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### Preamble

Please find attached "The ROTIAC" & its links for this week. The following information has been sent to all Rotarians.

[This publication and past district dispatches are available on the District 9500 website at www.rotary9500.org](http://www.rotary9500.org)

All items for The ROTIAC to be sent to the District Secretary by 4.00 pm Thursdays either by email [secretary16-17@rotary9500.org](mailto:secretary16-17@rotary9500.org) (preferred) or post Rotary D9500 PO Box 6669, Adelaide Halifax St PO SA 5000 (AND allow time for delivery)

### Diary Dates – Youth Services, Month – May 2017

**Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 June 2017 – Rotary Leadership Institute– St Michael's College**

**Sunday 2 July 2017 – District Governors Change Over – Bridgewater.**

### Club change overs

Alice Spring Mbantua – Wednesday July 5 – 6.00pm – Chifley

Prospect – Wednesday July 5 – 6.00 for 6.15 pm – Hackney Hotel

### Interplast

Project Ideas

Is your club looking for a project opportunity? Have you thought about Interplast?

Interplast Australia and New Zealand is actively supported by Rotarians in Club and Districts throughout Australia and New Zealand....

Want to learn more?

Read the Autumn Rotarian Review Click this link:



## Rotary District 9500 Education News

### ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

June 3 & 4 Rotary Leadership Institute

St Michael's College Henley Beach

9 am to 4 pm

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

For further details...



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## From National Seniors Association

# 'Can you hear me?' scam

11 May 2017

Australians who receive a phone call that starts with the words "can you hear me?" are being warned to hang up immediately without saying anything.

Police say it is a scam, which has done the rounds in the United States and United Kingdom.

The intention of the call is to record "yes" responses to authorise payments using voice recognition software.

"If the scammer already has your mobile phone number and some sensitive identification information of yours... you may have some serious and legitimate reasons to be concerned," Queensland police said.

Australians are being asked to help spread the word about the scam, and contact police if they have any information.

They advise people who receive a "can you hear me?" phone call to hang up.

If they have responded with a "yes", Australians are advised to alert their financial institutions and to monitor their accounts closely.

For further information and to report a scam, visit the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's [Scamwatch website](#).

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## Foundation Fundraiser – Alice Springs

**Rotary Foundation fundraiser**

**Rotary** 

**The Secret Lives of Eyes & Tales from the Bush**

Tim's the only ophthalmologist in the region "my work is extraordinary, fascinating, rewarding and exasperating all at the same time."

**Dr Tim Henderson**  
*Most people think I'm nuts - having grown up in central Africa and then trained & worked in the UK National Health Service, helps"*

Wednesday, 24 May  
5.30pm  
\$10 donation at door (cuppa included)  
Andy McNeil Room  
ASTC, Todd St

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Mbantua, a proud supporter of Tim's work. Club meets at 7am on Mondays at Ibis Styles. Thank you to Alice Springs Town Council

Our club recently submitted acquittals for two Rotary Foundation District Grants which included the Preventable Blindness Testing & Diagnosis Project.

Our club presented Dr Tim Henderson, Eye Specialist and Director of Ophthalmology at Alice Springs Hospital with a portable digital visual acuity system which utilised over 20 tests to assist in the diagnosis of various eye diseases. Its portability and functionality in various light conditions makes it ideal for use both in the Alice Springs eye clinic and in remote communities.

This project made the Centralian Advocate on 16 December 2017 and was reprinted in the ROTIAC on 7 January 2017.

In March alone, Dr Henderson and the eye health team visited four remote Indigenous communities, diagnosing and treating 36 patients suffering from significant eye-health issues. During 2017, the eye health team plan to make a further 28 visits to remote communities across a region that covers over 873,292 square kilometres - an area roughly the size of France and the United Kingdom combined. In addition to the regular examinations which occur at the eye clinic in Alice Springs Hospital, this will result in approximately 300 people from remote Indigenous communities being diagnosed and treated this year.

To demonstrate the Alice Springs Hospital's appreciation for our assistance in this project, Dr Tim Henderson has agreed to speak at a Rotary Foundation Fundraiser our club has organised on Wednesday 24 May 2017.

We have placed an ad for the event in the Alice Springs News (<http://www.alicespringsnews.com.au/>)

Details are: Rotary Foundation Fundraiser in Alice Springs:

Guest Speaker: Dr Tim Henderson, Eye Specialist & Director of Ophthalmology, Alice Springs Hospital

Hosted by: The Rotary Club of Alice Springs Mbantua.

