



# DISTRICT LIGHTHOUSE



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## From DG Charlie

The core of our Rotary organisation is our emphasis on vocational service and our ability to bring together a range of different vocations to share a meal, business acquaintance and discuss community issues. Quite often business and professional people become insular as they tend to work and socialize with members of their business or profession. However the Rotary experience provides a refreshing change and we find a mixture of professionals discussing their community and its issues with a range of experts at the table, Club or District that can assist in solving specific technical concerns raised in community projects.

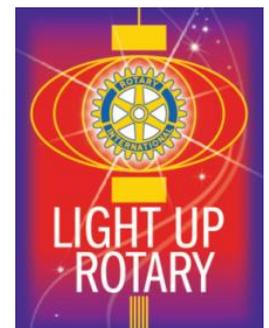


Every Rotarian is a source of knowledge in relation to his or her occupation and brings that expertise and interest to Club discussions and as guest speakers. The professional expertise of a Club's members should be used to ensure the professional running of a Club.

Vocational service is an important method of taking Rotary to the Community. When Rotary recognises members of the Community for their service to their business or town, then Rotary is adding value to that Community and making it proud of its achievements leading to a better Community spirit and involvement.

This month as we focus on our vocations I encourage Clubs to continue to seek opportunities to showcase Rotary in our recognition of individuals, groups and volunteers through Pride of Workmanship, Apprentice of the Year Awards and Community Service Awards.

On a similar note but with a younger demographic, this month I have been involved in a number of Rotary Junior Community Speech awards where Rotarians run a Public Speaking competition for Primary School students. I was amazed by the quality and poise of the young people (Grade 6) as they presented their stories on a topic of their choice. On show was good development in communication skills, good training in public speaking and development of self image and confidence that made me proud to be a Rotarian.



## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

**OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL MONTH**

### **Polio Day**

October 24<sup>th</sup>

### **AGM / Foundation Seminar / COGS**

November 16<sup>th</sup>

### **YEP GREAT OCEAN ROAD TOUR**

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

### **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)

### **Rotary's 110<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015

### **District Conference**

March 27-29th, 2015

## AROUND THE DISTRICT – JANNE SPEIRS

As our Club visits come to an end, may I say a personal thank you to all those who have “looked after” me so fantastically during the pre-visit meetings, who have made sure that we feel comfortable and welcome in their Clubs and generally shown us what a great collection of Clubs we have in D9820. I can unerringly find coffee almost anywhere in the District as a result – and I do!! It has been a pleasure to get to know you and I look forward to all the “extra” visits we will get in as we enjoy Speech nights, art shows, Moto GPs and so much more over the next few months – the diary is filling up again already with Club activities. This month’s photos include some of our “extra-curricular outings” – Warragul’s Courthouse Cafe, RC Inverloch Ebola fundraising wine tasting / dinner, RC of KWLL Speech night, RC of PISR helmet storage at Moto GP,



### CAL INDIA TOURS

Greetings From the City of the 1<sup>st</sup> Wonder of the World - Taj Mahal !!

We are based in North India and myself Rotarian from Childhood with professional business of incoming Trips to India since 1991. We had served above 1200 Rotarians from 126 Rotary Districts worldwide .

Recently we participated in the Rotary Sydney Convention and there was great interest in our “polio tours” so information is attached Here is the link to download your personal itinerary : [http://www.calindiatours.com/india/Special\\_Polio\\_Itinerary\\_with\\_Tour\\_Cost-Dt-01.9.14.pdf](http://www.calindiatours.com/india/Special_Polio_Itinerary_with_Tour_Cost-Dt-01.9.14.pdf)

Also please note , maximum earning of profit from these trips goes to Rotary Foundation as Polio Contribution .

