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Dear fellow Rotarians, partners and friends of Rotary,

September has been a really busy month, with many District events as well as Jenny and I continuing our visits around the district. As I am writing this report, we have completed 28 of our visits (who's counting!) We have been fortunate to be able to visit the clubs in

South Australia and that COVID restrictions have had minimal impact. We continue to think of those of our district that are interstate and look forward to the day when it's safe for restrictions to lift so that these clubs can return to normal operation. Jenny and I are currently looking at our schedule to see if we can adjust our visits to our interstate clubs.

As previously mentioned, Jenny and I have been enjoying our visits to clubs and continue to be amazed at the commitment our Rotarians and their clubs to supporting the community and Rotary International. Fun and Fellowship is still very much alive in our clubs and we look forward to our continued visits over the coming months.

Earlier this month, Jenny and I travelled with our Rotary club to the Flinders Ranges on our C.R.O.E. trip

(Campbelltown Rotary Outback Experience).

Twelve 4WD vehicles and around 30 Rotarians and Friends of Rotary travelled to the Flinders Ranges. We visited some amazing places, some only accessible by 4WD. We experienced great fun and fellowship and had some of the youngest and oldest members of our club travelling with us. We also learned a lot about the Flinders Ranges area and visited station owners and got to understand the challenges they have all been facing with the drought. We were also able to support the local community, showcase Rotary and raise money for the Royal Flying Doctor Service,

As many would be aware, Rotary Clubs during the

last 12 months have been supplying hay and financial assistance to our rural areas. It was great to see the recognition these people had for Rotary and they were pleased to return the favour by supporting the RFDS – a very important organisation for them. This was a great Rotary experience. Fun, Fellowship, Fundraising, Promotion of Rotary, Supporting of Community and Learning about our backyard. Congratulations to Mal & Val Hanson and the Rotary Club of Campbelltown for a great adventure.







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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES



On our recent visit to the **Whyalla club**, we had the opportunity to visit The Santos Science Experience held at Uni SA – Whyalla campus.

Students from Whyalla schools and also from Cummins were in attendance. This is an excellent program and was supported by the Rotary Club of Whyalla.

I had the opportunity to attend the **Northern Business Breakfast**, a joint initiative of the **RC of Salisbury** and **RC of Elizabeth**.

Normally these are held on the 4th Wednesday of each month and has an average attendance of around 80 business leaders.

The speaker this month was the Hon Peter Malinauskas
Opposition Spokesman who spoke about the SA Hydrogen project.

This is a great project which showcases Rotary in our community.





The Rotaract Club of Adelaide University once again presented a Cultural Night, held at the Latvian Hall in Wayville. This event showcased food and entertainment from many of the cultural groups that call Adelaide home. I had the privilege to attend and experience what a great event this was. It was well supported by several Rotary Clubs and Rotarians and was also supported by Government and local businesses. This is a great initiative and congratulations to DRR Lenard Sciancalepore and his committee on a successful evening.

Once again, the RYLA was held at Nunyara. As you would all be aware, RYLA is one of Rotary's foremost leadership development programs. I had the pleasure of being able to welcome the participants on the opening day and then present the certificates to the awardees on their graduation night, Thursday 23rd September. At the Graduation the awardees all gave a presentation, recounting the events of their week together.

The standard of these presentations was reflective of the caliber of this program. Congratulations to the RYLA committee and leaders on once again delivering an excellent RYLA program. I also acknowledge all of the clubs that have supported RYLA this year.









The Rotary Youth Sailing Challenge has set sail once again. This program is currently operating twice a year and gives the opportunity for 19 students to sail on a 5 day training program. As they learn to sail the ship they learn many valuable life skills. Jenny and I were able to attend the launch and wished them Bon Voyage. I also had the opportunity to speak to the parents, families and friends present there about Rotary and this particular program. Once again having the opportunity to promote Rotary.



Congratulations to David Binks and his team for delivering this program for our district.

Conference Information



Preparations are continuing for our **District Conference** in the Barossa Valley. Please ensure the 1st – 3rd April is marked in your diary and join us for a fantastic week end of fun and fellowship. I can also assure you that we have some excellent speakers planned and as soon as we have confirmation, we will highlight the speakers on our website. For all of these reasons, you won't want to miss this Conference.

