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# Media Release:

## District 9500 monthly edition

### “Rotary Districts 9500 & 9520 golfers shine and take National Rotary titles”

The Australian Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians “AGFR” annual National Tournament was held in Perth Western Australia at the commencement of April with Rotarians from Australia wide travelling to participate in this looked forward event.

The golfing event was held at two, tier one prestigious courses, the Western Australian Golf Club and Mt Lawley Golf Club, and over four competition days with a stableford format.

South Australia was well represented this year with attendees from Rotary Clubs from Adelaide, Murray Bridge, Mt Gambier, plus Victor Harbor Rotary Club. A total of ninety golfers competed in the event, plus their partners enjoyed the special daily events put on by the host Rotary Club of Ascot in Perth.

After a competitive week of great golf, in extremely favourable conditions, the presentation night was held at the Mt Lawley Golf Club, with the Rotarian group from South Australia finishing exceptionally well, in particular the regional participants.

- Murray Bridge - Rotarian **Robert Walters** took out Division One
- Victor Harbor - Rotarian **Neville Willis** took out Division Two
- Mount Gambier - Rotarian **Phillip Hedley** took out Division Three

The South Australia Rotarian participating team assisted ably by the divisional winners, then went on to take out the inaugural Sandgroper Trophy, which is the two highest aggregate results per state each day.

With six Rotarian Golfers from the Adelaide Rotary Club, South Australia was well represented.

In addition to the AGFR Tournament held, sponsorship gained by the Rotary Club of Ascot as part of the event, was able to present a cheque for \$42,500.00 to the charity chosen being “Interplast” Royal Australasian College of Surgeons, supported by Rotarians. Since 1983, Rotarians have raised significant funds to support Interplast, in repairing bodies and rebuilding lives around the world.

Rotarians also support youth via a Scholarship from funding as a result of the tournament!

The aim of the John Hood scholarship is to provide financial assistance to young people aged between 20 and 29 years who have completed an apprenticeship in “Greenkeeping”. Each year a student is selected from one of the States or Territories of Australia. With the assistance of The Ohio State University, the awardee is enrolled as an International Student in the Agricultural and the Horticultural Intern program at the University. This combines theoretical studies at the University with some nine months of paid practical work at some of America’s finest golf courses.

**Like minded Rotarians from around Australia, enjoying fellowship and the sport they play, but supporting the community in the true spirit of Rotary.**

### **“Rotary Club of Murray Bridge to hold the 2018 AGFR Event”**

Next year's 2018 Australian Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians event will be held in South Australia from 8<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup> May and hosted by the Rotary Club of Murray Bridge and played at the Murray Bridge Golf Club.

Rotary Club of Murray Bridge President Jenny Phillips and Rotarian Kevin Prosser also travelled to Perth to attend the AGFR event and were pleased to present Murray Bridge as the next destination to the Rotarians present.

Jenny received the AGFR ceremonial flag from the hosting Perth Rotary Club to signify the transfer of responsibility. The present Murray Bridge Rotarians represented by Jenny ensured that all of Murray Bridge will welcome the Australian Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians at their attendance at the 2018 event.

Web Site: [murraybridgerotary.org.au](http://murraybridgerotary.org.au)

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Images:

- The South Australian Contingent -receiving the Sandgroper Trophy
- Jenny Phillips President of Murray Bridge Rotary Club receiving the AGFR ceremonial flag from Aidan Wood