



District 9820 eBulletin

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District Events

Alumni Registration - GSE & Youth Exchange Nov 04, 2013 - Jun 30, 2014
Australian Rotary Health Month May 01, 2014 - May 31, 2014
Rotary International Convention - Sydney Jun 01, 2014 - Jun 04, 2014
Rotary Fellowship Month Jun 01, 2014 - Jun 30, 2014
District 9820 GSE Team arrives home. Jun 04, 2014
Queen's Birthday Jun 09, 2014
Welcome Home Dinner for District 9820 GSE Team. Jun 11, 2014
District Leadership Meeting, Council of Governors Jun 15, 2014
District Finance Committee Meeting Jun 15, 2014
School Term 2 Ends Jun 27, 2014
District 9820 Changeover Jun 29, 2014

from DG Tim

Our District has over 140 Rotarians and partners off to the **2014 Rotary International Sydney Convention in Sydney**. We are looking forward to meeting many of our district members at this once in a life time opportunity in Sydney this 1-4 June - helping bringing the total world wide attendance in excess of 19000!

After our District conference many clubs have asked for a copy of some our guest's presentations. Thanks to the work of David Button (the mysterious) we now have **the finished videos on USB stick of our District Conference** with Holly Ransom, Tom Thorfinson and the Mercy Ships presentations - plus our magician Jonathan Usher! Please email me if you are interested in a copy.

Congratulations to Vocational Service Awardee, Kathleen Kneebone of the Rotary Club of Morwell, a real honour for all of her work in our District for the Shine On Awards over many years.

May I also take this opportunity to thanks all of the Clubs and Rotarians that have made this year a fantastic experience for Jane and I. We feel we have made many friends, old and new and have especially enjoyed working with our clubs, learning of their projects and achieving their goals. I must especially thank the District Leadership team - the Assistant Governors, District Chairs and Advisors for their efforts in making this year a success. I must thank our District Secretary Adrian Froggatt and Byron Groves District Treasurer for their tireless efforts in managing this district administratively and financially plus the great support I have received from the Past Governors and, of course, our DGE Charlie Speirs and Janne, DGN Merv Williams and Chris and our newly appointed DGEND Lyn Westland and Trevor - I feel our District is in great hands in the years to come.

I really feel that this year, together, we have Engaged Rotary and Changed Lives!

June Rotary Fellowships Month,

There are many extensive activities of the Rotary Fellowships. You may find that your profession, business or industry area has already established a Fellowship. ! Pastimes, hobbies and sports are made just that much more interesting if you can be involved in an international group.

Enjoy your month of Rotary service,

DG Tim and Jane

Welcome our latest members to District 9820 in April.

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Maffra with the inductions of Edward Alvares, George Duursema, Veronica and Stephen Dwyer, Simon Kelton from Rotary Club of Drouin, Megan Crouch of Phillip Island San Remo, Susan Marsh of Moe, Penny Sayer of Frankston Long-Island, Michael West of the Rotary Club of Leongatha, Trish Anderson from Frankston and Peter Van Oever to the Rotary Club of Orbost and Beverley Unitt to Frankston North. Welcome to our District!

More news, it was a pleasure to help induct 2 new members to the Rotaract Club of Peninsula recently - welcome to Alexandra Lang and Mitchell Bleeker.

News Flash, a personal welcome to our newest Rotarian - Jane Moore joins the Rotary Club of Berwick.

Use of Foundation Funds

As promised last month the following are the details of activities by your District Rotary Foundation committee for this Rotary year.

Each year we receive funds from Foundation amounting to 50% of our district's giving to The Annual Programmes Fund three years prior. In 2010/2011 we gave \$151,526 therefore we were allocated \$75,763 plus \$3,492 (earnings from the Endowment Fund)

We were able to claim \$39,032 for our Block Grant, from this we paid for our GSE team to travel to Ohio and represent our District Governor, District 9820 and our country. The cost of this project was \$10,473.

This left us with a balance of \$28,559, which was used to fund District Grants, for local projects, to 20 clubs that had applied. Unfortunately a small number of clubs were unable to complete their project within the Rotary year and these funds will be used to assist Rotary's Centenary House in their operations.

Other funds that are credited to our District sit in an account named District Designated Fund (DDF). These funds are used by your District to assist clubs in funding their applications for Global Grants. We have used these funds as much as possible, as we get a dollar for dollar match from Foundation for DDF funds, where club funds are only matched 50 cents for each dollar. We have encouraged clubs to contribute to the Annual Programmes Fund and have used DDF. In three years time 50% of the funds clubs give will come back to the District.

