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FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

April saw the commencement of the Training programs for the 2015 / 2016 Rotary Year. The first was the **Presidents Elect Training Seminar and District Training Assembly** weekend held at St Michael's College at Henley Beach on 11 and 12 April. A highlight of the 2 day seminar was the presentations by Past President Alma Reynolds of the Rotary Club of Doncaster speaking specifically on Vibrant Clubs. Alma spoke on this same topic at the Rotary International Convention in Sydney last June. We were indeed fortunate to have Alma visit D9500 and share her experiences with our Future leaders.

The second Presidents Elect Training and District Training Assembly was held the following weekend in Port Augusta for the mid north, north and west coast Clubs.

The third Presidents Elect Training and District Training Assembly will be held in Alice Springs on 16 May.

The **Rotaract Training Assembly** was held at Thebarton Senior College on 3 May for their 2015/2016 leaders with representatives from the 4 D9500 Rotaract Clubs and the 2 D9520 Rotaract Clubs.

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DG John Campbell,
PDG Marie
Dorrington and
DGE Doug Layng
presenting at
Presidents Elect
Training Seminars



Register for the 2015 São Paulo Convention

MAY IS AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH MONTH

Supporting healthier minds, bodies and communities through research, awareness and education is the Statement for Australian Rotary Health.

The Australian Rotary Health mission is to create better health for all Australians through improved education and advancements in knowledge through medical research. They support excellence in research in an effort to provide both preventative and curative solutions for a broad range of health conditions.

The Australian Rotary Health vision is to be a catalyst for projects that improve the quality of life for people who are least able to assist themselves.

Australian Rotary Health provides funding into four focus areas, and promotes findings to the community:

1. Mental Health Research

Since the year 2000, Australian Rotary Health has focused its funding on mental health research. In 2012 this focus narrowed to the Mental Health of Young Australians, and in 2013 research projects focussing on the Prevention of Mental Health Disorders were included.

There are three ways we fund mental health research:

- Mental Health Research Grants
- Ian Scott PhD Scholarships
- Postdoctoral Fellowships

2. General Health Research

Australian Rotary Health engages with a variety of funding partners to provide Research Grants and PhD Scholarships. These projects encompass a broad range of general health areas including cancer, heart disease, children's health, motor neuron disease, diabetes and more.

There are two ways we fund general health research:

- Funding Partner PhD Scholarships
- Research Companion PhD Scholarships

3. Indigenous Health Scholarships

These Scholarships support Indigenous students to undertake tertiary training in nursing, physiotherapy, psychology, dentistry and other health related degrees at university. These scholarships help Indigenous students to overcome barriers to tertiary study and qualification.

4. Rural Medical & Nursing Scholarships

Australian Rotary Health provides scholarships for medical and nursing students to undertake placements at a rural and remote health care service. Students experience what these facilities have to offer and provide an incentive for recipients to pursue a career in rural Australia upon graduation.

Friday October 9, 2015 is Hat Day!



...the national fundraising day where you wear a hat and make a donation to help shine a light on mental illness in Australia. 100% of proceeds go to funding research into helping those affected by depression, anxiety, schizophrenia and many other illnesses.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAM

A Dental focused Vocational Training Team has been selected.

This Vocational Training Team project is very important to the people in Vanuatu, as it will support the oral health of adults and children through curative and educative work in Port Vila and surrounds. The Team is very excited at the prospect of making a real difference in Vanuatu, especially after the devastation of Cyclone Pam.

The VT Team will depart Adelaide on June 13th to visit the Port Vila and surrounding area for 15 days. They will work in clinics, schools and communities to undertake curative and educative dental and oral health care. They will need to take much of their own resources with them to complete their work.

The **Team Leader** is **Dr. Viv Valladares**, *a member of the Rotary Club of Elizabeth.*

She will lead a **team consisting of:**

- **Dr. Agnetha Valladares**
- **Dr. Susan Clift**
- **Michelle Hogg:** *Dental Hygienist/Therapist*
- **Alicia Colombet:** *Dental Assistant*

The Dental focused Vocational Training Team is now eagerly awaiting their opportunity to volunteer in Vanuatu.

We wish the Team all the very best with their volunteer work and look forward to hearing from them upon their return.

