



Rotary Matters

February 2022 DG Newsletter



Dear fellow Rotarians, partners and friends of Rotary,

December proved to be a challenging month with our borders opening and many of the planned events either cancelled or modified to suit the COVID restrictions. However, we still managed to complete some club visits and attend some Christmas celebrations.

We have now visited 62 clubs, 60 of those face-to-face meetings.

We have been lucky to have had the opportunity to hear about many great projects that the clubs are doing through the year. We are unable to report on the projects of every club, but would like to mention



our visit to the **Rotary Club of Gawler**. Like many of our clubs, this is a very busy club with many projects underway. The one that was significant at Gawler was a project to relocate and improve the facilities at the Gawler Airport for the CFS air support crews. These crews are responsible for loading water and fire retardants to the fire-bombing aircraft.



What was significant about this project is the support not only from the RC of Gawler, but also their ability to engage many partners to assist in the successful completion of this project. It truly goes to show what Rotary clubs are able to achieve when they engage with the community.

Jenny and I were also pleased to be able to enjoy some Christmas cheer and fellowship at the **Rotary Club of St Peter's** Christmas party, which was held on the lawns in front of their shed. We also were able to attend our own club, **RC of Campbelltown** for their celebrations. It was great to be able to catch up with some members we have not seen for a while.

Opening the borders to South Australia has resulted in a greater number of COVID cases and the need for clubs to ensure that they are following the Health Department guidelines is more important than ever.

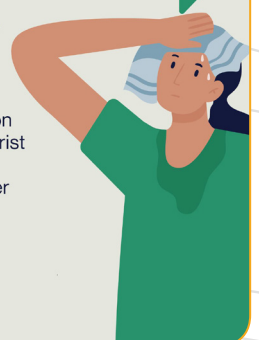
As you would be aware, both Rotary International and the District Board have recommended that clubs consider the vaccination status of their members. I am aware that this has been a difficult conversation for many clubs, however we must remember that as a service organisation, we have responsibility to set a good example for the community and do our best to keep those that we serve safe.

Staying cool if you have COVID-19

- Drink plenty of water
- Dress lightly
- Apply a damp cloth on your forehead and wrist
- Use an air conditioner if you have one

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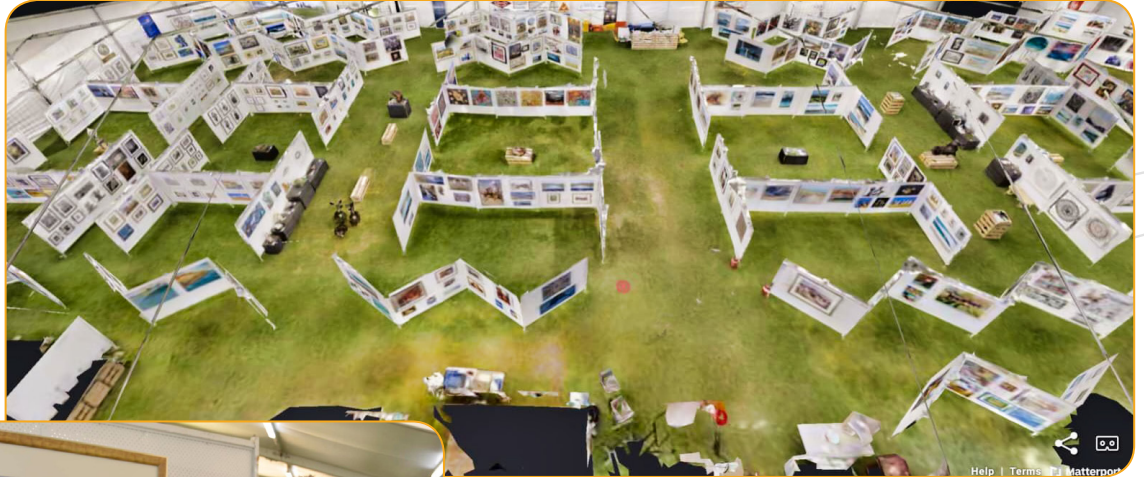


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We have also asked clubs to consider their own members when making decisions around their COVID policies.

