



# DISTRICT LIGHTHOUSE



DISTRICT 9820

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## From DG Charlie

What a wonderful organisation we belong to and have the privilege to serve. Every Club visit just reinforces the diversity of Rotary in our demographic, our service areas and the way we Light Up Rotary in our respective communities. I am nearly halfway through the Club visits and enjoying the hospitality and the constant engagement with old and new friends that we are making as we cross the District. People come to Rotary to make a difference and that is the uniting bond that we share. Thank you to all who have gone out of their way to make us welcome, show us their areas of service and added the dimension of a new café, tourist attraction or community perspective to our Club Visits.



## IMPORTANT DATES:

### AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH

#### Avenues of Service Forum

Churchill: October 5<sup>th</sup>

#### GSE applications close

September 27<sup>th</sup> (Leader)

October 10<sup>th</sup> (Members)

#### GSE interviews

Leader: October 11th

Members: October 25-26th

#### End Polio Day

October 24th

#### AGM / Foundation Seminar

November 16<sup>th</sup>

#### Rotary's 110th Birthday

February 15th, 2015

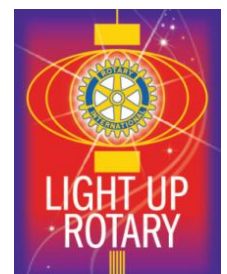
#### District Conference

March 27-29th, 2015

Today, as I was sitting taking in the dominance of the Cape Schanck Lighthouse on the Mornington Peninsula, I was reminded that this structure was built to provide a Beacon of LIGHT so that it provided safe passage through the adjoining waters for travellers in the past. However it also had to be built strongly enough to withstand the storms battering the Coastline and stand the test of time to serve the community that passed by. What a great analogy for our organisation - we exist to serve, we serve to provide a passage through life that enhances our community and we serve people we know and sometimes, just like the lighthouse, we serve people that pass us by. However, whether we know them or not, because of our service we have added a new dimension to their life and journey (a Polio vaccine, a toilet block, a park bench, a community garden, or simply a helping hand) that makes their trip a safer and more rewarding journey. So Rotarians, it is imperative that as we look at Membership month we build Rotary Clubs that are strong, enduring and continue to provide light to make the travellers in our community safer in the future.

## AUGUST – MEMBERSHIP MONTH

As noted by our International President Gary Huang, growing the membership of Rotary is important as we need more people to do the growing amount of work needed to continue to make our communities a better place. We also need to realise that existing Rotarians who have contributed so much to their community will



need, at some point, to hand over to the next generation. Although their service has made a profound difference to so many communities, there is still much to be done.

We have a wonderful history of Service that started with a few men meeting in Chicago. The Rotary movement's concept of "Service Above Self" blossomed and grew and spread across the USA and into Australia by the early 1920's. The organisation has been a powerhouse adding light to the world and is as relevant as it ever was. What we must ensure is that Rotary still Lights Up the World in the future. In the Gippsland area our first Club was the Rotary Club of Sale. Others quickly followed, building a network of clubs that eventually became District 9820. We have a wonderful history of service across the district and the years of Rotary Service are countless. Certainly they number in the thousands of person years of Rotary service as currently nearly 1500 Rotarians in 49 Clubs ranging in age from 1 year of service to nearly 80 years work on a myriad of club projects and activities to improve their community both home and abroad. However, our challenge is engaging the next generation of Rotarians so that our legacy is a sustainable contribution of Service Above Self and the core task of doing good in the world continues on. ....

For more go to – [www.district9820.org](http://www.district9820.org)



## **NEWS UPDATE (7/8/2014)**

### **NORMAN DISNEY & YOUNG CONTINUES ITS SUPPORT**

#### **\$10,000 will help rebuild shattered lives and communities ...**

Last week, at the Melbourne offices of international consulting engineers, Norman Disney & Young, NDY Charitable Trust Chair, Sam Aloï handed over a cheque for \$10,000 to Disaster Aid Australia (DAA) representatives, the third such donation by the Company.



#### **More news just in from Disaster Aid International**

- \*Disaster Aid Malaysia has just been formally recognised as a government approved charity
- \*Moves are afoot for the creation of Disaster Aid India, (also) as a Rotary club project.

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

## **D9820 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – A New Fence – YOUR Funds at Work**



For a number of years, Rotary Clubs within our District – particularly those in East Gippsland – have been assisting those affected by natural disasters, particularly fire.

The Black Saturday fires of 2009 saw this assistance take on a much more substantive role and in the succeeding five years assistance has been offered to many individuals and communities in need after fires.

A couple of weeks ago, DG Charlie and Janne were able to visit a small section of the area recently affected by the East Gippsland fires and where D9820 money is being used to purchase fencing wire for local volunteers to use in replacing fencing lost in the fires. It was a privilege to see District funds being put to such a practical and valuable use yet again.



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

### **DG CHARLIE'S NEW EMAIL ADDRESS**

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Please delete his old email from your lists

(his mobile number is 0428761435)



For the current quarterly Newsletter please go to [www.district9820.org](http://www.district9820.org) and if you're into all things 2 wheel, maybe joining the "Rotarcyclists" will be for you!

