



Dear fellow Rotarians, partners and friends of Rotary, How quickly the year goes by. It is now only two months until the end of our year and Jenny and I have almost completed our DG visits. We are thoroughly enjoying meeting all of the wonderful Rotarians in our District.

We recently returned from visiting our **Sunraysia clubs** and were in awe of the beautiful settings in which some of the meetings are held. One of those meetings was held at a member's home overlooking the Darling River. There are some fantastic projects happening and the clubs are definitely making a positive impact on their local communities.

At the recent **Area 12** Dinner held in the Adelaide Pavilion, we again had a fantastic opportunity to meet with the Rotary Clubs and their members in that group. It was a great night as several members were given the opportunity to share their Rotary moment. A wonderful way to celebrate the achievements of the Area 12 clubs throughout the year.

Our visit to the **Rotary Club of Port Adelaide** was held in Port Parham, where we joined them for their Annual Crab Fest.

We had an opportunity to socialize with the club members and enjoy a delicious lunch of fresh crabs and other seafood delights.

The **Rotary Club of Stirling** recently held their fifth annual Sculpture for Interiors and Gardens exhibition. Jenny and I were honoured to select the winner of the Sponsors prize. This was a very difficult task



as there were many amazing sculptures to choose from. The exhibition is held in Stangate House and Gardens which is

the perfect setting for this display. A great event and congratulations to Stirling Rotary Club for putting on this event.

The Council of Governor's luncheon was held on the 29th April. This is a chance for all Past District Governors to join together and hear a report from both myself regarding the current year to date and the DGE Paul Thomas who announced next years' theme and his plans for 2022-23. Paul enlightened us all and has given quite an exciting insight into the coming year and what we as Rotarian's can hope to achieve.





As I have been visiting clubs, I have been hearing of many members who have achieved 50 years' service with Rotary. This is a milestone achievement and I believe it would be worthy to mention all of those members who have achieved this in a future Rotary Matters.

As I am completing this report, our leadership team our planning the PET's training on the 30th April and our District Assembly on the 1st May. These are important dates where our leaders receive valuable training for the roles which they are taking on in the year ahead. I thank PDG Wendy Gaborit, DGE Paul Thomas and the training committee for their hard work putting this weekend together. I trust all those who will be attending will find the weekend valuable as they take up their leadership roles.



At our recent Conference, we featured an "in Memoriam" section. Unfortunately, we inadvertently omitted to include PDG Tony Reade who sadly passed away on the 30th October 2021. Tony was a founding, and esteemed member of the Rotary Club of Adelaide Light since the 25th January 1985 and served as Governor of District 9500 in 1993-94. A proud Rotarian whose years of dedicated service to Rotary will be remembered.

As COVID restrictions have all but ended, please remember to keep yourselves safe. I encourage clubs to discuss with their members their individual position on COVID safe practices moving forward. As an organization that works extensively in the community, it is important that we continue to be seen to be pro-active in this area.

We also need 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.

As Rotarians we should all be proud of the amazing projects we are undertaking in our communities.

The work we do is far reaching and rewarding not only in our local areas, but the whole of our country and overseas. As we continue to build membership, so shall we continue to make worthwhile, life changing contributions to those in need.

Yours in Rotary DG Jeff Neale





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.

We would like to mention the passing of Sheena King (10th April 2022), wife of PDG Ed King.

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Planting in OAK BORE Paddock at CALPERUM STATION

A revegetation project was conducted at the former dam in Oak Bore paddock at Calperum Station on the 5th and 6th of April. Peter Haines and Graham Frahn, from **Waikerie Club** joined myself and Robert Moulden, a former member of **Mitcham Club** at the site. plus Calperum staff Jeremy, Amanda and Ceobahn.

The site was very degraded by the long-term sheep grazing, from approx. 1850s to 1992. A few very hardy native plants existed but the native grasses and other ground storey plants are struggling to re-establish themselves due to the lack of rain and the grazing by goats and kangaroos. To help our seedlings establish themselves, we positioned 2 x 1000 litre refillable tanks at high points from which we ran 19mm irrigation hoses around the site.