JULIE'S CORNER



ONLY 938 pairs of new or gently used shoes are required to reach the goal of 8,500 pairs of shoes collected by Rotary District 9500 in the 2014/15 year for Soles4Souls.

ONLY \$3,076.50 to reach the goal of \$8,500 donated by Rotary District 9500 in the 2014/15 year to Soles4Souls.

When I presented my partner's project Soles4Souls to clubs, I never imagined that it would be greeted with so much enthusiasm and support, or that the goal of 8,500 shoes and \$8,500 would be remotely attainable and now with two months to go, it is so exciting to realise it is really possible!



I am therefore requesting ONE MORE HUGE DRIVE (less than 1 pair of shoes and \$2 per Rotarian) from each club in the month of May. Please organise a collection in your club. I can arrange to pick up shoes from any location.

Shoes and funds can make a positive difference to the lives of others both in Australia and around the world. For example, for every \$50 raised you support the redistribution of 25 pairs of shoes, \$500 supports the redistribution of \$250 pairs of shoes and \$1,000 supports the redistribution of 500 pairs.

In 2015, thanks to the wonderful community who support Soles4Souls:

- 1,500 pairs of shoes were sent to the people of Vanuatu in April following the cyclone.
- 100 pairs of boots gifted to the Australian Refugee Association
- Through Northern Domestic Violence Society in Adelaide, footwear has been provided to women and children in emergency accommodation

Thank you for your support, but I want more in May and June

I was so proud to see Dalice Kennedy presented with a Paul Harris Fellow at the District 9500 Conference for her outstanding leadership of Soles4Souls



Paul Harris Fellow Presentation to Dalice Kennedy – CEO of Souls4Soles and member of the RC of Adelaide Light

ROMAC - ROTARY OCEANA MEDICAL AID FOR CHILDREN

ROMAC MISSION STATEMENT

To provide medical treatment for children from developing countries in the form of life-saving and/or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country.

ROMAC's OBJECTIVES

- To provide hope where there is no hope
- To restore dignity to human life
- To save or transform the lives of children from developing countries.
- To provide the best possible medical and surgical expertise.

ROMAC was formed by concerned Rotarians in 1987 and is a program of all the districts of Australia and New Zealand and Rotarians continue to volunteer their time and expertise to run this great program. ROMAC is assisted by many eminent Australian and New Zealand surgeons who usually generously donate their time for the treatment of the ROMAC patients. This humanitarian program has provided over 400 children from more than 20 developing countries in the Oceania region with urgent medical treatment that has saved their lives or given them new hope for a better life.

ROMAC has a Board of five members, plus an operations committee, which includes the Board members and eight other Rotarians responsible for operational activity. For ease of management, Australia and New Zealand is divided into six regions – each with a regional committee which includes representatives from each of the Rotary districts in their region. District 9500 and 9520 is Central Region and is chaired by PDG Alun Hughes (District 9500).

The most recent patients in the Central Region have come from Timor Leste and have been hosted by the Rotary Clubs of Hallett Cove and Burnside. These have been treated in the Adelaide Women and Children's Hospital (AWCH). A 4 year old boy was operated on by surgeons for 7 hours to remove a cancerous tumour from his kidney that saved his life, another boy also from Timor Leste, was treated in the AWCH cranial facial unit. There are many more whose lives have been saved across Australia and New Zealand by heart surgery, from a life of misery due to severe burns and many other ailments.

Central Region's next patient will be arriving in July for treatment in the Memorial Hospital and we are seeking a host Rotary Club and family.



Rocelyn on arrival in Australia



Rey on arrival in Australia



Matthew had a heart issue
he could drop dead at



Going home



Going home



Look at my Zio

How can you help? Make a personal donation. Get your business or Rotary Club to make a donation or hold a fund raising event. Become a host Rotary Club and a host family. Arrange a guest speaker to come to your club. Contact

PDG Alun Hughes on alunhughes@bigpond.com

DISTRICT 9500 CONFERENCE AT PORT LINCOLN



What has the District 9500 Conference in Pt Lincoln and Membership development got in common?

As it turns out – A lot!

