



# DISTRICT LIGHTHOUSE



DISTRICT 9820:

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## From DG Charlie

October has seen the completion of our Club visitation program. All 49 clubs have been a treat to visit and hear of the past, present and planned work that you are engaged in to make your community a better place. Thank you for the wonderful hospitality you have shown Janne and me as we visited your Clubs and a special thankyou from Janne for the great support of her Operation Cleft Project. We continue to be amazed at the generosity of Rotarians to support worthy projects, which by their implementation Light Up Rotary, person by person as we improve the world we live in.



## November is Foundation month ...

As many of you will know from my visits to your Clubs, The Rotary Foundation is Rotary's only charity. It is the powerhouse that enables Rotary to 'do good in the world' on the International stage, as well as locally and nationally.

The Foundation provides the financial support for major International projects as well as providing support for those projects done by Clubs through District and Global Grants.

There are three funds in The Rotary Foundation: the Annual Fund, PolioPlus and the Endowment Fund.

Contributions to the Endowment Fund are invested in perpetuity and only the interest is used to fund ongoing operations. Donations we make to the Endowment Fund will continue to provide for Rotary projects long after we have gone. It is a great way to provide support for many years. You might like to consider supporting the Endowment Fund by leaving a bequest in your will. A bequest of USD1000 makes you a Benefactor, while bequests over this amount are recognised by membership of the Bequest Society.

Contributions to the PolioPlus Fund are used exclusively to support Rotary's fight to eradicate Polio from the World. There are no administration costs so every dollar donated finds its way to provide vaccinations for the children of the World. Currently every dollar donated to the Fund through The Foundation attracts two dollars from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; a wonderful way to maximise your contribution.

Contributions to the Annual Fund allow Rotary to support major humanitarian projects, in water and sanitation, maternal and child health, education to name just a few, as well as funding Districts to enable Clubs to do projects at the local and national levels. All of the funds

## IMPORTANT DATES:

**NOVEMBER IS FOUNDATION MONTH**

### YEP GREAT OCEAN ROAD TOUR

December 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Rotary Gov. Elects Training

Wellington NZ. Dec. 2-4

### Rotary Zone 7 and 8 Institute in

Wellington NZ. Dec. 5 -7

### GSE Hosting Applications Close

Dec. 31 2014

### Rotary Foundation Grant seminar

February 6<sup>th</sup> 2015 (Berwick)

### Rotary's 110th Birthday Celebration

February 15th, 2015

### Rotary Foundation Grant seminar

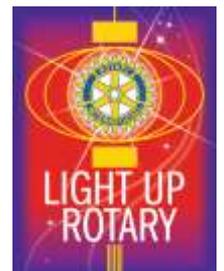
February 20<sup>th</sup> 2015 (Sale)

### Ride to Conference

Monday 23 - Friday 27 March 2015

### District Conference

March 27-29th, 2015



donated are invested for a period of three years. Then, 50% is used to fund Rotary International projects, such as the Peace Fellows Program, and 50% comes back to the District to be used in District and Global Grant support. I wonder what other charity gives you back 50% of your donation to use in whatever way you think appropriate? The cost for administering The Annual Fund is currently only 2.3% per annum, comparing favourably with more than most other funds. For example, one of Australia's best performing charities is Care Australia where the cost of raising funds is 6%. Recently, Charity Navigator, one of the most respected charity evaluators in the United States, rated The Rotary Foundation with its maximum four-star rating. This is the seventh consecutive four-star rating for The Foundation; only 2% of charities rated by Charity Navigator have achieved this distinction. You can be confident your contributions to your Foundation – your charity – are well-managed and end up where you intend they should.

**There are many ways you can support your Foundation.**

Every Rotarian Every Year is a program encouraging Rotarians to contribute every year. It doesn't matter how much you donate; every dollar helps. Perhaps you could add a couple of dollars to your meeting fee and ask the Club Secretary to remit this on your behalf to The Foundation.

The Centurion Program recognises Rotarians who donate AUD100 each year, while the Sustaining Member recognises a contribution of USD100 each year. That's only about \$2 each week!

For less than the price of a good cup of coffee, Rotarians can become members of the Paul Harris Society where members contribute USD1000 each year. The contribution can be made as a lump sum, or in increments. Like many others, I have authorised \$100 to be deducted from my credit card each month. I hardly know it's gone!

