



# Rotary Matters

August 2021 DG Newsletter



Dear fellow Rotarians, partners and friends of Rotary,

Our new Rotary year is underway as we **Serve to change Lives**. However, the first few weeks have been challenging with ongoing COVID restrictions and recent 7-day lockdown in South Australia. These decisions, although necessary, have impacted our Rotary clubs, their meetings, functions and projects. It has been great to see clubs quickly returned to online meetings, and find ways to safely deliver support to their members and the community.

Jenny and I have attended many changeovers over the last 6 weeks. We have experienced fun and fellowship in the clubs we have visited. Due to the restrictions, we have not started any of our official visits during July so our first official visit is on the 2nd August. Jenny and I are looking forward to visiting all of you over the next 8 months.

## August is Membership and New Club Development Month.

As mentioned earlier, Jenny and I have experienced excellent fun and fellowship at the club changeovers that we have been attending. This is good to see and is a great start to building and maintaining membership in clubs. I trust that Membership is a priority in your Club's Strategic Plan. I would encourage you to also consider your club projects and ensure they are engaging and make an impact on your community.



As we focus on membership, RI President Shekhar has shared some challenges:

### Do More, Grow More

- "Do More"- as in bigger and impactful service projects
- "Grow more" – increasing our membership and expanding the participation

### Grow More to do More

- Allows clubs to expand their reach
- Allows clubs to make an impact on their community
- Will inspire and motivate members to join and ensure retention of members
- Will raise the profile and public image of Rotary in the community.

Preparations are well underway for our [District Conference in the beautiful Barossa Valley 1st -3rd April 2022](#) and our committee is putting together an excellent program. There will be some information in the Rotary Classifieds including options for accommodation. The conference Registration site will be up soon. Make sure you mark the dates in your diary.

**Rotary Matters** will continue as our official monthly publication - A great place to share your Rotary story. Thanks to Euan Miller (Norwood) for continuing as Editor and thanks to Graham Fussen (D9510online) for the production. PDG David Jones has agreed to continue with **Rotary Classifieds**. Any articles should be sent to District Secretary David Fenton.

Jenny and I are pleased that we can hit the road and start our club visits. We are looking forward to catching up with you all and learning more about what Rotary is achieving in our District.

Yours in Rotary  
*DG Jeff Neale*

## Lockdowns and cancellations

As you read this hopefully the bulk of us will be out of lockdown again and cancellations of meetings and projects as well as the reinstatement on online club meetings that occurred in the latter part of July, will be behind us.

However it appears that additional protective measures may have been put in place, especially with social distancing which suggests that we may have to vary our strategies yet again to achieve our project and fundraising goals.

One of our skills, as business and community leaders, is to be effective strategic planners and I am confident that we will all adapt yet again to whatever changes of pathways we need to make to achieve our service and fundraising goals for the year.

*The Editor*



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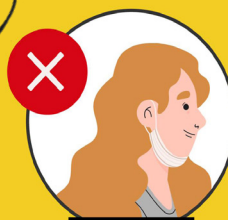
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**COVERING NOSE AND MOUTH**



**UNDER CHIN**



**UNDER NOSE**

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## End Polio Now is achieving amazing results this year

Rotarians may not have noticed that in this year to date, there has been a transformation in the vaccination campaign in the two remaining wild polio infected countries Afghanistan and Pakistan.

In the first 7 months of 2021 there have been only two new cases recorded – one in each country. In both cases these occurred several months ago and the weekly updates provided by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (Rotary and its partners) keeps showing zero cases.

We have never had such a low figure from either country before and last year, with COVID-19, End Polio vaccination programs stopped for a few months. As a result polio cases increased alarmingly in both countries and reached over a hundred in Pakistan. However Rotary and its partners adapted the program and began a village by village COVID vaccination program, using its successful polio strategies, and recommenced polio vaccinations as well.

It had been thought, with the withdrawal of troops from Afghanistan, that the rise of the Taliban again would have created problems with the vaccine rollout. However GPEI negotiated the combined COVID/ PolioPlus with the Taliban as well and it appears we have achieved even greater coverage of children that we expected.



Rotary has been raising USD50m a year from us to run the End Polio campaign with the Bill and Belinda Gates Foundation matching this each time with USD100m.

