

# Rotary Matters

February 2021 DG Newsletter



Dear fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary,  
A new year generally brings a sense of hope and new life. While we still struggle with the effects of COVID-19 our organisation has demonstrated a continued willingness to learn and adapt.

Lyn and I have resumed visiting the remainder of clubs we could not visit in the first 6 months, some due to COVID-19 restrictions. In January, we took delight in attending the Victor Harbor Art Show (Victor Harbor) and Goolwa Markets (Encounter Bay), a couple of great club projects. The Art Show, in its 42nd year, won the City of Victor Harbor 's Community Event of the Year in recognition of its longevity, contribution to culture and regional recognition. 2020 Art Show Chair Tim Shierlaw and President Julie Irwin were proud to be able to accept the Australia Day Community Event of the Year Award.

*Congratulations to our Rotarians who were Order of Australia recipients as well as those who received Civic Awards.*



So much has changed since Rotary was formed in 1905. The world population then was 1.7 Billion, and today it is just over 7.7 Billion. There were 4 telephones per 100 people and now it is estimated that 94 percent of the world's population owns a telephone (either mobile or fixed) and China and India have more than one Billion mobiles in use at any one time. In the nearly 116 years since Rotary was founded, seemingly everything has changed except our Rotary Values. We began, committed to Fellowship, Integrity, Service, and Leadership, and while our (Service Above Self) motto dates back to 1911, the ethos behind these words have been ingrained into everything we do by our Rotary's founders. As the pace of change worldwide continues to accelerate partly due to COVID-19, the need for our Rotary Service is greater than ever. It is one thing to read about service projects, quite another to witness them in action and see the grateful faces of people who have benefited from them and how those people's lives have been changed forever.



## February is Peace & Conflict Prevention / Resolution Month

As a humanitarian organization, peace is a cornerstone of our mission. We believe when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect.

Millions of people all over the world are currently displaced by armed conflict or persecution. In fact, 90% of casualties in armed conflicts are civilians, half of which are children. Through service projects and Rotary programs, the Rotary family is committed to pursuing projects that address the structural causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

During February, Rotary Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month, we're celebrating our commitment to build peace and mitigate conflict.

The [Rotarian Action Group for Peace](#) gives Rotary members resources and support to advance peace efforts and turn ambitious ideas into life-changing realities.

## International Assembly

The Rotary International Board of Directors has taken the decision to prioritize the health and safety of participants by moving the 2021 International Assembly to a virtual format to be held 2-11 February 2021.

We wish District Governor Elect, Jeff Neale and Jenny all the best in their training and look forward to the unveiling of the RI theme from 2021-22 RI President Shekhar Mehta from of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India.

## District Awards

With our new District comes a review of our District Awards. This process has been undertaken but the District Leadership Board has decided that due to COVID-19 and the impact it has had on club activity, that we would defer the District Awards until next year.



## WANTED

The Polly Polio Trailer needs to find its way back to NSW. If you are heading that way in next couple of months and are willing to give Polly a tow back please contact:

**Bob Cooper Mob: 0418 802 988**

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## HOUSEKEEPING

### Rotary Club Insurance & Compliance Declaration 2021-2022

Each year all Rotary Clubs are required by our Insurance provider AON to complete a Rotary Club Insurance & Compliance Declaration and submit to the District Insurance Officer (DIO) **by 30th April**.

These forms will be sent to Clubs by our DIO, John Rix (Berri) during February.

Clubs who own property (Building, Contents and Stock of more than \$50,000), motor vehicles (if club require vehicles to be covered by the Rotary policy) or run an Op Shop etc will have additional requirements to complete.

The task for the DIO is to collate the data from the declarations to complete additional forms for Aon which is a formidable task for 85 clubs. ***Your co-operation in this process will be appreciated.***

Yours in Rotary

*DG David Jones*

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

**Desmond Tutu**



## DGE Jeff Neale

It is just shy of two years, 17th Feb 2019, when I was selected as District Governor for 9510 in 2021/22. The two years and five months away then is now only five months. Jenny and I are looking forward to leading the District and we are excited about the opportunity to visit every club in the District – hopefully face to face.



The last 18 months has seen us all face varying challenges in our personal lives and also in Rotary. COVID-19 has presented one of our largest challenges. Fortunately, Rotarians have stepped up and met this challenge with support to those in need in the community, but also many switched their meeting nights to Zoom meetings to ensure their club was able to keep working and members were safe.

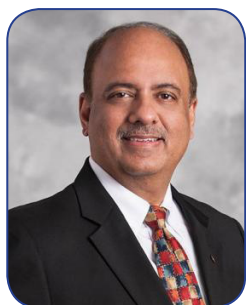
I can report that plans for the 2021/22 year are well underway. I am just putting the final touches in place so that we can lock in training for all our leaders. All being well, training and the District assembly will remain a face to face proposition.

