016
Put it in your diary now!

Cost \$150.00
Morning Tea, Lunch
and Materials provided

Clubs are asked to support Rotarians interested in attending, especially Presidents Elect, aspiring leaders and new Rotarians.

ENQUIRIES to D9500 RLI Registrar PP Jane Owens at janeowens@internode.on.net

Venue:
St Michael's College 15 Mitton
Avenue Henley Beach

To REGISTER go to
<http://e.mybookingmanager.com/rli2016>

New Members

RC of Barossa District
RC of Elizabeth

Mrs FARZANA KASTURY
KARINA JAMISON

Called to Higher Service

PP Colin Beer	RC Prospect	20 July 2016
Coralie Martin	Formerly of RC Whyalla	?? August 2016
Norman McKenzie	RC Prospect	9 August 2016

A Report on the Membership Summit

by PDG Keith Rendell – President, Rotary Club of Modbury

Held at Henley Beach on Saturday 6 August 2016 and attended by 52 members from 27 (out of 44) clubs in our District. Clubs from Alice Springs, Clare, Northern Yorke Peninsula, Port Pirie, Roxby Downs and Whyalla were represented.

Let me be 'up front' and say that I dragged myself away from BBQ hotplate duties at Modbury to attend as single representative of our club as a duty rather than particular expectation. How wrong can you be! It was probably, minute for minute, the most beneficial Rotary session that I've attended in 34 years of membership.

It was a balanced and blended three hour session of keynote presentation and opportunity for individual input on the critically important aspect of membership in our organisation. The enthusiasm of the younger Rotarians attending was particularly encouraging. And by younger I mean all the other attendees apart from me! And it was free!

If you missed it – and most of you did – don't feel out of the loop because the organising committee provided a representative of each represented club with a USB containing a number of relevant topics of relevance to membership growth and maintenance. *Thanks, Keith!*

Click here: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50056/SitePage/membership-summit-resources>

During the Summit, a D9500 Membership Pilot Project was announced with the opportunity for clubs to apply for a \$400.00 grant to assist them in developing their membership plan! Details are on the District website. <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50056/SitePage/membership-pilot-project-clubs-leading-clubs>

Further Membership Summits will be held on November 5, 2016 and May 20, 2017. Please diarise them now so that all clubs can be part of "Clubs Leading Clubs ~ Moving Forward Together".

Looking For an Interesting Project?

Can't think of a great project? One great way to find something your club could do is to visit websites of other clubs around the world. There are so many projects which engage members and help those less fortunate.

You could borrow their ideas and modify them to suit your circumstance. When you do borrow an idea, make contact with the President of that club and let them know that you found their idea useful and what you did.

If you're a club which would like more hands on deck, invite another club to join you on a project. It could be a club in your Group, the District, or a club in a far off land.

Find out if there's a club involved in a project on which you think you could lend a hand, contact them and offer your service. It's true that "Many Hands Make Light Work".

WATCH THIS

VIDEO

Rotary International
President John Germ and
VP Jennifer Jones
LIVE on Facebook.



Well worth watching and great to see that our RI President is engaging in all the latest forms of technology.

Click the link below

<https://www.facebook.com/rotary/videos/10155217164879552/>



IPDG Doug Layng
Team Leader
The Rotary Foundation
District 9500



ShelterBox

News from Chairman Rowley Tompsett

In May 2016, ShelterBox and Rotary renewed their Project Partnership for another three years, making ShelterBox Rotary's disaster aid partner around the world. Rotary's General Secretary John Hewko said:

"The partnership between Rotary and ShelterBox has provided a place of refuge to people facing some of the most difficult and uncertain moments in their lives. We are happy to renew this project partnership and honour our ongoing commitment to taking action to help communities devastated by disasters and conflict".

ShelterBox recognises the significance of the Rotary partnership and is keen to provide opportunities for clubs and individual Rotarians to be involved in ShelterBox as an integral part of their Rotary service. There are opportunities for Rotary assistance in providing shelter, warmth and dignity to those displaced from their homes by natural disasters and man-made conflict.

Clubs and individuals can support ShelterBox by donating at: www.shelterboxaustralia.org.au. Interested in learning more about becoming an SRT member? Email volunteer@shelterboxaustralia.org.au

Global Grant Resources

If you're anticipating a grant proposal, be sure to check the new e-learning module in the Building a Global Grant course. Log in to your "My Rotary" account and go to Learning and Reference. Scroll down to Learn by Topic and click Grants. The course includes updated resources to develop your next global grant project. They include:

- Building a Global Grant module
- Sample global grant applications
- Areas of focus policy statements

Other resources include the Project and Activity Sustainability module, and Rotary grant terms and conditions. Remember, unlike District Grants, there is no time frame for Global Grants. Find a need in another country where your club's skills and expertise can be used to design a project which will become fully sustainable.

