



Rotary Matters

November 2021 DG Newsletter



Dear fellow Rotarians, partners and friends of Rotary,

October has been another busy month. We have now completed 41 of our visits, almost half way point! As we begin to return to the “new normal” we have now been able to book visits with our interstate clubs, which we are really looking forward to.

The fellowship and fun that we have experienced first-hand from many of the clubs we have visited has been extraordinary. It is really wonderful to see the Rotary spirit alive and well in our District. The age-old traditions that many of us have grown up with such as Person behind the badge talks; vocational visits and Sargeant sessions, if run well, highlight our members and encourage participation and engagement.

As Rotarians, we have to understand who we are. Rotary is about people. It is people that work on the projects and activities of our clubs. Regardless of what the project is, the end result is to benefit people.

During a recent visit to a Rotaract club, I experienced the perfect example of the importance of understanding our members. I shared a story with them about Kodak. Kodak thought they were in the film and camera business and relied on their experience and reputation to continue down their current path. What they failed to realise was that they were actually in the recording of memories business.



Half way through the presentation, Jenny indicated to me that I had lost the group and she didn't think they knew who Kodak was. She was right. These young university students had absolutely no idea who Kodak was and what film was. After much discussion the closest we got to their understanding was Polaroid film. They were horrified to think that in the past one had to take photos with a camera, not be able to see what they had taken, send it away to get developed and sometime later have the photos returned to them not being able to be photo-shopped.

If Rotary and Rotaract clubs are to survive into the future and grow in their membership, understanding and engaging people has to be one of our main focuses. Being relevant to the community, having fun, having a sense of achievement are things that people like to do and it's an even greater attraction if you can do those things with a group of people you enjoy being with.



In the last edition, I mentioned the Rotary Youth Leadership Award conducted during the month of September. There will be some reports in this edition highlighting the success of this important Youth program. I would like to acknowledge the Rotary Club of Campbelltown for being the sponsor club.

I appreciate my home club committing to this project in my District Governor year. Much hard work goes into delivering this program and I thank all of the members of the Rotary Club of Campbelltown, particularly those who took on leadership roles, for their support.

In October, we saw many clubs hold events in support of Mental Health Awareness. Jenny and I were lucky enough to take part in the Rotary Clubs of Eastwood & Regency Park - Walk for Mental Health and the Rotary Club of Seaford – Seaside Walk. These were two very successful events to raise awareness of Mental Health.



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It was a privilege to be invited to present the Police Officer of the Year Award organised by the Rotary Club of Unley. This year the Rotary Club of Unley celebrated 43 years of the presenting this award. The award recognizes outstanding acts of courtesy, courage, kindness, understanding, compassion and devotion to duty by a member of the South Australian Police. This year's recipient was Senior Constable First Class Michael Klose.



Preparations are continuing for our District Conference in the Barossa Valley from the 1st – 3rd April. We have some excellent speakers planned, so please join us for a fantastic weekend of fun and fellowship. The Conference registration site is now open. Don't miss the Earlybird registration and be quick to book some accommodation.

Conference Information

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all of us that Rotary is a voluntary organisation and that members put in many hours of hard work to ensure that the work of Rotary is carried out effectively and efficiently in our District and around the world. As I mentioned earlier, we must ensure that we continue to support and engage each other as members.

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Sometimes, things don't go according to plan and sometimes mistakes are made. Before becoming too critical and judgmental, let us remember that we are all volunteers and reflect on the foundation laid down by Paul Harris and the challenge given to us by the "Four Way Test" of the things we think, say or do.

To finish on a positive note, I would like to mention again that we have enjoyed visiting the clubs we have attended so far. We have some outstanding clubs in our District. It would be unfair of us to compare clubs as they are all very different. It is important to highlight some good practices that we have come across as we move around the District, particularly where they address one of our biggest concerns - Membership.

Clubs that are being successful in growing their membership are also investing in excellent projects, engaging with their community, ensuring that they have an understanding of equity and inclusion, but most importantly fellowship and fun.

Thanks to Euan Miller and Graham Fussen for their support in producing this publication. Thanks also to PDG David Jones for taking care of Rotary Classifieds and a reminder that articles are to be sent to District Secretary David Fenton.

If we haven't visited you yet, we are looking forward to getting to your clubs and learning more about what you are doing in your community.