The Conference registration site is now open. Don't miss the Early-bird registration and be quick to book some accommodation.

Once again, thanks to Euan Miller (Norwood) for continuing as Editor of Rotary Matters and to Graham Fussen (eClub D9510online) for his expertise in producing this publication. Thanks also to PDG David Jones for taking care of Rotary Classifieds. A reminder that articles are to be sent to District Secretary David Fenton.

As mentioned earlier, we have enjoyed being on the road visiting clubs. We continue to find the clubs in our district welcoming and friendly. 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.

Yours in Rotary

**DG Geff Meale



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Conference Information





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 offl

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





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Rotarians can be influencers

You don't have to be Tik Tok dancer or put your pictures on Instagram to be an influencer. You don't even need to be a social media user at all.

As Rotarians, our leadership and 'good works' is respected in our communities. Therefore we too can be influencers and our considered opinions will be listened to and respected.

COVID-19 gives us all an opportunity to influence. Especially to encourage and reassure those who are hesitant or procrastinating, to get vaccinated. We want to get to as close to 100% as we possibly can so the health services can manage the expected cases and new variants, as we stop the lockdowns and open our state and international borders.

Already we are seeing significant numbers of people in the at risk groups still well below the average in vaccination rates. South Australia and the Northern Territory, which have been relatively lockdown free, are also showing slower jab take up rates. At mid-September SA and NT recorded 63% first doses of 16 and over as against NSW 82% and Vic 73%.

The local government areas within D 9510 well below the average include Adelaide Plains, Broken Hill, Mildura, the Outback, Peterborough, Playford, Renmark and Paringa, Salisbury and Wentworth. Also there are no records for Alice Springs.

These are all priority areas of the community where Rotarians can step in and help.

Rotarians, through the eradicate polio program, have been successful vaccination supporters for 35 years.

We all know how difficult this campaign has been. We have seen children in India having to be vaccinated multiple times because of perpetual diarrhoea, we have seen Inmans in Nigeria convince their believers that End Polio was designed by the West to create infertility and we have seen terrorist groups in Pakistan kill polio workers. We have even negotiated with the Taliban to combine with COVID vaccination programs so we can continue to eradicate polio.

As Rotarians we can evaluate information and sort the truth from the conspiracies and lies.

As Rotarians we can measure risk. We know that the risk of blood clots with Astra Zeneca is 66 in 10M but the risk of blood clots with COVID-19 is 12614 in 10M - nearly 200 times more.

World Polio Day is on 24 October. Why not organise a club project or forum to focus on a section of your community that seems reluctant to get the jab and at the same time promote End Polio?

You and your club can be an influencer for Rotary.

Euan Miller Rotary Foundation Cadre







Rotary Citation Awardees



PDG David Jones presenting the Citation to PP Vince Pelperio at RC Campbelltown

2020-21 ROTARY CITATION

The Rotary Citation is the road map for Clubs for any given Rotary year.

In 2020-21 Rotary International President Holger Knaack framed his theme *Rotary Opens Opportunities* in a set of **25** available goals.

To achieve the Rotary Citation, in 2020-21 clubs were required to review the **25** available goals, select at least 1**3** of them, achieve those goals, then report their achievement in Rotary Club Central.

Holger Knaack awarded 10 clubs in our District with a Rotary Citation.

Congratulations to the following clubs whose Citations will be presented in due course:

- Adelaide .
- Murray Bridge
- Campbelltown
- ProspectSt Peters
- Edwardstown Irymple
- Stirling
- Morphett Vale •
- Waikerie

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Rotaract across the district

The **Salisbury City Rotaract Club** held its belated changeover in August and elected Emily Kate Harman as the 8th President of the club. The club is already embarking on its latest project in support of STEPtember to help sufferers of cerebral palsy.

The club has set a target of 10,000 steps per member every day in September to raise \$5000 to purchase a

wheelchair. Halfway through the month they had already exceeded their target so the future looks very exciting for their first project of the year.