So help us in this International Community Project of Humanity

Rahul Wadhwa

President - Cal India Tours & Travels (Inbound Specialist)

For flier and full details go to— [www.district9820.org](http://www.district9820.org)

### DAYS FOR GIRLS

Many of you will have visited the Days for Girls stall at the Billabong House of Friendship in Sydney at Convention and seen the wonderful work being done to bring teenage girls in third world countries the opportunity to continue their education by making “hygiene” products and small carry bags which allow them to remain at school as they mature. Some of our Clubs have decided to support this cause so if you want more information please contact PDG Janet McCahon at RC Frankston Long Island or Rhonda

## ECLUB OF LATITUDE 38 – FROM PDG BRIAN NORRIS

The District eClub is evolving and Rotarians in District 9820 are encouraged to familiarise themselves with this initiative as there may be someone around for whom the traditional Rotary Club format is not suitable. For example, shift workers, people with young families, the house bound or people who travel a lot or have busy schedules. If there is someone you know who may be interested please direct them to the eClub website and have a look around. The site explains how an eclub works but in summary to be a member of an eClub you need to be online for about 12 hours a quarter reading material, watching videos relevant to Rotary and participating in discussion groups. The eclub will also have service projects or you may join with a local club on one of their projects. Eclubs sometimes meet face to face a couple of times a year.

Further enquires may be directed to Kerrie Schmidt at: [kerrie.l.schmidt@bigpond.com](mailto:kerrie.l.schmidt@bigpond.com) or phone 5143 0230.

## **ROMAC: Exciting news**

GREAT NEWS ABOUT AZE – a few hiccups were experienced after surgery but a healthy and happy little boy and his Dad Ezequiel have already returned home. May this be the start of a full and healthy life for a gorgeous little boy and his family.

## **FROM FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN RAY MARTIN**

### **FOUNDATION SEMINAR**

#### **Please note that the Rotary Foundation Seminar will be held at:**

Main Theatre, Monash University, Berwick Campus, Clyde Road Berwick  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November** immediately following the **District 9820 Annual General Meeting**, starting at 9.00 am

This is an opportunity to learn how to gain support for your club's projects from The Rotary Foundation and to learn how **your** Foundation operates.

## **DIK**

Donations In Kind Supporters – Take a bow

Donations In Kind national activity results for last year have just been released and everyone who has been involved deserves a pat on the back. Clubs from all Victorian Districts were involved in some way and many thousands of people now lead better lives because of your efforts. This is a great example of the power of Rotary and what we can achieve if we work together. Special thanks go to the DIK Inc Clubs who contribute one month's rent and also to PP Laurie Fisher and the volunteer team at DIK for their wonderful contribution.

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



Beds from RC Traralgon en route to DIK and then the Philippines

### **KOKODA SPIRIT APOLOGY**

In last month's newsletter I wrongly congratulated John Cheesman on raising the \$5000 needed to get him to Kokoda next year. What John and the team from Warragul really did was raise funds with the Charity Auction to help support the delivery of a Rotary Peace Scholarship – this is a side benefit to the trek itself. Well done John and good luck with the training.

## **FROM IPDG TIM MOORE:**

### **PDG Noel Trevaskis chosen as Zone 7 & 8 Director for 2016-17**

To many in our district I doubt if anyone could imagine (or would want to) being locked up with 19 fellow Past District Governors from around Australia to interview a large number of contenders for our next Zone 7/8 Rotarian to serve as a Rotary International Board Director.

I had the pleasure of being our District's representative on this committee that met over a weekend in late September. It was a great experience overall, but particularly in being part of the interview panel that met these enormously qualified Rotary applicants from around Australia.

We congratulate PDG Noel Trevaskis, at present our Zone's special Membership Coordinator – a very worthy selection, known to many in our district members from our PETS and Membership seminars.

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

### House of Friendship!

The 2015 House of Friendship will be open to the public as well as delegates. We think that what goes on in the District needs to be shouted from the rooftops. District A62 Inner Wheel will be running the free tea/coffee and eats. Avenues of Service Committees, Fellowship Committees and any interested Rotary groups that we can muster will have a display and information. We have also contacted local businesses who may fit in with what we are doing. The District Silverware will be on display – you know, those trophies and awards given on the last morning of the Conference that you never get a chance to see properly. Well now you can and you can see if/when your Club is featured. Clubs will also feature in the Club display section with DVDs and static displays.