When: Wednesday 24 May, 5:30 pm.

Where: Andy McNeil Room, ASTC, Todd Street....

Cost: \$10 donation at the door (includes cup of tea/coffee).

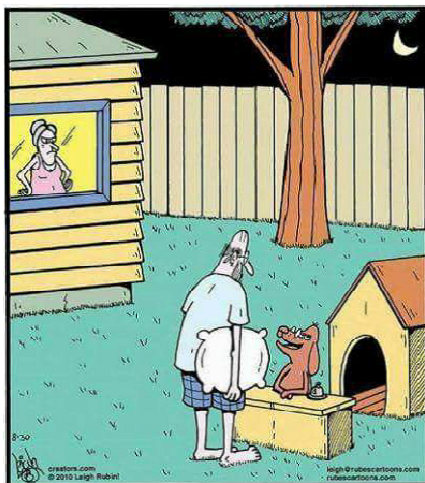
## District 9500 VTT Opportunity For a Global Grant Introduced at the Geelong Conference - March 26, 2017

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



"Welcome back, sir. Are you planning on being our guest for one night only, or will this be your usual extended stay?"

From Kidman Park Krier

10 May 2017

Dear President

Congratulations on what I am sure has been a wonderful year leading your Rotary Club. I am sure there have been challenges, as well as the rewards of providing support to your community, local, national and international.

I have had the same experiences with ShelterBox Australia. The challenges were created by natural disasters in Mozambique, Somaliland, Columbia, Peru, Niger and Haiti, and by civil unrest in Syria and Iraq. The joy was in seeing the generous spirit, especially from Rotary Clubs, in providing the funds need as we struggle to ensure families have shelter, warmth and dignity.

United Nations estimates of the homeless in the world as you read this letter vary between 65 and 85 million people. This is a staggering number, but each little bit of aid helps. This year, ShelterBox has a target of reaching 135,000 people, a number we hope to better in 2018.

Every time we respond to a natural disaster or humanitarian crisis, we ensure that the aid we provide is tailored to the needs of the communities we're helping. That aid may comprise ShelterBoxes, Shelter Kits, specialised tents, School Boxes or ancillary aid such as Lumin Aid lights, water purification kits, blankets or mattresses.

We can only do this with your support. As we approach the end of the Rotary year and you look to allocating those precious funds you have worked so hard to accumulate, I simply ask you to consider ShelterBox as one of your beneficiaries. To those of you who have contributed during the year, our thanks. To those who have not yet been involved, we'd be very grateful for your support.

Your donation to ShelterBox Solutions will assist us in this life saving work. For more details, see [www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au](http://www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au) or ring CEO Mike Greenslade on 0459 959 501.

As partners in disaster aid, Rotary and ShelterBox can work towards no family being without shelter.

**Rowley Tompsett**

Chair

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# The Voice of Rotary

<http://voiceofrotary.org.au/>

Programme for June 2017

Broadcast on 1197AM 5RPH Adelaide each Tuesday 7.30-8.00 pm.

- 6 June Gill Peacey, Manager, Volunteer Support Programs Unit, Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources  
"Active Communities Caring For Our Environment"
- 13 June PP David Johnston, Rotary Club of Burnside  
"Carpe Diem, What it is; what it does"
- 20 June DGE Bob Cooper, District Governor Elect, District 9520  
"The Year Ahead for District 9520"
- 27 June DGE Peter Schaefer, District Governor Elect, District 9500  
"The Year Ahead for District 9500"

From each Wednesday the broadcast program can be heard on-line at  
[www.rphadelaide.org.au/Webcast.html](http://www.rphadelaide.org.au/Webcast.html)

To download a programme, right click on the "Voice of Rotary" and "save link as". The programme stays on the RPH website for a week.

Programs can also be heard on the new Voice of Rotary website at:

<http://voiceofrotary.org.au/>

We also keep a file of past programs. Should you want one from further back, contact Jock Thornton on [johnjan4@gmail.com](mailto:johnjan4@gmail.com).

Information available from

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## **Comment of the week**

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to the doctor to get a physical.

A few days later, the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, 'You're really doing great, aren't you?'

Morris replied, 'Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma and be cheerful.'"

The doctor said, 'I didn't say that. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur; be careful.'

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

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