We would also encourage clubs to utilize zoom meetings again where possible.

Jenny and I have commenced our visits for the new year with our first visit being to the **Rotary Club of Victor Harbor**. We had the privilege of meeting in the very large marquee which houses the Art Exhibition that the Rotary Club of Victor Harbor put on each year. Around 1600 paintings were displayed from artists far and wide. This is a significant project of this club and it was great to have the opportunity to meet with them at that venue.



Unfortunately, due to the COVID restrictions and to ensure the safety of members, Jenny and I have decided to complete our visits to clubs via zoom over the next couple of months. We are disappointed that these meetings won't be face-to-face and thank clubs for going to the trouble of organizing zoom connections. As things change, we will re-address how our visits will be handled beyond that time.

I'm sure, like me, you are all concerned for those in Tonga as slowly information regarding the devastation comes through to us. You should have received communication from the District regarding an opportunity to donate towards the Tonga Relief through RAWCS.

<https://directory.rawcs.com.au/42-2021-22>



Tonga Volcano Eruption and Tsunami Disaster (RARF)



Description: Tonga Disaster - to provide funds for humanitarian programs to assist the people in Tonga recover from the volcano and tsunami disaster.
Sponsored by: RAWCS National

Our target

\$1,000,000 goal	1% raised	\$13,073 donated of \$1,000,000 goal
\$100,000 raised	24 Donors	83 Days Left

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Our District 9510 Conference in the Barossa Valley is fast approaching (**1st – 3rd April 2022**). Registration for the conference is still open and can be accessed on our District website. The committee are planning an engaging event with a wide and varied range of interesting Speakers and an opportunity to catch up with fellow Rotarians.

We are working hard to put all necessary measures in place to ensure that this event can proceed safely in accordance with the SA Health guidelines and the recommendations of our District Leadership Team and Rotary International.

Finally, I have just been advised of the Australia Day honors which are included below. Congratulations to all of these Rotarians for being recognized for all of their hard work and dedication to the community.

Yours in Rotary

DG Jeff Neale



PP Des Munro RC Burnside was presented with the City of Burnside Citizen of the Year Award, at the Hazelwood Park ceremony.

DGE Paul Thomas AM was recognized as Australia Day Citizen of the Year for the Copper Coast

Virginia Loy – Alice Springs received the Centralian of The Year as part of the NT's Australia Day awards.



Conference Information

Conference 2022

- REGISTRATION**
- CONFERENCE INFORMATION**
- ACCOMMODATION**
- PROGRAM**
- SPEAKERS**

The District 9510 Conference is back again in 2022 and we are excited to offer a new program with new engaging guest speakers, opportunities for new experiences and some exciting social events to top it off!

Join us in the beautiful town of Tanunda from the 1st of April 2022 to the 3rd of April 2022, located in the Barossa Valley, Australia's premium wine and food district.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
We offer an Early Bird Discount if you register prior to end of November 2021

Sponsors

Cathy Chong AM RC Adelaide Central
 Stephen Hains AM RC Adelaide
 Les Dennis OAM RC Regency Park

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Omicron affects Rotary

The risk from Omicron led to a recommendation from the District that all Rotarians be vaccinated to attend projects and meetings face-to-face from now on, and for clubs to consider other ways of meeting and working.

As a result 2022 has started out in different ways for most clubs. A few clubs, mainly very small ones, have continued to meet as normal and have been able to abide by the distance settings set down by their health authority. One or two clubs have decided to take advantage of summer and meet outdoors. A few clubs have decided to remain in recess for the foreseeable future. However most have switched to Zoom meetings again.



Rotary Club of St Peters meeting outdoors at their Second Hand Market shed, Linde Reserve Stepney.

It has had an impact on both fund-raising and projects as well. Very large projects have again had to be cancelled sometimes because a partner has pulled the plug, and a number of clubs have pulled out of Bunnings sausage sizzles. Given the high average age of Rotarians in the district a lot of clubs have given older members a choice on projects given how spreadable is this COVID variant.