What happens to the other half of our giving from 3 years ago?

These funds are used to match giving by clubs and Districts for Global Grants and to make a difference throughout the world promoting world peace and understanding. A good deal of these funds are credited back to projects undertaken as Global Grants.

District Designate Fund (DDF)

The following is a summary of the use of DDF this year:

Carried forward from 2012/2013	\$69,529
Funds from 2010/2011	\$40,223
Polio Plus	\$10,000
Tonga Global Grant	\$24,955
(Gardens, fencing and self reliance)	
India Global Grant (eye care)	\$ 7,500
RAM Global Grant (pending)	\$10,000
Mosquito nets for Timor Leste	
Timor Leste Global Grant (Pending Approval)	\$18,335
Sanitation	
*Funds for Scholarship	\$10,000
**DDF Balance as at 25 May 2013	\$28,962

*DG Tim; DGE Charlie & DGN Merv have each agreed to put aside \$10,000 a year for the next three years to fund a scholarship.

** This balance will be carried forward to 2014/2015 to which will be added 50% of the giving for 2012/2013

The Rotary Foundation has matched our grants to the tune of \$32,455 and we are awaiting approval for a further \$28,335 and will receive a match of \$10,000 for our scholarship fund. This means that our district will be the recipient of \$70,790 for Global Grant matches and, add to this the \$79,255 we received in our allocation from Foundation, we have achieved a total of \$150,045 back after giving \$151,526 in 2011/2012.

Fully Audited accounts will be available prior to the Rotary Foundation Seminar in November.

Clubs are to be congratulated for their past and future support of The **(YOUR)** Rotary Foundation. Your generosity has enabled support for local and international project that do make a difference.

PDG Ray Martin

District 9820 Rotary Foundation Chairman.



IMPORTANT ADVISORY for Australian, NZ and Pacific Island Districts!

Collections for Zone 7B and 8 Regional Magazine Subscriptions to Commence on July 2014 SAR Starting with the July 2014 Semi Annual Dues Invoice, Rotary International will be collecting subscription fees in behalf of the Regional Rotary Magazine, Rotary Down Under. This is on a pilot basis only through to July 2015.

As per Rotary International Bylaws Article 20.030.1 on Required Subscription: Each member of a club not located in the United States or Canada and each member of an e-club shall become a paid subscriber to the official magazine of RI to or a Rotary magazine

approved and prescribed for that club by the board. Two Rotarians residing at the same address have the option to subscribe jointly to the official magazine. The members shall maintain such subscriptions for the duration of their membership. Each member shall have the option to choose to receive either a printed copy by mail or an electronic copy via the internet where available.

Simply stated, Rotarians in Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands have the option of either subscribing to the International Rotary Magazine, The Rotarian which is priced at USD12 per member persemester or Rotary Down Under magazine.

For Australian clubs, the 10% Goods and Services Tax (GST) will be applied to the total outstanding amount and will be remitted by RI to the Australian Taxation Office.

Please make cheques payable to Rotary International and post together with the SAR worksheet for the Semi Annual Report Invoice to: P.O. Box 1415 Parramatta, NSW 2124 Australia. Please continue to use RDU's database to update subscription records. To ensure that your subscription information is updated and invoiced accurately in the July 2014 SAR, please update your member subscription with RDU by 26 May 2014. Beyond this date, whatever quantity showing on the invoice will be due and cannot be adjusted.

If you have any queries regarding Rotary Down Under subscriptions, please contact RDU directly. RI does not have any information on subscriptions except for the quantity to bill for each club.

For queries on Semi-Annual Dues, membership adjustments or exchange rates, contact Sally Furto, Finance Coordinator at Sally.Furto@rotary.org or Grace Ramirez, Finance Manager at Grace.Ramirez@rotary.org at the South Pacific and Philippines Office of Rotary International with contact number (02) 88949800.

District 9820 GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM to Ohio

Our team is really enjoying District 6600 in Ohio!



Follow their travels on Facebook (you don't have to be a member to use) or type this link into your browser address bar.

www.facebook.com/rotary9820gse2014

Diary Date - Welcome Home Dinner!

We invite you and your club members to the welcome home dinner for our **Group Study Exchange D9820 Team returning from D6600, Ohio** hosted by the Rotary Club of Berwick.

