



# The ROTIAC

## Rotarians In Action in 9500



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### Preamble

Please find attached "The ROTIAC" & its attachments 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):

## WE WISH YOU ALL A GREAT NEW YEAR FOR 2017

From DG John Pohl, District Secretary Jeff Cluse and Web Master Graham Fussen

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### Can your club apply for a 9500 District Awards – see page 67 to 69 in the District Directory.

- 1; Club Performance Award
- 2; Rotary Foundation Award.
- 3; ARH Perpetual District Award.
- 4; Public Relations Award.
- 5; Conservation Award.
- 6; Youth Activities Award.
- 7; Club History Award.
- 8; World Community Service (International) Award.
- 9; Community Service Award.
- 10; Vocational Service Programme Award.
- 11; Interact/Rotaract Club Performance Award.
- 12; Club Attendance Award.

Closes **Sunday 22 January 2017**

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### Are your Club Members missing out on emails?

We have noticed that a number of Rotarians have 'old or incorrect email address' which bounce back and we are striving to improve email communications to all Rotarians.

To help us, you can 'log in' through the District Website ([www.rotary9500.org](http://www.rotary9500.org)), or if you do not know your District Login and Password please ask your Club President or Secretary to check your email address on your behalf. ***Perhaps it is time to update all your contact details.***

You are most welcome, ***in fact I encourage you*** to update your details yourself – however if you are not sure of your login and password, please contact our 'friendly' webmaster (Graham Fussen).  
[webmaster@rotary9500.org](mailto:webmaster@rotary9500.org)

DG John Pohl

## Diary Dates – Disease Prevention & Treatment, Month – December 2016

Sunday 22 January 2017 – Closing day for District awards

Friday 17 February 2017 – Closing date for nominations for District Governor 2019/20

Saturday 18 February 2017 – Round table AG's, Team Leader & club leaders Training - Adelaide

Saturday 20 May 2017 – Membership Summit – St Michael's College

## Success in Alice Springs with two District Grants for Alice Springs Mbantua

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16 2016



Peter Mostern and Nicholas Cowham from Rotary Club of Alice Springs-Mbantua hand over a portable digital visual acuity system to Tim Henderson from the Alice Springs Hospital Eye Clinic. A non-portable system is on the wall behind.

Picture: JEFF TAN

# Fight for sight gets testing unit boost

**Steve Menzies**

A PORTABLE eye testing machine will help Tim Henderson and his team fight trachoma and cataracts in Central Australia.

The digital visual acuity system was purchased for the Alice Springs Hospital Eye Clinic by the Rotary Club of Alice Springs-Mbantua.

It is part of about \$10,000 worth of equipment the club has donated to the clinic and the NT Services Alice Springs Volunteer Unit.

Dr Tim Henderson from

**"This machine can accurately measure what people see."**

**DR TIM HENDERSON**

the eye clinic said it would enable accurate vision testing of people of all ages.

"It is going to be incredibly useful," he said.

"Knowing what people see

is a fundamental part of assessing their vision.

"This machine can reliably and accurately measure this."

Australia is the only developed country in the world where trachoma is still endemic in indigenous Central Australian communities.

Rotary club immediate past president Nicholas Cowham said indigenous Australians suffer six times the rate of avoidable blindness of other Australians, have less access to eye health services and are more likely to experience risk factors for poor eye health.

"Although this project has particular focus on indigenous Australians in remote communities, it will benefit all people with treatable eye diseases in Central Australia," he said.

"The system's portability and functionality in various light conditions make it ideal for use in both the clinic in Alice Springs as well as on remote communities."

Mr Cowham said the funds were also used to buy additional equipment to enable ASVU volunteers to better perform their duties in their chosen fields.

## **END POLIO FUNDRAISER**

District 9500 & 9520 invite you, your family and friends to "Re-Release" movie:–

# **Hidden Figures**

A must movie to see and help raise funds to End Polio.

**[Click here to download Flyer](#)**

Below is the direct link for My Booking Manager and you will receive an email of your registration.  
<http://e.mybookingmanager.com/E12194228166325>

When: - 5 February 2017 – 4.00pm

Where: - Piccadilly Cinemas – 181 O'Connell St, North Adelaide

Cost: - \$20/person – book on line via My Booking Manager (see above)

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## **Wanted – Expression of Interest**

Someone to fill an exciting role assisting the incoming DG in the preparation of regular inserts into the District ROTIAC (DG's newsletter) in 2017-18.

The role would best suit a reliable and energetic person with some computer skills (not necessarily in publishing) with good time management to meet deadlines.

Enquiries by email to DGE Peter Schaefer via [jenpe@bigpond.com](mailto:jenpe@bigpond.com) or 0407 977 345.

Closing date – 21February2017

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## **Give away (for a donation)**



Port Adelaide Rotary Club is giving away 60 A Frames suitable for an Art Exhibition. A donation to go to Operation Flinders would be appreciated.

All enquiries to the president, Steve Smart, on 0407248127 or [ssmart@senet.com.au](mailto:ssmart@senet.com.au).

