



# DISTRICT LIGHTHOUSE



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## IMPORTANT DATES:

**APRIL IS MAGAZINE MONTH**  
**District Grant Applications Close**

30<sup>th</sup> April 2015

### MUNA

22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

### RYPEN

29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May, 2015

### World Convention

June 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 (Sao Paolo)

### District Leadership / COGS

14<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

### Finance Committee

15<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

### GSE Welcome Home Dinner

16<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

### District Changeover

28<sup>th</sup> June, 2015

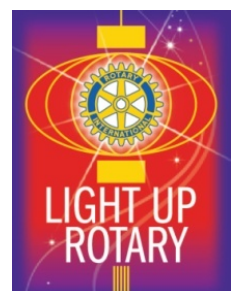
## From DG Charlie

Well, Rotarians, another busy month has passed by, effectively started by our Shepparton Conference which by all reports went really well with many special mentions regarding speakers and the Saturday evening function. Janne and I certainly had a ball and the RIPPR, PDG Edward Burongoh enjoyed the fellowship and warm welcome accorded to him and his son Edgar. Special thanks to IPDG Tim Moore and Jane for looking after them so well. From there and Easter it was straight into the RYLA weekend camp at Somers, with 17 young adults keen to develop their leadership skills in a variety of ways with speakers and great activities – going for a swim in the “icy” waters off Somers wasn’t scheduled but the foolhardy ones thoroughly enjoyed it! I would like to thank all the Clubs who supported a candidate either through direct nomination or through financial support. Rotaractors and young people from outside the “Rotary” family all had a ball and learnt a lot. It was great to see the candidates move from being strangers on the Friday night to a close-knit, supportive and encouraging group of team players by Sunday. Following on from this we had District PETS and Assembly which again had good reports although less present than expected.

Meanwhile, Clubs continued to run projects and fundraisers and started to bring to a conclusion their plans for the year. This final couple of months will be about wrapping up the many projects and plans that have been in operation and we look forward to seeing many of those come to fruition. However, there are still many activities to come – MUNA, RYPEN and ‘Shine On’ Awards are all still ahead of us and we look forward to those. We also wish the Youth Exchange team all the best for safe travel and a great time away as they embark on the big Rock to Reef trip.

May I also encourage you to think about how you and your Clubs support our Charity, the Rotary Foundation, as you plan your disbursements. We have worked hard to gather these funds to ‘make a difference’ to so many people in the world and, as you are aware, the more money we give Foundation, the more money comes back to us in three years. Mark Anderson from Foundation in Sydney, has asked us to remind Clubs that nominations forms for Paul Harris recognition, are available on line at ‘My Rotary’, but we will also have a copy of the form on our own District website - [www.district9820.org](http://www.district9820.org). District Secretary Ian Keith will also

be sending out a request from ROMAC (which recently treated its 400<sup>th</sup> patient, including almost 100 from Timor Leste alone!), asking that as disbursements are prepared, you consider a donation as the year comes to an end. I’m sure Di Double, our District representative, would second this hope, as we saw, through Aze, the wonderful work of ROMAC. I trust you continue to enjoy your Rotary and have a great ‘run home’ as we ‘Light up Rotary’ together.



## AROUND THE DISTRICT – JANNE SPEIRS

Well, Conference is done and dusted, the Turkish GSE team has headed home and are well and truly back into normality, our team headed off VERY early on Tuesday morning and are having some incredible experiences already, RYLA was conducted recently (see article below) and the kids seemed to have a ball and we've recently had our PETS and District Assembly at Federation University Churchill. The DG's life returns to normal after Conference??? Maybe not! There's a huge amount still happening around the District as car shows, etc all come around and it is great to know the District is so busy. Don't forget to send some information and maybe a couple of photos so we can share with the District.