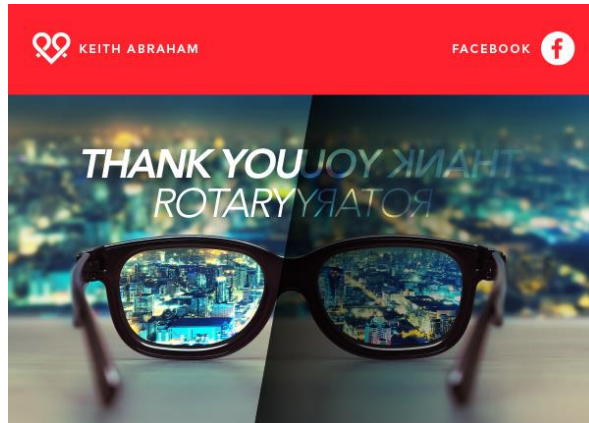
Inspiring speakers, great camaraderie, learning more about Rotary, rekindling enthusiasm to be Rotarians to list just a few.

I often speak about having an elevator speech ready for when someone asks you **'What is Rotary.'**

Well, here is a fantastic message / elevator speech for every Rotarian to use whether you attended the Conference or not.

I recently received the message on the right hand side of this page from Keith Abraham who was the Key Note speaker at the recent Rotary Conference in Port Lincoln.

I ask that you distribute this email from Keith Abraham to your family, friends, associates, your social network groups and **tell them about Rotary and invite them to visit your Club and invite them to be a Rotarian.** I have written a preface to Keith's message that you may also like to use.



If you have read my book or heard me speak, you will know that my personal development journey started when I was invited to attend a Rotary Leadership Program called RYLA. It is one of their youth development programs that has been going for over 50 years for 18 to 28 year olds. Well, 30 years ago I attended my first RYLA as an awardee and over the past 30 years I have been so appreciative that someone believed in me more than I did and provided me with that opportunity.

Over the last 29 years I have been going back almost every year to present a two hour workshop on goal setting, only missing 2 years due to my travels or flooding.

If you have ever watched the movie Sliding Doors, with Gwyneth Paltrow, the story is based on showing two parallels of a life. What if I chose to take this action rather than pursue another path, what would have happened? For me I wouldn't be writing this blog, I would not have written the books I have written, I would never have joined Rotaract or moved to Brisbane, met my loving wife, have two beautiful daughters etc, etc.

If you are not familiar with Rotary, they have an award named after the founder of Rotary International, Paul Harris. To give this award to someone a Club or Rotary District must make a donation of US\$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation, which has been responsible for so many great achievements and virtually ridding the world of polio. In 1990 I was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Broadwater Southport for my contribution to Rotaract.

A couple of weekends ago I spoke to 350 Rotarians from District 9500—which is all of South Australia and part of the Northern Territory—where to my surprise I was awarded another Paul Harris Fellow for the work I do for RYLA. I need to say it is quite unique to receive one award if you are not a Rotarian, which I am not, but to receive two is beyond belief.

Now enough about me, I wanted to share my heart-felt gratitude to Rotary for not only the work they do but the impact they had on my life. I encourage you to go along to a Rotary meeting. Their motto is ... Service Above Self. But there is so much more to Rotary than community service. There will be a club near you that either meet for breakfast, lunch or dinner and I know you are busy, however, the time you give will come back to you tenfold.

If you are aged 18 to 28 get yourself on RYLA, or if your children are this age encourage them to attend - it will be life changing and you will make friends that will stand the test of time.

I am so grateful for all that Rotary has done for me and for this prestigious award, it should be me who is giving the gifts to you.

Thank you Rotary International!

#LivePassionately

Keith Abraham CSP

Founder of Passionate Performance Inc.

KeithAbraham.com

CONFERENCE IN PT LINCOLN AND MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT *continued*

Keith's message is a sincere thank you to Rotary for the Youth Program – RYLA – that changed his life as a young man.

Keith's message is a huge endorsement for Rotary, our program's and reasons people should investigate Rotary and join Rotary.

Keith Abraham placed this email on his blog - it has reached is clients, friends, associates, family members far and wide - imagine the reach. **Publicity like with real stories this does not knock on our door often, so I encourage you to distribute this message to your network urgently whilst the News is new.** Keith's message is answering most questions about 'What is Rotary?'

