



Rotary Matters

June 2022 DG Newsletter



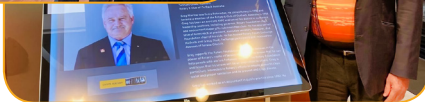
Dear fellow Rotarians, partners and friends of Rotary,
The year has gone very quickly, and this will be my last DG newsletter. With a month before Jenny and I finish this journey, we are still very busy finishing off our final club visits and attending many excellent functions. We are also aware that we are getting close to the "Changeover" time of year and looking forward to sharing with as many clubs as we are able for these special meetings.



One of our first functions this month was to attend the Area 6 clubs meeting. This was held at the Highbury Hotel and was very well attended. Area Governor Rick ran an excellent meeting and our speaker for the night was from Habitat for Humanity.



On the 15th May we had our Foundation Lunch and were privileged to have two speakers on the day, PDG Dennis Shore – Endowment and major gifts adviser and PDG Greg Marlow – Arch Klumph Society Trustees circle. Bob Cooper also dressed up in his polo shirt and the [Polio Ute relay](#) raffle was drawn.



We were privileged to again attend Leadership in Conservation and Volunteer of the Parks award Presentation Dinner hosted by the [Rotary Club of Burnside](#). It was great to hear about all of the hard work being done by both the rangers of our parks and the volunteers and to see them rewarded for their efforts.



On the 16th May, Jenny and I attended the final meeting for the Rotary Club of Kapunda as they handed in their charter. This was a great celebration meeting for this club, which was chartered back in 1959 and has served their community for 63 years. The dinner was attended by surrounding Rotary clubs, past members, council representatives and of course representation from the district. This club has carried out many wonderful projects in the community – too many to mention! However, a significant project they were responsible for was the helipad at the Kapunda Hospital. The significance of this project was also the fact that over 100 community volunteers assisted the club in the construction of the helipad. Another great example of community involvement. Some of the members of Kapunda are moving on to join other clubs in the district.



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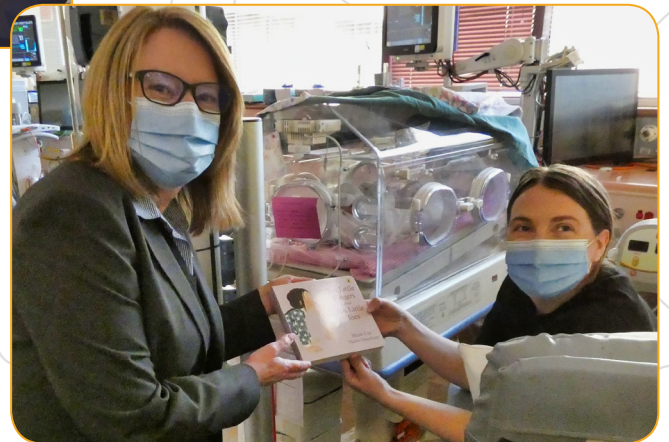
I had the opportunity to thank the members of the Rotary Club of Kapunda for their amazing work in our district over many years.

On the 20th May we attended the opening of the City of Campbelltown and [Rotary Club of Campbelltown Art show](#).

This event has been running for 38 years and we were able to experience some amazing artworks. This is a very important project for the Rotary Club of Campbelltown as they have been responsible for the presentation of this art exhibition every year on behalf of the council. This project is an excellent example of partnerships in the community.



The [Rotary Club of Adelaide Central](#) has a project that each year on Rotary's birthday, they present books to babies born at the Women's and Children's hospital. The book that they present is *Ten Little Fingers, Ten Little Toes* by Mem Fox. The books have a sticker in the back promoting the Rotary Club of Adelaide Central including some information about Rotary. Jenny and I had the honor of joining the club to present these books to families. We were particularly pleased that the hospital allowed us to enter the ward and we were able to meet with families face to face as we presented the books. This is a fantastic project that promotes Rotary and brings a wonderful feeling to the members presenting the books and the families receiving them.



The 2022 Aboriginal Health Scholarship presentations were held on the 25th May. These awards are a project of [Australian Rotary Health](#), supported by the clubs in the district. Students that had completed their studies were presented with their certificates and those that had recently been granted scholarships were also recognized.

This is yet another excellent project that we operate in our district ensuring that our Indigenous community receives the support it needs in the area of health and gives Indigenous students the opportunity and encouragement to study.



