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Preamble

"The Rotary Horizons" & links for this week which has been sent to all Rotarians.

This publication and past dispatches are available on the District 9500 website

at www.rotary9500.org

All items for The Rotary Horizons to be sent to the District Secretary by 12.00 noon Thursdays either by email secretary17-18@rotary9500.org (preferred) or post Rotary D9500 PO Box 6669, Adelaide Halifax St PO SA 5000 (AND allow time for delivery)



Diary Dates – Rotary Making a Difference, – December 2017

All of December - Disease Prevention and Treatment month

23 December 2017 – Last day for any motions to be considered at the District AGM.

21 January 2018 – Closing date for District awards – see pages 66-68 of the Vade Mecum

Update to contacts:- Tony Heinrich (West Lakes) – new email address ajheinr@yahoo.com.au

Please note:

The Horizon will not be published from 10th December 2017 through to January 20th 2018.

From the District team

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

From my desk.

Hello Readers.

This week marks some milestones. We have just taken the first step toward some exciting changes for our district.

The formal application to RI for the amalgamation of Districts 9500 & 9520 has been submitted, the steering committee to guide the process of the formation of one district has been formed, and in the pending few days a joint call will be made for nominations from D9500 & D9520 Rotarians for the position of 2020/21 (new district) District Governor.

Much behind the scenes negotiations and preparation work has been undertaken by the leaders of both districts to get us to this stage and it demonstrates the preparedness of both districts to come together for the longer term benefit of Rotary in our little corner of the globe.

The steering committee members are: from D9520 - PDG Euan Miller, PDG Peter Ochota, PDG Bruce Richardson and PDG Malcolm Lindquist. From D9500 - PDG Barbara Wheatcroft, PP Sandy Sumsion, PP Robert Eley and PP D'Arcy Walsh. PDG Doug Layng, in his role as Asst. Rotary Coordinator Zone 8 (part of) will be an ex officio member of the committee.

On behalf of the district leadership group, I express my sincerest appreciation to these nine Rotarians for accepting the invitation to "step up to the plate" to guide us into a new era of Rotary in our region. You have a huge and responsible task ahead of you but one which I believe you will find personally rewarding. Congratulations on your appointment.

Spring has passed and Summer is upon us – let the sun shine.

Keep well... 'til next time, PeterS

Rotary: Making a Difference

Exciting Times Ahead

LARGER ROTARY DISTRICTS – AN EXCITING PLATFORM FOR CHANGE!

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

TO RE-INVIGORATE CLUBS AND MAKE ROTARY FLOURISH FOR ANOTHER 100 YEARS

EXCITING TIMES AHEAD – Preamble

Dear members

The accompanying article from RI Director Noel Trevaskis has been sent to all District Governors throughout Australia and New Zealand with the request to share it with you, as a step towards Rotary flourishing into the next 100 years.

The article mentions the imminent plans to bring our two districts together into one new district and also talks about the wider challenges facing us as we ensure our relevance and attractiveness into the future.

Much work has been done over recent months by the 'G Trains' of both Districts (Immediate Past DGs, current DGs, DGEs and DGNs) who have been working hard to be ready for the changes we face. Our motivation has been to be prepared as we support and strengthen clubs so that Rotary is stronger in our region.

We are pleased the article recognises the central importance of clubs and we want to assure you that in embracing change at District level we are doing so in the essence that the District's role is to provide support and guidance to Clubs.

The New District Steering committee which is made up of a good cross section of experienced Rotarians at different levels of service will guide the final structure and establishment of the new district.

In the mean-time we assure you that we along with incoming DGEs Kim Harvey and David Egan and incoming DGNs Jane Owens and Tim Klar are all working together to support our clubs to flourish in the years ahead.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Bob Cooper
District Governor 9520

Peter Schaefer
District Governor 9500

A message from RI Zone Director Noel Trevaskis.

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

After almost 100 years of successful operation in Australia and New Zealand, Rotary finds itself at a very significant cross road. With a declining membership over the last ten years, Australia has lost 4,314 members (13%) and New Zealand has lost 1,967 (19%) plus an ageing membership demographic, the continued existence of Rotary as we know it is under considerable threat.

Please refer to the attachment for the total 2 page information from our RI Director – Noel Trevaskis

Download



The 2018 District Conference is an event combined with our friends to the South East of our district – D9520. DG Bob and I have called it “Joining Rotary – a conference with a difference”. This is not just because the two districts are coming together, but because we see the conference as an opportunity for you to bring someone that you feel would make a great Rotarian but needs a “bit more” to bring them over the line to actually joining your Club.
DG Peter Schaefer

The Barossa Conference will be ‘Making A Difference’ for all attendees....

- Inspirational Speakers just for a start
- Showcase of Rotary Club Projects & Programs Displays
- Be part of the ‘Hands On Projects’ and these valuable projects

... So be part of the Difference and join us in March 2018

Book now and save with the Early Bird Registration

Four Aussie Students Rally to Mongolia

The adventure started in Sweden in 2014, when four Australian males participated in the Rotary Youth Exchange. This adventure forged a lifetime friendship based on their experiences and instilled within them a desire to repay some of the contributions Rotary made to get them all together in the first place. So they figured that a Mongolian Rally would be just perfect !!!!! It’s a Boys own dream, four blokes, 10,000 Kilometres, One Car (sort of) and a desire to help others.

The Mongol Rally thunders 10,000 kilometres across the mountains, desert and steppes of Europe and Asia. It is men against machine and both against the environment. There’s no backup, no support and no set route; just you, your fellow adventurers and a tiny car you bought from a scrapyard for £11.50.

