

### **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 scrapyards for £11.50. What could go wrong? If nothing goes wrong, everything has gone wrong. The intrepid explorers aptly named *The Ulaan Bastards*; Adam, Brady, Sam and Hamish, have thought it would be a great idea to give up two months of their life to participate in the 2018 Mongol Rally. Just a little trip, 2 months on the road, traversing the best and worst roads Europe and Central Asia have to offer.

### **How can D9500/D9520 help this adventure?**

We are trying to raise some serious cash for this trip to support Rotary International. Since 1979, Rotary International have been able to eliminate 99.9% of Polio cases worldwide, yet there is still a long way to go. We are seeking donations to support our adventure and also to donate to Rotary International Projects of the total raised, 60% will be going directly to END POLIO NOW. The other 40% will be equally divided amongst individual Rotary charities of our choice. As a bonus, donors are given the opportunity to write something on our 'Bucket List'. These are things to do on our trip that could be a challenge, a must-do, or a funny photograph. (Such as jumping in a freezing cold lake, drinking Yak Butter tea and a multitude of things unique to the countries visited) Like your donations to Rotary International are important to us and it is just our way of encouraging people to get on the back of our car and give us and rotary a push towards making a difference. We will continue to keep you updated on our trip through the many blogs and vlogs that will be made, so you can become a part of this experience with us!

Our second aim in the first leg of the journey is to visit as many Rotary Clubs as possible throughout Europe and make them aware of the project that this District is partnering in. It will also encourage the building of relationships between their clubs and you, our sponsors. If there you already have a relationship with a Rotary club in Europe details of any contacts would help break the ice for us on our visits, what we're asking for is any support or assistance you can offer. Whether it be a direct donation, a club banner to gift to a European Rotary Club, or simply sharing our story around your social spheres, all support is welcomed with open arms. If you have any more questions, please feel free to contact me via email at [BradyJames.Monaghan@gmail.com](mailto:BradyJames.Monaghan@gmail.com). Or, if you as an individual or as a club would like to donate to our cause, you can do so at <https://www.gofundme.com/ulaanbastaards-mongol-rally>. Thanking you in advance, Brady, Hamish, Adam & Sam.