The [Rotary Club of Unley](#), for the second year, has presented the Youth Music Awards Gala Concert. They have partnered with Tabor College Music Department to present this gala evening. We were treated with musical presentations from high school and university students and the standard was exceptional. I don't think this was the last time we will see some of these young people performing. The Rotary Club of Unley have also recently formed a Young Friends of Rotary group and are supporting them to do their own fundraising projects. These two projects are but a few of the many engagements that the Rotary Club of Unley has with our youth in addition to supporting Rotary's existing youth programs. I congratulate the club on their initiatives in this area.



The last Rotary club that Jenny and I had to visit was the [Rotary Club of Roxby District](#). We travelled to Roxby Downs and were hosted by the Rotary club of Roxby District for two days where they were able to show us some of the projects they have been doing. One of their projects is supplying catering for an organization called Arid Recovery. This group takes people out to one of their research areas in the desert and the Rotary Club of Roxby District are regularly engaged to supply a bush catering experience.



Another project we experienced was Rotary Park where the club has invested significant money into its development and the council have allowed the club to name it Rotary Park. The final project I would like to mention, is that they also run the Christmas Pageant in Roxby Downs, showcasing the Rotary brand. I have mentioned these projects particularly as they not only impact the community, but are also very strong in promoting the Rotary brand. We have been told by many Governor's that the visit to Roxby is always a fantastic experience, and they were correct.



To keep in line with current government guidelines surrounding COVID, the DLB have made the decision to support district committees in returning to face-to-face meetings. As COVID restrictions have all but ended, please remember to keep yourselves safe. I encourage clubs to continue to consider the health and safety of our members. Members should not feel awkward wearing masks if they feel that it is appropriate. It is up to us all to keep ourselves, our families and our fellow Rotarians safe.



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Jenny and I have been amazed by the projects being undertaken by our clubs that make an impact on our communities and around the world. Clubs should be proud of what they are achieving and as a district it is important that we continue to recognize the hard work of our clubs. I know that membership is a concern for many of us, however we should continue to celebrate the hard work being done by our clubs, particularly our smaller clubs.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

As this is our last letter to you, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all. In particular, Jenny and I would like to thank the Rotary and Rotaract clubs in our district, your members and your leaders for welcoming us into your clubs, for the fellowship we have enjoyed and the opportunity to share in your many projects. I would also like to thank those clubs for welcoming Jenny and supporting her partner project "allkids".



allkids
have the right to education

I would like to acknowledge the District Leadership Board and thank them for their support, their encouragement and their hard work as we have worked together to lead this district. The District Leadership Team is the engine room of our district and I thank the many committee chairs and their committees for their continued work in our projects in our district. Thank you to the G-train for their advice, friendship and guidance. I would also like to thank District Secretary David Fenton for his dedication to this role, his attention to detail and most of all his friendship as we have worked together through this year.

Jenny and I wish [District Governor Elect Paul Thomas](#) and Kathryn all the very best as they embark on their District Governor year and we offer them our full support.

Finally, I would like to thank my wife Jenny for her constant support as we have shared this journey together. She has been my rock and my biggest supporter and has ensured that I stay on track. Jenny and I both agree this has been an amazing opportunity and there is no doubt that our visits to our Rotary and Rotaract clubs has been the greatest privilege.

Thank you to you all.

Yours in Rotary

DG Jeff Neale



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**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**

In this publication of Rotary Matters, we are introducing three new pages of information and resources. These include **The Rotary Foundation**, **Membership Matters** and **Public Image**.

The pages will be included each month and cover a different topic or resource, so we hope these pages will keep you informed with useful content. We are making greater use of **QR Codes** for quick access to district website pages and or links to information across the Rotary Network.



For information on QR Codes please contact the Public Image team or [click on this page link](#).



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Parks Awards

The 37th annual Parks Awards hosted by the **RC Burnside** was celebrated with 80 people in attendance at the Kensi Hotel on May 18 in the presence of DG Jeff and Jenny and the Hon Vickie Chapman MP. After a 2 years absence because of COVID-19 it was wonderful to have an awards night again.

In 1983-84, Stuart Hart, then President of the Rotary Club of Glen Osmond (and former Director of Planning with the State Government of South Australia) from the late 1950's had been closely involved in securing land, both in city and country, for parks and recreation areas. There were close links with the, National Parks Commission. In the early 1970's the independent Commission became a Division of the Department of Environment and Planning and in the ensuing years despite extensive land acquisition, lack of adequate funding and personnel for maintenance, morale in the National Parks Division of the Department of Environment and Planning suffered.

