



DISTRICT LIGHTHOUSE



DISTRICT 9820

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From DG Charlie

This month has seen a continuation of the Club visits and a fair bit of engagement with youth. Across the District we have a myriad of youth activities including scholarships, citizenship awards and youth development and encouragement programs. The Youth Exchange program has seen an increase in numbers of Clubs involved and therefore an increase in the number of young people going out and also coming into our clubs to enrich their cultural experience, international awareness and citizenship.



Janne and I have been to 3 Deb Balls ranging from the traditional, to a small Deb set in Rural Gippsland where a group of young people were given an opportunity that would not have been available if it were not for the RC of Lakes Entrance, and finally we were privileged to be present and receive a group of young and older people with disabilities at a Presentation Ball with a difference, arranged and wonderfully presented by Casey Rotary. The look of the faces of all Debs showed that there are many ways to light up someone's day, make their life more rewarding and in the process Light Up Rotary.

During the Month it was good to see some of our Clubs working with the Peninsula Rotaract club to get some things done and also to see the Rotaractors helping at the Youth Exchange camp at Forrest Edge. The provisional Rotaract Club of Casey is continuing to meet and grow in numbers and is providing a focus in the Cardinia area for young people wishing to make a difference to their community. Other areas are also seeking to assist the development of Rotaract in our District and preparing the next generation of Rotarians for action. Remember our job is to hand Rotary onto the next generation to continue the good work we do now, and the good work that was done by Rotarians in the past. I am sure there will be work to do in the next 100 plus years. The world needs Rotary.

Thankyou Rotarians and a big Thankyou to the Dunscombe Family and the Jared Dunscombe Trust for funding Aze to come to Melbourne from Timor Leste with ROMAC for necessary heart surgery. What a blessing to see this little boy and his father arrive at Melbourne Airport and prepare for life changing surgery. It certainly put a glow in my heart to be part of such a wonderful organisation and mix with people who go out of their way to make these things possible.

IMPORTANT DATES:

SEPTEMBER IS NEW

GENERATIONS MONTH

World Polio Day Webinar

September 24th

Avenues of Service Forum

Churchill: October 5th

GSE applications close

September 26th (Leader)

October 10th (Members)

GSE interviews

Leader: October 11th

Members: October 25-26th

End Polio Day

October 24th

AGM / Foundation Seminar

November 16th

Rotary's 110th Birthday Celebration

February 15th, 2015

Rotary's 110th Birthday

February 23rd 2015

District Conference

March 27-29th, 2015

SEPTEMBER – NEW GENERATIONS MONTH

One of the great privileges of being president of Rotary International is having the chance to visit so many parts of the Rotary world. But as president, I am responsible for all branches of the Rotary family. This means that it is also my privilege to support the service of Rotary's youngest generations: our Rotaractors, Interactors, Rotary Youth Exchange students, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards participants. When I see the work Rotarians do, I am always impressed, always excited, and always inspired. When I see the work of our New Generations, I am all of this – and frequently I am surprised as well. Not by the quality of their work – for I have learned to expect great things from them – but by the creativity and ingenuity of their thinking. I look at what they have done and think not just "What a great job!" but "What a great idea!" Because every generation sees the world in a unique way, and every individual has a unique point of view. Faced with the same problems, we arrive at different solutions. This is why, in Rotary, our diversity – of culture, language, expertise, gender, and age – is our strength.



For President Gary's full article go to – www.district9820.Org

WELCOME TO THE DISTRICT TEAM



Di Double (RC Berwick) and Peter Kingsbury (RC Moe) have joined the District Teams for ROMAC and Youth Co-Ordination respectively. CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO BOTH OF YOU

AROUND THE DISTRICT – JANNE SPEIRS

One of the very special and extremely enjoyable tasks we've had to undertake in this early part of the year has been to form part of the presentation group for three Deb / Presentation Balls across the District and also attend the first Youth Exchange Camp at Forest Edge. For me, as a Special Education teacher, the All Abilities Ball run by the Rotary Club of Casey was a wonderful evening for these very special young adults and it was just fantastic to see them having SO much fun! It has been great to see young people enjoying time together and attempting new and sometimes very challenging tasks and in this special New Generation Month I could think of no better photos to share than from those events. So, from left – the Deb Ball run by RC Lakes Entrance, Deb Ball run by RC Pakenham, the All Abilities Presentation Ball run by RC Casey and the YEP Camp at Forest Edge