Thai stall women (won the best dressed stall for their Leelawadee Dumplings and their foodcarving)

Adelaide University Rotaract has just held its signature event with the very successful 2021 Cultural Night which was a sell out with 350 in attendance including many Rotarians. This year the guests sampled dishes from 13 different countries and enjoyed a multitude of cultural music, dancing and displays. The club's fundraising project to help improve education outcomes in rural Zimbabwe managed to raise over \$14,000 from the night.



Women from Sierra Leone stall with the shadow Minister for Multicultural Affairs Hon Zoe Bettison MP and shadow Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs Joe Szakacs MP

Rotaract across the district..... continued

Adelaide City Rotaract was the host club for RYLA last month. This is the first time a Rotaract club has taken on this role in D9510. One of the strategic priorities for Rotaract is personal development, and this role at RYLA has not only contributed to the leadership skill development of the participants but also provided the Rotaractors with organisational and personal development skills too. The club has also hosted a strategic planning workshop for its members in July.



Adelaide City Rotaractors & RYLA Attendees

Containers to Kurdistan

Through the support of Rotary Donations in Kind - Central Region (DIK), since 2016, we, Nena and Yousif Murad **RC Onkaparinga**, with the support of Rotarians, family and friends have been able to help thousands of people in Kurdistan by sending eight containers packed with biomedical, non-biomedical, educational, toys and clothing; which have been distributed amongst nineteen cities and villages in Iraqi Kurdistan.

Kurdistan is an ancient region that shares its boarders with Iraq, Syria, Iran and Turkey but yet to be recognised as independent country. Ongoing conflict with neighbouring countries has led to a lack of availability for simple but essential services and facilities for the community.

It has been a thrill collaborating with DIK to support the wider Kurdish community. We have reached out and achieved great humanitarian outcomes to a broad range of services including but not limited to hospitals, child care centres, refugee camps, schools, sporting clubs, Tafe and universities. We have also managed to extend our support to non for profit and disability organisations in the last few years.

The services to support the people of Kurdistan would not have been possible without the continuous support of the volunteers at DIK.



Kurdistan children with books donated by DIK



Kurdistan children with wheelchairs donated by DIK

If you are an Afghan refugee where do you turn for help when you know nobody?

A telephone call, conversation with a request for help, a suggestion, further telephone calls and a positive outcome was achieved.

Welcome to the world of The Rotary Foundation with the motto – "Doing Good in the World"

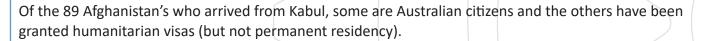
Rotarians from the Rotary Clubs of **Adelaide** (Julie Johnson), **Gawler Light** (David Cockshell, Vicki De-Wit and Joan Tingey), **Playford** (Derek Burcham) Edwardstown (John Price) **Onkaparinga** (Yousif Murad), and **Seaford** (Ian Renshaw), were able to swing into action to assist the 89 Afghanistan's who arrived on Wednesday morning (August 26) from war torn city of Kabul. In urgent need of clothing and toys for children, local Rotarians were able to call on Donations in Kind (DIK) to assist with these items.

To meet a tight schedule – David, who is also the Manager of DIK, with his team of Rotarians and friends were able to select and pack the required items in need – clothes, bed sheets, pillow slips, towels, crockery, cutlery, drinking glasses, suitcase, food storage containers, soft toys etc.

With the help of John and his trailer, were able to transport the items to Treasure Boxes (Edwardstown) on Saturday and meet the closing time of 2pm. John even changed his Saturday plans to assist.

Treasure Boxes (**Edwardstown**) is a volunteer organization which assists new international arrivals to Adelaide.

It also assists babies, children, teens, parents or caregivers in South Australia who need help securing essential items of need.



Ian Renshaw



Rotary Club of Gawler Light - Celebrating diversity with Youth

Newspaper article from Gawler Bunyip CULTURAL diversity is an important part of Australian life, says the Rotary Club of Gawler Light.

It becomes important in places such as our universities, which cater for a large number of students of diverse backgrounds seeking higher education.

These students join organisations such as the Adelaide University Rotaract Club, whose membership reflects that diversity.

Each year since 2017, the club has hosted a cultural night, growing to become South Australia's largest youth-led multicultural festival and raising more than \$13,400 for local and international charities over the past five years.

