



DISTRICT LIGHTHOUSE



DISTRICT 9820:

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IMPORTANT

DATES:

DECEMBER IS FAMILY MONTH

District Governor 2017-18 nominations close

January 15th, 2015

District Governor 2017-18 Interviews

February 14th, 2015

Rotary's 110th Birthday Celebration

February 15th, 2015

International Women's Day

March 4th, 2015

Rotary Foundation Grant seminar

March 15th, 2015 (Sale and Berwick)

District Conference

March 27-29th, 2015



From DG Charlie

December is Rotary Family Month and a great time to reflect on our lives, families and communities. As Rotarians we also have a chance to reflect on the goals we set for the 2014-2015 year and consider how we are progressing against

those goals and whether the community is becoming a "better" place because of our efforts. In some cases it is a time for joy and a "pat on the back" that we have positively affected someone, been an encouragement or made improvements but in other areas we may feel our efforts could be increased or our plans reviewed for their suitability. In the end, the main focus should be on achieving the goals that will make a difference and put them at the forefront of our time and efforts. However, I continue to be encouraged and enthused as I see the myriad of tasks, fundraisers and uses to which funds are put in order to Light up Rotary in our communities.

We have some **exciting events** coming up in the New Year with plans to celebrate **the 110th Birthday of Rotary on the 15th February** (a week earlier than the actual date of 23rd February) with lunch at Pakenham which will include the **Chartering of another Rotaract Club in the District (Casey-Cardinia)**. What a great way to celebrate Rotary's founding, with a group of young enthusiastic adults, seeking to create traditions of their own as Rotaractors and hopefully one day as Rotarians.

The other major focus is the **District Conference in Shepparton on the 27th – 29th March**, with planning well advanced. We are now looking to encourage more cyclists to join the Ride to Conference, golfers to put their skills to the test on Friday and those who wish for something different, may consider joining the winery tour, also on Friday. A great range of speakers is locked in and the Centenary of ANZAC on Saturday afternoon promises to be a celebration of service to the community and a remembrance of those who have gone before to make the world a better place. So line up and get registered for a great weekend of inspiration, fellowship and fun.

I began this message with a reflection and end it by sending you all a Christmas greeting as we take time with family to share the precious gift God gave us all. As Rotarians we give of ourselves to improve the life journey of others. At Christmas time, remember to celebrate family, take time to be thankful and look forward to a great year in 2015

Happy Christmas to all, **DG Charlie**

AROUND THE DISTRICT – JANNE SPEIRS

Wow, Christmas time is upon us and it seems unbelievable that this time last year we were four days from heading off to the USA for International Assembly. I personally want to take this opportunity to wish DGE Merv and Chris a wonderful experience and safe travel as they set off in early January. For us, the last few weeks have been “quieter” on the Rotary front but in the midst of the month I had nine incredible days in Cambodia with PDG Janet McCahon and Grant Ellers (RC Sale) and with the fantastic “Alternate Schoolies” from both the RC of Frankston Long Island and one of the Wodonga (D9790) clubs. Charlie and I then spent a week in Wellington for Zone Institute and it was great to see the DGs and partners, many who we haven’t caught up with since San Diego.

The photos show our final Junior Citizenship Awards presentations in Sale, The light up Morwell evening, Schoolies official welcome by school children at Krasang Roleung Primary School and a group of us in New Zealand for Institute.



FROM FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN RAY MARTIN

FOUNDATION NEWS December 2014 **GRANT SEMINARS**

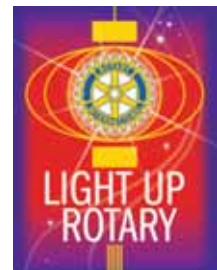
Clubs wishing to participate in Rotary Foundation grants during the Rotary year 2015- 2016 will need to attend the grant seminars that are to be held on **Sunday 15th March 2015**.

There will be two seminars: **Sale** and **Berwick**

Further information will be supplied early in the New Year.

Have a great Christmas

Ray Martin
District 9820 Rotary Foundation Chairman



FOSTER ROTARY ROTUNDA TAKES SHAPE



Early in December Foster Rotary commenced construction of a rotunda as part of a rail trail upgrade at Station Park in Foster. This was made possible by obtaining \$5000 in grant money from The Shire Of South Gippsland, \$3000 from Gippsland Rail Trail committee, \$1800 grant from the Rotary District Fund for use within the community, with Foster Rotary providing the management, the labour, and a commitment to provide the remaining costs. Final outlay is expected to be \$11500 and

it is hoped to be completed before Christmas.