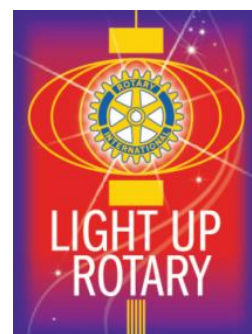
WORLD POLIO DAY - 24 October

Rotarians, clubs and districts around the world will come together to fight polio. Register today for our **End Polio Now: Make History Today Livestream** event which will start at 18:30pm CDT and will be streamed live at endpolionow.org.

If you are unable to watch the event live, consider viewing the recording at your next club meeting and discussing how you can help fulfill Rotary's promise of a polio free world.

To learn more about our fight to End Polio Now, attend the **World Polio Day webinar on 24 September**.

For full details go to – www.district9820.Org



PENINSULA 2.0 INAUGURAL FUN RUN

I am excited to let you know that **we are now accepting registrations for our Inaugural Fun Run**. This is going to be a fantastic event and one that we hope will grow bigger each and every year.

Can you please help us spread the word by distributing this to your clubs, friends and family. Registrations are completed online.

If you aren't interested in taking part in the actual run, but would still like to be involved, we are also looking for volunteers to help us on the day in a range of activities. If you are interested, please email our Volunteer Director John at iconicjohn@me.com.

Any ideas for sponsorship would also be really appreciated. Thanks in advance for supporting us,

Kim Schroder (Public Relations Director, Rotary Peninsula 2.0 {0431 434 300})

For flier go to – www.district9820.Org

FROM FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN RAY MARTIN

Our District (9820) has used US\$5,500 of its District Designated Fund to support a Global Grant application, by the Rotary Club of Cairns Southside, to supply reading material to an aboriginal community in Yarrabah, North Queensland.

This has been brought about by the joint efforts of six Australian districts and District 6960, Florida, USA.

Together we have been successful in raising US\$34,598 and after a grant from The Rotary Foundation have achieved the project total of US\$68,598.

This is a wonderful example of the power of Rotarians working together and, at the same time, making a difference to a disadvantaged community within our great country.

WHAT IS RAWCS?

Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) assists Rotary Clubs with the development and management of International Community service projects.

Whether it is projects to help rebuild in the aftermath of disaster, programs to bring education to countries where illiteracy stifles development, or bringing health and medical aid to those who can least access it, RAWCS can assist.

RAWCS so often has a hand in helping the world stand on its feet. It supports Rotary Clubs in sending teams of volunteers to developing countries to provide assistance upon the development of much needed facilities, especially within the health and education areas.

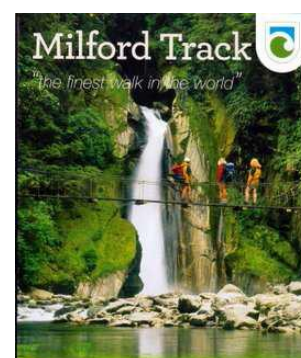
Advice, assistance and training in building, construction and commercial operations (for example, assistance in obtaining microfinance) are also provided by RAWCS to support developing communities in establishing themselves.

PDG Kel. Hobby – District RAWCS Chair.



We invite those of you who are still young at heart, and reasonably sound in wind and limb to join us on a trip in the Summer of 2015 – some options are already full but costs and further details are on our web site, www.otagorotarytrusttramps.org.nz

for full article and photos (stunning) please go to www.district9820.Org



ROMAC

Exciting news for ROMAC and for District 9820!

Due to an extremely generous donation by the Jared Dunscombe Fund, we currently have a young boy from a small, remote village in Timor-Leste at Monash Medical Centre, who had life-saving surgery on Monday afternoon.

'Aze' and his father Ezequiel arrived on Saturday 6th September, tired, nervous but also very excited. Due to his heart condition, Aze, 8 years old, has the size and stature of about a 3 year old, but his surgery will allow a full and normal life for him.



