

Rotary Matters

December 2020 DG Newsletter



Dear fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary,

In every area of the Rotary focus, and in every part of our District, Australia and the world, our Rotary club's projects are improving lives and helping communities adapt in this time of rapid change and helping change people's lives for ever.

With every great challenge (and we have certainly seen challenges this year), there is an opportunity for renewal and growth. **Rotary Opens Opportunities** is not just a theme, just as **Rotary** is not just a club that you join; it is an invitation to endless opportunities. We believe in creating opportunities, for others and for ourselves. We believe that our acts of service, large and small, make a difference in people's lives and generate opportunities for us and people who need our help, to live a richer more meaningful life with friends here and all over the world, based on our core values, **Service Above Self**.

Next year we are celebrating **100 years of Rotary in Australia and NZ**. Let us show case our Rotary club's projects and tell the world what we are doing to make this world a better place. And please look at unique ways we can show the communities just what our clubs have been doing in the last 100 years.

As District Governor I am always honoured and derive great pleasure in being part of the presentation of PHF Awards to our very conscientious, hardworking, and well deserving Rotarians.

On the visit to Tailem Bend it was particularly special to present RAWCS Humanitarian Awards to two wonderful Rotarians Sally Charlton and Dr Sara Fensak for the hundreds of hours dedicated to the Hands On Project.

The Hands On Project has been a registered RAWCS project for 8 years. As Project Leader, Sally together with Sara have led several teams of up to 12 volunteers who contribute to fitting over 1400 prosthetic hands to people in Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Laos and Kenya who are largely the victims of landmines and war. This has been a life changing experience for the recipients, the volunteers and the Project leaders.



*Via a translator.....
Pie Kol is a rice farmer and he has 7 children – 5 boys and 2 girls and 6 grandchildren.
He says thank you for my hand and helping people like me. It will help a lot in riding his bike and working on the farm. He wishes you good health and long life.*

The Hands kits come in boxes of 10 and the assembly can then be done by Rotary Clubs, corporate entities.

Sally and Sara have retired from managing the Hands On Project so there is an opportunity for a successor if you are interested.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2023-24

The District will be opening nominations for our District Governor for 2023-24.

All Rotarians will receive an email via Club Runner. Under the new District 9510 Bylaws there will also be an opportunity for Rotarians to nominate to fill 2 positions on the Selection Committee.

This process will be outlined in the same email.



Notice Board

Banking details for transfer of proceeds to The Rotary Foundation END POLIO.



Clubs are requested to download this linked form(below) and deposit End Polio Now funds into The Rotary Foundation.

Please make sure you select 'Polio Plus' and use the name of your Club in the description.

IMPORTANT: Please always advise risppo@rotary.org of the donation BEFORE or ON THE DAY of the bank transfer.

[You can download the form on this link](#)



Support your club and the Rotary Foundation with these great gift ideas.



**Traditional Rum & Brandy
Fruit Cake** 800g (tin)

\$17.00ea

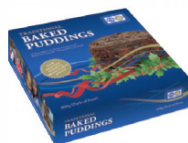
\$2.00 donated to TRF from each sale
\$2.00 profit per unit to your club when
you purchase a carton of 8 for \$120



Traditional Steamed Pudding
1kg (clothed)

\$17.00ea

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purchase a carton of 8 for \$120



Traditional Baked Puddings
4x 100g

\$7.50ea

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you purchase a carton of 16 for \$104

For more info ring Rob on 0408 088 145
Or email orders@seafordrotary.org.au

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MAGILL SUNRISE PRESENTS:

OUR MEGA CHRISTMAS MARKET WEEKEND

DISCOVER THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT!!
DECEMBER 12-13, 2020, 9AM - 1PM
CAMPBELLTOWN MEMORIAL OVAL
CNR LOWER NORTH EAST RD & DARLEY RD

- ROTARY BBQ
- COFFEE VAN
- FOOD VENDORS
- JAMS AND CHUTNEYS
- BAKED GOODS
- FRESH PRODUCE
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- JEWELLERY
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STALLS INDOORS AND OUTDOORS. FREE ENTRY!!
ENQUIRIES: MAGILLSUNRISEMARKET@GMAIL.COM

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 16th-18th APRIL 2021

Our District 9510 Conference will be held at Westminster School at Marion. The Conference Dinner will be held at the Convention Centre, and includes a drink package. The dinner will also be a celebration of the Centenary of Rotary in Australia. Conference registration and details including our guest speakers can be found on the District Website. Progressive updates will also appear on the official District Facebook page.