Date: Wednesday 11 June, 2014

Time: 6:30pm for 7 pm start.

Location: Beaconsfield Football Club, Holm Park Reserve, Beaconsfield-Emerald Road, Beaconsfield

Cost: \$30

Please Fred Edwards Email: attendance@rotaryberwick.org

Jeff Smallacombe, GSE D9820 Chair

District 9820 MODEL UNITED NATIONS ASSEMBLY

On the weekend of 2nd -4th May the Rotary Club of Traralgon with assistance from the Rotary Club of Casey and other Rotarians & Rotaractors held the 2014 MUNA at Forrest Edge Neerim East.

26 delegations representing member countries of the UN made up of 52 year 10 or 11 students from 22 Secondary Colleges took part. They were sponsored by 22 clubs from our district.

Sergeant Rod Gardner from Dandenong Police District in charge of multi culture assimilation spoke to the delegates about Police work in this area. A number of Rotarians, parents and teachers visited during the weekend and watched the debating. District Governor Tim and Jane also visited and District Governor Tim presented the students with their certificates of participation and awards.

Seven current United Nations Assembly resolutions were debated by our students. These were: (1) Taking action against gender-related killing of women and girls, (2) Women in development (3) Standard minimum rules for the treatment of prisoners (4) Situation of Human Rights in the Syrian Arab Republic (4) Second United Nations decade for the eradication of poverty (6) protection of Human Rights and fundamental Freedoms while countering terrorism (7) The right of self-determination to the people of Crimea without outside interference. All Resolutions were vigorously debated and passed.

John Caruana PP

District 9820 MUNA Chair



DISTRICT 9820 CHANGEOVER

DG Tim and Jane with DGE Charlie and Janne invite you to

PREMIER FUNCTION CENTRE,

29 GREY ST, TRARALGON

ON SUNDAY 29TH JUNE 2014

AT 12.00 PM FOR A 12.30 PM START

COST \$40 PER HEAD, which will include pre-lunch savories,

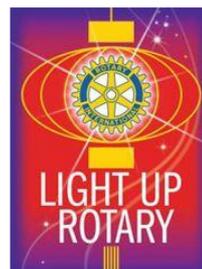
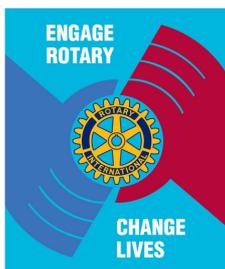
2 course meal, a free drink (then at bar prices), tea/coffee

PLEASE RSVP TO SECRETARY 2014 – 15 IAN KEITH

AT igk9820@gmail.com

BY MONDAY 23RD JUNE, 2014

(AND ADVISE OF ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS)



Computers in Cambodia – A Successful Matching Grant project



"These kids need access to computers – but how can we help?" pondered Stevie, whilst in the midst of helping to build a Secondary School extension in Cambodia. Sponsorship for a 70 km walk around Phillip Island amassed a good sum of money and then came the idea to apply for a Matching Grant.

Stevie's Club Phillip Island & San Remo gained support of Wonthaggi, Koo Wee Rup/Lang Lang and Phnom Penh Rotary Clubs and with \$22,000 provided through DDF and TRF the project was achievable.

Things moved quickly following TRF approval and 17 solar powered computers, printer, projector, teacher desk and office furniture as well as students desks and chairs were delivered to the school. The obstacle of no electricity in the village had been overcome.

Fortuitously, Stevie along with local Gippsland Organisation "Brynsschool", was chaperoning an alternative schoolies group to Cambodia which became a RAWCS Project. How very fortunate! The group of very savvy computer experts introduced the eager Cambodian children to their new Computer Centre.

The grant provided for 2 years internet service but the service available was inadequate. The hiccup was overcome by the installation of poles to carry 5 – 6 kms of fibre optic cable. Problem solved!!

Stevie's Club will fund a computer teacher for 2 years and this person will also train existing school teachers so the whole school will be learning computer education.

Stevie O'Reilly, a Rotarian with vision, compassion, energy and enthusiasm will be on site to follow up next year.

Mental Health Forum

Australian Rotary Health and co-sponsored by the shire and a number of other local groups will host a public information forum to discuss preventative strategies in relation to Mental Health.

Various groups have been targeted to attend.

The aims of the forum are

- To improve mental health and knowledge about preventative activities.
- To enhance health and wellbeing in the community
- To decrease the incidence of mental health problems in the community.