Let us use this unsolicited endorsement saying what Rotary did for him, and what Rotary can do for others by participating to our advantage.

When you are talking to your friends in your network and inviting them to become a Rotarian, don't forget to also mention the new **Rotary E-Club of Greater South Oz** that was launched at the Conference.

An E-Club allows people who, because of their busy schedule or Distance to Club meetings is just too far, to join Rotary but be a Rotarian via the Internet Club at a time that suits them.

The following are 2 prefaces to Keith's message that you may like to add to Keith's message when emailing to your network.

Preface 1

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*Here is what one speaker, **Keith Abraham** (a business Consultant who is acknowledged as one of the top 7% Professional Speakers who spoke about Passion in our Lives) said in his blog about Rotary, the effect it has had on him on his life, and why you should look at the Rotary Programs and consider Rotary membership yourself.*

I will be proud to invite you to my Rotary Club and talk about the Youth Programs that Keith describes.

OR Preface 2

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I trust this is message from Keith Abraham is an easy to use approach to your network of friends.

Good Luck and do let me know of your successes.

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS VIDEOS

If you were unable to attend the Conference, highlights of the Speakers presentations can be viewed from the District 9500 Website for a limited time. I trust you will enjoy the speaker presentations as I have received many acknowledgements for the range and quality of presentations. The success of the Conference really did '**Light Up Rotary**', so keep the lights burning.

We thank the Speakers for allowing this access.

My personal thanks to Rotarian Graham Fussen for editing the presentations for your enjoyment and benefit.

CONFERENCE PHOTO ALBUM

A photo album of the Conference has been prepared and can also be viewed at the District 9500 Website.

NEW PULL UP BANNERS AT THE CONFERENCE



As mentioned in the Weekly District Dispatch since the conference, the art work for these banners can be downloaded for Club use.

ROTARY YOUTH PROGRAM OF ENRICHMENT (RYPEN)



I am Susan Clift and have recently stepped into the role of RYLA/RYPEN District Chair I am pleased to report that our first event RYPEN was a terrific success with much positive feedback from those in attendance. My experience with Rotary has grown from a 19 year old awardee at RYLA seven years ago to a Rotarian and Chair of the programs I love. I feel very grateful for the terrific opportunities Rotary has offered me and am excited for your Clubs to give to other young people the life changing experiences I had.

Our District recently held the annual Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) on the 10-12 April at Nunyara Conference Centre in Belair. Twenty two Rotary Clubs from District 9500 sponsored a diverse group of forty two 14-17 year old awardees to come together for a great weekend of growth, learning and FUN. A huge thank you to these Clubs! Please consider inviting your awardee to a Club meeting.

The youth team leaders on the program are past RYLA awardees and were led by Coordinator Katey Halliday (Rotaract Club of Adelaide City) and assisted by 'Camp Parents' Steve McLachlan (Rotary Club of Gawler and District Youth Director) and his wife Julie. Whilst at RYPEN the awardees heard from some terrific guest speakers on topics including self belief, working in teams and conflict resolution. A highlight was from Neil Davis of the Sammy D Foundation who

delivered an emotional presentation about partying safe and looking after your friends.

Some feedback from the awardees:

- The weekend was awesome, I wasn't sure what to expect and I was actually trying to think of excuses not to come but I'm so happy I came. It was so much fun!*
- I enjoyed coming here and learning how to laugh and smile again. It has brought lot of hope back into my life.*
- RYPEN has been an incredible experience coming here not knowing anyone and feeling so included and in such a supportive environment. Keep it up!*
- I had the best three days of the whole year. I would like to say thank you to Rotary*
- A really great organisation. I would love for more people to have the same experience. I have never been to such a multicultural event and I loved it.*



A reminder for all Clubs that **RYLA** (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is approaching in July 2015. More information is here: <http://www.rotaryyouth9500.org.au/ryla/>

If you know a young adult with leadership potential encourage your Club to link them to your Club and sponsor their attendance (\$650).

