



District 9500

Governor's Newsletter

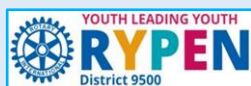
May 2017 Edition



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Some of Our District's Youth Programs



National Youth
Science Forum
(NYSF)

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May Is The Month When Rotary Focuses On Youth.

The link between Rotary and youth for all Rotary Clubs is amazing. Every club is encourage to engage with our Youth Programs in some way or another, whether it be Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN), Rotary Youth Driver Awareness, Rotaract, Interact, District Scholarships, Rotary International Youth Exchanges, and more.

Rotary District 9500 encourages young people up to the age of 26 years to improve their life skills to ensure a better future, while recognising the diversity of their needs. Many Rotary projects support the fundamental needs of our Youth namely, health, human values, education and self-development. For more information click on the link below:

<http://www.rotaryyouth9500.org.au/>

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.
H. Jackson Brown Jr.

Some Dates for Diary

20 May 2017

Round Table
and Membership Forum
St Michael's College,
Henley Beach
(No cost – Lunch provided)
Book Now:

<http://e.mybookingmanager.com/ROUNDTABLE2017>

June 3 & 4

RLI

(Rotary Leadership Institute)
St Michael's College
Henley Beach

Clubs are asked to cover the cost of the \$100.00 registration fee which includes morning tea, lunch and all materials
Register Now:

<http://e.mybookingmanager.com/RLI2017>

Your participation at these events is encouraged.
Details in the ROTIAC

Was it You?

At the District Conference in March, one of the speakers was Marcus Veerman who spoke about building children's playgrounds. If you spoke to Marcus in Geelong, please email PDG Doug Layng a.s.a.p. doug.layng@bigpond.com



In keeping with RI President Elect, Ian Riseley's Theme, it's time to start thinking about how you and your club will **make a difference** in the coming Rotary Year.

Empowering our Youth, The Leaders of Tomorrow

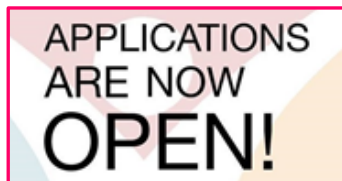
This year's Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is accepting applications from young people who are ready to realise their full potential. Dates for this year are **July 8 to 14 inclusive**, with the event to be held at the Nunyara Conference Centre in Belair.



RYLA is a life changing experience which has the capacity to instil, motivate and develop future leaders in one of the most intensive leadership experiences available in South Australia.

It allows awardees to network and form friendships with a diverse range of like-minded youth, including those from an international background.

This annual seven day residential for 18 – 26 year olds is sponsored by the Rotary Clubs within Rotary International District 9500 (SA/NT). Its aim is to empower young individuals through a diverse range of qualified professional speakers and activities.



If you know of any young people who would benefit, please encourage them to apply. The full cost of \$850.00 for successful applicants should be covered by your club.

Your work colleagues, family and friends may know some potential young leaders who should be encouraged to attend what will be a life-changing experience for them this year.

Interested applicants can apply online using this link:

<http://e.mybookingmanager.com/Ryla2017Application>

Applications close on Friday June 11, 2017

PLEASE PASS THIS ON

"Today's RYLarians are Tomorrow's Rotarians"

If you have any queries please contact Lucia Gauci, the RYPEN/Ryla District 9500 Committee Chair via email: luciaj@icloud.com

Words From RI President, John F Germ

"We know that if we want *Rotary Serving Humanity* to become even better in the years ahead, we'll need more willing hands, more caring hearts, and more bright minds to move our work forward.

We'll need clubs that are flexible, so that Rotary service will be attractive to younger members, recent retirees, and working people. We'll need to seek out new partnerships, opening ourselves more to collaborative relationships with other organizations.

As Paul Harris said, and just about every RI president since has repeated, these are changing times, and we in Rotary must change with them. We understand that some of the old rules don't make sense anymore. So we've changed them. Because Rotary isn't about the rules.

It's about the service we do — as in *Rotary Serving Humanity*"



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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 District Webmaster, Graham Fussen via email: grahamfussen@bigpond.com

ATTENTION CLUB OFFICERS

Logging Your Members' Rotary Hours

Keep track of what you do in your Rotary Service

- ❖ Planning meetings
- ❖ Work on Grants
- ❖ Work on projects
- ❖ Events and Activities
- ❖ Fundraising (incl. BBQs)
- ❖ Community Days

But **not** your general meetings

Go to Rotary Club Central
Click on 1. Goals – 2. Service

Friends of Anstey Hill

Some members of the Rotary Club of Modbury are also active members of the Friends of Anstey Hill, a group of volunteers dedicated to supporting, preserving and restoring the Anstey Hill natural and cultural environment.