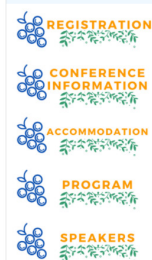
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DG Jeff Neale



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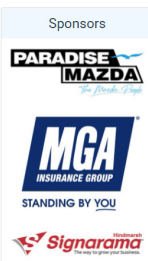
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Correction

In the October issue of Rotary Matters the Rotaract Club of Adelaide City was credited with the organisation of the September 2021 Rotary Youth Leadership Award. This was incorrect and the result of an editorial error. The Rotary Club of Campbelltown successfully hosted RYLA. Rotaractors made up 25% of the graduating Rylarians. Apologies to the Rotaract Club of Adelaide City, Rotary Club of Campbelltown and the district RYLA committee.

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District Grants 2021-2022

November marks Foundation month on the Rotary calendar.

Every year half of the funds raised by the district three years previously, are returned to the district to help fund club projects. The projects have to be humanitarian in nature and meet at least one of the seven Areas of Focus. This year the projects fit at least five of these – maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, economic and community development, disease prevention and treatment and water and sanitation.

There are two types of projects Global Grants - for larger projects and District Grants which are listed below. The district is allowed to use up to 50% of the funds each year for district grants.

The District Grant's committee consists of; Chair PDG Jane Owens (RC Whyalla); PDG Peter Schaefer (RC of Mount Barker); Maureen Phillips (RC Waikerie); Ken Parcell (RC West Lakes); Jeanette Rich (RC Encounter Bay). During the selection process the Grants committee were appraised of the grant applications as they came in. They then met face to face and completed the selections. There were twenty-eight grant applications with twenty-five being successful. Twenty-two Clubs in the District applied for grants. The grants ranged from \$1,000 to \$6,000 in value.

Total value of the grants is \$67,979.60.

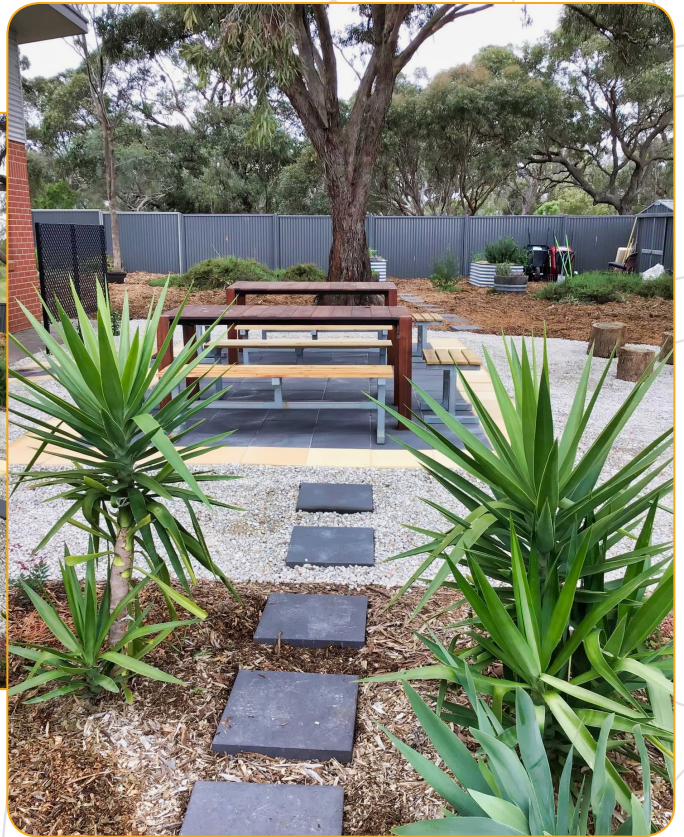
I would like to thank the Grants Committee for giving their time to participate in the process.