Lenard Sciancalepore from the Rotaract club visited Gawler Light Rotary to tell members about Cultural Night 2021, to be held on Saturday, September 18 and to share some of the highlights of the past five years.

The event is held on the UN International Day of Peace and showcases the cultural diversity of its members and sponsors. This year, 31 cultures are represented, along with six cultural performances and 27 cuisines to experience.

Lenard said he had seen the event bridge gaps in local communities, with younger adults learning about their own cultures from their elders and sharing it with the wider community. Some of the charities benefiting from the fundraising have been the Roma World United Fund, Kurdistan Save the Children Fund, the Children's Welfare Organisation of Nepal and the Zahra Foundation.

Last year the event funded uniforms and books for a Kurdish School in Oman, their achievements headlining on Omani television.

This year it will contribute funds towards No Barriers Education Foundation, an SA-based foundation supporting young children and adults in the state and in Zimbabwe.

The Rotaract club looks forward to having another successful event this year.

If you are interested in attending, visit www.auu.org.au/ents/eventlist/events/ and book an experience.



Rotary Club of Gawler past oresident Dick Milner and Adelaide University Rotaract Club's Lenard Sciancalepore. PHOTO: Supplied

Continue to follow the Rotary Club of Gawler's progress through this year. If you like what the club does, visit when it meets at the Gawler Arms each Tuesday at 7.30pm or visit www.gawlerlightrotary.org

PNG Midwives gain a container of essential supplies from RC Morialta

In recent weeks, **RC Morialta**, with assistance of Rotary Donations in Kind and **Adelaide University Rotaract** collected and packed the equipment into a 40-foot shipping container. This initiative was in addition to the Clubs' PNG Midwifery Buddy Leadership project and at the request of midwifery leaders within PNG Midwives Society who provided a detailed lists of items needed. Many of the items were available from DIK and other items were donated by S.A. midwives and medical professionals. In great community spirit, Rotarians, family and friends in Adelaide knitted baby clothes and beanies and sewed baby blankets. Some of the items such as digital thermometers and stethoscopes were purchased by the Club. The result is that many hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of equipment and supplies, at replacement value, has been matched to actual needs.

An additional challenge was the skyrocketing shipping costs and exorbitant demurrage charges if there was any delay in unpacking the container in PNG. We were advised to purchase a "last use" 40-foot container which could be delivered to the hospital and provide safe storage while they sort and allocate the equipment within the hospital. Our partner club for this project, **RC Port Moresby**, arranged customs clearance and in consultation with the PNG Midwives, will donate the container to a worthy cause afterwards.

Shipping prices are skyrocketing due to COVID disruptions. DIK were able to negotiate a reasonable price for purchasing the container and shipping to Port Moresby. Our total cost, including the container, is approximately \$16000. Funding, in addition to our District and Global Grants, for this initiative and the PNG project, has been very much assisted with donations from individuals, other Rotary clubs and the Women in Rotary, International Women's Day breakfast event.

Jennifer Pyakalyia, President of the PNG Midwives Society wrote, 'You and your team is such a team which is very much appreciated by all. God will continue to bless you all'.



In a message from Jane Menke, one of our Australian PNG Project buddies seconded by the Australian Government said, 'There is still much to do in PNG as you know – but there are amazing PNG midwives there doing fabulous work in the most challenging circumstances – I am humbled by just walking beside then for this little time I was privileged to be there'.

Judi Brown and Peter Mayer



Packing container at Donations in Kind

Wheels are back in Motion

The learner driver program Wheels in Motion provided by the RC Gawler Light is back on the road after its damaged car was repaired.

The vehicle, which is housed at Café Nova, was the subject of malicious vandalism in August when perpetrators smashed its front and rear windows. The bonnet, roof and side doors were also damaged as well as the touchscreen centre console inside the vehicle. Two local 18 year olds were arrested over the incident.

Brendan Simpkins Gawler Bunyip



Introducing the Rotary Adelaide Centenary logo





Rotary Adelaide and therefore Rotary in South Australia turns 100 in 1 year and 10 months' time.