The group was formed in 1988 to counter a proposed redevelopment of the Anstey Hill area. Anstey Hill Recreation Park is a 362 hectare park which conserves rare vegetation that was once widespread throughout the Adelaide Plains and Mount Lofty Ranges. The earlier use of the area for stock grazing resulted in considerable deterioration of understory vegetation.

The park is located 19km northeast of Adelaide between Tea Tree Gully and Houghton.

The following photos from the same viewpoint taken in 1993 and 2014 give an appreciation of the scope of revegetation.



Regular activities and volunteer opportunities include park maintenance and cultural heritage research. Two community planting days and a propagation day are held each year.

Each year, in December, members of the group meet for a couple of hours on a selected Sunday morning to plant locally harvested seed in individual tubes which are then taken home by members for care until ready for planting after seasonal rains.

In May and June the following year the volunteers meet in the Park to transplant the nurtured seedlings into selected locations. This activity normally occupies about three hours on each of the two dates. It's a wonderful opportunity for family participation at a wonderful location.

Next scheduled planting mornings are Sunday 21 May 2017 and Sunday 9 July 2017

Rotarians who wish to support DGE Peter Schaefer's appeal to 'plant a tree' can get more information on this proven opportunity by contacting either Rob Carthew or Keith Rendell who are both members the Rotary Club of Modbury and also Friends of Anstey Hill. They'll be pleased to welcome you on site. Rotary working with and for the community.

Article kindly provided by Keith Rendall, President, RC Modbury

Upcoming Webinars

No special software is required to participate in a webinar; you simply need to register via the link provided.

Telling our story: Communicating about Rotary in the community
Wednesday 24 May 2017, 8.15 am (AEST) Click the link below to Register:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1455062179133675523>

Trends in volunteering: Opportunities for membership and your club
Monday 5 June 2017, 5.00 pm (AEST) Click the link below to Register:
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4753329881136224258>

District 9500 VTT
Opportunity
For a Global Grant
Introduced at the Geelong
Conference
March 26, 2017

Scope and requirements

- A competitive bid for one VTT opportunity for a Club or group of clubs
 - Must have a team of a minimum of three including, one of which must be a Rotarian
 - Follow the RI definition of a VTT, be sustainable and measurable
 - The District will fund up to \$10,000 USD
 - Club or clubs and the international host club contribute \$2,500 USD each, (\$5,000 USD) the contribution to the Foundation allows the use of DDF for the Global Grant resulting in a dollar for dollar match
 - The minimum bid for a Global Grant is \$30,000 USD
 - Clubs must qualify for a Global Grant by meeting with the District Grants chair or representative for an information session
 - Clubs must be regular, annual contributors to The Rotary Foundation
 - Expressions of interest will be followed up by an information session at your club to explain the details and the process
 - All of the forms required for the Global Grant are on the District website
 - Applications should be sent to the VTT/Scholarships Team Leader for 2107/18 and be received from the 1 July until 31 December 2017
 - Successful bids will be announced at the 2017/18 District Conference
- Please send inquiries to VTT Team Leader 16/17,
Jacqui Atyeo by email
Jacqui.atyeo886@schools.sa.edu.au
Team Leader 17/18
John Pohl by email
jemp@senet.com.au
or to Doug Layng by email
doug.layng@bigpond.com

Combined Service Clubs Meeting

A combined community services club meeting hosted by President Ray Whalley from Tea Tree Gully Rotary Club on Wednesday 26 April, 2017, held at the Tea Tree Gully Golf Club in the Dimples Restaurant.

Our special guest speaker was His Excellency the Governor of South Australia the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC.



*Joylene Whalley, DG John Pohl,
Hon Hieu Van Le, AG Glenn Mitchell, TTG Pres Ray Whalley*

This is the second such event held by the club in five years. The first was with His Excellency Kevin Scarce.