With our other partners and sovereign governments' contributions (USD4.2b over 5 years 2019-2023) it now appears likely that we have both sufficient funds and a workable strategy to finally achieve our target. We have to remember always that a disease has not been eliminated until 3 years after the last known case.

**Let's hope these two cases are the last two cases.**

When Rotary initiated this project in 1985 it gave itself 20 years to eradicate polio in time for centenary of Rotary International in 2005. We all know we have missed that target by over 15 years now but, fingers crossed, we may achieve it by the end of our Australian Rotary centenary year.

This will be very fitting because it was an Australian, - **Rotary International President Sir Clem Renouf**, who came up with the idea. Older members will remember we were all asked to contribute \$15 as an initial donation and amazingly managed to raise \$7m worldwide. This was enough to fund the campaign pilot in 1985 and vaccinate every child in the Philippines.

As a result polio disappeared from the Philippines. PolioPlus was the name of the campaign. Rotary quickly realised it couldn't fund the whole program itself. It then brought in national governments, WHO, Centres for Disease Control and Prevention(USA) and UNICEF and the program was renamed the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)**.

So for those Rotarians who may be wondering after year upon year of donations, can we ever do it?

*It now really appears the end is nigh!*





## Big stories from 5 small clubs in D9510...

### The Toy Boys

You don't have to be big to be successful. One of our smallest Rotary clubs, Charles Sturt Grange has a long running program when club members and volunteers, 16 in all, meet weekly to make high quality wooden toys. They achieve a massive total of 600 toys built and painted each year.

On the last Wednesday in November they meet to distribute these toys to 9 charities in their area. For these achievements on that day in 2020, they were awarded the best Community Event of the Year by the Charles Sturt Council as part of its Australia Day Awards.

How does a club of 9 members (4 of them Toy Boys) manage to achieve so much? Volunteering at Bunnings BBQs and the Carousel at Semaphore as well as donations covers most of the materials costs but they also have work experience students from Findon HS to provide extra labour. The club has now expanded its program to cover two special schools where disabled students assist with toy repairs.



### Caravan safety

With overseas travel denied the number of caravanners on our roads has increased markedly. The **RC Barossa Districts** saw this as an opportunity to develop and run a caravan safety awareness course.



With the help of a Registered Training Authority, this licensed course has been backed by SA Police and caravan manufacturers. Using Facebook advertising they attract novice caravanners from all over and put five couples through each course. All registration fees go towards future club projects.

This is another small Rotary club of 8 members who have achieved big results through a brilliant idea to meet a current need.

However this is not all. It also manages to staff sausage sizzles at Mitre 10 as well as maintain the gardens at Lewiston Cottages, the site of the first school in the area opened in 1857. The school was also the site of one the first Post Offices in SA and the townspeople named the town itself after SA's first Post Master General James William Lewis when the post office was opened in 1865.

The club also manages to support RYDA, TRF, ARH and Shelterbox.

## Biennial Art Show

The **RC Kapunda** is getting itself ready for its next Art Show in 2021 and has its fingers crossed there will be no more COVID shutdowns. This is a big project for a 7 member club which is thankful that the last show in 2019 occurred before the virus was born.



The club also sponsors achievement awards at Freeling PS and Kapunda PS as well as being involved again with the annual presentation night at Kapunda HS. Its trusty BBQ trailer is used by community groups and the club has been prominent in the ongoing outreach drought relief program. Three more events to support farmers will occur in September at Eudunda, Freeling and Truro. Let's hope this rather wet winter in SA gives farmers and pastoralists a big chance to restock and at the same time rebuilt their depleted stores of hay and other supplementary feeds.

## Christmas Trailer at Munno Para Shopping Centre

A large reindeer sits atop the Rotary Christmas trailer at the shopping centre. The trailer's contents are raffled each year by the RC Playford. The trailer is on display at the shopping centre for the 6 weeks leading up to Christmas and ticket sellers are there during all business hours. This is quite a task of scheduling volunteer hours especially when Playford is a club of only 12 members.

The club is unusual in that one of its meetings each month is held at 9.30am over coffee. Playford started its life as a breakfast club and as its members retired, they decided to continue to meet in the mornings but just shifted their start time a couple of hours later. So now they never have to get up in the dark for Rotary!