Jenny and I are about to attend the International Assembly – virtually over 10 days. The first general session is at 12.30am on Tuesday where the RI theme for 2021 will be announced.

We then have sessions each morning at 12:30am, and breakout sessions around lunchtime each day. It is disappointing not to be attending in person, but obviously there is no way it could have gone ahead given the current global situation. However, Rotary has done an excellent job in preparing to present the Assembly online and from what we have seen, the experience will be as good as can be, under the circumstances.

Jenny and I would like to thank District Governor David and Lyn, and District Secretary David Fenton, for their help and guidance in our preparations. We also acknowledge my own Rotary Club of Campbelltown and a string of past District Governors for their support and advice.

## STOP PRESS



**2021-22 RI President Shekhar Mehta has announced his RI Theme for the 2020-21 year.**

A Rotary member since 1984, Mehta has served Rotary as director, member or chair of several committees, zone coordinator, training leader, member of The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers, and district governor. He is also the chair of Rotary Foundation (India).

*Incoming Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta urged members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own. "Rotary kindled the spark within me to look beyond myself and embrace humanity," he said. "Service became a way of life for me and I, like many others, adopted the guiding philosophy that 'Service is the rent I pay for the space I occupy on this earth, and I want to be a good tenant of this earth.'"*



Jenny and I are looking forward to working with and sharing this theme and the RI President's message throughout District 9510.

Yours in Rotary  
*DGE Jeff Neale*



# Notice Board



**Celebrating  
International  
Women's Day**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021**

**7.00am for 7.15am start,  
concluding by 9.00am.**

**The National Wine Centre, Botanic  
Road, Adelaide.**

***Please bring your business cards  
for a door prize.***

***There will be raffle tickets  
available for purchase, at \$5 per  
ticket, with excellent prizes.***

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# Rotary



**Women in Rotary – SA Chapter**

**PATRON – Mrs Lan Le  
Wife of the Governor of South  
Australia**

International Women's Day is a global day  
celebrating the social, economic, cultural,  
and political achievements of women.  
The international theme for 2021 is -

## **'Choose to Challenge'**

**Tickets are \$45 per person (Plus  
booking fee) or book a table of 10.**

**Book at:**

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**Jane Doyle**

Jane Doyle has presented the Channel Seven News in Adelaide since 1989. Her media career began more than 40 years ago when she left the secure, and relatively well-paid 'job' of schoolteacher, for a newspaper cadetship on trivial money in a Far North Queensland country town. In 1987 Jane was seduced by television, firstly, as a relief news presenter, and then in 1988 was appointed the Monday to Friday reader for ABC TV in Adelaide. Jane left 'Aunty' in 1989 and has now spent 32 years working for South Australia's number 1 television news service – Seven News. Jane is Chair of Carclew – a youth arts organisation.

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE 16th-18th APRIL 2021

Our District 9510 Conference will 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*



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## Meet your neighbours...

### An ongoing series introducing the clubs in the District

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## CLASSIFIEDS

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

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### Correction

The 8th prize winner of the Polio Ute relay was left off list published in the January issue. It was the Fleurieu Peninsula Produce Hamper donated by Julie Irwin President of the RC Victor Harbor and won by Debbie Scott of the RC Northern Yorke Peninsula.

The story about the RC Mitcham in the January issue was written by Helen Gooley.

## Supertees

The Supertee is a medically approved garment for children in hospital providing easy access when managing intravenous drips. It eliminates the need to change into a gown when having an MRI and the cape serves a dual purpose by transforming into a bib when feeding the kids.

Cameron had a diagnosis of cancer and received a bone marrow transplant at Westmead Children's hospital in Sydney. During his stay there Cameron received his very own Supertee which helped him get through this very stressful time.

Cameron's family live close by the **RC Mobilong** so a meeting was agreed with the family and a small contingent from the Club. Cameron's story was so inspirational as was his response to us as to how he felt when he got his Supertee. He immediately responded with "STRONG" which was the call to action that motivated us to assist by providing children attending treatment at the Adelaide Women's and Children's Hospital with their own Supertees.

With Cameron as our Ambassador, we have partnered with the Women's & Children's Hospital Foundation SA and in September 2019 presented the hospital with 56 Supertee garments in assorted sizes. Our goal remains to supply a total of 300 garments.

During the year we have been heartened by the response from other Rotary clubs and donations received from individuals. Taillem Bend, Murray Bridge & Strathalbyn Rotary Clubs all donated, plus the Noarlunga Lions Club. Cameron's school came on board and put on a Superhero day which was a huge success.

