

DISTRICT 9500

# ROTARY EDUCATION NEWS

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**Welcome to the new Rotary year! Congratulations on your role in your Club or District 9500!**



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## MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT

(If ants can achieve success working together, so can we...)

August 6 2016

9.30 am to 12.30 pm

St Michael's College

Mitton Avenue Henley Beach

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

EVERY Club President

EVERY Club Membership Director

Anyone interested in Membership

Let's work together to build EVERY CLUB...

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## D9500 MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT 2016

As Clubs have prepared Members for the 2016-17 Rotary year, each Club in the District has undoubtedly planned to increase membership.

Sadly, in 2015-16, less than 25% of clubs in the District increased the number of Rotarians in their Club and more than 50% decreased membership.

Rotary is an awesome organisation with the power to change the world. However, we can only be successful into the future if we increase membership of our clubs to assist in this critical role.

**Clubs need more members to ensure longevity!**

**Our District needs more members to survive!**

DG John Pohl, the District Management Committee and the District Membership Team are very keen to learn from Club Presidents and Membership Directors what problems they are facing and what assistance they are seeking.

**Therefore, Club Presidents and Club Membership Directors, as well as ANYONE interested in membership, are urged to attend the Membership Summit on August 6 2016, at St Michael's College, Henley Beach, from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, to ...ask questions... seek answers to challenges... SHARE IDEAS... DISCOVER NEW WAYS FORWARD.** We hope you will *feel inspired* ... **be energized... collect resources... & plan to work together for success!**

**Free Registration NOW on: <http://e.mybookingmanager.com/9500>**

**Too far to travel? Contact PDG Marie Dorrington [mdorrington@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mdorrington@bigpond.net.au) for materials and information...**



## From RI Director's News (Zone 8 & 7B July 2016)

**From Noel Trevaskis OAM RI Director 2016-18**

*The Council on Legislation earlier this year was an extremely progressive event with some decisions potentially changing Rotary for decades to come. To me, this clearly demonstrates Rotary is willing to fit in with Rotarians and not Rotarians having to fit in with Rotary.....As we move forward we need to work as "one" Rotary. We are not in competition with each other or any other service organisation. We need to encourage each other and work together to achieve the best possible outcome for our clubs, districts and Rotarians.*

*It is a major concern for me as I look at the demographics of a majority of our clubs and districts. Our average age is 71 years old and there is a 'limited window of opportunity' to turn this situation relating to aging membership around to ensure a strong and positive future.*

*We need to become more diverse in our membership. Our clubs must reflect their respective communities. We need younger people of both genders and we need the best possible people to join Rotary. We can't leave these challenging tasks to someone else...*

*This issue of membership is an urgent one, I cannot emphasise that enough....*

## Is the 2016 Council on Legislation relevant for your Club?

**More from the Director's News....**

Every three years, members from around the world gather in Chicago to consider proposed changes to the policies that govern Rotary International and its member clubs. The Council On Legislation (COL) is an essential element of Rotary's governance. This year, the COL was held in April and resolved to give Clubs greater flexibility regarding meeting times and membership rules and requirements, with the aim of making Rotary more attractive to new members and assuring the continued growth and relevance of the organisation.

Some of the major changes which were adopted are:

- clubs allowed to decide to vary their meeting times, whether to meet online or in person, and when to cancel a meeting, provided they meet at least twice a month
- now a simple membership requirement that a member be a person of good character who has a good reputation in their business or community and is willing to serve the community
- a \$4 per year dues increase for next three years to allow RI to improve My Rotary, develop resources so clubs can offer a better membership experience, simplify club and district reporting, improve web-site access for Rotaractors, and update systems to keep Rotary in compliance with changing global regulations.
- a Council on Resolutions will meet annually online to consider resolutions
- Rotaractors will be allowed to become members of Rotary clubs while they are still in Rotaract
- the distinction between e-clubs and traditional clubs will be eliminated.
- a standing committee on membership to be established
- polio eradication remains a goal of the highest order

These changes are effective from 1st July.



**Statistics show that well-informed Rotarians are more likely to remain in Rotary!**  
**Does your Club regularly inform members about new initiatives?**  
**Has the COL information been shared yet at a Club Assembly?**  
**Has the Club discussed how the changes could be used to increase membership?**



## Have Ants Learnt from Rotarians?

It is rather amusing to research what we can learn from ants!

- **Ants are driven by purpose:** ants have a clear long-term objective or goal which shapes everything they do.
- **Ants work as a team:** they are team workers and work together in order to achieve something
- **Ants think big:** while ants seem like one of the most insignificant insects on the planet because of their size, the colonies they build and the contribution to their society is extremely significant and great.
- **Ants prepare ahead of time:** ants are constantly preparing for a season which is yet to come upon them.



## Rotary Leadership Institute

*The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)* is a fast-paced, two-day course offered to build on a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase understanding of Rotary.

Courses are topical, interactive, and geared towards Rotarians who want to be more knowledgeable and effective leaders in their Clubs.

This internationally recognized course is collaborative in approach and provides opportunities to learn more about Rotary, its structure, its programs and the role and function of Club leaders.

Rotary's strength depends on the quality, education and leadership of its Rotarians. Leadership skills in a voluntary organisation differ from those required in a business environment. Equally, it is difficult, in the busy schedule of most Clubs, to learn enough of the exciting world of Rotary with its over 1.2 million members in over 160 countries.

### NEXT RLI COURSE

- The next RLI Course will be held on **OCTOBER 22/23 2016** in Adelaide at St Michael's College, Henley Beach
- Morning Tea/ Lunch/ Materials provided
- Cost \$150.00
- Clubs are asked to support Rotarians interested in attending, especially Presidents Elect, aspiring leaders and new Rotarians

ENQUIRIES to D9500 RLI Registrar PP Jane Owens at [janeowens@internode.on.net](mailto:janeowens@internode.on.net)

REGISTER NOW on <http://e.mybookingmanager.com/RLI2016>

### Wisdom from Leaders....

**Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time.**

**We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek. Barack Obama**

**If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got. Anonymous**

**It is no use saying, 'We are doing our best.' You have got to succeed in doing what is necessary.**

**Winston Churchill**

**Success depends upon previous preparation, and without such preparation there is sure to be failure.**

**Confucius**