We had amongst the special guests in attendance Mr Tony Zapia Federal member for Makin, Ms Frances Bedford member for Florey, Mr John Gardner member for Morialta and his partner Ms Trudi-Anne Mercurio, Mr Tom Kenyon member for Newland, The Lord Mayor of Tea Tree Gully Mr. Kevin Knight and his wife Karen, DG 9500 Mr John Pohl, Lions vice DG Phil Bowman was also with us.

The Community Service clubs were represented by the four Group-6 Rotary clubs, Tea Tree Gully, Modbury, Golden Grove and Makin Edge, TTG Inner Wheel, Lions were there with Golden Grove, Torrens Valley, Tea Tree Gully apology from Modbury club, other service clubs Para Districts Zonta, Apex Gawler, Soroptimists from the Barossa Valley and last but not least Kiwanis Modbury. Local community bank Beyond Bank had 5 members present as well.

The night went well with the AG Group-6 Glenn Mitchell as the organiser and MC for the evening. The Tea Tree Gully Lions club were organising the raffles, Heads and Tails, and the Lucky Squares envelope.

When His Excellency gave his presentation it was amazing not a whisper whilst he spoke. His subject of "the value and role added to our society of the Community Organisation" was in depth.

Some snippets were about his coming up through the ranks and being involved with Immigration, migrants and integration within the community. His delivery was factual quoting some facts and figures re population, ie 1-in-4 members of the populations family are directly born overseas. That taking this into consideration, with Australia's population officially reaching 24 million, make an amazing and diverse group of potential members of our organisations.

His Excellency believes that in order to survive as Community Organisations we would need to attract some of these Australians and change the way we do things to evolve with the ever changing face of Australia. He believed that more than ever the Community Organisation and their members would be called upon more and more to assist not only overseas but right in our own back yard.

It was a very successful night and all clubs mingled after.

Article kindly provide by AG Glenn Mitchell, RC Tea Tree Gully



Rebecca Weragoda
Rotaract Club of Sydney
tells her story



The National Youth Science
Forum will open doors these
participants never dreamed of.



Rebecca and a friend
at a recent Rotaract Event

“Start with Rotary and
Good things happen”

“Rotary brings out
the best in people”

Rotarians are tenacious people
doing extraordinary things
to make dreams real
for so many”

“Volunteers do not necessarily
have the time,
they just have the heart.
Listen to your heart”

Science Camp Changed My Life

Posted on May 2, 2017 by Rotary International

Editor's note: This is part of a series of blog posts from Youth Leadership All-Stars, participants in Rotary's programs for young leaders, in celebration of Youth Services Month.

Twelve years ago, I made a seemingly small decision to apply for a Rotary Australia supported “science camp.” Like so many of my peers in Rotaract, this decision changed the course of my life personally, professionally, and socially.

From attending the National Youth Science Forum to today, I've been afforded many opportunities through Rotary, just some of the highlights include:

- travelling to South Africa for National Youth Science Week
- trekking in the desert in remote Western Australia as a leadership development opportunity
- attending my local Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
- serving as a RYLA Leader and RYLA Director
- leadership roles including Rotaract Club Professional Development Director, President and District Rotaract Representative
- attending international RYLA in Sydney
- the Young Leaders Summit in South Korea.

These are just the tip of the iceberg and don't even begin to capture the abundance of leadership opportunities I've had within Rotaract, culminating with my current position as the Chair of Rotaract Australia. My experience in Rotaract led me to transition from a technical science-based role to work in the Corporate Social Responsibility sector of a multi-national company—an area I didn't even consider when I left school!

I love how my Rotary and work worlds continually collide. For example, this past March when listening to a Rotarian address the Rotaract Club of Sydney City about the Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC), I learned that, sure enough, the orthopedic implants their patients use are donated by my company.

I continue to be inspired by the chance to truly and meaningfully impact the world. But my most significant aspiration for Rotaract and Rotary is to highlight the ways we can continue working together, at all levels, to create an environment of meaningful collaboration.

Both groups have so much to contribute. Rotarians bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the table as well as the resources that go with them. Rotaractors bring energy, innovative ideas, and an intuitive understanding of how to best engage in today's increasingly online world. By working together on projects we increase the likelihood of Rotaractors transitioning their membership and becoming dual Rotarian-Rotaractors or becoming a Rotary member in the future.

I look forward to continuing to be an ambassador for Rotary and Rotaract and being part of the positive change Rotary has on communities locally and globally.



NYSF Graduates at Science Dinner, January 2017

Enjoy your Rotary and have fun!

Kind regards

DG John Pohl