



Rotary Matters

December 2021 DG Newsletter



Dear fellow Rotarians, partners and friends of Rotary,

November has provided us with many new and exciting experiences. We are now past the half way mark with our visits at 54 clubs. Only 30 Rotary Clubs and 4 Rotaract Clubs to go!!

Our first visit for the month was to Alice Springs. We spent four days there enjoying the outback and hospitality of three **Rotary Clubs and the Probus Club of Stuart**. We were lucky enough to have a tour of Purple House Balm Shop. Jenny & I also helped draw the Melbourne Cup Raffle – which is a large community fundraiser run by the **RC of Alice Springs**. We appreciate the hospitality from all of the clubs, particularly Area Governor Ian Ross and his wife Julie and also President Pauline from **RC of Alice Springs-Mbantua**.



Sadly, the **Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek** has decided to close their doors and Jenny and I were privileged to attend the meeting where they handed back their charter. I say privileged because we were able to hear first hand about the history of this great club of 41 years.

Although it's sad to lose a club from our District, it was great to celebrate their many successes over the years. All of the Clubs' projects have been taken up by other Rotary clubs in the District and some of the members of Brownhill Creek have also taken up the option to join those clubs. The RC of Brownhill Creek was in a strong financial position and we thank them for their generous donation of funds to a number of Rotary Projects in our District. The spirit of Brownhill Creek will live on in our District for many years to come. On behalf of the District, I thank the members for their many years of Rotary service.



As many would be aware, Jenny's partner project this year is All Kids.

Thanks to Barbara Wheatcroft, and her team comprised of Julie Campbell, Helen Charles and Sonia Schahinger who did an amazing job arranging the fundraiser held at the Burnside Ballroom and featuring the Hot Embers. Thank you to all those who attended to ensure the day was a success and

contribute to raising much needed funds for such an important project. I would also like to thank Babu Kanagasabai from RC of Campbelltown for being the treasurer for this event.

allkids
have the right to education



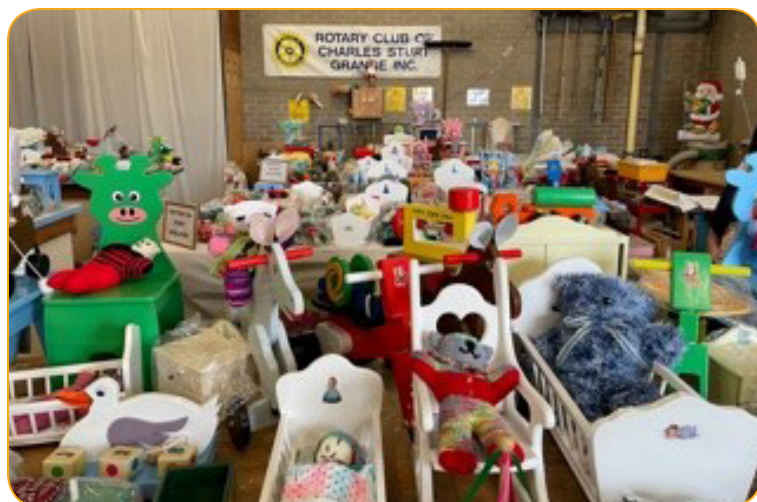
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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

As you would have heard RC of Holdfast Bay have received several state awards for their 'Locals Doing it Tough Food Drive'. This project involves the Club inviting the community to donate food items from a pre-determined list which is handed to them on the entry to Foodland at Brighton. These items are then carefully sorted and bundled for distribution to numerous agencies caring for those in need in their local community. Jenny and I were amazed to see the work and dedication which goes into this highly successful project. Yet another example of "Rotary - People of Action".



Another highlight this month was the invitation we received to visit the "Toyboys". This is a project of the RC of Charles Sturt, Grange. Donations of timber, paint and premises are provided to this dedicated group



of Toy Makers who each year make toys for various agencies in the local area providing many children with the joy of receiving a gift at Christmas time. This year, there were 530 toys distributed. These toys vary from cars and trucks to doll houses and pull along toys. Each toy is hand crafted and unique and made with a lot of love and care.

On Saturday, we attended an open day at Donations in Kind (DIK) at their warehouses in Edinburgh. David Cockshell and his team run an amazing program where donations of mainly medical equipment and school equipment are collected, repaired, cleaned and shipped to countries in need of assistance. There were over 60 people helping on the day with the many tasks associated with this project. It is apparently traditional that the District Governor cooks a BBQ at some point at DIK, so it was my pleasure to cook lunch, ably assisted by DGE Paul and DGN Craig. PDG David Jones was also in attendance assisting with the many tasks undertaken on the day. It was really great to have the whole of our G-Train present on the day and we thank everyone for your ongoing support of this great project.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

One of our great District programs is the 'One & All – Youth Sailing Challenge'. On Saturday night, 27th November, Jenny and I had the opportunity to join a Twilight Cruise with some other Rotarians on the One & All. It was great to experience sailing on the ship first hand and to get an understanding of the opportunity this vessel offers in training young people.