Training for 22-23 has also been hit with the International Assembly for DGEs going online again. Leaders and PETS seminars are also expected to be online. The National Youth Science Forum has also been affected. Again lectures will be online but even industry visits have had to be cancelled in Adelaide this year.

It appears Omicron may be hitting its peak and hopefully in the next few weeks, the threat will be greatly lessened and Rotary will be able to return to almost normal.



District Leaders Seminar

Date:
Session 1
Venue:

Friday 18th February 2022.
Area Governors Seminar
ZOOM

**As area governor, you are the connection between your clubs and the district.
The relationships you build with club leaders make Rotary stronger.**

Zoom meeting Virtual Backgrounds' - free downloads

The **eClub D9510online** has created a range of Rotary branded Virtual Backgrounds, which are free to use. If you would like a 'Club version' just give Graham a call.

<https://rotaryclub.org.au/zoom-backgrounds/>

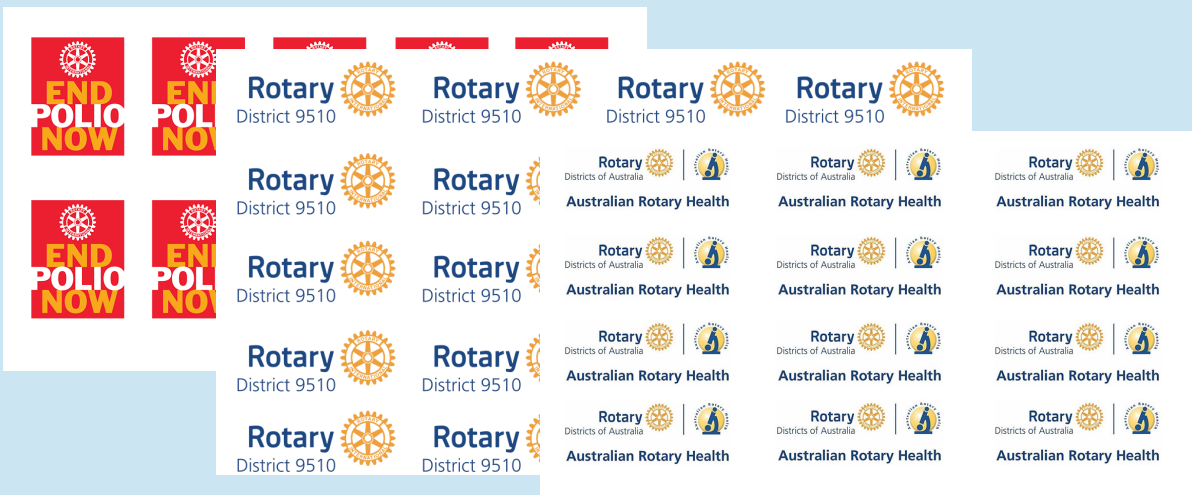
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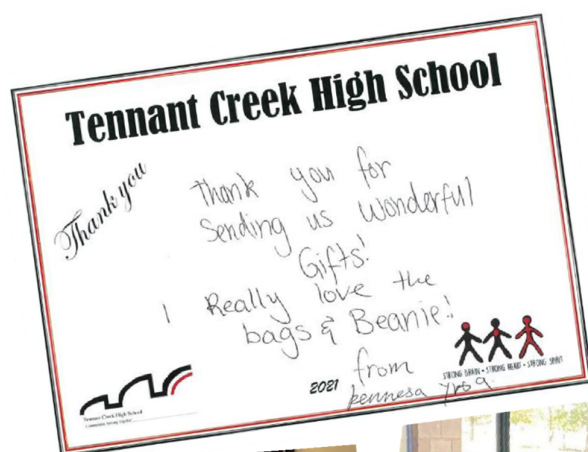
These are free to use, and if you would like a 'Club version' or another program version please contact me graham@rotaryclub.org.au

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End Trachoma with the help of RCs Regency Park and Adelaide Light

The End Trachoma project, was partnered by both clubs with Kidman Park Primary School to send bags to Canteen Creek Primary School and to Tenant Creek High School in the Northern Territory.



Rotary Down Under Feature for D9510

Our monthly regional magazine will feature D9510 clubs in the forthcoming April issue. It will have space for 10 to 12 stories from across the district.