To build awareness of this important milestone, Rotary Adelaide will be using the Rotary 100 years logo that has been approved by Rotary International for the R100 Downunder centenary during 2021.

It has already been used by Rotary Clubs in Melbourne, Sydney, Wellington and Auckland to celebrate their centenaries.

Leading up to our centenary there will be several celebratory events and projects at both Club and District level that will be identified with this logo.

For more information about plans for the Rotary Adelaide centenary you can contact Heidi Unferdorben, Chair Rotary Adelaide Centenary Committee on secretary@adelaiderotary.com.au

Rotarian Valerie Browning AM - helping local AFAR people after the conflict



Australian nurse Valerie Browning has lived among the Afar nomads for more than 31 years and has worked tirelessly to improve their lives. The Afar region is one of the poorest places on earth where temperatures regularly hit 50 degrees and one in three children die before the age of five.

The United Nations called for the opening of critical aid routes in Ethiopia's war-torn Tigray, warning that the region – already threatened with famine – risked running out of food supplies.

Access into the northern AFAR region was cut off and the only available route for aid delivery was made inaccessible following an attack on a World Food Programme convoy.

As the conflict has now ceased, Valerie and her team from the Afar Pastoral Development Association (APDA) have conducted an extensive assessment of desperate emergency needs from Digdiga in Teeru to Gaali Koma and surrounds in Guulina to Yallo town to Kalwaan, Awra and on to Hidda in Awra and Alaale Subla in Uwwa.

The report established the immediate situation for displaced people returning to their homes and to understand to what extent people in Zone 4 can receive the services of health, education and town water.

here is a link to the full report: https://rotaryeclub.org.au/afar-assessment-after-the-conflict/

As a member of the **eClub D9510online**, Valerie is well known to many Rotarians in this District, being a guest speaker at a number of District Conferences etc. This recent report has shocked may Rotarians, as it provides a window to define the immediate needs setting a priority that people can recover with dignity resuming the lifestyle they had.

Valerie has been described by Channel 9's 60 Minutes documentary as "one of our unsung national treasures" and dubbed the 'Desert Angle'.

See the doco on this link: https://rotaryeclub.org.au/afar-valerie-browning/

An extract from her report; FOOD: This is utterly a desperate need. In Yallo, every single possibility of food was raided and taken, even the town goats – not a goat remains. The greatest outcry is for food:

The **Rotary Club of Adelaide Central** and the **Rotary eClub D9510online** transferred available funds to Valerie's organisation last week, which will be used to purchase food for families and undernourished children. We are asking for more help to raise funds for the AFAR people and thank you in advance for your contributions.

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)



M: 0412 694 461



Rotarians Against Malaria

This is important because over 405,000 people worldwide still die every year from Malaria and over two billion people are affected.

The Conference showcases progress with the elimination of Malaria, the development of vaccines, treatment, and mosquito control.

Guest speakers include Ms Inês Maria De Almeida, the Timor Leste Ambassador to Australia, and a Malaria expert from the Menzies Institute, Darwin.

Due to Covid 19, the Conference will take place via zoom. Registration is \$50.00.

The booking url link is: ram.rawcs.com.au/21conference.

Dates and times-Saturday November 13th-10am-12pm. Sunday, November 14th-10am-12.30pm. Eastern Daylight Saving Time..

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kerre Ann Willsher, PhD, Rotarians Against Malaria, Rotary District 9510, Mobile: 0427 393 602 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

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www.scienceexperience.com.au

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Programs are non-selective.

Sponsorship may be available through Rotary or the National Office.

Further information and application forms are available from:

www.scienceexperience.com.au

Early application is advised as we have only limited places available in all programs The Santos Science Experience, PO Box 158, Monbulk Vic 3793. Ph: 03 9756 7534.

ROTARY TWILIGHT SAIL

SATURDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2021

Book at ticket for a social night out and meet some of the trainees from the recent Rotary Youth Voyage

Cost: \$120pp

Includes: Starter, Grazing Box & Sweet, Tea &

Coffee, Soft Drinks

Bar Service available: beverages sold separately. Credit card payments only

Location: One and All, Dock 2 Honey Street

Port Adelaide Departs: 6.30pm Return: 9.30pm

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