## FOUNDATION – RAY MARTIN

In heading towards the end of this year may I remind Clubs to make their giving to The Annual Fund prior to June 30. Due to exchange rate differences the amount required to purchase a Paul Harris Recognition will be about A\$1300. Assistant Governors are also requested to encourage Clubs to apply for a District Grant for 2015/2016. The District Foundation Committee has funds available to assist Clubs with local projects. It is difficult to understand why a club, that works on and funds a project in their community, does not request financial assistance from Foundation Funds. This surely enables them to do more good work in their locality and elsewhere.

In the current year clubs have been provided with funds to assist in 22 local projects.

It is of vital importance that clubs give to Foundation this year to enable us to support their projects in 2017- 2018.

**A FINAL IMPORTANT REMINDER - District Grants applications for 2015-16 have to be sent to Paul Harvey NO LATER than 30 April, 2015.**

### RYPEN

This year's RYPEN weekend will be held at Forest Edge on the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May. For details or late registration enquiries, please contact Tim Mepstead direct on **59415166** or Peter Kingsbury (**0458025542**)

### FELLOWSHIP FOR CRUISING ROTARIANS

—has reached its 100th member in a very short space of time! The Cruising Fellowship Facebook page is well worth a look - lots of interest from around the world.

Find out more by emailing

[cruisingrotarians@gmail.com](mailto:cruisingrotarians@gmail.com) and LIKING our Facebook group page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cruisingrotariansfellowchin/>

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

Thank you to everyone who attended Conference – it's quite incredible to think it's all over and nothing brought that home to me like the fantastic presentation done by Merv, Chris and the team when introducing Wangaratta for next year – it really cemented the fact that “our” Conference was done and dusted. We hope you all enjoyed the weekend – we've had quite a lot of feedback and we thank people for that. If you have any comments about your reasons for not attending this year it would be constructive to have some awareness, as our numbers were down on previous years.



## ROTARY SUCCESS CONFERENCE AND YOUTH SUMMIT

From incoming Director Noel Trevaskis – 'I would like to invite all Rotarians to the 2015 Rotary Success Conference and Youth Summit which will be held at the Hellenic Club, Canberra on 5 – 6 September 2015. This conference is an affordable conference as the price of \$120 per person covers, morning teas, lunch, afternoon tea and the Saturday night dinner. It will commence at 8.30am on the Saturday morning and conclude at 12.30pm on the Sunday.'

I attended the previous one held in the same venue and it was a great weekend – hopefully we'll get a good role-up from the District

## DISASTER AID AUSTRALIA - ON THE GROUND IN VANUATU

And, working alongside local Rotarians and others, we will be there for the long haul, helping rebuild communities ... and lives

Disaster Aid International (Australia) has deployed DARTs (Disaster Aid Response Team members) Dianne Holland (Australia) and Wayne Beaumier (USA) to Vanuatu. They arrived on Thursday 26 March. Their initial assessment – working within the communities, and with other aid organisations – confirmed the priority was for clean, safe water. That is confirmed in reports by the UN agency OCHA: "110,000 need clean safe drinking water".

So, we have already distributed (to two communities) a number of Sawyer filters (provided by Wayne), each sufficient to keep a large family supplied with clean water for the immediate term. The DARTs are now investigating the most effective places to locate SkyHydrant™ units that will provide clean water for many years. We are also starting with >100 Home Repair Kits and tarpaulins – all sourced locally – with more to follow when they become available.

The full news update can be found on the website at ("www.district9820.org").

I'm also quite sure that following this week's horrific earthquake in Nepal, we'll be getting news of DAA's activities there as well – **as annual disbursements start to come up, I'm quite sure that DAA will need extra support with the scale of devastation they are encountering at the moment!**



## MT ELIZA GOLF TOURNAMENT



### Be a MILLIONAIRE for a Day!

Mt Eliza Rotary Club invites you for Golf and Lunch at the Little Frankston Golf Club (affectionately known as "The Millionaires Club") to help us support those in need in our community.