To redress this situation it seemed appropriate in the early 1980's for recognition to be given to the rangers of the largely unknown and unpublicised work of the National Parks and Wildlife Service. As one of the objectives of Rotary is 'to encourage the ideals of service and high standards in all occupations', the Club accepted the idea, grasped the opportunity and the award has been given each year since 1984 (37 years). The concept was extended to the hard-working and dedicated volunteers "Friends of the Parks" in 1988 (33 years).

When the RC Glen Osmond handed back its charter in 2009 the RC Burnside took over the awards. A record number of nominations were received this year for both the Leadership in Conservation Award and the Parks Volunteer Award.

Leadership in Conservation Award

Rebecca Pudney ranger at the Ngarkat Conservation Park won the Leadership in Conservation Award. Ngarkat is some 250,000ha which adjoins Victoria's big desert a further 750,000ha making it part of a 1million ha protected area.

Working with and coordinating 4wd SA to ensure sustainable management of the iconic Border Track 4wd track, and through building a partnership with them expanding their involvement beyond the border track to broader park area. This group consists of over 60 volunteers. One highlight was the development of the cox Windmill campsite area, identified by Rebecca as an opportunity to implement a fit for purpose camping area for 4wd's to reduce the impact on existing camping areas.

Ngarkat supports over 300 Apiary sites which was an existing use when the area was proclaimed,

Rebecca has led regionally and been involved at a state level policy and operational development for supporting apiary industry within a protected area, a very sensitive complex topic and arrangement.

Rebecca is respected and viewed as an expert and authority of fire in the mallee heath of the district in particular Ngarkat. She has a career highlighted by her leadership on the fire ground and through burning programs. Rebecca has led the district staff and supported the local community following the major bushfires of 2006, 2009, 2012, 2014 (combined totaling over approx. 150,000ha burnt area) bushfires in Ngarkat along with numerous smaller fires and prescribed burns.



Mike Williams ED NPWS, Rebecca Pudney Ranger Ngarkat Conservation Park, and DG Jeff Neale

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Volunteer of the Parks Awards

Wendy Easson joined the friends of the Coorong in 2008. She has served continuously on the committee since 2009, including two terms as President in 2014 and 2015.

Working with the Coorong District Council and her neighbours she established a community indigenous plant garden at Noonameena. The plants are labelled so visitors can identify them and see which ones thrive in the local conditions. When the ABC Backroads program visited the area Wendy took the lead, introducing them to local identities and providing them with story lines. She even hosted a viewing party at her home when the episode went to air.

In 2011 Wendy's love of walking led to her forming the Coorong Walking Group within the Friends of the Coorong. This walking group visits areas which are often not accessible to the general public, the destinations are varied and include historic monuments and buildings, nature trails and wildlife surveys. When President, Wendy designed and distributed a questionnaire to the members seeking their opinion on opportunities for volunteers. She developed membership gift certificates, and they are sold. The interest of younger members was targeted by including educational games, jigsaws, puzzles and colouring-in sheets.



Mike Williams ED NPWS, Wendy Easson 'Friends of the Coorong', and DG Jeff Neale

Wendy spent many hours learning how to design and create a web site from scratch, the site includes information about the group their activities, history, membership, Coorong wildlife, Coorong trails and an extensive photo gallery. In 2015 Wendy successfully gained a grant to create 3 large Pelican mobiles, they now hang in the National Parks office at Noonameena. She was also successful in obtaining a grant to produce 5 QR code boards at popular visitor areas within the Coorong National Park. Wendy led a small team editing typing and printing of 2 books, *Out of the Dreaming* and *Nel's Diaries*, she also designed created and assembled the Coorong Birdlife Adventure board game.

With the assistance of her partner Dean, they researched, photograph trails, camping spots and places of interest all this to complement the existing park information.



Finalists for Volunteer of Year with The Hon Vicki Chapman MP and President RC Burnside David Dewar

Finalists for Leadership in Conservation with The Hon Vicki Chapman MP and President RC Burnside David Dewar



Polio Ute relay raffle

The raffle was drawn at the annual Rotary Foundation Lunch on 15 May. The raffle raised over USD46,000 credit for which was distributed through the clubs that sold the tickets.