The Project was submitted for consideration for the South Australian Combined Service Clubs Awards 2019 and was successful in winning the Youth award: Best youth project for service clubs in South Australia and the Premiers Distinction award - the best project in 2019 of all service clubs in South Australia for all nominated categories.

The award money received went straight into another order for Supertees.

Brian Wybrow  
Youth Director



## Special headphones to people living with dementia.

The **RC St Peters** has donated special headphones to all the aged care homes in the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters area.

197 pairs of specially designed headsets have been provided free of charge to eleven Nursing Homes throughout the local area, over the past 14 months. The headphones contain a memory card which can be programmed with music to suit the individual user.

The Club received a grant of \$5,000 from the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters Council to add to the Club's own significant contribution to purchase the headphones.

Rotarian John Seeliger, who has been the driving force behind the Club's 'Music for Dementia' program, said "We have had many reports of the wonderful results whereby people have become animated when given the opportunity to listen to their favourite music".

The statistics of dementia are astounding. In Australia, it is the second leading cause of death, and in 2020, it is estimated that almost 1.6 million people in Australia are involved in the care of someone living with dementia. Dementia is the single greatest cause of disability in older Australians (aged 65 years or older) and people with dementia account for 52% of all residents in aged care facilities. *(Source: Dementia Australia).*

Tanya Liddell, who is the Dementia Excellence Facilitator with Eldercare, was Guest Speaker at a recent Rotary Club of St Peters meeting. Tanya oversees their 'MyMusic' program which utilises music to give comfort and enjoyment to people living with dementia. The program involves creating personalised music playlists for residents, which they can listen to using portable devices. Councillor Kester Moorehouse represented the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters at the meeting.

The Rotary Club of St Peters is so pleased to be able to assist in giving people living with dementia more enjoyable lives.



Photo: L- R President Bill Winslow, David Birkedale Community Director presenting a set of headphones to Tanya Liddell from Eldercare with Rotarian John Seeliger with Norwood, Payneham and St Peters Councillor Kester Moorhouse

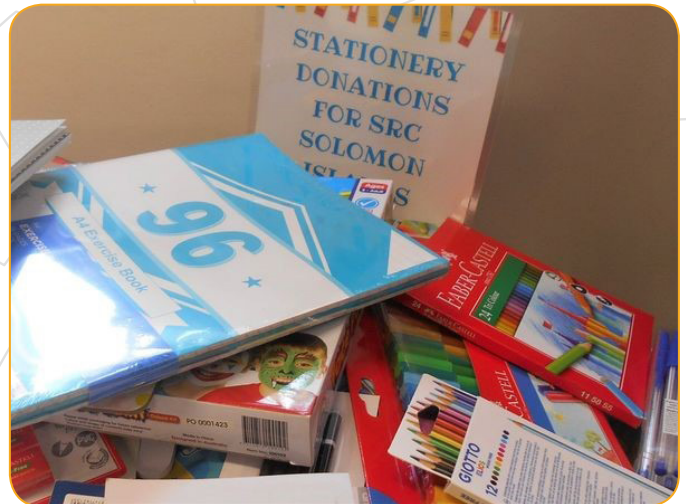


## Water and sanitation for the Solomons

The **RC Unley** has sponsored a water and sanitation and health care project in the Solomon Islands. The major aims of this Rotary Foundation Grant will be the construction of toilets, installation of septic tanks and the collection of fresh water by building a structure with an iron roof, gutters and the installation of rain water tanks. All this is happening on the island of Malaita in the Dalousu village.

The little school at Dalousu has not been forgotten. Lacking educational books, stationery and library books students, teachers and parents of Unley Primary school recently raised over \$3,000 to pay the schools fees of 30 children to attend school.

Trevor McGuirk



'photos of the senior members of the Student Council at Unley when the cheque was presented to our club'





## Tutti Arts

Tutti Arts is South Australia's only multi-arts organisation where artists with a learning disability create visual art, theatre, music, film, new media and installations for a growing local and international audience.

**RC Kidman Park's** connection with Tutti Arts started when one of its club members attended an event in 2020, which featured a choir from Tutti Arts. After meeting with the CEO and a club visit to the performing studio, a project was devised to help.

The club supplied a number of computers and provided solar panels. With the assistance of a District Grant. The computers were handed over at a Rotary presentation last December and the solar panels were installed in early January 2021.



Clive Turner  
Community Chairperson

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOUR - THE ROTARY CLUB OF ENCOUNTER BAY

The Rotary Club of Encounter Bay was chartered on 15th September 1979 with the help of the Rotary Club of Victor Harbor.