**Click Here
for Link**

... Conference Showcase ...



Convenors of Club Projects, Committees and Rotary Programs

The combined Rotary Conference, to be held in the Barossa Arts and Convention Centre in 2018, will feature a Rotary Showcase where Clubs, District and Rotary affiliated programs can display and issue materials to publicise and promote their activities.

You are invited to apply for the allocation of Display Spaces at the Conference.

The Conference commences at 1pm on Friday 23rd March with Registration open from 9.30am. The conference concludes at 1pm on Sunday 25th March.

The Convenor of the Rotary Showcase is PP Les Dennis (RC Regency Park) lesdennis@bigpond.com 0408813966
Because this is a combined Conference highlighting **Coming Together**, it is likely that there will be a heavy demand for available spaces. Convenors and key personnel are urged to contact Les to reserve a spot in the display area asap.

For those activities which are duplicated across D9500 and D9520 such as RYLA, ROMAC, Shelterbox, the convenors and Chairs are requested to have a joint display area.

To reserve your spot and obtain further details, contact Les now.

Malcolm Lindquist. Conference Chair

Murray Paddle against Slavery



KAYAK CAPERS

(February/March 2018)



Supporting a **Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery** project in India

(a **REGENCY PARK ROTARY CLUB** event.)

Down the Mighty Murray

Renmark to the Murray Mouth – 600Km

The paddle will start from Renmark on 19th February 2018. **Are there any Rotarians out there who would like to join us** for a day, a week or the whole trip (3.5 weeks)? The trip is unsupported, meaning that all camping gear and food/water is carried with us. There are of course shops at the major towns, and along the river there are 7 Rotary clubs who we hope to contact on our journey down river. It will be a relaxed journey, paddling at a rate of about 30km/day, with regular stops for morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea. Each day we start paddling about 7:30am, then set up camp by about 3pm. We paddle downstream so can do about 6kph, about 5hrs of paddling per day. Not difficult if you are reasonably fit. On occasions we will stay in a caravan park (we'll need a shower) and have the occasional day off. The trip is planned to finish on the 13th March and will be in time to attend Districts Conference in Tanunda.

If you would like to join in for part or all of the trip or importantly, make a donation, please contact Russell Green at rusgreen@bigpond.net.au.

This trip will be used to raise funds for a **Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery** project in NE India, run by the Rotary Club of Dunbar, Scotland, and the Rotary Club of Kalimpong, Bengal, India. Proceeds of fundraising will assist a Women's and Girls' Shelter and Vocational Training facility. This is Phase 2 of the project and you can read all about it at the following links:

<http://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PgID=573305&ClubID=78>

<http://ragas.online/case-studies/providing-a-shelter-for-young-trafficked-women-and-girls-in-kalimpong-ne-india/>

We seek sponsorship from individuals, Rotary Clubs, and corporate businesses. We are available to speak at clubs.

Details for donations by Direct Credit

Rotary Club Regency Park. BSB 105011. Acc 112998740

What does Australia have that the other developed nations of the world don't?

Trachoma!



It's an eye disease that is still endemic in Australia. The World Health Organization has a goal to eliminate Trachoma globally by 2020.

Soon, Rotary will be celebrating 100 years in Australia. Let's mark this special milestone by every Rotary Club in Australia coming together to eradicate Trachoma from our country.

Every Aussie kid should look like this and our combined Rotary Clubs can make it happen.



EndTrachoma by 2020
Rotary - Building Healthy Communities



www.endtrachoma2020.org.au

Rob McGuirk (Rotary Melbourne) Kerry Kornhauser OAM (Rotary Melbourne) Dr Murray Verso (Rotary Williamstown)

OLDMIND - YOUNGHEARTS



Above is a great photo and some words from our Rotaractors at the RC of Adelaide enjoying the company of our 97 year old longest serving member Ralph Arthur...he joined in 1956!
This photo and words below from their Facebook page are gold.

FACEBOOK PAGE COMMENTS

It was a pleasure to meet the Rotary Club of Adelaide's oldest member, Ralph Arthur! Some of our Rotaractors went to visit our Rotary family and enjoyed a delicious lunch at the Adelaide Oval 📷 🏠 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷 🍷

"A man's body may grow old but inside, his spirit can still be as young and as restless as ever."

- Michael Caine

On This Day – 2 December

1804 Napoleon is crowned Emperor of France

Napoleon Bonaparte had risen through the ranks of the French army during the French revolution and became one of the most influential political figures of his era. His self-coronation as Napoleon I took place in Notre Dame in Paris, France.

1982 First artificial heart transplant

Barney Clark became the first person to receive a permanent artificial heart. The surgery occurred at the University of Utah Medical Center. Clark lived for 112 days after the transplant.

1988 Benazir Bhutto is sworn in as Prime Minister

Benazir Bhutto takes office as Pakistan's Prime Minister, becoming the first woman PM of Pakistan.

2001 Enron Files for Bankruptcy

The Houston, Texas-based energy company filed for Chapter Eleven bankruptcy after reports of widespread accounting fraud became public. At that time, the company became the largest company in the history of the United States to declare bankruptcy.

Births On This Day – 1981 Britney Spears - American singer-songwriter, dancer, actress

Deaths On This Day – 1993 Pablo Escobar - Colombian drug lord

A District Champion for the End Trachoma project is required.

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www.endtrachoma2020.org.au | www.facebook.com/endtrachomaby2020



A reminder that this publication requires information from you – please send me your information about your club activities.

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