The club supports local sporting clubs with the purchase of training gear, has provided the local CFS with a thermal imaging camera, they partner with Zonta assembling birthing kits, and maintain a memorial garden. Its changeover night got caught up by the COVID shutdown in SA and like the RC Burnside, is hoping that a rescheduled date doesn't suffer the same fate.



## Service Clubs Awards

Each year the Premier of SA makes awards to service clubs for outstanding community service projects. The projects are expected to be innovative and more than just fundraising. So you need to show significant involvement of Rotarians or members of the community in the project.

The can be joint with another club or partner and can be still in progress or completed. However projects still in the planning stages or a pilot study need to wait until they are mainstream.

This year a special disaster recovery category has been listed which includes COVID-19, bushfires and drought relief.

Further details on how best to write the application can be gained from <https://scasa.org.au/project-awards/> and applications close on 31 August 2021. A special luncheon will held which the Premier, or nominated Minister, presents the awards to successful clubs. This year this is being held at the Glenelg Golf Club on Sunday 31 October 2021.

Further details can be gained from Les Dennis RC Regency Park Email: [lesdennis@bigpond.com](mailto:lesdennis@bigpond.com)

## Service Clubs Association of SA (SCASA) Inc.





## Stamp Collecting to raise funds to address PTSD

The RC of Unley encourages the "mail must get through" concept as a fundraiser. In 2019, The Club commenced saving used (and unused) postage stamps from all over the world, with sub-sequent sales of these stamps being donated to 'MESHA – Military and Emergency Services Health Australia'. This organisation raises awareness and supports health and wellbeing research into conditions such as Post-Traumatic Stress and programmes to support our veterans, first responders and their families.

The club hopes, under COVID Lockdowns, people may write more letters and send cards. In addition, the Festive season is fast approaching. Rotarians interested in the project are encouraged to save all their postage stamps from letters, birthday and Christmas cards, and other stamps throughout the year, and send them to:

"Stamps" Rotary Club of Unley  
PO Box 18, Unley SA 5061

Or drop them into the **Unley Rotary Thrift Shop**,  
130 Unley Road, Unley



*Unley Rotary Club Member Christina Way, has collected 15Kg of Stamps so far and has raised \$300+.*

## Brownhill Creek to hand back its charter in November

Members of the RC Brownhill Creek have decided to hand back their charter but in a very considered way. They currently have 13 members, of which 11 are still active, and also have significant ongoing projects that they want to handover to other clubs at the same time to ensure their continuity.

The major international project is in Nepal with the RC Dili Bazaar. It is strongly focused on building wide ranging literacy and numeracy programs among children in Kathmandu. In the past the club has built an orphanage and school in Kathmandu and done a lot of reconstruction work after the last earthquake.

At the community level it has partnered for many years with the Variety Club funding, cooking and serving a BBQ to disadvantaged children and their carers at the Adelaide Zoo. This has become such a large undertaking (2500 sausages cooked and served) that it has become too big for the Zoo so it now has been split, with two separate functions each year.

Its third project has been an ongoing improvement of Brown Hill Creek.

It has built walking trails, erected custom designed and carved seating which incorporate Indigenous designs and craftsmanship.



The club has also been noteworthy as a purveyor of fine wine organised through the extended families of one of its members, a 9520 PDG. After each vintage, the club sells many cases of wine and there can't be many Rotarians, especially in the former District who have not sampled, if not bought a vintage. The club managed to sell the final box of last year's offering a month ago.

## POLIO Ute Relay event for this Rotary year

The district has decided to run the polio ute relay and raffle again from October 24 2021 to 30 April 2022.

This time it will be run in reverse starting with Area 12 in Adelaide and finishing in Alice Springs. Areas have been notified when it is scheduled to appear so clubs have plenty of notice to either coincide the visit with an existing club event or organise a new event.

President Shekhar has asked clubs to join with other clubs to share an event this year to promote our public image. This may be the opportunity for your club to use the presence of the polio ute.



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## Is your Club applying for a District Grant this year?

### Important Information

- Applications close Sunday 22 August 2021
- District Grants training must be completed online - link: <https://bit.ly/3kYE4q6>
- A Club Representative must complete Module 2 of the training
- District Grant Application and MOU Forms to be completed
- Forms are available on the District Website <https://rotary9510.org/page/the-rotary-foundation>
- Completed applications emailed to: [FoundationGrantsChair@Rotary9510.org](mailto:FoundationGrantsChair@Rotary9510.org)

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