There were some recent participants of the program on board showing us the sailing skills they had been taught. I had the opportunity along with others to climb the rigging and experience a small part of what these young people are required to do during their participation in the program.

As this is the final edition of Rotary Matters for 2021, Jenny & I take this opportunity to thank all of the Clubs that we have visited so far for their hospitality and friendship.

We would also like to thank all the members of the District, including the leadership team for their ongoing support.

We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and healthy 2022.

Yours in Rotary

DG Jeff Neale



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 by **7th** of the month



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Doing it tough

The **RC Holdfast Bay** was thrilled to receive the Premier's Community Activity Award and the Premier's Community Service Distinction Award for 2021 for its club's signature project 'Locals Doing it Tough Food Drive'.

These awards were presented by Premier Steven Marshall and the Hon Stephen Patterson MP at the Service Clubs Association of South Australia (SCASA) annual awards luncheon on October 31. SCASA comprises service clubs from across our state including Rotary, Lions, Zonta, Apex, Kiwanis and Soroptimist International.

The Club's biannual food drives support the work of local outreach programs in Holdfast Bay that provide emergency food relief and support for individuals and families who require immediate assistance. In the last 12 months the Rotary Club of Holdfast Bay has collected and distributed over \$36,000 worth of goods with the assistance of local businesses, other community partners and volunteers.

This year Rotary was fortunate to dominate the award categories with **Regency Park** (involved in 4 awards), **St Peters, Mobilong, Prospect, Onkaparinga, Murray Bridge** and **Kidman Park** all receiving gongs.

A great outcome for Rotary and all these clubs are to be congratulated.

*Secretary RC Holdfast Bay PDG Kim Harvey
receiving the award from the Premier*



*Stephen Patterson MP
with Secretary Kim and
Mobilong President
Bronwyn Heard*



*PDG Roy Armstrong and Virginia Manson
at the Brighton shopping centre
distributing goods*



Selection day for the National Youth Science Forum 2022

COVID meant that for the second year NYSF will be held as a Hub event in Adelaide for District 9510 participants.

The Interview Day avoided COVID restrictions and was able to be held on 22nd August at a new venue: Adelaide High School, where 10 classrooms and the gymnasium we used.

Divided into 10 groups of 5, students were interviewed as a group by a STEM professional, a Rotarian and an NYSFer (previous NYSF participant).

Due to the Hub format, there is an increase in the number of positions allocated, so interviews took on a more relaxed format compared to previous years when the number of applications usually exceeded the number of positions available.

After the interview groups, team building exercises were led by the NYSFers in the gymnasium. By which time the team could assert that all applicants present were good to go!



Sean giving all applicants the good news that everyone gets to go to NYSF 2022 in January

Those who could not attend the interview day in person were interviewed via zoom with a similar program, and they were also very suitable candidates.

Although the number of applications was slightly lower than normal due to COVID and the Hub format, 51 students are registered with NYSF for the 2022 Program.

At Orientation Day, held on 19th September at Adelaide High, Chair Dr Sean Geoghegan was able to outline what 2022 NYSF will consist of,

- 12 full days of great NYSF content and opportunities for you to engage with leaders in STEM fields.
- Amazing digital content drawing on presenters from Australia and around the world.
- Local in-person visits and events held at hubs at our three Adelaide Universities
- Social events held both online and at in-person events.

Keynote speaker was Bek Little, an under 30yo Science graduate, with a Masters in Teaching, who gave an account of her STEM journey to now being a Woman in Games Ambassador creating digital games.

Feedback from the students indicated they really enjoyed the keynote and could relate to the topic since most are familiar with digital games. From now on they will be in communication with NYSF in Canberra with NYSF to start 10th January 2022.

PDG David Jones

*Orientation: some 2022 NYSFers
chatting with masks on*



Sailing challenge reaches new heights

The end of September Sailing Challenge set a new record. Rotary organised 19 student sponsorships filling the One & All to capacity. There were another 5 sponsored students too late to get on, moving to standby for the next voyage in April 2022.

Beside the large numbers Captain Bill Walsh said it was the most successful youth voyage he had been on resulting in an incredible change to young lives for the better. Every participant had a great time and appreciated what the voyage had done for them.