Click [Here to view and register](#)

Yours in Rotary

DG David Jones

Self-Assessment for Tax purposes

HOUSEKEEPING

Each year Rotary Clubs are required by the ATO to self-assess their position for Tax purposes and determining whether they are an Exempt Entity. Whilst the task sounds onerous it is relatively simple and should not concern clubs unduly.

The form can be sent to clubs or downloaded from the ATO website and completed by either the Treasurer or Secretary and tabled at the club Board meeting to be recorded in the minutes.

Most clubs will be assessed as Exempt Entity and hence do not require to lodge a tax return. If a club is in doubt as to their particular situation then District Treasurer Bruce strongly recommends contacting a Tax Adviser.

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Send your Rotary Classified to
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by **7th** of the **month**

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Welcome New Rotarians from 1st July

New Rotarian	Club	New Rotarian	Club
Kiri Hagenus	Adelaide	George Eglinton	Onkaparinga
Kathryn Ireland	Adelaide	Sue Jackson	Onkaparinga
Alys Jackson	Adelaide	Carl Jooste	Onkaparinga
Keith Laird	Adelaide	Lynn Mayman	Onkaparinga
Sally Owen	Adelaide	Andrew O'Donohue	Onkaparinga
Sebastian Walker-Magee	Adelaide Central	Maryanne Shaw	Onkaparinga
Raagini Gopi	Adelaide Light	Michael Vivian	Onkaparinga
Pamela Rajkowski	Adelaide Parks	Ronald Jones	Playford
Athar Yaghoub	Campbelltown	Geoffrey Knights	Port Adelaide
Isabella Matheson	Clare	Corey Fielder	Port Lincoln
John Lyons	Gawler	Fiona Millard	Port Lincoln
David Baker	Goolwa	Neil Millard	Port Lincoln
Charles Fenwick	Loxton	Kenton Franks	Port Pirie
Ben Groombridge	Maitland	John Parkinson	Prospect
John Spaans	Maitland	Mark Streich	Regency Park
John Thiele	Maitland	Gregory Mason	Roxby District
Beau Brug	Mawson Lakes	Wendy Rusalen	Tea Tree Gully
Chad Buchanan	Mawson Lakes	Constance Price	Tonsley
Shubhangi Chauhan	Mawson Lakes	Paul Duke	Unley
Evelyn Lartey	Mawson Lakes	Sohelia Mostaghim	Unley
Rav Padayachi	Mawson Lakes	Haythem Raslan	Unley
Jackie Heaysman	Mildura Deakin	Michael May	Victor Harbor
Nardia Sheriff	Mildura Deakin	Murray Nitschke	Victor Harbor
Nancy Geregi	Morialta	Shirley Sunter	Victor Harbor
Adeyemi Kehinde	Morialta	Wendy Birkett	Waikerie
Philip Pfeiffer	Morphett Vale	Ian Sutton	Waikerie
Cedric Horn	Mount Barker	Anthony Bruce-Mullins	Wentworth
Michael McDonald	Mount Barker	Judith Keith	Whyalla
Annie Smitz	Mount Barker	Victoria Barratt	Whyalla Norrie
Wei Guo	Norwood		
Bronwyn Edwards	Onkaparinga		
Robert Edwards	Onkaparinga		

Victorian clubs re-join the district

December 1 is a red letter day for the Victorian clubs in the Sunraysia region of D9510 with the border open once again. Covid-19 meant that all of DG David's official visits had to be done by Zoom and the District Conference scheduled for Bendigo had to be relocated to Westminster School Adelaide.