The first prize winner was Gayl Sparnon of RC Coromandel Valley. Gayl won "Fly the Barossa", consisting of: 2 nights' accommodation courtesy Rogasch Cottage, 2 x 10-minute helicopter flights courtesy Barossa Helicopters, 1 x 20-minute glider flight with Adelaide Soaring Club (Gawler), 4 adult tickets to 2023 Barossa Airshow, Wine tasting for 2 and 2 bottles of wine courtesy Bethany Wines. Value \$1,810. Co-ordinated by Sandra Simons, Rotary Club of Barossa Valley.



Other prize winners were as follows:

- 2nd Nina Grace, Rotary Club of Walkerville.
- 3rd Bill Rawlins, Rotary Club of Somerton Park.
- 4th Peter Kay, Rotary Club of Glenelg.
- 5th Kay Dowling, Rotary Club of Adelaide.
- 6th Jay Naglis.
- 7th Barry Blakebrough, Rotary Club of Walkerville.
- 8th Roger Inverarity, Rotary Club of Adelaide Central.
- 9th Rotary Club of Murray Bridge.
- 10th Rotary Club of Playford.
- 11th Terry Devlin, Rotary Club of Adelaide



Also, the Mazda BT 50 supplied by [Paradise Mazda](#) for the **Rotary Polio Ute Relay** had exposure to most of the Rotary Clubs in the District for good community awareness of Rotary International's project for eradicating Polio from the world.



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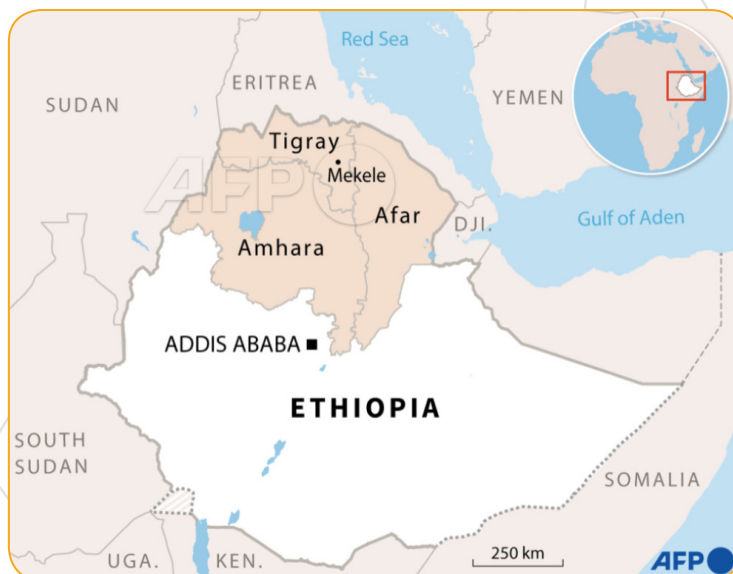
Long road to recovery

The 10 month conflict expanded as Tigrayan fighters cross into neighbouring Afar region, has caused more than two million people to flee their villages and move south and east in search of safe areas. Most fled with only the clothes they were wearing. With no food or water, milk and medical needs for children, a great deal of aid support was needed.

At the same time of this conflict AFAR was experiencing a severe drought after locusts had stripped all grazing areas a year before.



Locusts eating bark from trees



AFAR Region is a small part of northern Ethiopia

Rotarian Valerie Browning AM, a member of the eClub [D9510online, Australia](#) was very distressed at what was happening and how her organization 'AFAR Pastoralist Development Association' could help. Valerie a Nurse, 'known as the Desert Angel,' has spent the last 30 years supporting the nomadic people living in the AFAR region. With the support of the [Barbara May Foundation](#), [Ethiopiaid Australia](#) and a few Rotary Districts in Europe and Australia, funds are slowly building to enable Valerie to take on this mammoth task of supporting the nomadic people.

As the wet season approaches, new crops are growing to feed the goats which produce the much needed milk for children. But the most needed task is to rebuild the schools and medical centers that were intentionally destroyed by the TPLF forces, as they were pushed back to the Tigray area.

Would you like to support Valerie?

Having a Rotarian on the ground ensures that every dollar donation is spent in the region.

If you can help please,

Donations can be made directly to the eClubs account;

Bendigo Bank:

Rotary E-Club D9510online, Australia

BSB: 633-000

Account No: 156 707 358

(please mark reference – AFAR + your Club Name)

WE THANK YOU FOR ALL DONATIONS.



