



# District 9500

## Governor's Newsletter

### June 2017 Edition



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### June is Recreational Fellowship Month.

June is designated as Rotary Fellowship Month. Rotary Fellowships are international, independently organized groups of Rotarians, Rotary partners, and Rotaractors who share a common recreational interest or vocation. This month is recognition of the opportunity to have fun, make new friends around the world and enhance the experience of Rotary that belonging to a Rotary Fellowship enables.

Rotary Fellowships began informally in 1928 when a group of Rotarians with an interest in Esperanto joined together. In 1947, Rotarians organized a group of boating enthusiasts, which became the Yachting Fellowship. This joining together to share common interests and activities gained attention and operated over the years under various names as World Fellowship Activities; International Vocational Contact Groups; Rotary Recreational and Vocational Fellowships; and finally Rotary Fellowships.

#### Benefits of Rotary Fellowships:

- Enables Rotarians to make lasting friendships outside their own club, district or country
- Contributes to the advancement of Rotary's public image and identity
- Serves as an incentive for joining Rotary and for continuing as a member

With the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta just finished, there will no doubt be delegates who caught up with old friends and made some new friends during the five days. There's every likelihood that some of them will have made plans to visit each other in the coming year.

If you're one of them, I wish you safe travels and a most enjoyable holiday.

*"Fellowship is wonderful; it illuminates life's pathway, spreads good cheer, and is worth high price."  
-Rotary Founder, Paul Harris-*



As we head towards the  
new Rotary Year,  
we'll be planning on  
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## 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 to be updated via the District Database.

If you don't know how to do this, please contact the to the District Webmaster, Graham Fussen via email: [grahamfussen@bigpond.com](mailto:grahamfussen@bigpond.com)



## Shitbox Rally – What an Awesome Effort!

Rotary Club of Roxby District Inc.

Roxby Downs -- Andamooka – Woomera



Hundreds of cheap cars set off from Adelaide for an outback trip to Cairns in the Shitbox Rally, a fun and fundraising event to support cancer research.

The Rotary Club of Roxby District, along with four other service clubs catered in Roxby Downs for this huge event.

The rules require cars to be valued at \$1,000 or less. Matt Burwood and Greg O'Connor were ready to roll. "We purchased it specifically for this event, we found it in a storage place — we purchased it for \$415."



The rally teams head for a designated stop at the end of each day — first Roxby Downs, then Oodnadatta, Tobermorey Station, Burke and Wills Roadhouse, Einasleigh and reaching Cairns on the Friday.

The first day of the week-long event, participants enjoyed the roads which sealed for the 570 kilometres to outback Roxby Downs.

Later, much of the driving was on remote dirt roads in the days ahead as the rally headed for north Queensland, via the Northern Territory.

There were 214 shitboxes on the journey but 20 cars did not make it. In most cases, broken-down shitboxes are repaired by teams en route, but if that proves too difficult, volunteer support crew are on hand to revive the vehicles and help them re-join the rally.

This year, the annual event raised \$1.64 million for cancer research, its best result ever. As more donations come in, that tally will climb even further.

## The Rotary Club of Kidman Park

by President Tom Bunnik

Herewith some photographs of the renovated play room for the kids in the West Adelaide Domestic Violence Centre.

This part of our Club's commitment to the Centre has now been completed.

Tom was happy to accept a Certificate of Appreciation from the Women's Safety Services SA Executive Director Maria Hagias, thanking our club to make the children's room "fun, bright and groovy".

This stage of the project has been partly funded by our Project Account and partly by the Charitable Trust Account.

The next stage will be the installation of the overhead cupboards, manufactured by Farquhar Kitchens, sometime in the coming weeks.



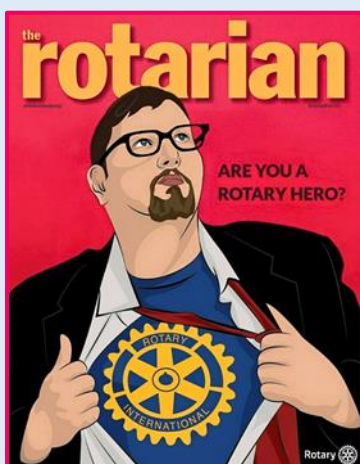
## New Members

The RC of Kidman Park welcomed back former member, Paul Valente.



Paul was President in 2013-14. He had spent the last few years at the Rotary Club of Salisbury

The RC of Kapunda President Brenton Diener induced Doug Smith



Louis Cools and Julie Walin were among the students who were hosted in South Australia

## Science and Engineering Challenge

At the recent Rotary Leadership Institute in Port Augusta, Assistant Governor Elect, Jane Owens (RC Whyalla) facilitated the discussion about the Science and Engineering Challenge taking place in Whyalla on June 22, 2017. The Challenge, which is a nation-wide Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program for years 9-10 secondary students, is sponsored by the University of Newcastle.