So what has been happening in the clubs in Sunraysia?

Mildura, our second oldest club chartered in 1933, has decided to merge with Merbein and this occurred on the 30th Nov. Both clubs have worked closely together in the past and have similar age profiles and it is expected that meetings will alternate between the two club venues. Both have been very innovative and active in projects but Covid-19 has stopped most of these since late March.

A number of clubs are still meeting by Zoom or meeting informally because of indoor gathering limits. All are now exploring ways to meet in person again, even outdoors, if their usual venues are still restricted. Zoom has not been particularly successful with attendances less than usual.

Mildura Deakin, one of three breakfast clubs in the district, has created gift packs of Sunraysia food products for sale which has been successful and they are now preparing a Christmas pack. These Giving Back gift packs are designed to promote struggling small businesses in the region and are sold through a local Farmers' Market. Clubs or individuals can purchase through the club's Facebook page or email sales@rotarymilduradeakin.com.au This club has been able to return to face-to-face meetings outdoors.



Red Cliffs has found an alternative to Zoom by taking social trips within their distance limits to outdoor settings. The latest trip was to Murray Sunset National Park. The club will celebrate its 70th birthday next March and a street procession through the town is planned. It is also hoping to be able to celebrate Australia Day partnering with Lions in the usual way with the presentation of community awards.

Irymple, the largest club, has found Zoom meetings exclude many members and is now searching for alternate venues given its long-standing venue is still closed. It managed to organise a successful tree planting project and also manufactured and sold masks. Many of the male members developed a new skill – operating overlocker machines!

Bushfire Recovery Fencing in Cudlee Creek

Since January the RC Onkaparinga fencing team has worked on more than 40 properties, building a variety of fences in a range of terrains.

All tasks come from the Bushfire Recovery Centre, where jobs are given a priority, including funding. This could be from one or more of landholder's insurance/cost, grants from or through the Recovery Centre, Blazeaid or Rotary funding.

The club then agrees with Blazeaid who will do the job, or how we will share the job in a number of cases. Materials are ordered and usually delivered, but sometimes extra material is collected mid-job, or even collected as far away as Kadina, thanks to the Paradise Motors' ute.

The club has developed a great relationship with Blazeaid in the Cudlee Creek fire area, and on the closing of their Cudlee Creek camp, some 25 volunteers indicated that they would like to continue fencing under the Onkaparinga Rotary banner. The club has borrowed 2 Blazeaid trailers, thanks to the longstanding relationship between Rotary and Kevin Butler from Blazeaid, and the club is processing membership applications for up to 25 new members.

In addition, the support we have received from RAWCS, the SA Government, and our two local councils has been wonderful. In addition, many clubs, from those near us to Selkirk in Scotland, have provided funds to support our work. We are most grateful for all this help.

If clubs would like a speaker, call Dick Cuttle, 0428 106 673.

some photos below are from Berry Hill Rd, in Kenton Valley.



Prospect 70th Anniversary

Members, partners and special friends celebrated 70 years of service to the Prospect community and beyond.

The Mayor, City of Prospect, David O'Loughlin was the guest speaker. David delivered a very special glimpse of Prospect from the early days to the present, and what we might expect in the future. And we thought we knew Prospect! You could have heard a pin drop!

Member, Mal Thickett delivered a history of RC Prospect, noting many achievements made throughout the club's 70 years of service.

DG David Jones read a letter he received from RI President Holger Knack congratulating the club on its 70 years of service.

PHFs were presented to members Alistair Brown, Kevin Obst and Mal Thickett, each of whom are Past Presidents and also to Mayor O'Loughlin.

In all, a memorable night with laughter, some tears, camaraderie and lots of fun.



DG David Jones President Barrie Trevarrow and Area Governor Jeff Cluse



PDG Doug Layng



Ros and Kevin Obst



Rod Bish and John Castle



Rosalie and Mal Thickette

New Interact Club at Loxton High School

A celebration dinner was held by RC Loxton to recognise a number of Rotarians and community members for their contribution to the Community and Rotary.