The forum will be held on Wed 25th June, from 6:30-9:30 at Mornington Secondary College, Performing Arts Centre. Healthy refreshments will be served.

The forum will feature short addresses by three outstanding speakers Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, Professor Jane Fisher and Associate Professor Felice Jacka. A short Q & A session will be included.



The E-Club of Latitude 38 is meeting!

As mentioned, the E Club of Latitude 38.0 has been provisionally chartered and is now seeking members or people interested in learning more.

Visit our new site at <http://www.eclublatitude38.org/>

Join us for an electronic meeting (best results are with headset and reasonable internet speeds)

Email us at info@eclublatitude38.org to receive the details of our next meeting and information on how to connect using Go To Meeting.

Traveling north for winter - why not do an E Club makeup?

The e-club will reflect the personality of the region but not be limited to members from Gippsland, the Peninsula, Eastern Melbourne or the Bass Coast...we are thinking big! Members of this new club will be from all walks of life and from anywhere in the world. They will be encouraged to visit your club and to support your club projects– this is engaging people with Rotary in action.



RYPEN - Youth Project of enrichment

The Rotary Club of Pakenham thanks all clubs for their involvement, you know its a great program when you get these type of comments.

"My daughter attended the RYPEN camp last weekend and had a wonderful time. I wanted to thank you and the Pakenham Rotary for undertaking this challenge. Ginny came home inspired by your speakers and keen to participate in more leadership opportunities. This is unusual for her as she likes conformity and not standing out. Over the course of the weekend she learned that there are times for conformity and times for speaking up.

Your club has definitely contributed to her personal and intellectual development in a very positive way. The friends she made at camp are people she would not have ordinarily met and the group is planning an outing over the holidays, if possible.

Thank for for investing your time in my daughter,"



Matching Grant for Disadvantaged Girls in India

Matching Grant No 75271 has come to a very positive conclusion in spite of a number of delays over which we had no control. The total project had a budget of **\$55,100.00** supported by six D9820 Clubs, District 9820 Designated Funds, District Designated Funds (DDF) from India, and the local Dharmavarum Midtown Club in India, all of which was matched by The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Club of Dharmavarum Midtown were our partner Club. This Club is a dynamic Club with many hard working Rotarians. PP and Past AG, Suresh Sunku oversaw the project from India and our communication with him and his Club was excellent.

PDG Ian Pickering, PP Steve Shutt, Rotarians Phillip McMillan (now President), and Lyn Pickering from the Rotary Club of Narre Warren visited India and were part of the distribution of school uniforms, and sports equipment to six schools, in rural locations. Just getting to the schools took some time because of the bad road conditions, however the visits were all worthwhile, just to see the pleasure in the girls eyes when receiving their school uniforms. We were pleased the school chosen were selected on the basis of need rather than convenient location. All the students were excited to have visitors at their school. We received wonderful receptions by the school community, as well as families who came in to see what was happening. All students were very pleased with the sports equipment. The computers, desks and a large number of school uniforms and sports equipment had been distributed prior to our visit.

The six D9820 Clubs supporting this impressive Matching Grant of \$55,100 with Club donations amounting to \$12,000 were -

Hastings Westernport, Kooweerup Lang Lang, Mt. Martha, Narre Warren, Pakenham and Rosebud Rye

The breakdown of expenditure for the Matching Grant was as follows -

55% towards uniforms, books, fees, and lunch utensils for 1400 girls

15% desks

15% sports equipment

15% computers for the Vocational Training Centre for girls and young women

YES, the project had many positive outcomes for the students

YES, we had some frustrating times having this Matching Grant signed off by their District and the Delhi office.

YES, we had to build some bridges and get over them

YES, we made some great friendships.

YES, we maintain ongoing friendship with members and families of the Rotary Club of Dharmavarum Midtown

YES, we would support further Matching Grants

The rules for Matching Grants have changed more recently, and it is necessary to speak with The Rotary Foundation team of D9820 who will give updated advice on how best to go about becoming involved in a life changing experience.

Ian and I return to India in August and we very much look forward to the visit.

Yours in Rotary service

Lyn Pickering, Matching Grant No 75271 Co-ordinator

President Elect - Rotary Club of Narre Warren

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Just email! Please keep your contributions to a maximum of 200 words, email your document in MS Word Format, email your photographs or graphics in attachment of .jpg and have them to our inbox by the 25th of the preceding month. Are you reading our Newsletter? Here is the last free bottle of the DG's not so finest - what news did DG Tim break about his wife?

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