Maycie Darlington Urrbrae HS, one of the students sponsored by RC Mitcham said, "I have fond and lasting memories of the trip. I made instant friends with my watch mates and learned much about teams and the value of working together for a shared goal. I found that the background of the team members was irrelevant in their shared responsibilities and achievements".

Note: There are still a few Coopers Foundation Grants available to assist clubs joining the program for the first time in April.



Twilight Sails

The November Twilight Sail filled to capacity quickly and bookings are open for a second twilight Sail on Saturday 19th of February. Booking at <https://www.trybooking.com/BVDFI>

For more information:

- See our website at www.youthsailing.com.au or
- Contact David Binks (0438 221 937) or Bill Walsh (0427 396 258)

David Binks
RC Glenelg



Rotary sensory modulation room is finally completed

On Wednesday 29th September 2021, Murray Hutchinson, Tony Nicholls & Libby Carey **RC Edwardstown** were delighted to join Marko Klobas & Lee Camporeale **RC Mitcham** and Peter & Dianne Maas **RC Coromandel Valley** for the official opening of the Sensory Modulation Room at the Margaret Tobin Centre, Flinders Medical Centre.

Edwardstown raised \$20,000, with assistance from a District Grant, to provide the specialist equipment required for the room. This was a project which began last year and has finally reached completion.

Sensory modulation is done by each of us, every day as both conscious and unconscious actions and behaviours as we see, touch, smell, hear and taste what is on offer in our environment.

Within the context of mental illness, where a person's senses can be hyper active, the ability of the person to self-regulate their behaviour can be significantly affected.

The aim of sensory modulation within the mental health setting is to assist the person to self-regulate by providing an opportunity to participate in activities and behaviours that engage the senses. The clubs hope that this contribution will provide much needed help for those in our community, who are experiencing mental health problems.



Libby Carey (PP), Robert Semmens (Margaret Tobin Centre)
Tony Nicholls, Murray Hutchinson (Pres)



Libby Carey, Lee Camporeale, Marko Klobas, Murray Hutchinson, Peter Mass

RC St Peters assembles birthing kits in their shed

Birthing kits provide basic items for safe births in developing countries where births occur routinely away from any medical assistance. Many of the birthing kits are sent to villages in PNG but can go any country of need throughout the world.

A number of clubs assemble birthing kits regularly. It is not an expensive project and it provides an opportunity to involve every member. St Peters chose to do theirs as their normal meeting night.

What's in a Birthing Kit?

- Soap to wash the birth attendant's hands and the mother's perineum.
- A plastic sheet to prevent the mother and newborn coming into contact with the ground or an unhygienic surface.
- Gloves to cover the birth attendant's hands and provide protection from infections such as HIV for carers and care recipients.
- Gauze to wipe clear the newborn baby's eyes, and to clean the mother's perineum prior to giving birth.
- Cord ties to tie the umbilical cord.
- A sterile blade to cut the umbilical cord cleanly and reduce risk of newborn sepsis and tetanus.

Interested clubs can contact the Birthing Kit Foundation Australia, which is based in Adelaide, for more information and guest speakers.

<https://www.bkfa.org.au/contact>



9510 Peace Scholar

Rotary Peace Scholarships are offered annually through 8 leading Universities around the world. Only 50 scholarships are awarded each year by RI and we are delighted to announce that Alexandra Rose has been selected which makes her our 7th scholar. This is a magnificent achievement for our district when competing with 530 other Rotary districts across the world.

These scholarships have the prime purpose of developing an international network of peace builders who are highly skilled and dedicated to preventing and resolving conflicts. Alexandra Rose came to the attention of our Rotary District through then President of RC of Adelaide, Heidi Unferdorben.

We are now very pleased to announce that Alexandra Rose, has been offered a fully funded Master's Degree Course at Duke University, North Carolina USA.

These Peace Scholarships are always very highly sought by students from around the world, so Alexandra's achievement is very special for our D9510.

In due course of time, Alex will join an International network of people, working through a diversity of organisations,

- to reduce the intensity of existing conflicts,
- to assist those caught up in conflicts
- and contribute to the education of people to avoid causing conflict situations.

Congratulations Alex, and we are looking forward to your presentation to the Rotary District Conference Breakfast next April, prior to you leaving for America next June.

Sam Cozens, Scholarships Director

RC Tea Tree Gully invites new Governor of SA

Continuing its tradition of inviting new Governors to meet the local service clubs within the Tea Tree Gully Council area, the club again hosted the Combined Service Organisations of Tea Tree Gully at a dinner on November 10th, with Special Guest Speaker Her Excellency, the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia.

President Ray presented the Governor with a copy of the book, "From Settlement to City" a history of Tea Tree Gully.