District Grants

The Grants Sub Committee received 22 applications from 13 clubs. All were scrutinised to make sure the criteria for acceptance had been followed.

One of the really important factors is that the projects must be sustainable. There were a few applications which, unfortunately, did not meet that standard, so were ruled ineligible.

Among the applications were some new and innovative projects which the Committee was pleased to see.

The amount of funding available is dependent on Club donations to The Rotary Foundation, with 50% of those funds coming back to the District every three years. When dispersing your club's fundraising dollars, make The Rotary Foundation your priority! Make your donations count!

Applications which met all criteria were ranked and the dollars tallied. The funds available were less than the funds requested. This again, as in previous years, highlights the need for clubs to plan further ahead.

If you come across a project you might like to submit next year, don't wait until next year ... start planning now!



Get yours online

<http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au/magazine?id=e02274d1-5359-4a9d-b9f5-511d6fd49245>

CENTURION

Save 50 x \$2.00 coins easily with this!

Cost is just \$5.00
Available late October
in time for
Foundation Month



If you'd like one of these very hand coin holders, please email
IPDG Doug Layng at
doug.layng@bigpond.com

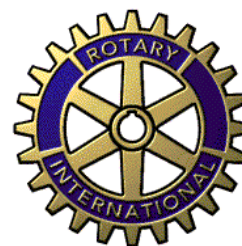
Contact D9500 Centurian Club
representative Ken Dorrington at
kennethdorrington@bigpond.com
for details on how make your
contribution.



Christopher Moore
President RC Salisbury
and Champion for
doing good in the world.

Tracking Membership Leads Is Easier Than Ever

District leaders and club officers can now review inquiries from prospective, referred, and relocating or returning members — all in one place. Sign in to My Rotary and visit the Club and District Administration pages to discover how easy it is to manage your online membership leads and review reports. Click below to



- [Visit the Club and District Administration pages](#)
- [Download Connect to Membership Leads](#)
- [Learn about the membership process](#)

The Rotary Foundation Centurion Program

This is a very easy way of getting into the habit of making a personal contribution to The Rotary Foundation. The commitment you are asked to make is simply contribute A\$100 per year as long as you are able to. In this case, the money is paid into the Australian Rotary Trust Fund making your contribution tax deductible.

This is not a large commitment but an important one in terms of our overall contribution to The Foundation. All Centurion contributions from Rotarians count towards their Club's Annual Giving total. It is also picked up as part of the District's contribution resulting in 50% of the contribution coming back to our District to use as support funds for the programs we want to support. The \$100 any Rotarian contributes has the power to multiply into \$350 if used by the District to support a Club's Matching Grant program and this results in even greater level of good we can bring to people in need.

Container of Hope

Container of Hope (COH) is a Christian charity operating out of Edinburgh, SA and was begun for the purpose of helping WOLFs: Widows, Orphans & those Less Fortunate. The Founders, Christopher Moore (President & Rotary Foundation Officer of the Rotary Club of Salisbury). Christopher and his wife Kerrie, during a couple mission trips to India, saw how many the things we throw away in our society that could be of great use in poor places overseas; they only needed to bridge the gap. Thus, they started loading and shipping 40' containers full of donated and recycled goods to materially assist those in need, with a focus on WOLFs.

The first container went off to Vanuatu five years ago, and in the past six months, COH has sent nine 40-foot high cube containers to overseas destinations, mostly in Africa. Christopher has been involved in 24 container projects to various destinations, such as Burundi, Uganda, Israel, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Vanuatu, and South Sudan. COH is now in the process of completing another seven new projects. The type and balance of goods that go into a container will vary depending on the container's destination, for instance to an orphanage, school, hospital or refugee project.

COH makes every effort to ensure the container and its contents get to the intended beneficiaries, relying on contacts Christopher has developed through Rotary representatives overseas, as COH is also a project of the Rotary Club of Salisbury and (RAWCS).

Rotary's Donations in Kind is operated in the same way, through RAWCS. Two wonderful projects which are transforming lives.