Treasurers please be aware that due to District clashes RYLA 2016 will be held in April 2016 (2 RYLA seminars in 1 Rotary year so please budget accordingly). For any enquiries please contact Chair Susan Clift - cliftsusan@gmail.com

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE



The whole world has been shocked by the degree of devastation caused by the Nepal earthquake on 25th April. The extent of survivor's misery and misfortune is just beginning to be unveiled. **Rotary Australia World Community Service** (ie RAWCS) has 35 varied and ongoing projects there which include orphanages, community health assistance (sanitation, water, education etc), dental schools, eye camps, and agri business development.

Reports from the Project manager are only just becoming available from Rotarians who were (and still are) there, and from those about to return. All need urgent funds only at this stage. All have dedicated Donation links to their projects on the www.rawcs.org.au website – if you search under 'Country' you will find them.

RAWCS has also established a project Number (Funds Only) to spread between them or to the most urgent. The No is 75/2015-15 and the link is <https://donations.rawcs.com.au/Default.aspx?ProjectID=865> All monies are tax deductible and will be sent to the R/C of Hetauda.



RAWCS - Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd

There are many projects receiving funding through RAWCS.

Also check Shelterbox site.



RAWCS - Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd

Nepal Earthquake Disaster

Note that the five RAWCS Projects teams currently working in Nepal are all OK.

A disaster fund to allow individuals and Rotary Clubs to make tax deductible donations to aid recovery efforts in Nepal. Rotary can and will be involved in the medium to long term recovery effort and that is what this RAWCS fundraising project will be committed to working with the Rotary Club of Hetauda, District 3992 Nepal.

[Donate to the Nepal Disaster via this link](#)



Vanuatu Cyclone Pam Disaster

RAWCS has setup a disaster fund in to allow individuals and Rotary Clubs to make tax deductible donations to aid recovery efforts in Vanuatu. Rotary Districts around Australia have combined forces to establish and support this project which will aid recovery efforts in Vanuatu.

We will be supporting local people rebuilding their lives and communities.

[Donate to Vanuatu Disaster via this link](#)



Please note that RAWCS DOES NOT charge the 3% service fee on donations towards declared disasters.

The projects listed below have indicated they are responding to earthquake damage and repairs and have links to Rotary Clubs in Nepal.

	Local Rotary Club	Nepal Club
66 2007- 08	To fund reconstruction of community facilities after the recent earth quake. To support Nepali teams to build toilets & waste disposal systems (both biogas & septic) in very poor villages & in schools. To provide school & village dental care & hygiene. Contact Rtn Sandra Meihubers sm495@ozemail.com.au	Rotary Club of Dee Why Warringah , District 9685 Rotary Club of Dhulikhel Donate Now
52 2008- 09	To fund reconstruction of community facilities after the recent earth quake. To upgrade Dharapani Lower Secondary School which provides services for a number of the surrounding Villages, drawing students from Bhairabi and the two other schools Contact Rtn Richard Jackson rjackson@jacksonassociates.com.au	Rotary Club of Wahroonga , District 9685 Rotary Club of Mount Everest Donate Now
75 2014- 15	To raise funds to be sent to the Rotary Club of Hetauda, D3292 Nepal to assist in rebuilding after the recent earthquake. District 9830 Contact PDG Bruce Buxton bbuxton482@bigpond.com	Rotary Club of Hetauda Donate Now
78- 2014- 15	To raise funds to be sent to the Rotary Club of Dhulikhel, D3292 Nepal to be used for humanitarian aid and to assist in repairing community facilities throughout the Kavre & adjoining Districts. Contact PP Ron Marcus rmarcus@ozemail.com.au	Rotary Club of Castle Hill , District 9685 Rotary Club of Dhulikhel Donate Now
25 2012- 13	To build a school attached to the Nepal Dalit Women Upliftment Centre Orphanage that currently has 100 children, Gofutar, Nepal Manager PP Malcolm Lindquist (H) (M) Email: malantindquist@bigpond.com Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek , District 9520	The Rotary Club of and Dillibazar Donate Now

This list is from the RAWCS site. I know many Clubs in D9500 have close associations with Nepal and projects there and this list is not meant to dismiss nor demish their value.



SHELTER BOX - NEPAL

Assessment teams are currently in Nepal, they will advise exactly what it required. The team is finalising options for consignees for aid, clearing custom certificates and liaising with other agencies.