Red Hair for Red Shield

Aaron Stobie **RC Campbelltown** has dyed his hair red for the past five years to bring attention to the Salvation Army, his employer, and the Annual Red Shield Appeal. This year on May 28th he had his head shaved as part of his campaign to raise \$6000 for the appeal.

This district has strong ongoing partnership with the Salvation Army with a number of clubs having Salvation Army officers as members and the clubs involved in annual fundraising for common programs such as domestic violence and homelessness.

The Rotary clubs in the State electorate of Dunstan also take part in an annual Austerity Dinner organised with the Salvos by the Hon Steven Marshall MP at this time to raise funds for both the Red Shield Appeal and Operation Flinders.



Rotary promotional items

The Public Image Team has organised a special deal with Signarama (*Hindmarsh office only*) for all your Rotary promotional needs. There is a direct link to their website below,

<https://www.signs-adelaide.com.au/>



Rotary on Coast FM 88.7

The highest rating community radio station in Adelaide, now has a Rotary program on the third Wednesdays of each month at 9:15am with presenter **Rob McLennan, RC Adelaide Light**.

Rob presents a magazine program every Wednesday on the station together with music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. The program likewise is pitched at a mature audience and has an average listener number of 52,000 at any one time.

Content for the program is arranged in conjunction with the Public Image committee. If any club would like to appear on the program with a Rotary story contact a member of the committee through the district website.



Rotarians Against Malaria Coordinator

The district is seeking a Coordinator for Central Region (D9510) in 2022-23 of this national program of Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS).

RAWCS runs a number of projects, primarily in Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands to both prevent malaria and eradicate malaria carrying mosquitos.

Interested Rotarians should contact RAWCS Central Region Chair PDG Tim Klar Dgtim9520@gmail.com



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Young Friends of Unley Rotary - Here is a great example of building a Public Image:

The New Generations Committee of Unley Rotary were concerned that we sponsored many young people to participate in our youth programs and apart from inviting them to speak at a club meeting we did not communicate with them again. A decision was made to invite the young people, we had sponsored over the last two years, to a BBQ at a member's home and ask them to provide feedback on the programmes they had participated in and if they were interested in giving back to the community. Five young people attended and came up with three key concepts.

1. They wanted to become a group and be supported by the New Generation Committee of the Rotary Club of Unley.
2. They wanted to develop a project to help people in need and decided to work to raise funds to support women and children suffering in Afghanistan.
3. Although they had found their Rotary programme experiences (RYPEN, RYLA, Youth Sailing, NYSF) amazing, they felt they were 'one off' experiences and they would appreciate further mentoring by the Rotary members.



The initial group



Working together to come up with their key ideas

The group came back together for a Christmas fun afternoon and two new young people joined in and have since become wonderful contributors. We were delighted to be joined by Rotaract friends Julie Johnson, Lenard Sciancalepore and Courtney Krahe from District 9675.

Following this event the Unley Rotary Board agreed to formalise the group as Young Friends of Unley Rotary (YFUR) and the mentoring and fund raising as legitimate Rotary activities began.

The YFUR have held their first successful fund raising with two film evenings and have raised the grand sum of \$2,600 to go to providing food and education to women and children in Afghanistan.

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The group were mentored, mostly via Zoom meetings, in organising the event by members of the New Generation Committee. Following a reflection on learning from their first event they are now all enthused to hold a family film afternoon during the winter holidays and a Corn Hole Day in Spring. So watch this space for more great work to come.

An official welcome to our club was held on Tuesday May 10th when members of the group will share their experiences and their motivation to become Young Friends of Unley Rotary.

The New Generations Committee are thrilled with this new initiative and hope other clubs may consider supporting our youth in a similar way. We believe the future of Rotary is in the hands of the youth.



Christmas Fun



The Boule Champions

For further information contact: Rhonda Hoare
Rotary Club of Unley
New Generations Comm. (Chair) truwren@bigpond.com



*Young Friends of Rotary Club of Unley
Welcome night 10/5/2022*

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Contact the Public Image team email: publicimage@rotary9510.org





Membership Matters - June Challenge



Welcome to June everyone, and the end of what has been another crazy year. As we have dealt with global, national and local challenges we find ourselves tired and, perhaps, lacking some enthusiasm. Often, this is the time we ask ourselves **"Is Rotary really for me?", "What have I/we accomplished this year?"**. I often hear **June referred to as "Exit Month"** as people reconsider Rotary.