If your club has not appeared in RDU in the last couple of years and you have a unique story to tell that you believe will be of interest to Rotarians in other districts, please send your ideas to the Editor of Rotary Matters

ewan@gdaysa.com.au this month.

The feature has to be prepared by a 28 February deadline.

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Kampung Kitchen's FLO Christmas Lunch

Kampung Kitchen in Tanunda, assisted by **RC Barossa Valley**, hosted a Christmas Lunch for students of Nuriootpa High School's FLO (Flexible Learning Options) program.

Kampung Kitchen's Owner and Head Chef, Yahaya Ismail, in search of a way to give back to the community, approached the club to help find a group of underprivileged children for whom he could provide a Christmas Lunch.

RC Barossa Valley liaised with teachers of Nuriootpa High School's FLO network to find 12 worthy recipients. Flexible Learning Options, is a school enrolment program that assists disengaged youth return to school and finish their education pathways, enabling them to either gain meaningful employment or gain entry into tertiary education.

The Christmas Lunch was provided to 12 students (plus 2 teachers) who successfully completed the 2021 school year.

On the day itself, Rotarians Peter Thomas and Gavin Sidhu assisted Yahaya with the transformation of the restaurant into a Christmas themed wonderland, helped serve, provided prizes through the Rotary Wheel and cleaned up after the event.



Rotarian PDG Peter Thomas and Kampung Kitchen owner Yahaya Ismail



Rotarians PDG Peter Thomas and Gavin Sidhu, centre, who led the project for the club with Kampung Kitchen staff.

Thanks go out to Josh & Ash of Beans & Cream for providing 5 great tasting gelatos, Chris & Rachel of Ability Chocolates for providing the Rotary Wheel prizes, teachers Doreen Salt & Donna McKeller for accommodating the students, Peta from the Leader, and of course Yahaya Ismail for volunteering his time, food and restaurant to provide these students with a memorable Christmas.



Rotary Leadership Institute Awardees



The Rotary Leadership Institute provides a two day training course for any Rotarians interested in developing their leadership skills. Because it has a strong Rotary focus it is also a great way to find out all that Rotary is about in a couple of days of fun-filled interactive sessions.

Rotary clubs pay the registration fee for their members. Graduates receive a framed certificate and pin to mark the completion.

D9510 offers this course at least once every year and the graduates (pictured above) attended the course over the last weekend of November 21. DG Jeff, centre, presented the certificates.

Two accredited trainers PDG Wendy Gaborit OAM and PDG Euan Miller are pictured right.

District Membership Director Fiona Biedermann was the other trainer.



DIK Container delivered to Nepalese hospital despite COVID

A container of medical equipment sent from Donations In Kind was received and finally opened by the Eye Hospital at Dhalkebar in Nepal. The delay was caused by COVID restrictions delaying the completion of the Hospital and 6 members of the staff getting COVID themselves.

A lot of work and effort went into preparing and loading and funding the container, with members of the Rotary DIK Team, **RC of Edwardstown**, RAWCS Australia/Nepal Eye Camp members, **Adelaide University Rotaract Club** and friends and family doing a magnificent job.

The equipment is being allocated across three hospitals in the area.



Rotaractor Shikofa Anguiri wins a Citizenship award

Shikofa, a member from **Adelaide University Rotaract Club**, received the South Australian Student Citizenship Award 2021. The presentation was made at Government House by HE The Governor of SA Frances Adamson AC.

The citation states:

Shikofa demonstrates passion, care for the well-being of others. She displays great zeal, commitment and dedication to community services and makes the Adelaide University Rotaract Club proud. "She is a member of the Governing Council at Thebarton College. She has participated in International Women's Day, International Day of Peace, Harmony Day and World Environment day. She regularly mentors and tutors younger students and regularly contributes to clubs and activities. She volunteers in both Rotaract and the Australian Migrant Resources Centre and is an excellent role model in the wider community."



John Price returns to Nepal

RC Edwardstown member, John Price, always known as a Rotarian trail blazer, has taken advantage of the return of international travel to visit Nepal again. John has been a regular Project Volunteer for RAWCS working on many projects in developing countries but he has a special love of Nepal and its people.