Jane Owens
Chair

Rotary Club	Project	Grant Request
A SP Mbantua	Bradshaw School Chook Houses for sustainability	\$2,390.00
Adelaide	ROAR Romani Project	\$2,400.00
Adelaide	Clean Water for Rural Sri Lanka	\$6,000.00
Adelaide Light	Pink Box Dignity Vending Machine Installation	\$5,000.00
Alice Springs	Purchase and Supply of 2 Hearing Systems for Sadadeen Primary School	\$1,964.60
Barossa Valley	Purchase and assembling of 400 Birth Kit Project	\$ 1,000.00
Burnside	Augmentative and Alternative Communication	\$1,000.00
Campbelltown	Zoo outings for Domestic Violence, Migrant & Disadvantaged Families	\$5,000.00
Campbelltown	Just Brass Expansion Project	\$2,500.00
Clare	Clare Valleys Community Centre- Hydrotherapy Pool Lift	\$5,500.00
Edwardstown	Supply two 4whd Ambulances	\$3,000.00
Gawler Light	Educational Scholarships for 3 vulnerable young women	\$1,500.00
Henley Beach	Medical Supplies for Suva, Fiji to assist in the covid Crisis	\$5,000.00
Kidman Park	The Junction Community Centre	\$3,000.00
Kidman Park	Woodville Community Support Event	\$1,675.00
Kidman Park	Nasik toilet Project	\$4,000.00
Mawson Lakes	Domestic Violence Home Starter Kit Project Year 2	\$1,000.00
Mawson Lakes	Rotary Youth Development Project	\$1,000.00
Norwood	Mental Health First Aid	\$3,000.00
Regency Park	Provision of five water Purifiers for green Pastures Hospital Pokhara Nepal	\$2,300.00
Regency Park	End trachoma Canteen Creek	\$1,300.00
Stirling	Accessible Picnic Table	\$2,000.00
Victor Harbor	Shades Sails for Bradleys Place	\$2,200.00
West Lakes	Semaphore SLSC Junior Surfboards	\$1,250.00
West Torrens	Building Capacity for Local Health Services in Bacau, TL	\$2,000.00
Whyalla	Birthing Kit Assembly Project	\$1,000.00
		<u>\$67,979.60</u>

Trevor Parry garden upgrade

RC Morphett Vale recently completed a garden upgrade at the Trevor Parry Centre. This is a live-in community-based recovery centre for people with severe mental health conditions. It is located in Noarlunga. Staff at the centre approached the club to provide tables and seating as part of an upgrade and sensory garden renovation. The area is now usable and looks great already. This area will be popular with residents and staff alike.



Walk for Mental Health

RC Eastwood and **RC Regency Park**, our two pioneer 'walking clubs' organised this year's walks around the south and east Parklands with the district Australian Rotary Health Committee. Two routes were provided with detailed notes on the geographical features along each walk. Who knew that the corner of Fullarton and Greenhill Roads was the highest point in the City of Adelaide? Even higher than the Colonel William Light lookout in North Adelaide!

A substantially larger crowd took part this year on a rather cool Sunday morning and were rewarded with a sausage sandwich provided by **Regency Park** at the end. Over \$3000 was raised.



Give every child a future

The Rotary Foundation District 9510 is delighted to share with all clubs and individual Rotarians that in July 2021 rotavirus, pneumococcal conjugate and human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccinations began in Samoa, Tonga and Tuvalu. Unfortunately, at the time Samoa was facing a rotavirus outbreak so it was particularly crucial to reach children there with vaccines as quickly as possible.

This is one of the major programs established to celebrate the centenary of Rotary in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific.

Our District has supported and contributed US\$15,000 to this project through Designated District Funds for the past 2 years. Due to COVID-19, the roll-out was later than initially planned, it is very rewarding that to reach this milestone is a cause for celebration. Thank you so much to everyone who has supported the Rotary Give Every Child a Future project to enable us to make real progress in protecting children in Pacific Island countries from killer diseases.



In addition, it is anticipated that vaccines roll-out will begin in the Cook Islands, Nauru, Niue and Vanuatu in September 2021.

As well as rolling out vaccines in the remaining countries in September, UNICEF and government partners will continue to address vaccine hesitancy to ensure as many children as possible benefit from the Rotary Give Every Child a Future project.

So, thank you to all the Rotary clubs, individual Rotarians and others who have supported the project. Everyone who has been involved can feel justly proud of what has been achieved to date. What a great way to celebrate the Centenary of Rotary in this part of the world!

Public health programs such as this are sustainable and one of the most effective and economical forms of international development aid that countries can provide. This program will save many lives amongst our near neighbours. It deserves our on-going support.

Our District has supported this project with DDF for the past 2 years (US\$15,000) For more information and to donate please go to everychildafuture.com

Rotary Foundation Australia has just launched a new website: RotaryFoundationAustralia.org.au It provides material that is highly informative – both to the public and to Rotary members. Please “click” the above and visit the site, you’ll find it very useful.