A dripper was placed in the hose for each seedling. 25 seedlings were planted along 2 lines from each tank. This number is a 50% reduction in the number of seedlings per tank in the earlier plantings from 2010 to 2017, resulting in double the volume of water, on average, each plant will receive. This should improve the survival rate. The tanks will be refilled and the plants watered as directed by the ecologist, Dr. Peter Cale. A chicken wire mesh guard was poisoned around each seedling and pinned to the ground.

A second planting will be done in May and a third in June.

David Gooley Rotary Club of Mitcham PP.

Indigenous Ranger Jeremy, Peter Haines Waikerie, David Gooley Mitcham, Robert Moulden and Ceobahn Webber trainee Park Ranger





Celebrating Women in Rotary

This book was a 3 year project of the **RC Mawson Lakes** precipitated by the 30th anniversary of women's right to join Rotary.



It features 40 amazing women, celebrates their contributions to Rotary District 9510 (formerly Districts 9500 and 9520) and highlights the diverse contributions made by Rotarians to each other and to their communities. These women are inspiring and their ideas and experiences will help us to understand the way forward for Rotary.

Woman in

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A flip book version of this book can be viewed on the Rotary District 9510 Website Link Here.

Pre order the printed version online by 31 May 2022 Link Here

Regionalization pilot consultation

At the Council on Legislation held in April approval was given for Zone 8 (Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific Islands) and RIBI (Rotary International British Isles) to run separate pilots over the next four years to revitalize Rotary clubs, grow membership and to reduce much of the bureaucracy and administration chores which are becoming a burden, especially for small clubs. The aim is to create Rotary in our cultural image where we meet the ideals of Rotary in our own Down Under ways.

These pilots were first approved by the RI Board in February, then by the Council on Legislation and now have to be approved by a two thirds majority of clubs in D 9510. A vote will be organised in September by RI office in Parramatta.

To brief Rotarians before the vote, speakers have been organised to outline the scope of the pilot, its impact on clubs and to answer Rotarian's questions. The briefings will be done in groupings of clubs where possible because we have insufficient time to meet with every club before the vote. Your Area Governor is organising these meetings. Where possible the briefings will be done in person but some isolated rural clubs may be briefed via Zoom.

Euan Miller Regionalization District Representative





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Saving Lives with 2 Scout Groups

The **RC Morphett Vale** has over the past two weeks presented 2 Defibrillators to Scout Groups in our area.

One of our members, a former Commissioner in the South Australian branch of Scouting, and now a member of our club, became aware that a large number of Scout halls that didn't have Defibrillators and as most of these venues are used by both Scouting members and the public on occasion, access to a Defibrillator is considered highly desirable.

After discussions with both the District Commissioner, Hills and Coast and the Operations Manager for Scouting in South Australia, our club decided that at this time to support 2 Scout Groups in the District. In addition, a proposal was also floated to establish a partnership with the Scouting groups within the Hills to Coast District.

The Club applied for a grant through the Onkaparinga Council to purchase 2 Defibrillators at a total cost of \$4,900 and was successful with the Council Grant providing \$2,000, meaning the club only had to pay \$2,900 towards the cost of these machines.

The first of the 2 Scout Groups chosen was the Hallett Cove Scout Group. They have a climbing wall established in their hall that is used by not only their own Group members but by a number of other Scouting and private groups for training purposes. The other Group was the Port Noarlunga Sea Scout Group. Again, this Group was chosen as it has been established as a water activity training facility for their own Group as well as other Scouting and private groups.

We were lucky enough to present these machines to the Groups during their regular meeting and it was great to see, and for that matter hear, the Joeys and Cubs having a great time. Both the Groups were very appreciative for the donation to their respective groups and now know they have the equipment available, if ever the need arises.

The club is looking to further develop this partnership with the Hills and Coast Scouting District and are looking to purchase more Defibrillators in the future.

Merrilyn Russell President





Joy Stinson, Merrilyn Russell and Philip Pfeiffer

Sea Scouts with Merrilyn Russell and Philip Pfeiffer

Rotary Youth Sail Challenge will sail to Melbourne

In May 2023 the One and All will sail to Melbourne for the Rotary International World Convention.