One highlight of the night was the presentation of the Club Charter to Samuel Nitschke (President) and Ethan Grosse (Secretary) of the Interact club, by the District Governor.

Our community can be very proud of the twenty fine young Australians who are now Interactors. These are our leaders of the future as demonstrated by Samuel and Ethan.

With President Jenny Mills, Samuel Nitschke and Ethan Grosse receiving the Interact Club Charter from DG David Jones



Induction of the Members of the Interact Club of the Loxton High School

Members of the Interact Club have already assisted with fundraising events like the Mardi Gras Ambassador's Champagne Breakfast, where they entertained us with their Karaoke "expertise" and are currently arranging a social Karaoke fundraising event at the home of a Rotarian.

Other Projects include putting together "packs" of school needs for disadvantaged children who come into the school, this includes selling School uniforms which are donated to the Opp Shop initially and passed on to the Interact Club. Comfort packs of Teddy Bears for young children in crisis and supporting the Trachoma 2020 Project are two projects in the planning.

Jenny Mills

Rotary Gains its Wings

The Barossa Air Show has been held since 1998 on a biennial cycle. During that time only two have had to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

Steve Ahrens General Manager and a Director of Lyndoch Motors has offered the RC Barossa Valley the opportunity to manage the Air Show as a major fund raising event. The planned date is Sunday April 11th 2021. Steve is a CASA approved Air Display Organiser and has been a private pilot for the past 38 years. The airfield is near Rowland Flat and it is not unusual to see and hear small aircraft regularly flying over the valley.



President Keith Millington with Steve Ahrens

Our Rotary club has accepted the challenge and plans are well underway. A Management Committee is already in place and meets regularly. Around 150 people will be needed to manage the whole event, which previously has always been popular and well attended.

The Leader Newspaper has advised the club that they will be given full backing with major advertising now and certainly nearer the event.

Robert Brookes Club bulletin editor.

Gawler Pool Re-opening

Until the early 1960s, there were no public swimming facilities available in Gawler. The local kids shared waterholes in the North and South Para Rivers with reeds, snags, red bellied black snakes and the mythical Gawler Bunyip.

In the late 1950s a committee made up of community and service clubs was established by the RC Gawler to organise the building of a community swimming pool. Following a large street procession on December 1st 1962, the Gawler and Districts Olympic Pool was opened by the governor of South Australia Lieutenant General Sir Edric Bastyan.



Over the years the Gawler swimming pool was upgraded on several occasions, the surroundings improved and heating installed. Despite these changes the pool was looking tired, was outdated and in need of major improvements.

The Gawler Council was able to secure a Federal Government grant for \$410,000 and with its own contribution of over \$530,000 upgraded the changing rooms, added a first aid room and constructed a new entrance.

Gawler Mayor and Honorary Rotarian Karen Redman opened the revamped Gawler Aquatics Centre on October 10th in front of a crowd of about 350 people including Federal and State Politicians, several Mayors from surrounding councils and local dignitaries.

Gawler Rotary as one of the instigators of the original pool, was invited to hold a sausage sizzle as part of the opening. Due to the generosity of Gawler Council, sausages and doughnuts were provided free of charge to the general public and Rotarians we kept busy satisfying the hungry hordes. This was our first sausage sizzle since Australia Day and brought in about \$1,600.



Corolla Capers

The completion of the 18th annual Corolla Caper has seen yet another success for the volunteer team from RC Regency Park, joined by participants from other district clubs and friends of Rotary.

A total of 45 participants in 23 vehicles, including twelve 30+-year-old (3rd and 4th Generation) Toyota Corollas, completed some 2000kms over eight days from Adelaide to Marree, Wilpoorina, Murnpeowie Station, Mt Freeling, Arkaroola and Blinman on roads normally reserved for bold 4WDers.

