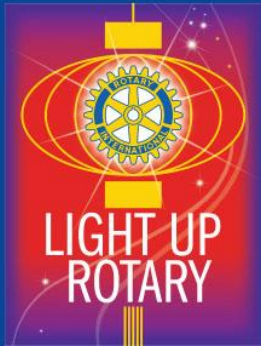


# Rotary



## 2014 / 15 District Governor's NEWSLETTER



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### FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

The Changeover Season for Julie and I started on 21 June at Roxby District and ended on 27 July at Maitland. Our Official Visits commenced on 16 July and will continue through August to November.

We have appreciated the warm welcome wherever we have visited, and to learn more about your existing projects and your plans to build a greater Rotary Profile in your communities as you engage with the Year Theme of **Light Up Rotary**.

It has been a privilege to be invited to participate in the **induction of many new members** and the presentation of many worthy Paul Harris Fellows.

It is encouraging to see **younger people joining Rotary**. At the Roxby District Changeover, **Neil Gentle** was inducted.



Formerly from Victoria, Neil was a Rotary Exchange Student to

Brasil, then a RYLA graduate before moving to Roxby Downs where he saw the Rotary sign and decided it was time to give back to the community and joined Rotary.

Another young man - **Jose Fereross** - was inducted at the Playford Changeover dinner. Originally from Argentina where Jose had been an Interactor, he moved to South Australia and settled in the Playford area wanted to reconnect with Rotary.

To all of our new members, welcome to the world-wide family of Rotary International.

Being invited to participate in the **Paul Harris Fellow** presentations has been an honour and a humbling experience.



The stories of the people who received the Paul Harris Fellows are extraordinary and are worthy recipients.

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### NEW ROTARACT CLUB



The Rotary Club of Salisbury with the help of the Rotary Club of Playford have worked together to establishing the 4<sup>th</sup> Rotaract Club in District 9500. The Rotaract Club of Salisbury City will receive its Charter from Rotary International on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August. We welcome Rotaract President Chris Marks and his team of enthusiastic Rotaractors to the world of Rotary and look to watching and participating in their development. Julie and I were both Rotaractors and as we travel the District we meet many current Rotarians who have also travelled the path from Rotaract to Rotary membership. Rotaract certainly plays an important of Rotary's expansion in the future.

## STUDENT EXCHANGE

Our 7 Inbound Rotary Exchange Students have now arrived and are settled into their Australian homes.

Olivia Jiborn is hosted By the RC of Alice Springs Mbantua, Veikko Sainio, Janne-Maria Kroeger and Dianne Piganol are hosted by the RC of Pt Pirie, Pascal Schossow is hosted by the RC of Kapunda, Melanie Simonin is hosted by the RC of Gawler Light and Augustin Mathieu is hosted by the RC of Pt Lincoln. We welcome them to District 9500, and trust their stay with us lives up to their expectations. As Rotarians, we look forward to meeting you over the course of the year, especially at the District Conference in March.



Veikko, Janne-Maria and Dianne with DG John at the RC of Pt Pirie on 31.07.14

## RYLA

The Rotary Youth Leadership Camp (available to youth between 14 and 30 with leadership potential) was held at Nunyara with 37 participants from across the District including 3 candidates from Alice Springs.

By all accounts, the camp was again a success and we look forward to seeing these people become closer involved with Rotary in the future.

## WHY DONATE TO THE ROTARY FOUNDATION - OUR FOUNDATION

On 31 July I had the privilege of Presenting a **Rotary Foundation Major Donor Award to Brian Condon OAM** and Past President of the Rotary Club of Port Pirie.



Foundation.

This recognition was acknowledging ongoing personal contributions to the Rotary Foundation. When responding, Brian told us why he donates to the Rotary Foundation. As a young boy in Port Pirie, on a Saturday, Brian and a few friends rode their push bikes to Cockeys Crossing – about a half day ride there and another half day ride home along the dirt track. Brian carried his friend – Georgie Shearer – on the bar of his bike. They arrived home exhausted late that afternoon. On the Monday evening, a policeman called at the Condon home and asked if Brian had been with Georgie Shearer on Saturday and of course the answer was yes. The policeman went on to say that Georgie was taken ill on the Saturday night, and was transported from Pt Pirie to Adelaide by Ambulance and sadly died on the Monday.

The cause of Georgie's death was Polio. How quickly it took the life of a young boy who was fit and well on Saturday, but dead on Monday. Such was the extent of polio at that time, that schools across the state were closed for 5 months in an attempt to curb the spread of

the disease. This event has had a lasting impression on Brian, so when Past Rotary International President Clem Renouf from Queensland had the big vision and showed the leadership to call the world to account to remove this debilitating disease from the globe, Brian stepped on board and commenced personal contributions to the END POLIO campaign. We thank Brian for taking this initiative and to all Rotarians who decide that The Rotary Foundation is the Charity to receive their personal donations.

## SPEAKING OF THE END POLIO CAMPAIGN

We all know that we are close to eradicating Polio from the world. But completing the war will **not be easy, nor cheap. But we must finish the job.**

In the lead up to the International Convention in Sydney, the operators of the Sydney Bridge Climb donated **½ of the climb cost** to the **END POLIO** campaign - that was sufficient to immunize **240000 children.**

**Clubs are being asked to donate at least \$1500** to the **END POLIO** campaign and I recommend that by making early donations in the 2014 / 15 year, we can expect our money to gain the **generous \$2 for \$1 subsidy from the Gates Foundation. That changes \$1500 to \$4500.** Now to me, this is a very **good return on our dollar.**

I am heartened with the response from Clubs that have already made this payment or committed to this payment at this early stage of the year.



