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MEMBERSHIP MONTH

August is membership Month on the Rotary Calendar reminding us we need to be ever aware of retaining our existing membership and inviting new Rotarians to join us on our journey of Service Above Self.

Whilst making my journey around the District I want to draw your attention to retaining members and increasing membership by “Making Your Clubs The Place To Be”.

We need firstly to make our clubs enthusiastic inviting places where the community we live in is engaged with us and your club is a desirable place to be.

Everyone can have a myriad of resources on membership. We can share great stories on what has worked in bringing in new members, hold membership seminars and workshops and promote ourselves in the media – all really worthwhile things that we can do to bring in new members. Our Assistant Governors and District membership teams can all be enthused and motivated about membership.

However at the end of the day it is Rotarians who have invited people to Rotary. Every Rotarian has to be inspired and motivated to do this. Every Rotarian needs to be involved in membership. Even if people don't think they can invite people they can be involved in membership by identifying potential Rotarians in their community and giving those name to the membership chair in the club.

I have included a list of successful Membership Ideas for your consideration.

How many potential Rotarians is your club going to invite to Rotary this month?

If you would like to receive an electronic copy of “Rotary on the Move”, an Australian publication on membership ideas please email the editor; Issa Shalhoub shalhoubissa@shoal.net.au

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[MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH](#)

Maternal and child health in Nigeria

Mark Townsend, Rotary Club of The Island & Royal Manor of Portland, England (District 1200)

I visited Enugu, a city in southeast Nigeria with a population of 2 million, for the interim monitor visit of a maternal and child health project.

The maternal mortality rate (MMR) in Nigeria is one of the 10 highest in the world. This means approximately 40,000 Nigerian women die in childbirth every year, which equates to at least four women every hour.

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Following a project in Kano and Kaduna States in northern Nigeria that reduced MMR by 60 percent, the Rotary

Club of Trans-Ekulu, in Enugu, initiated a second, two-year project.

I found the Trans-Ekulu club to be closely knit and truly dynamic.

Although it is relatively small, with 21 members, all the members have taken an active role and are passionate about making a difference. Members have worked tirelessly and with great enthusiasm to achieve their goals.

They made me extremely welcome and were keen to show me their project activities.

Their project tackles the “three delays”:

1. Women delay seeking help due to lack of education and awareness about family planning. Traditional birth assistants steeped in old traditions compound the problem. Good antenatal care and knowledge of when to call for help are key to avoiding catastrophic outcomes. Fortunately, an intensive, far-reaching educational program is underway. Outreach teams, clinicians, and Rotarians are all involved, and traditional and religious leaders and voluntary bodies have been brought on-board. There is a high-profile educational media campaign, including visits to schools, and traditional birth assistants are trained to refer to it when appropriate.
2. Poor roads and lack of transportation cause delays in accessing care. Efforts are being considered to address these problems.
3. Poor facilities and a lack of trained staff cause delays at hospitals. The project has provided essential equipment, including operating tables and incubators, and training for doctors and midwives to ensure prompt and safe deliveries.

I visited the five hospitals selected. They ranged from the university teaching hospital, which had good buildings and facilities but was underequipped and poorly staffed due to insufficient funds, to the cottage hospitals, which have much poorer facilities and are powered by generators most of the time. Some hospitals even receive water deliveries by tanker. At one hospital, it was good to see that premature babies no longer had to be transferred elsewhere because the Rotary project had provided an incubator, which had led to the development of a special-care baby unit.

The project also demonstrated its worth when Rotary-provided equipment enabled staff to perform an emergency Caesarean section delivery even though another operation was underway in the operating

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theater.
 Initial results show a decline in maternal deaths. This is a

tremendous project that will save many lives, reduce disability, and improve the quality of life for many people.

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PARTNERS PROGRAM



PARTNERS PROGRAM ROTARY FOUNDATION MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

Thank you to the Rotary Clubs of Molong, Young, Oberon, Griffith and Griffith East who have come on board and supported Rotary Foundation – Maternal and Child Health. Your presentation of cheques to me when I visited your clubs was just thrilling and has greatly encouraged me and I feel proud that we are supporting such a wonderful area of need.



Gary and I had such an exciting time at Oberon Rotary Club when two Paul Harris Fellowship Awards were presented to Robin Toedter and Elizabeth Brotchie.

These wonderful women are not Rotarians but are consistently in the community helping other and supporting The Rotary Club of Oberon. Even in the snow! Both were overwhelmed and quietly overjoyed. I quote, "we don't do anything much, we just help where we can". They work tirelessly and are greatly appreciated by their peers, it was such a delight to see their surprised faces.