DG Charlie, Kathy, Ezequiel, John and Aze at the airport

Di Double (District 9820 ROMAC Chair)

For full story and more photos go to www.district9820.org

YOUTH EXCHANGE

The weekend of 29-31 August saw the first youth exchange camp of the Rotary year where the recently arrived inbounds from their varying countries got to meet each other for the first time whilst next year's outbounds experienced their first weekend of preparation for their trips overseas commencing on 16 January 2015.

For full story and names go to www.district9820.org



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

REGISTRATIONS are well and truly open for the Shepparton Conference. Don't forget though that as well as registering for the Conference itself, you can also plan to join with local Shepparton Rotarians for a meal on Thursday evening, enjoy the Pre-Conference Wineries Tour, have a round of golf on Friday, visit the local Rotary market on Sunday for lunch or join the Ride to Conference crew in a few relaxing days of pedalling!! Please remember that you can also book your accommodation by following the links on the website. You can also pay your registration in instalments so please consider that as well.



Shepparton Golf Course

SOME OF OUR SUPPORTERS
Stockdale and Leggo (Morwell)
SPC Ardmona (Shepparton)
Les Davidsons Menswear (Traralgon)

Visit the website at www.district9820conference.org



GSE TEAM MEMBERS:

ALL YOU ROTARIANS OUT THERE!!!!

APPLICATIONS FOR TEAM MEMBERS TO GO TO TURKEY IN 2015 CLOSE ON
OCTOBER 10TH

www.district9820.org FOR DETAILS

KOKODA SPIRIT

Warragul Rotarian PP John Cheeseman will walk the Kokoda track in April 2015 with a team made up of other Rotarians, families and friends to raise funds for The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust : Focus on Peace as a recognition of the sacrifice made by the soldiers of the 39th battalion AIF. Recently, with the help of his Club, he was able to raise the \$5000 needed to get him there.

Congratulations and train well, John



RC OF YARRAM GOLF DAY



**Yarram Rotary Club
CHARITY
FUN GOLF
DAY**

**Sunday
October 12, 2014**

**Four-Person Ambrose
(Men's, Ladies' or Mixed)**
10 am for a 10:30 shotgun start

If you don't have a foursome, don't worry, we
will make up the numbers for you
GREAT PRIZES AND RAFFLES



\$25 per head
(includes sausage sizzle, morning and
afternoon tea)

- Electric carts available
- Non-handicap golfers welcome
- Plenty of good accommodation in Yarram
and surrounds

**We need to know numbers
for catering purposes
RSVP by October 5th, 2014**

Write: PO Box 93, Yarram. 3971
Email: mcloedannette@bigpond.com
Phone: Eric Greenaway (03) 5185 1375
Annette McLeod (03) 5186 1284

MY TEAM
List your team details here

Name.....H/Cap.....
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**Auction for Gippsland Rotary
Centenary House, Traralgon**

Terrific accommodation packages will be
auctioned for:

- Toms Cap Winery & Restaurant
- Chester Hill Cottages
- Woranga House B&B

EBOLA OUTBREAK The Rotary Club of Turramurra in D9685 started a program in 2008 to open the first children's hospital in Bo — Sierra Leone's second largest city. It opened two years ago and has been hugely successful in saving kids' lives. Now, though, Ebola has reached Bo so the risk to the people there, including the kids, is dire and there is a need to fit out an Isolation Ward at the hospital. If your Club wishes to help, they can do so through the Turramurra Club's **The Bo Children's hospital Foundation**. The project is supported by both RAWCS and the RC of Bo.

*For details and full article please go to
www.district9820.Ora*

ROTARY CLUB OF LANGWARRIN

Presents

ROY FRANCIS —BEYOND BLUE

Monday 20th October

6.45 for 7.00 at the Langwarrin Community
Centre

For details please go to www.district9820.Org

FOUNDATION FACTS

Did you know that The Rotary Foundation partners with seven universities in the world as part of the Rotary Peace Fellow Program? The University of Queensland is a Rotary Peace Partner Institution.

Did you know that a Rotary Peace Fellow scholarship is valued at ^{US}\$75,000?

Did you know that The Rotary Foundation is Rotary International's only charity?

Did you know that less than 20% of Rotarians in Australia make regular personal contributions to The Rotary Foundation?