



# District 9500

## Governor's Newsletter

### April 2017 Edition



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### Celebrate World Immunization Week, 24-30 April

This month, from 24 - 30 April, we join WHO, UNICEF, and the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention in celebrating [World Immunization Week](#), raising awareness of the incredible impact that vaccines have had on global health.

This year's theme is "Vaccines Work" – and they do. The proof is in our polio eradication campaign. Thirty years ago, there were an estimated 350,000 cases of polio per year worldwide. Only 37 cases of polio were recorded in 2016. As of 19 April, there have only been five. All of the other cases, and the paralysis and death they would have brought, were prevented through the widespread use of a safe, reliable, and inexpensive vaccine.

In an uncertain world, vaccines offer something remarkable: a way to protect our children throughout their lives. By working together to safeguard all children against polio and other preventable diseases, Rotary is truly *Serving Humanity* – now and for generations to come.

Sincerely,

John F. Germ, President, Rotary International 2016-17



## Some Dates for Diary

**29 April**

Leading Rotary Now & DTA  
Adelaide – St Michael's

**7 May**

Leading Rotary Now & DTA  
Port Augusta - Carritas

**20 May**

Membership Forum 3  
Adelaide – St Michael's

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



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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.



## Maternal and Child Health How Can Your Club Can Help?



Women's health and infant health before, during, and after pregnancy are vital factors to the health and wellbeing of the whole family. There are opportunities in your own community where you can help. You could fund specialist equipment or set up a special programme.

Here are some suggestions:

- There may be a hospital which needs a humidicrib or other specialist equipment or a facility specifically for mothers and babies
- With the help of specialist medical staff, set up or help to fund already existing programs for new mothers, teen pregnancy; contraception and STDs; drug and alcohol counselling for mothers and babies at risk; grief counselling for mothers (and their partners) who lose babies before or after delivery;

Get in touch with your local hospitals, health centres and doctors see what needs you could fill.



## 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](mailto:jacqui.atyeo886@schools.sa.edu.au) or Team Leader 17/18 John Pohl by email [jemp@senet.com.au](mailto:jemp@senet.com.au) or to Doug Layng by email [doug.layng@bigpond.com](mailto:doug.layng@bigpond.com)



## Rotary District 9500 Conference Report

Below are extracts from reports by  
The Rotary Clubs of Alice Springs and Regency Park

Once again, our District put on a really entertaining and informative Conference. DG John Pohl and his Conference Team are to be congratulated.

From the panoramic views from the Pier in Geelong, the some 200+ conferees enjoyed and participated in three days of stimulating and challenging dialogue with an outstanding program of national speakers. The theme was Sea Change with Rotary and each speaker contributed a message for clubs to consider.

The Geelong Art Gallery was a classy venue for a Civic welcome and then the Pier Function Centre hosted the rest of the Conference.

Frank Costa – the heart and soul of Geelong, respond to the challenge, be positive and make your future. The conference loved Frank's passion.

RI President's Representative – Malcolm Lindquist, set the scene of the realities and challenges for Rotary moving forward. RI President John Germ – we are at a tipping point – increase membership, create your own culture shift.

Over three days we heard from a number of terrific speakers, including Rob Pennicott who circumnavigated Australia in an inflatable dinghy raising \$300,000 for PolioPlus in 2011.

Tracy Adams as CEO of yourtown created her own culture transformation – be relevant, engage and sell your key messages strongly, plan, listen and create club energy and excitement.

We also heard from Betty Kitchener who presented some relevant information, facts and figures on Australian Rotary Health.

Bernadette Schwerdt's presentation was entertaining and cheeky - using technology and effectively reading and engaging your audience to create your future. (Check your websites and Facebook).

Drs Maithri Goontetilleke and Jeremy Austin work in very different fields. One Swaziland and Kenya and the other Forensics and the Ancient DNA Centre in Adelaide. Both passionate in different ways.

We heard Arman Abrahimzadeh, an Ambassador for White Ribbon Day, present a moving account of his years suffering domestic violence at the hands of his father, culminating in the very public murder of his mother at the Adelaide Convention Centre in 2010, becoming a White Ribbon Ambassador against domestic violence – from Victim to Victor

On a lighter note we had an hilarious account of how the wife of the Anglican Bishop of Willochra, Marion McCall OAM, gained her pilot's licence and even won flying competitions!

Marcus Veerman provided some interesting design ideas for playgrounds, working with communities in third world countries. A great project for any club.

Mike Brady, capped off a great Conference by telling his life story through music, which (of course) included "Up There Cazaly".

All who attended this Conference agree that it was well worth the drive to Geelong.

Next year the Conference will be held jointly with D9520 from the 23 - 25 March at Tanunda in the Barossa Valley.

We have been invited by incoming District Governors Peter Schaefer and Bob Cooper to book early to come along to "Make a Difference".

My thanks to President Ron Rogers (RC of Regency Park)  
and Neil Ross (RC Alice Springs) for these summaries



## ATTENTION CLUB SECRETARIES

### Re: New Members

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

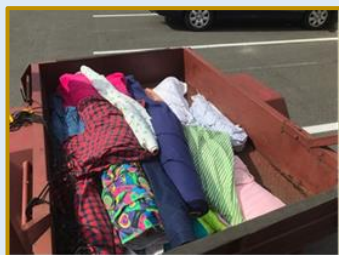
If you lose a member, this information also needs to be updated via the District Database.

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)

Last week I had the pleasure of presenting President Keith Rendell with the 2016-17 Youth Activities Award which was announced at the recent D9500 Conference in Geelong.



The award was presented in recognition of the RC Modbury's 30 year involvement with Modbury High School's Student of the Year Award and the club's sponsorship of students to camps at Calperum.



Half way through filling the trailer, this fabric will be very useful in Timor Leste

## New members

This month we welcome Mykal Gurnik who joined The Rotary Club of Tea Tree Gully (pictured with President Ray Whalley and AG Glen Mitchell) (Mykal is the one in the middle)



Congratulations also to John Jackson who has joined The Rotary Club of Kidman Park (No photo available)



Janine Pierce and Daniel Clift have joined The RC of Adelaide Innova

Welcome aboard and congratulations to you all.

## No Use For It But Too Good To Throw Away?

The RC of Adelaide Innova recently donated a trailer filled with various fabrics to the Nazareth Outreach Program. These fabrics will be sent via shipping container to Timor Leste in late April 2017 and given to the people in need in the communities over there.

This donation was given to the club by our new member Janine Pierce, who owned a children's clothing business during the 90's and had a lot of spare material not being used. Janine had wanted to donate the fabric for a long time, and since joining Rotary, she wanted to give back via the club to put the fabric to good use

Our other newest member Daniel Clift organised picking up and packing the fabric and delivering it across town to Nazareth Primary School where the shipping container is being stored. We're looking forward to hearing how the fabric is received in Timor Leste. What do you have that you could donate to others?

Enjoy your Rotary and have fun.

Kind regards  
DG John Pohl