



DISTRICT LIGHTHOUSE



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From DG Charlie

Welcome to the New Year. I trust it has been full of rest, recreation and revitalizing as we head into the second half of the Rotary year.

I certainly spent my time recharging the batteries, getting some well earned Family time (we took 3 of our farm-based Grandchildren to Adelaide for a week!!), catch up time with Rotary friends and fine tuning the plans for the next six months. What a privilege it is to serve this wonderful organization and seeing the fruits of your labour making the world a better place.

I know that as we get back into our planned Rotary activity, evidenced by meeting reports already circulating, that we are up and running and starting to turn our planning into action that will lead to Lighting Up Rotary in this District.

The Youth Exchange team have welcomed home a number of students and we will share their experiences at a debrief day in February. The outbound students have started to leave on their journey of exciting days with host parents, international classmates and new cultural experiences. What an adventure for a young person and what an opportunity for Rotary to advance World Peace through International relationship building in our next generation of leaders.

Some exciting news is that we have been able to compliment the planned 110 Birthday of Rotary Luncheon on the 15th of February at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, by adding the exciting news that we will be Chartering a New ROTARACT Club on that day as well. So set aside the day, bring some friends and come **Celebrate** with friends and be part of this special day of celebration and growth of the Rotary Family.

Here we are talking about the New Year and January is half gone! Before we know it we will be heading to Shepparton for the District Conference on the last week of March. Among others, we have locked down Commonwealth Gold Medallist Steve Monagetti as a speaker and I am sure his address will be inspiring and full of anecdotal stories of his days as an



IMPORTANT DATES:

JANUARY IS

ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

Rotary's 110th Birthday Celebration

February 15th, 2015

Leadership meeting

February 22, 2015

End Polio Now! Film night

February 26th, 2015

MD Pets

February 27-March 1st, 2015

Grant Seminars

March 15th, 2015 (Sale & Berwick)

District Conference

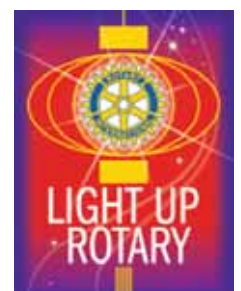
March 27-29th, 2015

World Convention

June 6th - 9th, 2015 (Sao Paolo)

engineer (had to mention that), teacher, successful athlete and "chef de mission" at both Dehli and Glasgow Commonwealth Games. Please note that early bird registrations finish at the end of January 2015 - a deposit will get you started in the registration process.

As you read this newsletter we note that DGE Merv and Christine Williams are in the USA to meet their fellow DGsE and take part in the Rotary International Assembly meetings in San Diego. It is also worth noting the diary dates opposite as we are coming up for a busy time with many events, including those above including the series of training events as part of preparation for next Rotary year.



AROUND THE DISTRICT – JANNE SPEIRS

Well I'm sure everyone is well and truly back in the swing after a great Christmas / New Year break. After a "false" start due to illness, DGE Merv Williams and Chris left for San Diego and International Assembly on Sunday 18th January and we wish them an absolutely fabulous time at what is an incredible Rotary experience. Once he gets back, we can assure both he and Chris that they really won't stop!! Thanks also to those who have already said they will be coming to the 110th Birthday Lunch and Charter of the new Rotaract Club of Casey-Cardinia on 15th February,



to all those who have already registered for Conference and to the Clubs who have put their hands up to host the Turkish GSE team. Full details of all these appear in other parts of the newsletter. My only two photos for this edition come out of our own Club at Traralgon, whose first meeting was at Lake Narracan near Moe with a BBQ and hovercraft rides – a great time was had by all although evidently it was rather windy!



BE MOVED

**SÃO PAULO IS SO CAPTIVATING
YOU MAY DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY.**

Your Rotary carnival night celebration will have you on your feet.

From samba's first pulsing beats, you'll sway in time as Brazilians do— even if you can't dance a step.

Pick up a few pointers then prepare for your own night on the town.

**Rotary Convention—
Cultures in Concert.
Register today and be moved.**

IF YOU'RE INTO CRUISING...

The Fellowship for Cruising Rotarians has just been approved by RI and is Facebook-based. However, Rotarians who are not into Facebook can also join and receive emails from time to time. The Fellowship will be working to get cruise lines to formalise Rotary meetings on board, as well as provide Rotarians with a forum to share information and establish contact with other cruising Rotarians. Watch this space for the new logo!!!

To join,
email: cruisingrotarians@gmail.com
mailto:cruisingrotarians@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/CruisingRotariansFellowship>

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH MOVIE

Australian Rotary Health has booked red carpet computer screens for the premiere of their new Australian Rotary Health Movie. The plot explores four inspiring people, supported by Australian Rotary Health, who are now changing their communities in various amazing ways...

[Watch it online](#) OR download it to watch at a Club meeting

SUPPORT



on FRIDAY 9th October 2015

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Rotarians and friends get a sneak preview



Frankston North Rotary with Rotary Clubs Peninsula 2.0, Frankston & Mt Eliza present
**International Womens' Day Breakfast
2015**

MORNINGTON RACECOURSE
GUNNAMATTA ROOM

Wednesday
4th MARCH
7am - 9am

Tickets
\$40
Tables of 10 \$390



ENQUIRIES: 0403 704 441 BOOKINGS: By Feb 22
eventbrite.com.au/e/international-womens-day-breakfast-2015-tickets



Supporters of the 'Women of Strength' breakfast event for International Womens Day

To book: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/international-womens-day-breakfast-2015-tickets-15002298278>

The Rotary Foundation and 20th Century Fox have negotiated that cinemas give exclusive access to these fundraiser group bookings the day before the official film release opens to the public on Thursday Feb 26th. ***The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel***

Rotarians have the chance to use a special pre-release screening on Wednesday, February 25, as an End Polio Now! Fundraiser.