The late Wally Bradley was elected as our first President and remained an active member for many years. Twenty-nine members were inducted at the Charter dinner.

Club numbers have fluctuated between 23 and 55 over this time with our current membership at 30. For many years our major fundraiser was 'the Boat Raffle'. This project was very labour intensive but created a good boost to our funds on an annual basis.

In 2014, the Alexandrina Council offered the club the management of the Pt Elliot and Goolwa Wharf Markets. Since that time, this project has been our major fundraiser and has allowed us to support many local and overseas projects. Managing markets creates a very heavy work load on our members. Almost everyone in the club takes a role to help maintain the success of these busy markets which are held 4 times a month with extra markets in December and 10 markets in January. We are currently developing our 'Friends of Rotary' program to encourage our friends to help us manage this project.

Come and visit our markets when visiting the South Coast. Markets are held on the 1st and 3rd Saturday (Pt Elliot) and 1st and 3rd Sunday (Goolwa Wharf)

Deidre Hughes Secretary



## Volunteers' night hands out \$20,000

Last November more than 20 local organizations shared in the handing out of \$19,495. Monies primarily raised by the wonderful ladies volunteering at the Rotary Community Op Shop, and by the **RC Wentworth**. A special night was put on for the volunteers, and recipient group representatives were invited along for a meal and presentations. Around 50 people were In attendance including local Rotary Club members.

President Joe Kervin along with Georgina Mudge the new manager of the Op Shop handed out most of the Donations to the various groups including: Murray House, Wentworth Bowling Club, Pioneer Homes Dareton Community, Creative Meals on Wheels, Wentworth Christmas Eve Wentworth Skate Park, Local Senior Citizens Group Coomealla, High School and all Public schools in our area.

On the night there was plenty of elbow bumping, applause, raffles and laughter. The local Rotary Club normally have two of these events per year and although this year has been much different than previous years re fundraising events, the local club still managed to give away over \$40,000 directly and an additional \$36,000 combined.



*Georgina Mudge & President Joe Kervin*





## Wheels in Motion

**RC Gawler Light** is very pleased that one of its programmes “Wheels in Motion” is receiving the town of Gawler’s community group of the year award in this year’s Australia Day awards.

This program started by the club in 2018 is managed by club member Dave Weatherly and his more than able assistant Kirsten Impett, a non Rotarian. Thanks, must also go to Keith Scott of Keith’s Driving school, Peter Kittle Motors, RAA, AMP services and Café Nova. Also, to the program’s mentor drivers, many of whom are not Rotarians.

Wheels in Motion allows young people (17 – 25) in Gawler the opportunity to overcome a major barrier to employment and further education, by assisting them to access driver experience, enabling them to qualify for their P's

The mentors, who freely give of their time, many of them members of the Club, sit in the vehicle and supervise the learner driver. They are vetted, have DCSI clearance and undergo an evaluation from our Driving Instructor, with continued support and guidance from him. We have both male and female Mentors.

For further information visit: [www.wheelsinmotiongawler.org.au](http://www.wheelsinmotiongawler.org.au)

PDG Dick Milner president



## Australia Day Honours

PDGs Wendy Gaborit and Peter Rostron are congratulated for receiving OAMs in the Australia Day Honours. Wendy is a member of RC Mobilong, the first female Governor of D9520 in 2013-14, a strong advocate and trainer, especially in leadership and strategic planning and also served as RI Public Image Coordinator for Australia. Peter is a member of RC Tea Tree Gully, PDG 2002-03 for D9500, served in a number of roles for RAWCS and was a trustee for the Australian Rotary Foundation Trust. He was also a leader for youth development in TTG.



Patricia Chigwidden of RC Victor Harbor, joined the club 6 years ago also received an OAM for her services to local government and the Victor Harbor community.

A more detailed story on both Rotary leaders will appear in the March issue.

The RC Victor Harbor received the best community event award for its annual art show In the district Council of Victor Harbor Australian Day Awards. It held its 42nd art show in January this year. The club took on the COVID risk and decided to proceed with the show which had one of the best sales ever with over \$300,000 of art sold and over 1500 hours of volunteer's time from club members.

The RC Murray Bridge long serving member John Scarvelis, was honoured as Australian Citizen of the Year by the Rural City of Murray Bridge.

John Rowley, President of RC Blakiston received a mayoral commendation from the District Council of Mt Barker.

If Rotarians know of any other members or clubs that received honours on Australia Day please forward details to the Editor Rotary Matters, email: [euan@gdaysa.com.au](mailto:euan@gdaysa.com.au) for publication in the March issue.

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