- The voyages to and from Melbourne provide a unique opportunity for two, longer than usual Rotary Youth Challenge Sails. Each voyage will take 7 days, providing a wonderful two extra days compared with the normal five-day Youth Challenge Sails.
- There is also the excitement of travelling around the Australian Coast from one capital city to another. Melbourne will be abuzz with excitement with some 30,000 Rotarians and partners expected to attend. They will come from every corner of the globe and many will be in colourful national dress.
- There will be a mixture of South Australian and Victorian students on each of these voyages. Arrangements will be made to accommodate the South Australian students overnight at the conclusion of their sail to Melbourne and we will fly our students either home from or to Melbourne.

We suggest clubs start looking early for suitable students to take advantage of these two unique opportunities. The students lucky enough to go will have to arrange some time away from school a minor loss compared to the huge benefits the voyage will give them.

It is expected the normal April Challenge Sail carried out in South Australia will be cancelled so everyone can concentrate on these special events. More information will be circulated closer to the event.









The District Rotary Foundation team have been creating a number of resources for Clubs to use with your projects and events.

With the recent disasters in Australia, 'financial donations' can be greatfully received from the public knowing all the contributions will go directly to the project intended. The brochure below is a guide for Clubs to help communities recover from disasters through Rotary.







Public Image

Do you need to download the correct RI Brand for your Club?

Here is a short visual guide to create and download the correct branding use with website, print materials and social media posts.

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Membership and Diversity



Hello everyone and welcome to Membership Matters.

I am Dannielle Camporeale, District Membership Chair for the remainder of this year and the following year. I hail from the Rotary Club of Port Pirie and over the past few years have served as Assistant Governor and District Membership Chair. My aim, along with the committee is to continue to support the district to grow and flourish by creating diversity, inclusivity and longevity for our current clubs and to create new clubs which may look a little different to what we may be used to.

I often hear people ask **"Why does membership matter? Our club is doing fine."** Theoretically, each individual club does appear to be "doing fine" however, when evaluating figures as a district, we are shrinking rapidly. "*In the second quarter of this year our district reduced by 119 members".*

At this rate of loss our own district may be at risk. Obviously there are many reasons why these losses have occurred such as COVID, people leaving the district both physically and mortally and many other reasons. It is not my intention to be all doom and gloom for our very first 'Membership Matters report' however I feel some hard hitting facts are in order so that as a district we are aware of our significantly declining numbers. For whatever reason what we have been doing is not working.

How can we turn this around? This is the fun part, which is why I joined Rotary in the first place. It is not my suggestion that clubs change what they are doing necessarily, although sometimes reflection can be a great place to start.

I am suggesting some out-of-the-box thinking.

How can we be better at engaging diverse groups of people to form their own clubs? There are entire communities in our areas that are left wanting who would enrich Rotary with new skills and ideas such as the deaf and blind communities, children's playgroups, special education centres.

All of these groups offer enriching and diverse skills that would be able to target either specific or general areas within our communities and provide opportunities for people to make a difference in the world.

My challenge to you, both individually and collectively, is to ask what or who is available in your areas that can be grown? What does your club need to be sustainable? What are some different ways people can engage with Rotary that can help continue this amazing legacy of doing good in the world? Perhaps it is time we reinvent the Rotary wheel to blaze a new trail for future generations of Rotarians.

Dannielle Camporeale District 9510 Membership Chair membership@rotary9510.org

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Regency Park donates a water purifier to Nepal A second water purifier had been installed at the Ear Hospital and Training Centre of Green Pastures

Hospital in Pokhara, Nepal.

This project has been supported with the aid of a Rotary Foundation District Grant



Stirling Rotarian published his first novel

Rotarian Robert Koehne has published his first novel – a murder mystery set on Kangaroo Island. It has had good reviews for not only the thrilling story but also for the vivid descriptions of KI.

It is published by Moonglow Publishing and is available at any good bookstore or from https://moonglowpublishing.com.au/book-shop.html

Robert is not the first novelist Rotarian in the district. Satish Gupta **RC Holdfast Bay** also has had 3 novels published in England but available locally through Booktopia or amazon.com. He has a third in production "Australia We Did Not See". This is another thriller which includes terrorists and a murder at the Lodge, the PM's residence.

Only about one in a thousand manuscripts are ever are good enough for publication so well done Robert and Satish.





Rotarian Robert Koehne

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