While I know we live in difficult economic time, we are very fortunate in Australia to have been spared from many of the financial woes affecting other parts of the World. Perhaps we can provide support to those less fortunate than ourselves by contributing to The Rotary Foundation. All contributions over \$2 made through the Australian Rotary Foundation Trust are tax deductible.

Won't you join me in supporting our Foundation?

Contributions can be made either through your Club or by contacting the Rotary International Office in Parramatta. PDG Bruce Allan (8894 9840 [bruce.allen@rotary.org](mailto:bruce.allen@rotary.org) ) or Mark Anderson (8894 9841 [mark.anderson@rotary.org](mailto:mark.anderson@rotary.org) ) will be delighted to assist you in your support of our Foundation.

**Cheers DGCharlie**

## **AROUND THE DISTRICT – JANNE SPEIRS**

As the Club visits have come to an end with, as Charlie has said, our real gratitude for the fellowship – and yes it's a Rotary special but nothing that comes near the description, but also for the generosity of Clubs in response to my Project. At this point, some 40 children will be able to have surgery because of what we in D9820 have given!

Other visits are now coming on with Dromana's Hallowe'en bonfire and Art Show, Junior Citizenship Awards compliments of the Mitchell River and Bairnsdale Clubs and the "Light up Morwell" event. I'm also looking forward to nine days in Cambodia with the Frankston Long Island Alternate Schoolies group which will be a very different experience, so for those Clubs whose activities I will miss over the next week and a half I apologise.



## **ROTARY JUNIOR CITIZENSHIP AWARDS** (For full story please go to [www.district9820.org](http://www.district9820.org))

About 150 Year 6 students from 15 Primary schools around Bairnsdale completed their Rotary Junior Community Award program in this the 18<sup>th</sup> year of the program. This prestigious program, designed by the late Rotarian David Hawkey, was started in Bairnsdale in 1997 and today is still alive and well – and even growing both in Australia and internationally. The Rotary Club of Mitchell River has been supporting and maintaining this program in our local schools and distributes more than a 1000 diaries a year to participating schools through a partnership with local Rotary clubs. The Award is presented to children who complete a range of activities during their final year at primary school in four areas – Community Service, Physical Recreation, Social Experience and Skills.

## **DIK – CHRISTMAS BIKES**

It's Christmas and you have the opportunity to make a major difference in a child's life. This is the time of year when many organizations are looking for support, but we feel that this is a little special. In rural Timor Leste there is no public transport and primary schools have to be built within walking distance of the children. For many this means walking more than an hour which is a struggle for a young child who often has a meagre diet. Donations In Kind have been lucky enough to receive a donation of excellent children's bikes from a road safety school that closed. They are children's bikes ideal for 5-8 year olds and we have around 50 in stock. Because they are small they only cost \$25.00 (tax deductible) to ship and would make ideal Christmas Present. Santa helpers come in many disguises and the ones in the Store would be happy to pack your present into a container that is leaving for Dili soon.



Donations can be sent directly to Donations In Kind PO Box 4139 West Footscray VIC 3012, or contact Laurie Fisher [dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com](mailto:dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com) 0428 550 574 and he will supply bank account details.

## **INNER WHEEL CLUB OF PAKENHAM ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE**



The Inner Wheel Club of Pakenham has been raising money for Motor Neurone Research for over 18 months, as it is a cause that is close to their hearts. Among their other MNDR fundraising efforts, Inner Wheel Members put out a challenge to local councillors, one of which is a local Rotarian, politicians and candidates for the upcoming elections, to an "ice bucketing".

On the 25<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at the Cardinia Life Indoor Pool complex, members were delighted with the positive response that this challenge presented and with lots of excitement and laughter and a fair amount of excess ice and water the challenge was completed.

\$1,200 was raised for research from this event and local Councilors' and Politicians who could not attend the challenge, donated money towards the cause also. Money raised will go directly to researchers at the Florey Institute in Melbourne.

The photo attached is of Members and participants of the "ice bucket challenge".

Well done to all involved!

### **ROTARY CLUB OF ORBOST 26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FISHING WEEKEND. 13 - 15 March, 2015.**

Venue – Corringle Foreshore Reserve ("The Slips"), on the  
Snowy River near Marlo.

Estuary Fishing.

Camp site on the banks of the Snowy.

Caravan accommodation (for approx. 22), or BYO tent &  
sleeping gear/camper.

All meals, boats and skippers, & bait provided.