The program started in the Eyre Peninsula Region in 2013. Sponsors include Rotary, BHP and Hood-Sweeney. Jane explained that the DSCI clearance is NOT required as the teachers will be present and our members will not be one-on-one with students. University students will be accompanied by lecturers. First Aid coverage is being arranged.



Above are the Graduates of the Course.

There is an online handbook about the Science and Engineering Challenge which you can access by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.newcastle.edu.au/about-uon/governance-and-leadership/faculties-and-schools/faculty-of-engineering-and-built-environment/science-and-engineering-challenge/about-us>

## Rock to Reef Adventure

A group of about 50 exchange students, mostly from Europe but also Brazil and USA set off on a trip of a lifetime, and in the process, made lots of new friendships.

They left the conference at Geelong for Adelaide. From Adelaide they travelled via Coober Pedy, Uluru, Alice Springs, Mt Isa, Cairns, Byron Bay, Sydney and back to Adelaide.

At Uluru they saw the sunset, then walked around the rock the next day. They enjoyed Kings Canyon, then in Alice Springs they had a camel ride, met members of the Warlpiri Tribe and went to the Reptile Centre.

A change of scenery when they saw waterfalls and rain forests near Cairns. They did scuba diving at the Great Barrier Reef, surfing at Byron Bay, and went to Movie World at the Gold Coast.

Because of the aftermath of the cyclone, the Whitsundays were off the itinerary, and they had an extra day at both Cairns and Sydney. At Sydney they went to Bondi, had a speed boat ride and an evening ghost tour. There were lot of sad goodbyes at the Sydney airport and again at Adelaide.



We wouldn't be at all surprised if some of these young people travelled again with the Rotary Fellowship Exchanges.







I had a wonderful time in Atlanta, Georgia along with around 40,000 other Rotarians from all corners of the globe



Bill Gates shared some exciting news with RI President, John Germ.  
The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation  
Has extended its two-to-one match for contributions to the End Polio campaign, tripling our combined commitment to \$450 million over the next three years



This year, members of Interact Clubs from around the world attended



Gordon R. McNally, 2018 Toronto Convention chair and member of the Rotary Club of South Queensferry, West Lothian, Scotland, encouraged convention attendees to come to Toronto for the 2018 Rotary Convention

## My Rotary year 2016~17

The year has come to an end so very quickly. After visiting every club in our District I am left with an impression of the vitality of Rotary in our District. From innovative fundraising initiatives to inspirational projects that mirror the mission statement and objects of Rotary.

I would like to spend a little time to share a few of the highlights of my year as your District Governor. It has been a very enjoyable year. I have met a lot of dedicated Rotarians and witnessed Rotary in Action across the state.

It is very hard to draw out all the impressive features of my year as there are so many standout events.

My tour of the Pt Lincoln Rotary Club projects, the visit to Andamooka with the Roxby Rotarians, the visit to the many work-in-progress projects of the Elizabeth Rotarians and not to forget the mayhem of Henley on Todd up in the Alice – these made a deep impression on me.

Rotary is alive in our District. Every club had projects on the go – the Carousel at Largs Bay has involved many clubs, the Toy Boys, the Wheelie boys, the Ablution block for the homeless in Kadina, the Memory Park walks in West Lakes and Roxby Downs are just a few of dozens of club projects. Add to this the Corolla Capers of the Regency Park Rotarians and all the Art Shows run by Rotary Clubs such as Clare, Port Adelaide and Walkerville and others.

The tremendous work done by many clubs in the social welfare area is nothing short of great – the Hutt Street Centre, the Salvation Army Homeless Shelters and other social welfare centres have benefitted from our clubs in many ways.

Every club has a signature event by which they are known and recognized in the community. I have witnessed many of these signature projects in action and applaud the dedication of the clubs in our District for raising the profile of our organization in the communities in which they work.

I was privileged to be a part of many anniversaries such as the Port Pirie 60<sup>th</sup>, the Elizabeth 50<sup>th</sup> and the memorable celebration of the 56 Years of Rotary Membership of Brian Condon from Pt Pirie.

In conclusion, I sincerely thank all the clubs and members in D9500 for making me welcome at their meetings and events. It has been a very rewarding and enjoyable year.

My wish for the new Rotary Year is that you continue to enjoy your Rotary and have fun!

Kind regards

*DG John Pohl*