United Nations



International Day of Peace 21 September 2016

Each year the International Day of Peace is observed around the world on 21 September. The General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, both within and among all nations and peoples.

The Day's theme for 2016 is

"The Sustainable Development Goals: Building Blocks for Peace."

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals were unanimously adopted by the 193 Member States of the United Nations at an historic summit of the world's leaders in New York in September 2015. The new ambitious 2030 agenda calls on countries to begin efforts to achieve these goals over the next 15 years. It aims to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all.

On 16 September 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., the Secretary-General will celebrate the Day in the Peace Garden at United Nations Headquarters by ringing the Japanese Peace Bell and observing a minute of silence. Women Nobel Peace Prize laureates and the United Nations Messengers of Peace will be invited to participate in the ceremony. The United Nations Education Outreach Section will hold a global student videoconference on the same day, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., also at United Nations Headquarters.

The first Peace Bell was cast on November 24, 1952 and was an official gift from the Japanese people to the United Nations on 8 June 1954. This Peace Bell is located in New York City at 42nd Street and First Avenue inside UN grounds.



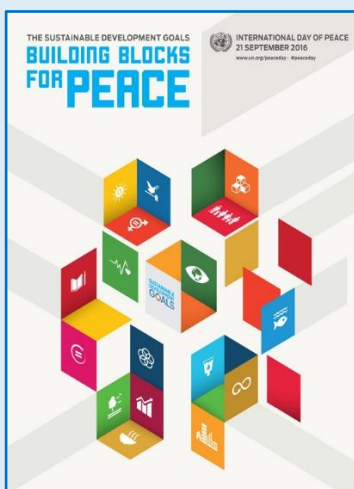
[Australia's World Peace Bell in Cowra was dedicated in September 1992](#)

There are now 22 replica Peace Bells around the World including 5 in Japan. There are Peace Bells in Ankara, Berlin, Warsaw, Mexico City, Ulan Bator, Brasilia, Los Angeles, and Montreal just to name a few cities. Australia currently has a Peace Bell located in Cowra NSW.

Follow this link to find out more about plans for another;
The Canberra Peace Bell. www.canberrapeacebell.org

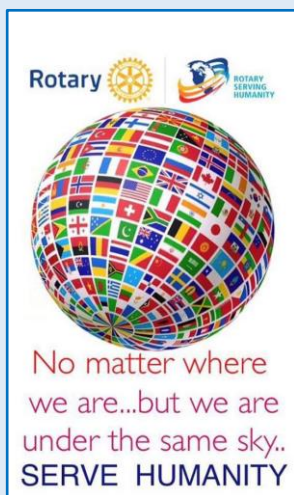
Rotarians Against Child Slavery

The Rotarian Action Group Against Child Slavery exists to raise awareness of the existence of slavery and to encourage Rotary clubs to get involved with anti-slavery projects which help to protect children from slavery and its consequences. Under one or more of Rotary's Six Areas of Focus, you could design an activity or event to help fight this most atrocious crime. Visit the website for more information: <http://ragas.online/>



Follow the link to
find out more about the
Building Blocks for Peace

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdg>



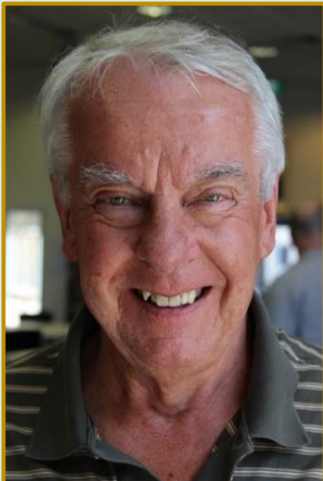
No matter where
we are...but we are
under the same sky.
SERVE HUMANITY

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Please submit any articles and photos by 10th of the month for publication in the next issue.



There are two primary choices in life; to accept conditions as they exist, or accept the responsibility for changing them.
~ Anonymous ~

Meet our Assistant Governors

We have 10 Assistant Governors in our District. They are a valuable resource not only to me, but to all clubs. They each represent a group of clubs and will visit those clubs at least three times a year. If you need some friendly advice, don't hesitate to call your Assistant Governor.

We will introduce you to two AGs in each of the next five editions of this newsletter. Here are the first two:

BRIAN ECKERMANN ~ AG Group 9

I am currently a member of the Rotary Club of Barossa District and active in all aspects of club service, especially as the coordinator of the annual Local Contact Directory posted to 7500 local residents and businesses. On three occasions I have been privileged to be Barossa District's President, the latest of which was in 2014-2015.

From May 1985 until now I have been a member of the Barossa District Rotary Club and have been awarded a Paul Harris Fellow.

Since 1969 I have been employed as a teacher of Mathematics, first at Pt. Pirie High School and later at Immanuel College, Novar Gardens, where I was promoted to the Deputy Principal position. In 1985 I was appointed the inaugural Principal of Faith Lutheran School, a position I held until my retirement in 2006.

I still live in Tanunda with my wife, Elizabeth. We have two sons (one lives in Adelaide and the other in Austin, Texas) and we enjoy the company of their families at every available opportunity.

Brian looks after the Rotary Clubs of Barossa District, Barossa Valley, Clare, Gawler, Gawler Light and Kapunda.

**There are only two options regarding commitment;
you're either in or you're out.
There's no such thing as life in-between.**

~ Pat Riley ~

GEOF IRISH ~ AG GROUP 3.

I was invited to join Rotary in 2002 and knew what Rotary was about in general terms so I did not hesitate to accept the offer. After 3 years I was thrown into the President's position and soon realised I knew very little. Eleven years on and I am still learning.

During the eleven years I have served on three conference committees, currently on my fourth, and was on the Disaster Recovery committee for six years.

I am serving my third term as President and again on a steep learning curve. The position as AG was offered to me by PDG Doug Layng in 2015/16 year but with a twist. I am the AG for Group 3. Not my own group. This offered a new set of challenges. New Rotarians to meet and new club traditions to get to know. I feel this is the way forward.

As AG I feel my role is to act as the liaison between the DG and the club Presidents. Information has to be passed backwards and forwards and critical messages reinforced. However I do not see myself as the leading light for the clubs to follow just someone who can help the clubs to see that the other clubs in this group can provide help and guidance when requested. The group President's meetings are the avenue to do this.

Geof looks after the Rotary Clubs of Charles Sturt Grange, Largs Bay, Port Adelaide and West Lakes.

Rotarian Miss Universe? Help Make It Happen!



Larissa Allen

We have discovered that a young Rotarian from NZ has entered the New Zealand Miss Universe competition.

Imagine if we had a Miss Universe Rotarian - how it could expand Rotary's opportunities to continue to do more good in the world.

Larissa Allen is one of Rotary New Zealand's youngest Rotarians, joining Tauranga Sunrise when she was 23 and now aged 25. She has recently entered Miss Universe NZ and is now one of the top 20 finalists.

Let's Make It Happen!

<https://missuniversenz2016.verydayhero.com/nz/larissa-allen>



Food for Thought

The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.



Martin Luther King, Jr.

Curious About Family Membership?

Article by Barbara Mifsud

Here is what our RI colleagues in Membership have to say:

Family memberships, like other potential new membership categories for clubs, are best designed and implemented by individual clubs. The key things clubs need to know are that;

- all members admitted must meet the requirements of RI membership
- clubs must report these members to RI as Active members and pay their RI dues
- any members reported to RI as honorary members or not reported will not be reflected in RI reports, or eligible for any RI awards or recognition.

Family memberships and other new potential membership categories should be discussed and voted on by club members to ensure the members have come to a consensus about how these memberships should function.

One purpose of a Family membership could be to reduce the cost for additional members within the same household while growing the diversity and strength of the club and their reach in the community.

Clubs need to decide for themselves what, if any, additional dues fees should be set at, and if there should be different or any attendance requirements for members under the umbrella of a Family Membership.

We encourage clubs to make these decisions with the input from club members to avoid any negative feelings or assumptions about the new category of membership.

Questions? Go to www.membership.questions@rotary.org

Rotary District 9500 Conference - Geelong
23rd - 26th March 2017

Sea Change



A thought provoking line up of keynote speakers along with lively entertainment, the 2017 Rotary Conference will be held in Geelong's spectacular Conference Centre, The Pier. Based on the theme of 'SEA CHANGE' (the Australian TV series was largely filmed near Geelong) the conference will challenge your thoughts and encourage a sea change in the way your club approaches the issues that confront us all.

Fly to Melbourne, then bus it to Geelong or drive along the spectacular Great Ocean Road. This waterfront city offers sophistication of a capital city together with the warmth of regional hospitality. Beautifully restored old buildings, fabulous shopping precincts and restaurants will make this a conference to remember. Plan to join us for a Sea Change with Rotary

Book Now: www.d9500conference.org.au

Do Something Extraordinary!

DG John Pohl