With your help, I'm hoping to change that this year. **I would like to see this June referred to as "Retention Month"**. Reflection can often be difficult, however if we're prepared to do some reflection we may be up to the challenge.

When reflecting on your year in Rotary, reflect on what it is you have been doing personally and what it is you would like to achieve. As Rotarians we are part of a global family but each individual has individual goals. Would you like to learn more about Rotary? Is there a project you are interested in but haven't mentioned it to your Club? Have you visited other Clubs to see what they are doing? Is there a cause that is important to you? Do you have a wealth of Rotary knowledge from years of experience and haven't shared it?

Rotary not only provides diversity across members, it also provides diversity in supporting members to achieve their goals and support their passions, both personally and professionally. Take some time to explore the **Rotary Learning Centre courses**. This suite of training packages not only teaches you about Rotary as an organisation, it also hosts packages which focus on professional development, leadership and service. Take some time to attend a District training session or seminar.

Sometimes, when we are out in our community, we may think to ourselves **"That is a project I would like to do"**. This may be a small project such as painting a fence or something larger such as building a playground. Have you mentioned this to your Club? **We should be sharing our ideas with our Clubs**. Sometimes projects may be too large for one Club to handle.

Have you considered approaching another Club and making it a joint project?

Are you familiar with how our grants processes work to apply for extra funding? Are there other grants available in your community?

When out and about on holiday have you visited a Club in the area. When on holiday with my husband, his theory is "we have to eat so we might as well eat at a Rotary Club".

Doing this has inspired many new ideas which I have shared with my own Club. It has afforded me the opportunity to form new connections, expand my Rotary family and experience many diverse ways Rotary meetings are conducted.

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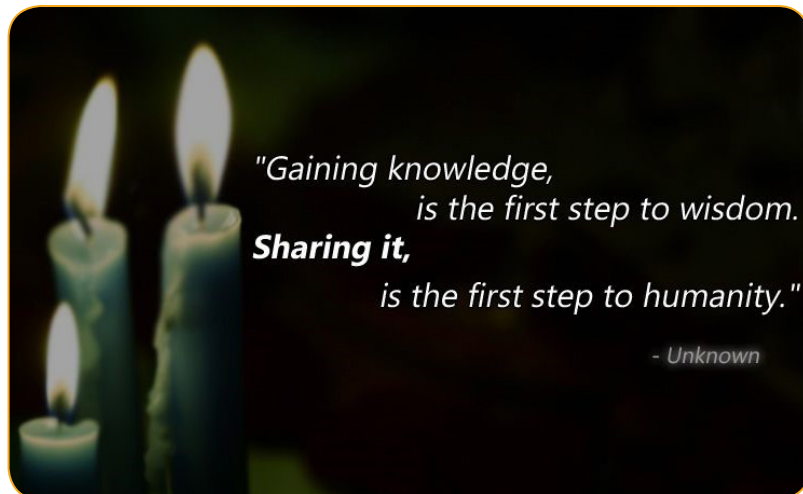
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Membership and Diversity

Are you connected with a group of people who are passionate about something and prepared to commit to the cause. Consider creating a cause-based Club. As these expand there is an opportunity to create satellite and/or new Clubs, depending on numbers. These Clubs can support local, national and international causes and can span as far as required.



Whether you have been in Rotary for one year or one decade there is always something to learn.

Perhaps mentoring a new member may be a good way to engage and share your knowledge with others.

Sharing knowledge may inspire others and ignite new ideas.

If you are seeking some excitement or

inspiration for June there are many ways to find it. Check out other Clubs activities on Facebook, share your ideas, explore the Rotary International website or speak to someone in the District. **Let's ignite June with passion and excitement as we head into our new Rotary year.**

Dannielle Camporeale *District 9510 Membership Chair*
membership@rotary9510.org

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Ride for POLIO

Pedal Power Drives Passion for **End Polio Now** - Fundraising tandem bicycle ride across the Nullarbor to City of Adelaide South Australia **Tasmanian Rotarians Phil and Joyce Ogden** have just departed Tasmania to tackle an epic tandem bicycle trip across the Nullarbor to raise funds and awareness for Rotary's End Polio Now campaign. They are leaving Perth in mid May to ride the 2,750 km to Adelaide.