Rotarians, a key resource in the site is the [My Foundation](#) page. Think of it as the go to page you’ve always wanted, with links to a whole range of resources, such as [how-tos](#), [brochures](#) and [forms](#), as well as frequently used pages in rotary.org

The site also displays stories about grant-funded projects that clubs have pursued to deliver significant and sustainable impact. Clubs have so many great stories to tell about their amazing grant-funded projects and I would encourage you to for inclusion in the site. **Link is on My Foundation page.**

We encourage Clubs to include **links to the site** in your club and district websites, social media pages, etc. Check it out now will be of great value.

M-I Lees
Chair 9510 Foundation Committee

Polio Ute relay launched for national Polio Day

This year another polio ute relay will be held with most clubs expected to be reached subject to COVID-19 restrictions. The relay was launched in Rundle Mall on Friday 22 October and the display continued through Saturday as well. Area 12 clubs helped staff the display.

The relay will be in reverse this year with metropolitan clubs visited first before branching out to rural and regional areas. A raffle will accompany the vehicle and books will be forwarded to clubs shortly before the visit.

The Eradicate Polio campaign has almost reached its goal after sterling work by Rotarians all over the world for the past 36 years. There are still only two cases of wild polio reported this year - one in Pakistan and one in Afghanistan. Afghanistan is starting a house to house immunisation drive this month to vaccinate 3.5 million children. Because of the war, the program was suspended three years ago.

Rotary has audited the 2021 polio results in both countries this year because of the remarkable drop in the number of cases. It is satisfied the records are correct. Rotary will continue to lead the vaccination program for three years after the last recorded case. Then the World Health Organization will declare the world polio free.

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



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STEPtember 2021

Salisbury City Rotaract clocked 1,559,221 steps during this campaign. Plus, they absolutely smashed their \$5,000 goal. Thanks to the support of the Rotary Community in District 9510. Over a month and a bit our club with President Emily Harman at the wheel raised \$12,182. This fundraising will go to the Cerebral Palsy Alliance and support the purchasing of 2 wheelchairs to support young people living with cerebral palsy to live independent and dignified lives.

Find out more: <https://fb.watch/8mmhGrfmYr/>



Salisbury City Rotaract members



President Emily Harman

Multicultural Night Adelaide University Rotaract

The club raised a record \$14,750 for its elected charity [No Barriers Education Foundation Inc.](#) This has been an incredible experience and they were so excited to see the impact of these much needed funds.

These funds will provide menstruation health assistance (hygiene kits, toiletries regularly replaced, plus workshops including a sewing workshop, plus all tools and materials required for girls to learn how to make reusable sanitary pads) over the next 12 months to more than 350 young women across two secondary schools in rural Zimbabwe.

None of this would have been possible without the generous contributions of our sponsors:

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- [Multicultural Communities Council of SA](#)

*Cultural Night Committee Members
(Left to Right):*

*Back: Anushka Barman, Jasmina Banu,
Aparna Nithyanand, Mike Stevens,
Dhrisya Ravidas, Balajee Ravi*

*Front: Wajan Abumustafa,
Lenard Sciancalepore, Rochelle Wambui,
Lionel Pinto*



East Torrens Rotaract Club in the Eastern Suburbs

Some new members of the **Rotaract Club of East Torrens** were inducted at the meeting of the **RC Campbelltown** on October 18. In addition, to the Board for 2021-22 was inducted by President of the Rotary Club of Campbelltown, Stephany Martin. Ashlee Leach was elected President, and Thomas Lymburn elected Secretary. Nine members of the club are graduates from RYLA this year



From left members Lucas Weston, Lucy Davidson (Harley), Harry Passehl, Emily Hartwell, Oscar Seppelt, Ashlee Leach, Aoibh Greenshields, Thomas Lymburn

Adelaide City Rotaract

The club held its Changeover in early July where it introduced its "Reconciliation Action Plan", the 1st Rotaract Club to do so.

Events in October included a "Wine Drive" in support of the "Share the Dignity" the annual Yoga night, a joint meeting with Adelaide Light Rotary at which two new members were inducted, and help at the Polio UTE Display at Rundle Mall on the 23rd of October.

Rotaractor Lucy Kopp successfully completed RYLA in September.

Also a social night at an "Escape Room" and on the 29th-31st of October some of our members spent the weekend at Calperum Station while other members held a BBQ at Bunnings on the 31st of October.