## SOLES4SOULS Julie Campbell – District Governor’s Partner Project



During this 2014-2015 year, as the District Governor’s partner, I will be supporting Soles4Souls <http://soles4souls.com.au> and I hope to involve all clubs in this shoe collection project when I visit.

Soles4Souls collects gently used or new shoes for children, men and women in need, both in Australia and abroad, who are disadvantaged because they do not own shoes or have inadequate footwear.

On our official visit to clubs I am requesting that Rotarians bring along shoes (business / casual / sandals / sports / walking/ thongs – no heels higher than 2 inches and no ugg boots) plus a gold coin donation for each pair. I will provide a collection bag and a collection jar and take the shoes with me.

This I believe is a great project for you to involve your families, work mates and wider community

My aim this year is to collect 8,500 pairs of shoes which together with an equivalent number of gold coins for each pair will enable Rotary to fully fund a shipping container of shoes to Tanzania.

I thank the Rotary Clubs of Adelaide, Clare, Port Lincoln, Port Pirie and Salisbury for their enthusiastic uptake of this project and generous donations to date. Port Pirie Club even donated their weekly fines for the month of July to this cause.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any more information and I look forward to meeting many more Rotarians during our August club visits.

### ASSISTANT GOVERNOR Group 1 Rotary Clubs –Angus Tuck

Our District comprises 10 Groups, each headed by an Assistant Governor. As we seek to share Club experiences with the District, in this issue Group 1 is introduced.



Group 1 Assistant Governor is Rotary Club of Adelaide Light Past President Angus Tuck. Group 1 comprises the CBD Rotary clubs of Adelaide, Adelaide Light, Adelaide Parks, Adelaide South and Adelaide West. The Clubs in Group 1 comprise Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner meetings. We also greatly value the participation the Adelaide City Rotaract Club, under the sponsorship of the RC Adelaide Light, in Group 1 meetings and activities.

Last year our quarterly dinner meetings continued at the Hackney Hotel in a great spirit of cooperation and focussed on the sharing of ideas and ways in which our clubs could work together. Our clubs shared participation in a number of community and international projects.

I greatly enjoyed working with PDG Barbara Wheatcroft last year and am very much looking forward to assisting DG John this year. We have, in addition to the ongoing projects, some exciting new prospects already being talked about such the Virtual War Memorial - please use this link to learn more: <http://www.rslvirtualwarmemorial.org.au/> ) proposed by the Rotary Club of Adelaide, and the Rotary Auto Alley Clipsal 500 proposed by Rotary Club of Adelaide West. Our first meeting was on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014.

### DISTRICT CONFERENCE 26 – 29 March 2015

The District Conference program is further developing by the day and we are very encouraged by the registrations to date. The program includes a variety of leading speakers on topics to appeal to Rotarians of all ages. Port Lincoln is an ideal destination to attract visitors for this conference and provides a variety of accommodation and attractions. For more conference details. Please use the following link:

<http://www.rotary9500in2015.com.au/>



## AUGUST IS ROTARY MEMBERSHIP MONTH

August is Rotary Membership Month and members are encouraged to promote club membership in their social networks and with their contacts.

This is a time to reflect on who we are, as Rotarians, and this is well described in the Rotary International Strategic Plan.

### WE ARE LEADERS WHO ACT RESPONSIBLY TO TAKE ACTION TO TACKLE SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST PRESSING CHALLENGES.

May I suggest that you also review **RI President Gary Huang's Membership Video Message** (<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/president-gary-ck-huang%E2%80%99s-ambitious-13-million-membership-goal>) to remind you of the importance of maintaining a strong and active club.

Your Club activities can be easily promoted using District 9500's Rotary web page - <http://www.timeforrotary.org/>

Contact our Public Image Chair – Bill Marles – at [bill.marles@katron.com.au](mailto:bill.marles@katron.com.au) for assistance.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Steve Bastian	Golden Grove
Jose Fereross	Playford
Rowan Foley	Stuart Alice Springs
Neil Gentle	Roxby District
Jeff Jones	Pt Augusta
Sangpien Odorcic	Golden Grove

## WELCOME TO PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Frits van Emden	
Martin Brocklesby	Sapphire
Denise Brooks	
Graham Bull	Sapphire
Cathy Cameron	
Peter Chapman	
Brian Condon	Major Donor
Bob Congdon	
David Egan	Sapphire
Alan Ferguson	
Alan Hedges	Sapphire
Ian Howlett	
Richard Jarrett	Sapphire
Tony Kelly	
Gary Lewis	
John Lillicrapp	Sapphire
James Maitland	
Barry Noble	Sapphire
Graeme Pulford	
Rosemary Pulford	
Steve Redfern	Sapphire
Margaret Sargent	
George Sinclair	PH Society
Barrie Smith	Sapphire
Wes Southgate	
Robert Thomas	
Lois Webster	
Allan Wilson	Sapphire

## INDUCTION VIA TELEPHONE

On 16<sup>th</sup> July, District 9500 District Governor John Campbell was invited to induct the new President of Adelaide Parks.

The evening was always going to be something different as the outgoing President – Keith Pearson was unable to return from the FIFA World Cup on time.

But when John arrived at the meeting, he was informed that the Incoming President – PDG Geoff Schahinger – would also not be present as he had been hospitalised earlier.

With some quick thinking a large photo of Geoff was placed on a table, PDG Eric Russell arranged for a phone link up with Geoff in his hospital bed, and to the amazement of those present at the venue, the first Induction via telephone for District 9500 went ahead.



Occasionally Geoff's photo was moved in a nodding motion to indicate that he was listening, agreeing and taking part in the ceremony, and then with a request from DG John that Geoff respond with a simple "I Do," the deal was sealed for the Induction and John placed the Collar of Office on the photo of the new President of Adelaide Parks – PDG Geoff Schahinger.

**A most memorable night!**