- **Date:** Friday 29 May 2015
- **Day format:** 18 Holes Ambrose
- **8.00am:** Registration & Coffee
- **8.30am:** Shot Gun Start

- Succulent Spit Roast Lunch
- All Drinks included (Wine, Beer, Soft)
- Prizes for Winners of Main Events
- Novelty Events

**P.O. BOX 95, MT. ELIZA, 3930**

Please complete the Registration form overleaf for teams or individuals.  
Forward with payment to Mt Eliza Rotary Club Golf Day, P.O. Box Mount Eliza, Vic, 3930.



### Mt Eliza Rotary Golf Entry Form

Name (Main Contact): ..... Tel: .....

Email Address: .....

**Handicaps:**  
Players who possess an official (Golf Australia) handicap must play off that handicap.  
The maximum handicap available to those players who do not possess an official handicap is 18.  
It is assumed that all players will make an honest and reasonable assessment of their handicap.  
If uncertain seek advice from David Rew - 0418 553 691.

**Make your own Team or register as a Single**

**Players Names:**

1a: ..... Handicap: .....

2a: ..... Handicap: .....

3a: ..... Handicap: .....

4a: ..... Handicap: .....

**Entry Fee: \$120 per person or \$80 for FGC Members**

Please make cheques payable to Rotary Club of Mt Eliza or Direct deposit to Rotary Mt Eliza, BSB 633108, Acc. No. 152498135.

## GSE TEAM IN TURKEY

The team has had a great start to their Exchange in turkey, including both the International Peace Conference in Istanbul and a dawn service on ANZAC Day with other Australian Rotary groups and Turkish hosts. They have caught up with the Turkish team and their presentations are being well received – although their first presentation was through an interpreter! Some photos below show the team at ANZAC Cove during their three days of relaxation in and around Istanbul prior to starting their Exchange, breakfast at Nilay's apartment, with their hosts at a drinking fountain which was a project of the RC of Bolu, dawn breaking on ANZAC Day as they shared a dawn memorial 'at Gelibolu (Gallipoli) beach the opposite side of the Gallipoli peninsula to Anzac Cove, there were about 3000 in attendance, the majority Aussies, we were with a group of 60 - 40 from RFE (Rotary Friendship Exchange), 4 NGSE (New Generation Service Exchange) from Tassie and 7 Youth Exchange Australian and New Zealanders and our team.' (Eric). Other photos can be found on the website (["www.district9820.org"](http://www.district9820.org)) or on the Team's facebook page.



## MUNA NEWS

**District 9820 Model  
United Nations Assembly  
22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2015**

Has your Club registered your delegation to participate?

Registrations close 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015  
**EXTENDED TILL 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
**(Subject to availability)**

contact D9820 Chair:  
PP John Caruana – 0417 394854  
Email: [muna@district9820.org](mailto:muna@district9820.org)



### AVENUES OF SERVICE

PP Sally Jones (RC Warragul) is incoming Avenues of Service Chair for 2015-2016 (Many thanks to Alan Collier for a great job!). Her team of Dan Kraan (Youth), Steve Briggs (Community), Bill Degnan (Vocational) and Janne Speirs (International) and their sub-committee chairs are all happy to come to your Clubs to talk about programs. If you would like this, please send an email to Sally on [sallyjrealestate@dcsi.net.au](mailto:sallyjrealestate@dcsi.net.au)

## LONGREACH DROUGHT – CRAIG EDMONSTON, GOVERNOR, DISTRICT 9570

An ongoing drought in Western Queensland, is causing widespread hardship and devastation. Any chance of a normal or above average wet season this year appears to have evaporated completely. So we now wait for December to come for our next chance and then still another two years, assuming two good years, to see any recovery.

I know that there are numerous appeals going, but by supporting the promotion of "Outback Tourism" and passing this information onto all clubs in Australia and New Zealand, requesting they pass it onto all Rotarians, will cost nothing. Every little bit will help. Of course, any contribution of financial support will be most gratefully received and distributed in the most effective way.

Thank you all sincerely.

The accompanying letter, photos and news cuttings are all on the District website at ["www.district9820.org"](http://www.district9820.org)