The oldest driver was 'Uncle' Ken Adams, 87, in his 1978 1300cc coupe that he has driven in the last ten events. He was joined by his son, nephew and two grandsons - all in old Corollas. The youngest participant was seven-year-old Emily who accompanied her parents in a pair of modern LandCruisers. Uncle Ken was also awarded the 2020 'Corolla Caper Legend Cup' for ongoing leadership in the event.



Participants celebrate in SA's Flinders Ranges. In the foreground is 'Uncle' Ken Adams' Car 7 'Matilda' a 40yo Corolla that has taken part in 10 events. (Roderick Eime)

What began as a fun 'bash' for old cars (and old men), has evolved into a fun and challenging family event that visits some of Australia's most scenic rural and outback locations while raising money for Rotary Club charities such as 'Cows for Cambodia', 'Isolated Children's Parents Association', Polio+, disaster aid for Bhutan as well as other community interests and charities.

"It's always been a great way to enjoy the fabulous Aussie outback," says organising committee head, Ron Rogers, "while injecting funds into rural communities and raising money for worthwhile charities." In its 18 years, the Corolla Capers has raised about \$60,000 for Rotary Club Charities as well as other recognised community projects and causes

Planning is already underway for the 2021 event that will return to its usual July dates.

Russell Green Membership and Public Image

Yeee Haaaa! Hawker Muster

It finally rained in the Hawker District the week before about 60 Rotarians organized by the **RC Campbelltown** arrived in Hawker to support the Muster event. Clubs that joined in included **Peterborough, Mt Barker, Goolwa and Magill Sunrise**.

This muster event was to show support for drought affected farmers and help lift their spirits. Over the past few months, there had been many semitrailer bales of donated hay which RAWCS supported. As well as the clubs mentioned, donations of hay also came from **Roxby Downs, Port Augusta, Onkaparinga, Morialta and Burnside**.



There were 416 (including Rotarians) who attended the Hawker Sports Centre. The day on Saturday began for most of the club at 10am and finished well after 10pm.

There was Country and Western music all afternoon and evening, providing great entertainment performed from a semi-trailer tray top. Also line dancers from Quorn and several stalls including:

PIRSA, SKI for Life (mental health for famers), Headspace, Rowater, Elders and a Bouncy Castle.

Also provided free were coffee, soft drinks, sausage sizzle, donuts, 20kg bags of potatoes a barber and medical and health checks.

There was also \$500 available from RAWCS for struggling farmers which was very discretely publicised. All enjoyed a delicious roast dinner followed by donated strawberries and ice cream.

The free Raffle was huge. So many donated prizes gathered by Campbelltown members.

It was a fabulous occasion. As the full moon rose in a clear sky, Rotary was thanked many times.

Susan Harris Secretary



Social Distancing golf lesson at Karoonda

Community people in the farming district of Karoonda have been severely challenged by a series of drought years, resulting in poor harvests, and reduced incomes. Continuing drought conditions have been a real emotional and financial struggle for these rural families.

The resilience of these people was clearly demonstrated at a recent community event held at the Karoonda Golf Course. Local leaders arranged this event which was designed to attract local families to attend a social occasion where they could share their experiences, and support and care for each other through these hard times. Football and netball competitions have been favourite occasions for families to get together, but the COVID-19 crisis put an end to that. So the attraction at this event was to learn how to play golf, which is a new participant sport for many young locals. Golf Pro Stephen Wilson, from Murray Bridge, was commissioned to give lessons to 26 keen learners, and over 40 locals joined in the very enjoyable BBQ lunch for all.

It is anticipated that further competition days will continue into the future.

This important social event at Karoonda was sponsored by the RC Murray Bridge, who channelled Rotary Australia World Community Services funds to meet a local need.

Local farmer, Hannah Loller, expressed appreciation on behalf of the community, "Please thank Rotary and let them know our household is feeling a lot brighter for the opportunity."

Roger Wicks



Meet your neighbours...

An ongoing series introducing the clubs in the District

Clubs are invited to submit a story about themselves of around 200 words and a photo. We would like to include as many clubs as we can throughout the year so please keep them coming. (The Editor - Euan Miller) email: euan@gdaysa.com.au