## ROMAC Dinner - Dance



For 29 years ROMAC has been one of Rotary's most successful health programs, saving the lives of over 420 children from island communities of the Southwest Pacific. The Central Region ROMAC committee in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Salisbury D9500 and Rotary Club of Burnside D9520 invite you to our inaugural gala night to celebrate the ongoing success of ROMAC. The children come from overseas for treatment that cannot be performed in their own country so the funds raised are spent in Australia and New Zealand

### WEAR RED FOR ROMAC GALA NIGHT

Join us for a delicious three-course meal, with bar service, great music from the 50s, 60s and 70s performed by the very talented "Buddies 4", including dancing for those who would like to trip the light fantastic!

**Venue: The Walkers Arms Convention Centre, N.E. Road Walkerville**

**Date: Saturday 25th February 2017 Time:**

**6.30pm for 7pm start Cost: \$50.00 per person**

**Cost inclusive of venue, dinner and entertainment.**

**Dress: wear something red (gentlemen – a red tie or red pocket square would be perfect ... ladies – as much red as you like!)**

.....What else to bring: Dollars in your pocket for fun raffles & some auction items

Most important: Invite your friends and create a table of 8 ... fun for all.

Come and join us for a wonderful night of entertainment, fun and fellowship, as we celebrate the continuing success of ROMAC.

HOW TO BOOK YOUR TABLE Conduct a funds transfer to BSB 035-047 Account Number 384355 (Rotary club of Salisbury). In description enter "your name", in reference enter "ROMAC dinner" in email address enter – [alunhughes@bigpond.com](mailto:alunhughes@bigpond.com) Book early as seats will be limited, closing date for bookings 31st January 2017 Alternatively post a cheque to "the treasurer RC Salisbury PO Box 931 Salisbury SA 5108 Want to stay overnight?

Walkers Arms Convention Centre will give you a 20% discount.

Contact them direct for a room booking email: [reception@walkersarms.com.au](mailto:reception@walkersarms.com.au) or telephone Ph: (08) 8344 8022 and ask for Sophie Mills - Function Manager

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### District Conference 2017

In the latest Newsletter edition, we have profiled two extraordinary speakers, Arman Abrahamzadeh family story in dealing with Domestic Violence and is a White Ribbon Australia Ambassador.

Founder of "Possible Dreams International", Dr MaithriGoonetilleke is an Australian based medical doctor, NGO worker, singer and writer. He is very respected clinical doctor and will take the audience on an interesting journey of his time in Kenya, Swaziland and Australia.

We are also adding new tours and interesting places to see, so we can assure you will have a great time in Geelong.

## **Register Now**

Make your New Year resolution to reserve your place at the District Conference in Geelong? Here is where you can do it – a Conference Registration would make a nice Christmas present too!

[Click here for the Registrations page on the Conference Website.](#)

[www.d9500conference.org.au](http://www.d9500conference.org.au)



## **Travelling to the Geelong Conference**

**Here are ideas getting to Geelong – including Crows supporters who don't want to miss the opening game**

- 1 Drive yourself via the internal road from through Bordertown
- 2 Drive yourself via the scenic route from Adelaide via the Great Ocean Road
- 3 Fly to Tullamarine (Melbourne) airport and hire a car – most car hire firms are there
- 4 Fly to Avalon airport (approx. 20 mins out of Geelong) and hire a car – Avis and Europcar are there as are other hirers

Jetstar fly on selected days to Avalon quite cheaply. For Crows supporters, you can come in on the Wednesday, the day before the conference starts, and leave on the Sunday morning and miss the Sunday morning session but be able to get home for the opening Crows game at the Adelaide Oval

- 5 Get a group together and all go across and back in a luxury Mercedes coach. Costing for quality coach travel, departing Adelaide at 7:00am on Thursday 23 March and returning on Monday 27 March, to/from Geelong (**minimum of 8 passengers and maximum of 14**) is \$250 per person (GST inclusive). Please allow 10 hours travelling time for comfort & refreshment stops. Please note that if a group books out the transport and wishes to extend the tour with additional days of sightseeing to suit, this can be planned.

Contact the operator direct – 'Teague Tours', Jeffrey Teague 0412 065 052. Have a look at their website at [www.teaguetours.com.au](http://www.teaguetours.com.au)

## **Reminder – District Awards**

Sunday 22 January 2017 – Closing day for **nominations for District awards**. See last week's ROTIAC for the details. Clubs are doing great work in the community. Why not put your project or work up for an award?

## Updating your Club's Executives on the District Database.

The District Database is now ready to record your Club Executives for 2017-2018 Rotary year.

To do this, you can 'log in' through the District Website ([www.rotary9500.org](http://www.rotary9500.org)) and then select Club Executives, and by selecting the 2017–2018 tab you will be able to enter the names for your Club Executives and Officers.

*This information for the main roles is automatically uploaded to the Rotary International Database.*

Secretary Jeff has also sent out a form for the collection of additional information for the 2017-2018 District Directory, so I ask if you can follow this through as soon as possible.

You are most welcome, ***in fact I encourage you*** to update all Club details – however if you are not sure of your login and password or editing the Club Roles, please contact our 'friendly' webmaster. [webmaster@rotary9500.org](mailto:webmaster@rotary9500.org)

DG John Pohl

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## Comment of the week:

A mother calls 911 very worried asking the dispatcher if she needs to take her kid to the emergency room, the kid had eaten ants.

The dispatcher tells her to give the kid some Benadryl and he should be fine, the mother says, 'I just gave him some ant killer.....'

Dispatcher: 'Rush him in to emergency right now!' Life is tough. It's even tougher if you're stupid!!!!

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

District Secretary 9500

Jeff Cluse

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