Bob Allen of Yenda Rotary Club was awarded a Sapphire a popular and appreciated members of his club. Bob was surprised and humbled by the award.

Karen Smith of the Salvation Army, was awarded a PHF



by the Griffith Rotary Club, Major Smith has work tirelessly for the community of Griffith and contributed too many areas of need in Griffith. Karen is a delightful lady who

was also taken by surprise and also commented that she just does what is needed.

Our visits to these clubs were such a wonderful inspiring evening of excitement and celebration of “Service Above Self” from those quiet achievers of our communities. I know their families and friends are proud of the recognition and thrilled that Rotary should honour them. Thankyou for making the evening such a delight. Marilyn Roberts



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Ian Riseley, an Australian accountant and member of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, is selected as the 2017-18 Rotary president.

Ian H.S. Riseley, of the Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2017-18. He will become the president-nominee on 1 October if no other candidates challenge him.

Riseley says that meaningful partnerships with corporations and other organizations are crucial to Rotary’s future.

“We have the programs and personnel and others have available resources,” says Riseley. “Doing good in the world is everyone’s goal. We must learn from the experience of the polio eradication program to maximize our public awareness exposure for future partnerships.”

Riseley is a practicing accountant and principal of Ian

Riseley and Co., which specializes in advising local and international businesses, and has a strong interest in international affairs. He received the AusAID Peacebuilder Award from the Australian government in 2002 in recognition of his work in Timor-Leste. He also received the Order of Australia medal in 2006 for service to the Australian community.

“Governments see Rotary as positive representatives of a civil society,” he says. “We should work with them to advocate for peace and conflict resolution, just as we are advocating for polio eradication.”

A member since 1978, Riseley has served Rotary as treasurer, director, trustee, RI Board Executive Committee member, task force member, committee member and chair, and district governor.

He is also a former member of the Australian Polio Eradication Private Sector Campaign and a recipient of The Rotary Foundation’s Service Award for a Polio-Free World. He and his wife, Juliet, are Multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, and Bequest Society members.

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SUCCESS CONFERENCE

Over the last two years Rotarians have been asking when we were we going to have another National Rotary Success Conference. It is going to happen this September! I would urge you to register now for what I am sure will be a great conference.

I would like to invite all Rotarians to the 2015 Rotary Success Conference and Youth Summit which will be held at the Hellenic Club, Canberra on 5 – 6 September 2015. This conference is an affordable conference as the price of \$120 per person covers, morning teas, lunch, afternoon tea and the Saturday night dinner. It will commence at 8.30am on the Saturday morning and conclude at 12.30pm on the Sunday.

All attendees will be able to have input into the conference breakout sessions over the weekend. It will be a conference that everyone will get something out of.

Who should be attending? All Rotary Leaders, Presidents and Presidents Elect, PR Chairs, Membership Chairs and Future Rotary Leaders and Rotarians who want to be involved in the continuing success of Rotary in Australia.

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YOUNG VISIT

During my visit to Young recently Marilyn and I were fortunate to be taken on a tour of Rotary projects both past and present.

We were delighted to visit the Chinese Gardens a project initiated by Rotary and now managed by the Council.

This a wonderful serene place featuring a park and Lake.

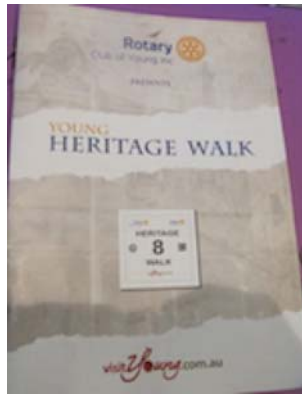
We visited a refurbished Rotaract Park in a community housing subdivision which has given that community a wonderful resource, with a Barb B Que, Covered Learning Area and returned a soul to a run-down park.

We visited sports grounds and a set of Cricket Nets built by Rotary 20 years ago and still providing for the city.

The Young Club is just about to complete a Heritage Walk in the old part of town, with plaques and an audio tour for smart phones. The official launch of this project is scheduled for August 15. How about coming along and joining in the fun with music in the Rotunda and all sorts of fun.

Young club and Rotary can be proud of the achievements

in Young and we should all take inspiration from this gift to the world as we make the world a better place to live.



If your club would like to have their events listed in the District 9700 Directory Calendar, please send details to Marilyn Roberts, District Secretary with the following details.

- Event Name:
- Start Date and Time
- End Date and Time
- Location
- Short Description. 1-2 paragraphs
- Name of Event Organiser

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[HAVE A CHAT SAVE A LIFE](#)



Over 1100 Rotary Clubs across Australia are urging families to "have a chat" with their loved ones about organ and tissue donation and register their donation decisions during DonateLife Week August 2-9.

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