## AROUND THE DISTRICT

As Charlie and Janne have been on their travels around the District for their “official” visits, Janne has tried to keep a pictorial record – these are some of the photos. From left to right – Cape Conran (East Gippsland), pelican (Marlo, East Gippsland), RC Rosebud-Rye’s Adult Literacy and Learning Centre, View from Cape Schanck lighthouse (Mornington Peninsula), Gateway Industries (RC of Dandenong)



## FOUNDATION AND POLIO – FROM FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN RAY MARTIN

The following statistics show the number of Polio cases reported as at 6<sup>th</sup> August.

It is interesting to note that Pakistan represents 104 of the total cases reported showing that there have been only 31 cases reported in the rest of the world.

As has been previously reported measures are in place to prevent Polio being spread from Pakistan and vaccination numbers in that country are on the increase.

	This year to date	Last Year to date	Total Last year
Total Cases reported	135	177	416
- in endemic countries	117	67	160
- in non-endemic countries	18	110	256

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**November 16<sup>th</sup>**- Berwick-The Rotary Foundation Seminar (following the District AGM)

**February 6<sup>th</sup>**- Berwick – The Rotary Foundation Grant seminar

**February 20<sup>th</sup>**- Sale – The Rotary Foundation Grant seminar

### FILM NIGHT

In January/February we will be able to have a Polio fundraiser night at the movies to see a pre-release of:

**The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel**

Dates will be advised when they come to hand.

### FROM ROGER THORNTON *For full story go to – [www.district9820.org](http://www.district9820.org)*

#### **ABC Foreign Correspondent**

##### **An overview of the medical situation Timor Leste**

The program on Tuesday 12/8 highlighted the medical situation in Timor Leste and focused on the Bairo Pite Clinic in Dili. It was an excellent presentation that provided a great insight into the situation. East Timor is the poorest country in our Region with 45% of the children under 5 undernourished and lack of food is a serious issue. The medical facilities in the whole country are limited and many medical tests that we take for granted are unavailable. The common place life-saving procedures available in Australia are only dreams in this nation. It made it easy to understand why women in the country have a 100 times greater risk of dying as a result of childbirth. It also highlights the remarkable job that the Bairo Pite Clinic is doing with few resources.



**East Timor – The Clinic**





## TONGAN GARDEN REPORT - TONY SPRING



Last Rotary year, Frankston North Rotary participated in a Matching Grant in Tonga. 20 households in the village of Popua had vegetable gardens and hen houses constructed in their back yards. This proved to be a very successful project where households were able to keep the pigs and dogs and cats out while growing vegetables and hens. They improved their health whilst saving money growing their own produce (go to [www.district9820.org](http://www.district9820.org)). Following this Matching Grant, we have been successful in starting a much bigger Global Grant (by combined support of Clubs additional funds were raised) where up to 300 households in three villages will get their own vegetable

gardens and/or hen houses. This will enable them to also reap the benefits the first 20 households have achieved. 16 Clubs around the District contributed varying amounts and are participating in the Tonga Global Grant. Without their participation 300 households in Tongan villages would be significantly poorer. A big thank you to all those Clubs for assisting Frankston North in this exciting project and "Lighting Up Rotary" in this Tongan community.

### AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH FORUM

Reaction to the Positive Mental Health forum held on 25 June at the Mornington Secondary College and run jointly by the Rotary Club of Mornington and Australian Rotary Health was very positive. The forum focused on better understanding strategies to address and prevent the onset of mental health issues including anxiety and depression.

For John Renowden's full press release please see - [www.district9820.org](http://www.district9820.org)

**GSE: APPLICATIONS  
CLOSE END OF  
SEPTEMBER**

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

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



This month we're featuring the Friday 'Pre-Conference tour' out of Shepparton to the Tabilk and Mitchelton Wineries. This pre-Conference "Friday with a difference" will consist of a wine tasting and lunch, eco walk and boat tour, with participants bussed to the



venues and back to Shepparton in time for official proceedings. Both wineries will be visited by all, with participants having the boat cruise as their means of transport between the two wineries.

For a full itinerary and costs and for general information and Conference registration, please visit the website at

[www.district9820conference.org](http://www.district9820conference.org)

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### GIPPSLAND



Bom dia! You're invited to the 2015 Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil. If you haven't already heard, the **convention dates have changed**. The fun now begins one day earlier on Saturday, 6 June and continues through Tuesday, 9 June 2015. Plan now to enjoy the Rotary Carnival at Anhembi Parque following the opening plenary session on Saturday.

For more details on this exciting opportunity please follow the link - [www.district9820.org](http://www.district9820.org)



### KOKODA TRAIL

#### The Australian Rotary Foundation

#### Trust: Focus on Peace

It is proposed that a team of Rotarians, their families and friends walk the Kokoda Track in April 2015 to recognise the sacrifice made by soldiers of the 39<sup>th</sup> Battalion AIF and raise funds in support of the Rotary Peace Centres.

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