John, a retired electrician, has worked on many building projects including hospitals and schools.

John Price, centre, visiting a school building site.



Interplast success story

Despite living in pain every day for 25 years, 27-year-old Narangerel has chosen to dedicate her life to helping others, training as a nurse in Khuvsgul aimag, the northernmost province in Mongolia.

Badly burnt as a two-year-old when her synthetic clothing melted to her skin following exposure to a hot oven, Narangerel experienced pain every day for the next two decades. Suffering from burns reaching from her abdomen down to her thighs, the young woman's severe scarring and injuries also left her unable to have children, restricted her day-to-day movement, and meant she was unable to lift heavy objects. But Narangerel would not let her challenges impede her. She trained as a nurse wanting to provide care to others.

Thanks to her experience in the local hospital, Narangerel was aware of Interplast and in 2018, her role reversed when the healthcare worker became the patient, as she underwent her life-changing surgery.

Following a four-month recovery from the surgery and an even longer wait for the skin on her thighs to fully heal, Narangerel no longer suffers from her childhood injuries.

In an interview in October 2021, Narangerel had tears in her eyes as she described her life before the Interplast team performed her surgery, and her new life afterwards.

In addition to providing surgeries like Narangerel's, Interplast is working with partners in Mongolia to reduce the incidence of preventable injuries like the burns Narangerel suffered as a two-year-old. If you are interested in the work of [Interplast](#) contact PDG Peter Schaefer jenpe@bigpond.com



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Back-to-school in 2022 made better for 66 children

An anonymous donor became aware that many refugee and migrant children would not have backpacks or lunch boxes for the start of the 2022 school year.

When she explored this further, it was discovered that some Rotary Clubs had bookshops that could help by providing books in English to help these children. Soon various Rotary networks, Smiggle, Backpacks 4 SA Kids and the Australian Migrant Resource Centre (AMRC) were involved, and all added their expertise to this special project.

In a matter of days, 49 children aged from 5 to 14 years were identified as in immediate need of help. Age-appropriate backpacks were purchased, a **RC Norwood** garage was commandeered, **RC Edwardstown** donated additional children's books, **RC Mitcham** members were recruited and donations received, Melita Godson (a schoolteacher) donated more backpacks and lunch boxes. Over one evening, the backpacks were filled with lunchboxes, pencil cases, stationery, books, water bottles, toiletries, underwear, and socks. These special backpacks were then delivered by AMRC to the children in the last two weeks of January.

A total of 66 backpacks for children and young people have been donated through AMRC – many thanks to all those involved.

The children who have received a backpack have Afghan, Pakistani, Congolese, Iranian, El Salvadorian, Venezuelan, Colombian, Syrian and Filipino ethnicities. The following feedback has been received from the children and their families:

- I appreciate the Organization (Rotary) and AMRC for the backpacks, our children are happy for the gift. They feel someone is caring about them and that is great. Dad
- I am very grateful for the gift backpack. Thank you and may God continue to bless all of you. Valentina and Alexa
- Thank you so much for kind and nice bags for my kids! So Happy! Mum
- The Rotary Card makes me feel special! AM
- It is nice of Rotary and others for helping all the kids that go to school. Ruhma

Postscript: The anonymous donor has accepted an invitation to join Rotary.



Smiggle staff Burnside Village



Rotarians Lee Camporeale (Mitcham) and Euan Miller (Norwood) delivering backpacks to the Australian Migrant Resource Centre for pick up by the refugee families.

Service Clubs Association of SA

THE SCASA COMMITTEE EXTEND AN OPEN INVITATION TO
ALL SERVICE CLUB MEMBERS TO ATTEND OUR UPCOMING

2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY 17TH FEBRUARY AT 7PM

THE MEETING WILL NOW BE HELD VIA ZOOM

MEETING ID 891 0277 3770 PASSCODE 576913

GUEST SPEAKER TO BE ADVISED

Direct link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89102773770?pwd=T2dLSjYxQkJJWXhORWJDcW95OXJ5UT09>



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