To do so, your club should contact the local cinema to arrange the special screening.

It is recommended that your club cinema negotiators ask for a screening at \$10 per head, charge Rotarians and guests \$20 per head, with the profit going to ***End Polio Now!***

Remember, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation donates \$2 for each \$1 Rotary raises.



For full story please go to www.rotarydownunder.com.au

ROMAC - FROM DI DOUBLE

Hello Rotary friends,

Over the next 12 months a number of children will be in Melbourne, to receive life-saving and/or dignity restoring surgery through the work done by ROMAC.

Just like Aze, the little boy from East Timor who was hosted by the Rotary Club of Cranbourne and the Dunscombe family in September 2014, I am now asking other Rotarians and other Rotary Clubs in District 9820 if they would like to get involved in ROMAC...and seeking Clubs or individuals who may like to host one of the children and their family during their stay.

At present our District has a ROMAC committee, but we desperately need more volunteers to get involved, share the word about ROMAC, get financial support from more of the Clubs in District 9820 as well as provide support to other neighbouring Districts and Clubs when children are here in Victoria.

Gerry Phillips, ROMAC Chairman for District 9800, will be running an information seminar on 7th February, 2015, to raise awareness of ROMAC among Victorian Rotarians and encourage your involvement in our programs. (invitation attached – go to www.district9820.org)

As a relative newcomer to ROMAC I am still finding my feet and learning all there is to know about the amazing work ROMAC does, so I will definitely be attending. If you would like to find out more with me, can you please let me know by the end of January, so I can advise Gerry of your attendance.

If you think ROMAC is something you would like to become more involved in and you would like to join our District 9820 ROMAC committee can you please get in touch with me...as we do need more people supporting ROMAC within our District.

Thank you, Yours In Rotary

Di Double (District 9820 Chair)

FOUNDATION

Don't forget the Foundation Grant Seminars in Sale and Berwick on Sunday March 15th. Remember that your Club needs to attend one of these in order to become eligible for District Grants

GSE

It's great to have received information about the team from Turkey who will be joining us in March – please keep an eye open for details of welcome and farewell dinners. Thanks to the Clubs who will be hosting the team and good luck to them as they finalise their programs. In the meantime, I am assured by PP Eric Neill, leader of our outgoing team, that preparations are progressing well and we look forward to their introductory comments at Conference.

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

Steve was born on September 26, 1962 at Ballarat, Victoria, is married to Tanya and they have four children, Emma, Laura, Matthew and Olivia. He began athletics in 1976 at age 14 and still runs every day covering over 100km a week.

He has a Degree in Civil Engineering, Graduate Diploma in Education (Maths \ Science), as well as an Honorary Doctorate from University of Ballarat (2001), was Chair of the State Review into Physical and Sport Education in Victorian Schools, Chair of the Board of Victorian Institute of Sport (2001 - 2010), National selector for Athletics Australia (2009 - 2012), Mayor of Athlete's Village for the 2006 Commonwealth Games in Melbourne, Race Director Run for the Kids Fun Run (2006 -), Ambassador for Nike Australia (1986 -), Chef de Mission 2010 and 2014 Australian Commonwealth Games Team, Chair of Leap Performance Pty. Ltd.

Career Highlights:

- 1986 Commonwealth Games Marathon – Bronze medal
- 1990 Commonwealth Games Marathon - Silver medal
- 1994 Commonwealth Games Marathon - Gold medal
- 1998 Commonwealth Games 10 km track - Bronze medal

Attended 1987, '91,'93,'95,'97,'99 World Athletic Championships winning the Bronze Medal in the Marathon in Athens in 1997.

Attended 1988, '92 '96 and 2000 Olympic Games finishing in the top ten on 3 occasions

Winner of 1990 Berlin Marathon and 1994 Tokyo International Marathon

Previous holder of 3 World Bests for the Half Marathon (1990, 92, 93)

Winner of 4 City to Surf races (1989 – 1992) and current race record holder.

Winner of 4 Zatopek 10km Track races (1989 – 1992) only person ever to win 4 in a row.

He has run 22 international marathons and finished in 11th place or higher in 20 of them, retiring after Sydney 2000 Olympic Games but is still heavily involved in running within Australia.

He trained twice a day, covering 180 – 200 per week and roughly 8500km a year under the guidance of dual Olympian and Sydney 2000 Athletics Head Coach Chris Wardlaw.

He recently won the Oceania Masters Athletics 50+ Cross Country title and in 2009 ran a world age record for a forty six year old of 29.59mins for 10km on the road making him the oldest person to run under the 30minute barrier.



Visit the website at www.district9820conference.org

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A FEATURE ON YOUR CLUB IN THE NEWSLETTER, PLEASE SEND A PAGE OF PHOTOS AND A SHORT ARTICLE TO dgcharlie@district9820.org BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH.