



Central Region (Rotary Districts 9500 and 9520)

Newsletter 1 - Rotary year 2017/18

Many Rotarians maybe unaware ROMAC is an Approved Australian and New Zealand program of Rotary International run solely by volunteers enabling 100% of donations to be used to achieve our mission of providing medical treatment for children from developing countries in the form of lifesaving and/or dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country.

In March 2018, we will celebrate 30 years of service. during that time ROMAC has supported treatment to over 450 children, an achievement of which we as Rotarians can be very proud. This has been made possible through the monetary support from Rotary clubs, Districts, individuals, and the families who volunteered to be host families.

The regional committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the Rotary clubs of Burnside, Elizabeth, Goolwa, Hallett Cove, Henley Beach, Loxton, Mawson Lakes, Mildura, Mt Barker, Murray Bridge, Northern Yorke Peninsular, Onkaparinga, Prospect, Salisbury, St Peters and District 9520 for their generous donations during 2016/17 to assist the humanitarian work performed by ROMAC and our medical partners in Australia and New Zealand.

Our inaugural **"WEAR RED FOR ROMAC"** dinner/dance/auction held last February was a great success achieving its purpose of making many clubs more aware of ROMAC and assist our fund raising. There will be another **"WEAR RED FOR ROMAC"** event held later this Rotary year and we will also celebrate success and ROMAC's 30th birthday. The date will be advised ASAP.

At any one time, we could have over 40 children on the ROMAC waiting list. With treatment costing an average of \$35,000 per child our budget limitations mean the most urgent cases demand the highest priority. Whilst we appreciate clubs in country areas are unable to host a child due to distance, a financial donation is much appreciated.

I encourage and look forward to all club's fund raising and budgeting to donate to ROMAC during 2017/18 as the need for increased funding to help these children never ceases. Remember donations made by individuals and businesses are fully tax deductible.

We welcome invitations from clubs to invite a guest speaker to present at your club which can be arranged by contacting IPP Brett Dalton who is taking over as ROMAC Central Region Chair in August, email brettles63@hotmail.com or PDG Alun Hughes email alunhughes@bigpond.com