Large communal marquee for meals and fellowship.

All fish caught are shared among participants.

**Cost \$390.** (discount for BYO accommodation)



Terry Blundell conducting a workshop In Mangagoy for the 21 schools in Lingig II School District, Surigao del Sur, Ph as part of an E-Technology Matching Grant A newsletter which is also part of the criteria of the Grant can be found on the website at

[www.district9820.org](http://www.district9820.org)

## **DAYS FOR GIRLS** (from Walter Brock)

One of this year's Nobel Peace Prize winners, Kailash Satyarthi, Kailash has 'rescued' 70,000 Indian children from slavery. In a similar manner, DfG has helped tens of thousands of poor young girls get an education and live in dignity. We are right in there, in a direct practical way, helping girls

The Days for Girls project is all about giving poor girls an equal chance with boys in education, in countries where girls have no means to manage their period. Many make do with anything, like corn-husks and newspapers, in order to be able to leave the house and go to school. That leads to infections, even more schooling lost and leads to illiteracy, early marriage and large families. Knowledge of their 'mature' situation makes them 'available', these girls will have children before their bodies are ready for it!

It is pleasing to know that the D 9820's first Days for Girls packs will be distributed in Cambodia over the next couple of weeks by the 'Alternate Schoolies' young people who will be travelling with the RC of Frankston Long Island. Making a difference in a practical way!

## **MIDWIFERY TRAINING IN TIMOR LESTE -A2011 - 12 CROSS - DISTRICT PROJECT**

An update from District 9820 PDG Partner Jill Hobby and District 9810 PDG Partner, TRF Trustee, Ian Riseley. Thanks to the generosity of many Rotary Clubs in Districts 9810 and 9820, individuals, and Inner Wheel Clubs we are delighted to give you all this latest news on the progress and success of our Midwifery students in Timor Leste. "Our girls" are currently in the second year of their nursing/midwifery course, and their academic and practical reports are very pleasing.

This program is fulfilling its aim from every aspect by hopefully contributing to the reduction of the maternal mortality rate, particularly in the remote villages of Timor Leste – our students' "home territory".

Our fund is servicing this project and we greatly appreciate the diligence of PDG James Webb as its manager.

We warmly thank all who so generously contributed to this fund; but as we always say, the greatest thanks comes from the mothers and babies of Timor Leste.

For your interest, we are proud to attach recent photographs of our students in action.

Jill and Ian

For full story please go to [www.district9820.org](http://www.district9820.org)



## **FROM THE FOUNDATION SEMINAR**

A valuable and enjoying Foundation Seminar was held at Monash University Berwick on Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup> after the District AGM. Attendees were introduced to the outgoing GSE team to District 2430 next year, they received an update on how Foundation helps us as we help it, the current state of play with polio, the Tongan gardens project, the Paul Harris Society and District Grants.

Nigerian polio survivor and Para-olympian Peter Ogunyemi who now lives in Victoria playing wheelchair basketball, recounted his story, which despite some of the uneducated beliefs in his home country, and with much support from his parents, was a story of hope and perseverance.

The Rotary Club of Dandenong South East which has done some work to assist Peter should be congratulated on their initiative.

Our main speaker was past Ambassadorial Scholar, diplomat and musician Anthony Ransome who gave an insight into how the world "opened up" for him in so many ways as a result of the twelve months he spent in Geneva as an Ambassadorial Scholar. His story is made even more pertinent in view of the funds being set aside by IPDG Tim, DG Charlie and DGE Merv to once again allow the District to fund an Ambassadorial Scholar after many years outside this particular program.

Again thanks to Foundation Chairman PDG. Ray Martin and the organisers of the day – a job well done.



## NEWS UPDATE 30 October 2014

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

For full story please go to [www.district9820.org](http://www.district9820.org)

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

Planning continues on the fine details of the Conference and we are getting very excited about the way the weekend is panning out. Friday evening at the MacIntosh Centre will be an enjoyable and informal start to the Conference after a great day for the golfers, cyclists and 'tourers'. The Centre is giving some extra flexibility to the program that is more difficult within the Eastbank Centre proper and we are looking forward to what will be possible.

You will be able to register for Conference during Friday afternoon at the MacIntosh Centre so that by the time the first Plenary session begins you're all ready to go, but then registration will be open at Eastbank from early Saturday morning in the usual way.

Visit the website at [www.district9820conference.org](http://www.district9820conference.org)



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