



# DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S NEWSLETTER

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**November 2015**

[Rotary Foundation Month](#)

Hi everyone

Where does the time go?! Looking back on the first five months, Rotary has been at the forefront of almost everything we've done. Lynne and I have completed our round of Official Club Visits. We will be back to see many of you in the second half of this Rotary year.

What have we learned? The diversity of the 43 clubs is really quite marvellous. It's great to see plans put into place and working well. The innovation of Rotarians never ceases to amaze me.

The autonomy of clubs means that each is able to operate the way it is best for them, with many clubs working together across the District. Some clubs have projects with clubs in District 9520 and others have joined forces with other Service Clubs. Many have forged partnerships with their local councils. Almost all have international projects, the scope of which is quite astonishing.

### Some highlights

- The visit by RI Zone 8 Director Guiller Tumagan a good initiative but very rushed
- Interest from Clubs regarding forming new Interact and Rotaract clubs; some have already begun planning
- The strong interest in Lynne's "**Donate Life**" Project
- The innovative ways clubs are working with their local communities
- The warmth with which we were greeted at every visit

### Ongoing issues

- Attracting new members and younger members and the aging population of Rotary
- Little or no interest in the RI and District websites and social media. I estimate around 65% still need to address this item
- So few members have signed on to My Rotary
- The cost (in financial terms) of being a Rotarian
- Frequency of meetings, changes to meeting formats and traditions
- Attracting Rotarians into Club and District leadership roles, especially candidates for President and District Governor
- Getting clubs to prepare for grants well in advance of implementing their projects
- Getting clubs to understand how their contributions to The Rotary Foundation will come back to them for use as Grants.

### Challenges that I was not prepared for

- Members' lack of interest in My Rotary. Around 25% signed
- The lack of understanding of the role of or assistance available from District and RI representatives.



**Our six areas of focus**

-  Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
-  Disease Prevention and Treatment
-  Water and Sanitation
-  Maternal and Child Health
-  Basic Education and Literacy
-  Economic and Community Development

...to do good in the world

The Rotary International Convention ~ Seoul, 28 May-1 June 2016.



Explore this world-class city and discover the rich culture that connects the latest trends with time-honored traditions.



RC Peterborough's Pres. Darryl Harvey with new member Tammi Perrott and DG Doug

## The Rotary Foundation

We hear about The Foundation quite a lot. We hear about how important it is to participate in giving to our own Charity. So why am I telling you about it again?

During our visits, it was evident that many of you are not aware that the money you give to The Foundation comes back to the District in the form of District Grants. Every three years, money donated to the Foundation is set aside with 50% coming to the District and 50% to The Annual Fund. It makes perfect sense to make your donation to "our Charity" the first on your list when you are deciding where the funds you have raised will go.

Early planning with projects for which you will apply for Grants is really helpful. The money set aside for District Grants that is not distributed goes back into the Global fund, so apply! If you have a project which is needing, say, \$3,000, apply for \$3,000, which effectively doubles your funds for your project. Think of what those extra dollars can achieve!

Global Grants, on the other hand, start at around \$30,000. Just imagine what your \$40,000 plus a Global Grant of \$40,000; even up to a combined total of \$100,000 could accomplish when embarking on an humanitarian project in another country, or even our own country!

Make your list of giving early in the next half of this Rotary year, and put The Rotary Foundation at the top of your list. For further information contact PDG Ed King: [edward.king3@bigpond.com](mailto:edward.king3@bigpond.com)

## 2015 ROTARY ROUND TABLE DEFERRED

We have had to defer our planned Rotary Round Table which was set down for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November. Our chosen venue had double booked and there are no suitable substitutes on that date. We have [rescheduled for Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2016](#), when District 9500 will host its Annual Round Table Event at St Michael's College from 9.30am - 3.30pm. 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 so much more. PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY AND BOOK NOW!

## New Members

Great to see more new members inducted, and some transferring from other clubs. Since our October issue:

RC Clare: [JOSIE PAINE](#) and [BRUCE REICHSTEIN](#), and transferring from West Lakes, [BILL SINGLETON](#)

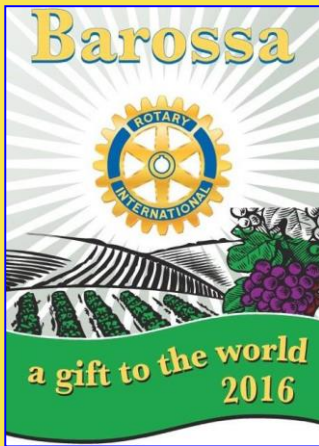
RC Northern Yorke Peninsula [DEAN RODDA](#)

RC Peterborough: new member [TAMMI PERROTT](#) and Honorary Member [ALLEN SMITH](#)

RC Salisbury: [IAN KENNETT](#) transferring from Golden Grove, and new member, [JEAN KENNETT](#)

Congratulations and welcome to Rotary.

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](http://www.d9500conference.org.au)

The Conference  
Committee has emailed  
all Rotarians across the  
District  
the November  
Conference Update  
Check your InBox

*The meaning of life  
is to find your Gift.*

*The purpose of life  
is to give it away.*

~ Pablo Picasso ~

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and photos by 12<sup>th</sup> of the  
month for publication in the  
following month's issue.

## Rotary Leadership Institute Doing it Digitally

A most successful Pilot "Go to Meeting" RLI was held on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2015.

Not unlike the 'real thing', participants were able to see one another through webcam technology as well as the Power Point on the presenter's screen. Lively discussion flourished, some great ideas for leadership were shared, and increased knowledge about Rotary acquired.

There were five participants, three from the country and two from the city, and two presenters, with DG Doug Layng initially welcoming participants and congratulating graduates at the end of the Course.

We believe that there is a great future for using Go To Meeting, especially for delivering RLI to small country groups!

The next city course will be held on March 5 and 6 2016. Another online course will be held as requested.

## Rotary Honors Six Women for Leadership and Humanitarian Service

RI President K.R. Ravindran has named six Rotary Global Women of Action for 2015. The honorees were chosen for their dedication and service, which has improved the lives of thousands around the world.

"Every day at Rotary I see firsthand how our members work to change lives and make a significant impact," said Ravindran. "Rotary's Global Women of Action embody Rotary's motto, 'Service Above Self.'"

The women were honored at Rotary Day at the United Nations in New York City on 7<sup>th</sup> November. They addressed attendees and lead discussions on various topics related to their work.



Lucy Hobgood-Brown, 2nd from left, at the United Nations by #Rotary International as one of six Global #WomenofAction.

Among those chosen is [Lucy C. Hobgood-Brown](#), of the Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, who co-founded HandUp Congo, a non-profit organisation that promotes and facilitates sustainable, community-driven business, educational, social, and health initiatives to underprivileged communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo. You can read more about Lucy and her project here: [Read More](#) <http://handupcongo.org/> Congratulations to Lucy and these Global Women of Action. Well done!

## An Evening with Jennifer Jones

Monday

23 November 2015

District Governors  
Doug Layng and  
Dr Dick Wilson invite  
you to an Evening with  
RI Director  
Jennifer Jones  
and the launch of  
Our Rotary Legacy

Join us in the  
Imperial Room of the  
Naval and Military Club  
to hear from Jennifer, a  
new generation Rotarian  
who is in demand as a  
communicator with a  
passion for telling Rotary  
stories.

Jennifer has a  
commitment to  
strengthening Rotary.

Come along and hear a  
truly inspiring speaker.

\$45.00 per person

[Read More](#)

<http://e.mybookingmanager.com/orl>

## Voice of Rotary November

Nov. 3: PP Anthony Masson  
(R.C. of Henley Beach)  
"High Tea at the Carousel"  
(Saturday November 7th)

Nov. 10: PP Rod Carey  
(R.C. of St. Peters)  
"Rotary on Linde"

Nov. 17: PP Don Plowman  
(R.C. of Burnside)  
"Rotary Projects &  
the Community ~  
A Long Term View"

Nov. 24: Bob Schahinger  
"Sailing for the Disabled"

## Predators on our Doorstep Wild dog problem ~ Rotarians can help

The Rotary Club of Somerton Park Community Service committee member John Yard has brought to our attention the problem of wild dogs getting through the dog fence in the north of South Australia. This is causing problems for graziers and farmers with sheep in the north of the state. Wild dogs have been seen as far south as Eudunda.

Stock losses will continue unless something is done to stop the migration of these predators. Both District 9500 and 9520 border the dog fence and both District Governors are in favour of assisting.



It was decided the best way to go about this is to make a video. Well-known Rural Reporter Ian Doyle has offered his services free to make the video, however the cost would still be approximately \$4000. This would give us access to archival photos owned by Ian and his photographer. The video would be of professional quality and be available to Rotary Clubs individually, for District Conferences and to anyone else interested. The objective of producing the video is to create awareness of the problem to the general public and to our politicians.

If you would like to participate in helping to fund this important initiative, please contact Michael Garland, President of the Rotary Club of Somerton Park via email: [mga48876@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mga48876@bigpond.net.au)

## From the Adelaide City Rotaract Club



At a recent meeting our Guest Speaker was Manal Younus who talked to us all about the work that Welcome to Australia and the Welcome Centre do in the community. Manal has until recently been a national board member of Welcome To Australia.



Welcome to Australia is a community organisation devoted to helping refugees and new arrivals settle into life in Australia. In South Australia, the organisation runs a Welcome Centre, where a number of activities including English lessons and Welcome dinners are arranged for refugees. [Read More](#)

## Following up Donate Life

I'm very pleased to report that Lynne has had a tremendous response to her project, Donate Life, collecting around 200 Registration forms with a further 200 promised.

Many Rotarians and their families are already on the Organ and Tissue Donor Register, having signed the new forms some time ago.



These new forms take the place of the indication on your Drivers Licence that you are an Organ Donor. When your Registration has been received, you will be issued with a new plastic card which is the size of a credit card to place in your wallet.

**Discuss  
your decision with family  
and friends**

If you haven't yet filled in your Registration, please do so and give it to your club Secretary who will forward it on to Lynne.

**Decide  
and register on the  
Australian Organ Donor  
Register**

Thanks to all of you who have chosen to give the Gift of Life.

## ACSO Awards

### The Association of Service Organisations Premier's Awards

Among the many Service Clubs, two Rotary Clubs in our District were recognised at a ceremony and awards presentation on 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Team Award, for a co-operative project between two or more Service Clubs

- [Rotary Club Of Prospect I-KAN \(RIGHT-ON-WALLS\)](#) ~ Winner \$800
- [Rotary Club Of Henley Beach KICKSTART FOR KIDS](#) ~ Equal 2nd \$200

Health Award

- [The Rotary Club Of Prospect PIT STOP – HEALTH CHECKS FOR MEN](#) ~ Winner \$800

Small Clubs Award

- [The Rotary Club of Henley Beach](#) (8 members) – KICK START \$500

### Other major awards and recognition

- The Premier's Distinction Award  
[The Lions Club of Clare](#) for their on-going GLEESON WETLANDS project. \$800.
- Allan Sloan Young Citizen Community Service Prize  
[Arman Abrahamzadeh](#), nominated by Soroptimist International of Adelaide. In 2013, after the criminal trial and sentencing, Arman was nominated to become a White Ribbon Ambassador and spoke at the Adelaide White Ribbon Breakfast. Since then he has been passionately advocating for better policies, procedures and legislation to protect women and their children. Arman also enjoys giving back to the community as a member of the Rotary Club of Charles Sturt Grange. [Read More](#)

Congratulations to you all. Great work. Rotarians do it well.



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

Kind regards, DG *Doug Layng*