Phil and Joyce Ogden for over ten years have witnessed first hand the terrible legacy of the Polio epidemic of the fifties and the ongoing threat to children of the world until the Rotary inspired campaign worked its magic over the last 30 plus years. The couple said "We feel that the enormous effort which has gone into turning the tide of the disease will be lost if pressure and fund raising are not maintained until the disease is totally eradicated."

Please support Phil and Joyce Ogden on this enduring bike ride by donating to End Polio Now at the link below:

<https://raise.rotary.org/phil-ogden/fundraiser>

For every \$1 raised Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation contributes \$2 to End Polio Now.

So, if the Ogden's are successful in raising \$40,000, the total raised for End Polio Now will be \$120,000.

See Phil and Joyce Ogden in the below video - their farewell from Tasmania this week captured on the recent Tasmanian 7 News. <https://vimeo.com/709712436>

We encourage you to give them a warm welcome when they ride into your area:

Dates of arrival:

Port Augusta 14/6/2022

Port Pirie on 15/6/2022

Clare on 16/6/2022

Gawler on 21/6/2022

Adelaide 22/6/2022

Please share some of the photo's of the Ogden's travels to this page and if you want to know more reach out to the Rotary Clubs in the towns mentioned above.



Contact the Public Image team email:

publicimage@rotary9510.org

First Bite for the Barossa Valley / former District 9500 Group 9 Uganda Dental Project May 2022

Dr Gavin Sidhu is a Dentist, former Salisbury City Rotaractor and current **Barossa Valley** Rotarian. In 2018 he travelled to Uganda volunteering with Dentaaid where he worked with a local dentist Dr Joseph Opendi. Gavin was alarmed at the extent of dental decay in children he examined. The introduction of western foods, especially soft drink, has resulted in a high level of decay. The **RC Mbarara East** was approached by the Mbarara Regional Hospital to address the pressing need for improved dental care in the district and this request was relayed to Gavin. On his return to Australia Gavin pitched the idea to the RC Barossa Valley.

With PDG Peter Thomas assisting Gavin, the club was awarded a Rotary Foundation District Grant to undertake a pilot study and community needs assessment. Funding was also provided by RC Mbarara East.

The work was undertaken by Dr Joseph and he reported his findings in February 2019. The study confirmed a community need for education about dental health including toothbrushing.



Dr Gavin Sidhu making a presentation

A chance encounter between Assistant Governor Marie-louise Lees and Gavin at a Group 9 Membership Development workshop in March 2019 lead to the concept of the project being co-funded by all Rotary Clubs in **Group 9 Barossa Valley, Barossa District, Clare, Kapunda, Gawler and Gawler Light**.

There was approximately \$15,000 that had been recouped from a previous multi-club project to install a sawmill in the Solomon Islands that was not being utilised and the clubs agreed to contribute these funds. Clubs also contributed new funds to the project. Gavin with the assistance of PDG Peter Thomas set up a RAWCS project which allowed individuals to make tax deductible donations to the project.

The Barossa Valley club also held a Quiz Night fundraiser.



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Unfortunately COVID delayed project implementation as Uganda was shut down for an extended period of time during 2020-2022. The project was finally approved in December 2021 with a total project value of USD\$63,460. Project funds raised by the Group 9 clubs and the RAWCS project were matched to form a Foundation Global Grant. The host club also contributed financially.

The project funding will be used to purchase basic equipment for installation at the community health centres as well as toothbrushes for student use at school. There is also funding for community awareness programmes and training of local personnel across 23 primary schools impacting about 5000 students and 20 Village Health Teams. Training and new equipment will be purchased during 2022 while ongoing monitoring will indicate the success of the project over a period of years.

In April 2022 Gavin and his wife travelled to Uganda to launch the project with Dr Joseph. They made the following video which can be accessed via this link

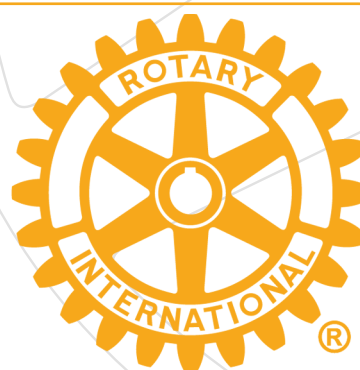
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about the project and also took the attached wonderful photos showing the project in action.

This project shows what can be achieved when Rotary Clubs work together, Rotarians utilise their Vocational skills, utilise RAWCS and The Rotary Foundation to maximise project funding to undertake impactful projects.



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