Our guests included Federal and local Members of Parliament whose electorates are connected with this area, Modbury Golden Grove Rotary, Tea Tree Gully and Modbury and Golden Grove Lions, Tea Tree Gully Kiwanis, Tea Tree Gully SA CWA, Rotary Tea Tree Gully Inner Wheel, Zonta, Soroptimist International, Tea Tree Gully RSL, Golden Grove Probus, Tea Tree Gully View Club and the Pathway Community Centre.

Her Excellency spoke of her being a sixth generation South Australian, her education and University of Adelaide Economics degree enabling her future vocation, her Captaincy of the University's Rowing Club demonstrating her ability of strong women's leadership. Thence to her career in the Commonwealth Department of Foreign Affairs, her work in Hong Kong and her appointment as Australia's Ambassador to China. She expressed her delight at being able to meet with members of local service clubs and her appreciation of the voluntary work and contribution of those members to local and overseas communities.



Seated with Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC, Tenna Kretschmer, President Ray and Joy Whalley, Mr Rod Bunten and District Area Governor Brian Kretschmer.

Donations in Kind working bee

District Governor Jeff Neale and DGE Paul Thomas took time out from their busy schedules to cook lunch for more than 60 volunteers who helped at Donations In Kind (DIK) at Edinburgh Park

Why not ask your Club Members to help, contact:

David Cockshell - Mobile: 0401 995 996

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Rotary District Selfie Frame

To support the 2021/2022 Polio Ute relay (sponsored by Paradise Mazda) around the District 9510, the District Public Image team created a Selfie Frame.

The Selfie Frame accompanies the Polio Ute on its journey around the District and provides the opportunity for members of the community to take a selfie and post their photo on Facebook. This will generate more awareness in the community of the work and success that Rotarians are achieving in the elimination of Polio.

The selfie frame was introduced when the Polio Ute was in Rundle Mall last month.

DG Jeff at the launch in Rundle Mall

Again Paradise Mazda is to be thanked for providing and sign-writing the ute for the duration of the relay.



The District Public Image team appeal to all Rotarians when involved with the Polio Ute to wear the RED Polio shirts that accompany the Polio Ute – by wearing the RED Polio shirt Rotarians are enhancing the End Polio brand.

Have some fun and enjoy!



Behind the Badge – Emily Harman

The President of **Salisbury City Rotaract**, Emily Harman, was recently nominated in the Playford Alive Local Heroes Awards. These awards recognise community and business achievements in the City of Playford.

The Awards are open to individuals, groups and organisations to acknowledge their commitment to the successful development of Playford Alive through community, training and employment initiatives. Whilst Emily didn't win the award she was nominated and shares her insight below about the experience:

"I truly believe in volunteering gives you more than you give it. It is a wonderful way to serve your community and build your skill. I've been involved with the Playford youth advisory committee 6 years now I've learnt so much and have grown as a person along the way. It was truly an honour to be put up for an award for doing something that I love."

Emily and the Salisbury City Rotaract club was featured in November Rotary Matters with its STEPtember Project. The CEO of Steptember will be meeting with the club in December to thank them for their great fund-raising effort.

Julie Johnson District Rotaract Chair

Aparna Nithyanand receives award from H.E the Governor

Community Services Director, Aparna Nithyanand, Adelaide University Rotaract Club, received the Highly Commended Community Engagement Award at the International Student Awards 2021 held by Study Adelaide.

Here is what Aparna shared about the award:

"It was an honour to receive the award at the International Student Awards 2021 last night from Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC Governor of South Australia and Mr. Sean Keenihan Chair, Study Adelaide.

I would like to thank all the Rotary clubs, cultural communities, organisations and especially all the volunteers I have worked with so far. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with every one of you and I enjoyed every bit of it."

Aparna has not only served through her own club but also assisted a number of Rotary Clubs with their projects as well.



Her Excellency the Honourable Frances Adamson AC presenting the award with the Chair of Study Adelaide



Australian Rotary Health Service Medal to Lyn Jones

Lyn Jones, the wife of IPDG David Jones, was awarded the 2021 ARH Service Medal for her outstanding fund-raising effort as the DG partner project for Lift the Lid last year. Lyn's enthusiasm for ARH and mental health was seen at every partner presentation last year and a number of other projects with which she was involved in raising both funds and mental health awareness.



LIFT THE LID on mental illness

Time to register and book your accommodation

Please ensure the 1st – 3rd April is marked in your diary and join us for a fantastic weekend of fun and fellowship at our **District Conference** in the Barossa Valley.

I can also assure you that we have some excellent speakers planned which we are adding to the conference website. For all of these reasons, you won't want to miss this Conference.

Conference Information