Hopefully, some Junior Buskers from local schools will be there to keep us entertained and the Australian Lung Foundation is keen to provide Lung Function Tests for delegates. Some brilliant stalls selling goods for special causes

**FLIGHT CENTRE** *The Airfare Experts*

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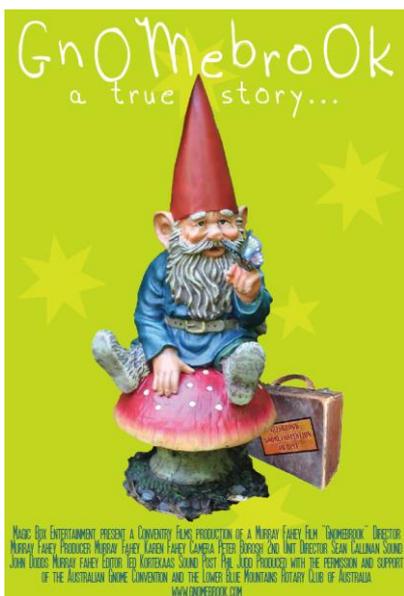


TRARALGON



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

### FROM BOB AITKEN – re 'GNOMBROOK'



The Rotary Club of Lower Blue Mountains, NSW) has developed a very successful media awareness program based on the annual Australian Gnome Convention as part of the Glenbrook Australia Day Celebrations each year – and it is now a movie – **Gnomebrook!**

The makers of the movie have created a Host a Film Fund Raiser Kit for Rotarians to screen the film. As the film is about a Rotary event the filmmakers are looking for local Rotary clubs across Australia to host an opening night at their local cinema or if they don't have a cinema local high school or hall. The Fund Raiser Kit contains a step by step guide to creating your own Hollywood premier. So now you can host a Rotary Fund raiser film event. It's easy - use your local cinema, school hall or your living room!

The kit includes: flyers, posters, web site graphics, photos for the local press, timeline ideas to make the night extra special.

The film will be available for screenings from July 2014. To make an enquiry please contact Murray at [info@gnomebrook.com](mailto:info@gnomebrook.com) or visit the web site [www.gnomebrook.com](http://www.gnomebrook.com)

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

### TIMOR LESTE PROJECT UPDATE

The first part of the project – Atabae, Toilet and wash-block, lining of dormitory and kitchen corner for girls- has been completed. To Alex Anderson (RC Mt Eliza )and Peter Kelly (RC Phillip Island San Remo) – congratulations and thanks to them and all the other volunteers. We will now start organizing teams for next next part of the project:

- Community Centre on Artauro Island and then
- Kindergarten in Maubisse

So please give thought to your involvement

FROM CHRIS ANGERER (RC FRANKSTON SUNRISE)

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

### GSE NEWS

We have a leader! As most of you will now know, PP Eric Neill from the Rotary Club of Frankston North has been selected as the Leader for the outgoing Team to D2430 in Turkey next year.

Eric will join the panel this weekend as we select the members of the Team Full details of the Team will be in the November newsletter

## INTERPLAST UPDATE

### 7 year-old Nauru boy travels to Kiribati for life changing surgery

Frederick, aged 7, was born with a congenital birth defect called hypospadias, which is an abnormality of the urethra. In Frederick's case, it was so severe that at birth, the doctors told his parents that he was a girl. An Interplast volunteer team first treated Frederick back in 2011 in Nauru, where the first stage of the repair was undertaken.

As there have been no Interplast program activities planned for Nauru recently, arrangements were made for Frederick and his father to fly to Kiribati earlier this year to meet up with the Interplast volunteer team there, so the second stage of repair could be done. Frederick was one of two boys who travelled from Nauru to Kiribati for their second-stage hypospadias repair, with the same Interplast surgeon who treated them in 2011.

Frederick's procedure was successful, and his parents are delighted. Frederick's father was very grateful, and said, "we just want to go home now, and we're hopeful that everything will now work out."

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## VERY SPECIAL KIDS

Rotarians Faye Last, Ian Wilson, Kay Radford and Friend of Rotary Carmen Cook from Rotary Club of Hazelwood attending the Fundraising BBQ at Midvalley Morwell organised by Rtn Ian Wilson to Support Very Special Kids.

Kyle (pictured) is from Traralgon and he has experienced the assistance and support from Very Special Kids.



## The ROTARY CLUB of WARRAGUL

Chartered in 1938 the Rotary club of Warragul currently has 57 members and with the club having recently celebrated 75 years in the local community the club entered into a partnership with the local authority and the two are now working together on "The Rotary park project" which will establish a playground for young children and their families and will be around for many years to come.



Christmas tree growing



Art show



Youth Exchange Program

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