Nicholas Egan
Vice President



Adelaide City Rotaractors at the Polio ute display in Rundle Mall

RYLA - Rotary Youth Leadership Award

September saw the most recent RYLA Program being held at the Nunyara Conference Centre.

It's a program that has layers of involvement, bringing together:

- Young Adult Awardees, with a core goal of gaining leadership skills to utilise throughout their future.
- Young Leaders, who are honing the skills they learned as Awardees and paying it back.
- Rotarians and their clubs, who are investing in the future with both time and sponsorship.

RYLA needs the involvement of all 3 groups to continue to be a flagship program of Rotary in the future.

Having only taken up the position of RYLA Committee chair in July and not having had the experience of being an Alumni, September was my first opportunity to see the program first hand.

Our sponsor club for the September program was the Rotary Club of Campbelltown. Their financial contribution and the support and involvement of club members was outstanding,

I can only hope all future clubs aim for the same standard. They were also one of the 28 clubs who sponsored the 35 awardees who attended. Thank you to all of those clubs for your continued support.



Across the 7 day program, I not only got to meet awardees, get to know members of the Campbelltown Rotary Club and the leadership team, but to sit in on some of the speakers, and workshops. I can assure you that the awardees weren't the only one's enhancing their leadership skills, there was a Chair who was avidly writing notes to improve hers as well!

RYLA is one method for Rotary to plan for the future - how many members of your club are Alumni of a Rotary program? It isn't a short term goal but a long term one, where we have the opportunity to teach the skills, see them being utilised, before they return to benefit Rotary in the future.

Be a part of this valuable program. Encourage awardees to apply, sponsor the program, and be involved in the program.

Our committee is happy to promote the program to your club, just ask.

Helen Marshall
Chair, RYLA Committee



Community Spirit and Caring for others is Catching

Earlier this year when a year 9 student Tayla Biscoe at the Encounter Lutheran College was recently on crutches and unable to go on an excursion to the beach with her school friends, she found it difficult to keep up with her class mates. As a result, Tayla struggled to catch up at school, as the purpose of the excursion was to collect data for a science assignment. Having experienced exclusion, Tayla's thoughts then were directed to another fellow student Toby Meeks at the college, who is confined to a wheelchair and experiences these issues on a regular basis.

Knowing a standard wheelchair was not going to work for most school excursions, Tayla then went on to conduct her own research to determine which all-terrain/ beach wheelchair would provide the inclusion that Toby and other students require for college excursions. The popular **Sandcruiser®** was quickly identified as the best option for the college.

Tayla then prepared a submission for consideration by the **RC Morphett Vale (RCMV)**. After positive discussions the RCMV through the Area Governor, presented this proposal to a number of other Rotary Clubs in the Area. This resulted in the **RC Victor Harbor** joining forces with the RCMV to purchase and donated a brand new **Sandcruiser®** to the Encounter Lutheran College! While the **Sandcruiser®** will be housed at the college, members of the community are welcome to access the chair by prior arrangements with the school.

Team **Wheeleez®/ Sandcruiser®** are proud to be a part of this amazing community spirit and provided the Rotary Clubs with a substantial purchase discount. If you have a similar local project needing assistance with, contact your local **Wheeleez® Sandcruiser®** distributor, and they will be happy to help.

A proud Tayla Biscoe showing Toby Meeks how the new Chair performs



Presidents of the Victor Harbor and Morphett Vale Rotary Clubs Karen Green and Merilyn Russell presenting the Sandcruiser® all terrain chair to Encounter Lutheran College.

Twilight Markets in Waikerie promoted Hat Day

RC Waikerie decided to make the most of the crowds at its Twilight Markets by hosting its “Hat Day” on the long weekend and so collected money for mental health research through donation tins and a giant spinning wheel at the market entrance. It also asked its members to wear their craziest or funniest hat.

A marquee for the kids was erected that proved very popular from start to finish. Kids made their own crazy hats from paper, string, pipe cleaners, feathers, pom poms and sequins. Prizes of colouring packs were awarded to the most eye catching creations.

It was a great twilight market with many visitors to the town and the **RC Waikerie** was proud to host such an event and raise awareness for Australian Rotary Health and Lifting the Lid’ on mental illness.

Rachel Wills
Public Image Director

*Rotarians Elise Byrne, Rachel Wills
and Erin Jones*



*Imogen with her hat creation
and her award*