Photo....David Bligh, project manager, Tim Reid, Rod Lomax, Alex Lamb, Kevin Flett, Bill Fuller, Ray Jones (Men’s Shed), and Nev Williams look pleased with their first day’s work.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2015 WITH ROTARY



International Women's Day is a day to celebrate the gains women have made over the years and to bring our attention to the issues that still face us. It is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities. Most of all, it's a day to recognize that women have made and continue to make a difference; a day to celebrate women's contribution to making Australia and the world a better place for everyone.

Frankston North Rotary with the Rotary Club of Frankston and Rotary Peninsula 2.0 invite you to join them to celebrate International Women's Day with a delicious breakfast and the company of extraordinary speakers. The theme for the occasion is "Women of Strength" A unique occasion for men and women to learn more about the role that women have in the modern day community and workplace.

Individual bookings and Corporate tables of 10 will be welcome.

If you interested in receiving more information or offering sponsorship for the event, please contact Judi McKee judith.mckee1@optus.com.au or phone 59 75 1030

When: 7:00am to 9:00 am on Wednesday 4th March 2015

Where: Gunnamatta Room, Mornington Race Club, Mornington

District Governor for 2017-18

On behalf of DG Charlie and myself District 9820 is asking for:

Applications for District Governor 2017-2018

We are calling for nominations for District Governor for 2017-18. Clubs are invited to nominate a Past President who meets the eligibility requirements for a District Governor. The qualifications are as follows:

- * Must be a member in good standing of a functioning Club in the District
- * Must have served as President of a Club for a full term or be Charter President having served a full term from the date of Charter to 30 June for at least 6 months.
- * The Rotarian must demonstrate willingness, commitment and ability to fulfil the duties and responsibilities of the office of Governor.
- * The Rotarian must have been a member of one or more Clubs for at least seven years.

Further information can be located in the 2013 RI By-Laws and the 2013 Manual of Procedure which can be located on the RI website.

It is an important position in the District and all Clubs are asked to advertise in their Club and consider experienced Past Presidents for nomination. We look forward to nominations from all over the District.

Please submit your nominations to myself at 27 Intrepid Street, Berwick, 3806 by **15th January, 2015**. Interviews will be held on the **14th February, 2105**.

For more information please contact IPDG Tim Moore
@cinet.com.au or 0418 175 895

ALTERNATE SCHOOLIES TRIP TO CAMBODIA



The Rotary Club of Frankston Long Island has run an "alternative schoolies" program, taking graduate students on a cultural journey to do volunteer work in Cambodia since 2010. In November 2014, our 5th Schoolies, 10 students from local schools set off on the experience of a lifetime with 4 Team Leaders and 2 Trainee Team Leaders from Peninsula Rotaract Club. Most days in Siem Reap were spent at Krasang Roleung Primary School, where the students taught English in the Grades 4, 5 and 6 classrooms; arts and crafts; and Dental Hygiene to the junior grades and played lots of games with their

new friends in the schoolyard as well as projects at Grace House. The rewards of our "Schoolies" program are immense! Certainly, we make a difference to the lives of the children of Cambodia but we also make a huge difference to the lives of the graduates that accompany us on our trips.

For full story please go to www.district9820.org



MASSIVE FLOODING IN NEPAL (and region) SEES DISASTER AID ON THE GROUND WITH MATERIALS AND ASSISTANCE

Landslides and flash floods triggered by massive monsoon rains killed hundreds in northern India, Jammu & Kashmir, and Nepal.

Reports in **Associated Press** said, "Five days of incessant rain (in the area) has seen the worst flooding in more than five decades."

Our Rotarian friends in India sought our help and we sent in aid materials to Mumbai for distribution by the locals.



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2014 – 2015 DISTRICT CONFERENCE, SHEPPARTON, MARCH 27-29

DG Charlie's message has already covered a great breakdown of what to expect at Conference in March – join us for a fantastic weekend in lovely Shepparton on the 27th – 29th. There'll be something for everyone so don't miss out. Remember to book early and use the "drip" system if you would like to.

Jump on the website for full details of registration, accommodation – through the Shepparton link – and much more, including short biographies of our speakers.



Visit the website at www.district9820conference.org

Charlie and I wish you a safe and happy Christmas and a wonderful 2015