

Rotary Matters

May 2021 DG Newsletter



Dear fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary,

It would seem from the feedback received from of the 320 delegates to the inaugural District 9510 Conference, that the Conference Committee met your expectations and, in many cases, exceeded them. Planning for the Conference commenced nearly 3 years ago. Unfortunately, it was partially interrupted with Covid-19 and meant the committee made the difficult decision to relocate from Bendigo to Adelaide. I thank Rotarians for supporting our efforts to bring you a face-to-face conference in Adelaide thereby removing the risk of you being stranded interstate or unable to attend due to possible Covid restrictions.

We heard from some outstanding and thought-provoking speakers such as Dr James Muecke, Mark Balla, Gabrielle Kelly - the list continued. From personal life experiences to inspiring and uplifting personal successes. Our speakers spoke eloquently and passionately about their stories, including the presentation from our Young Australian of the Year, Isobel Marshall. The Gala Dinner at the Convention Centre was also noted as very enjoyable experience and the attendance by the Premier was well received.

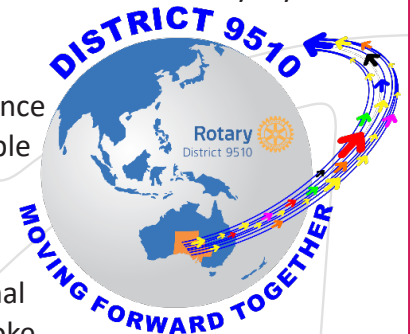
I truly hope that everyone who attended enjoyed the Conference. It was not only an opportunity for fun and fellowship celebrating the first year of our new District, but also the chance to hear about the broader work of Rotary and be inspired to look beyond our own Clubs. A big thank you to the Conference Committee and Chair Arthur Manser. I also thank my fellow Rotarians and partners at the Rotary Club of Mitcham for their support. Next year's Conference will be held in the Barossa from 1st to 3rd April so do not miss that opportunity for more fun, fellowship and inspiration as we continue to move forward together.

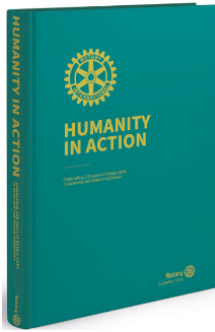
240 guests from Area 12 clubs attended The Rotary Club of Adelaide's meeting on the 21st April to celebrate the Centenary of the charter of the Rotary Club of Melbourne. His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le and Mrs Lan Le were guests in attendance.



As we celebrate the centenary of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand, we are reminded of the 100 years we have spent making a difference to the lives and destinies of generations; an extraordinary milestone deserving of reflection, celebration, and immense pride.

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HUMANITY IN ACTION - Celebrating 100 years of Rotary clubs in Australia and its near island neighbours has been launched.

A complimentary copy is being hand delivered to each club but additional copies at \$25 each can be ordered by accessing the [order form here](#).

MAY IS YOUTH SERVICE MONTH

Rotary has a long history of working with Youth. Clubs engage with Youth Programs such programs as Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA), Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN), Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA), National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) Rotaract, Interact and Youth Exchange etc.,

In April, three Youth Programs were offered:

- Youth Sailing Challenge - 14 participants
- RYLA Seminar at Nunyara – 36 participants
- RYPEN at Woodhouse - 67 participants



These are truly life changing opportunities for the participants, and I thank the work of the program committees and leaders who ensure these programs are successful and deliver the best outcomes for the participants. Thank you to the clubs for your commitment to sponsoring participants to these programs.

Yours in Rotary

DG David Jones

“The more we increase the active participation and partnership with young people, the better we serve them. ... And the more comprehensively we work with them as service partners, the more we increase our public value to the entire community.” — Carmen Martinez

RYLA 2021



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) attendees April 22 - April 28

DG PARTNER PROJECT

The Project started with 3 objectives:

- To inform Rotarians and other members of the community about the work of Australian Rotary Health
- Raise funds for Mental Health Research
- Have each club in the District contribute to ARH

The first 2 objectives have been fulfilled.

Activities, events and club and member contributions during DG visits have raised in excess of \$22K towards the Partner Project. Of this \$4,500 was raised with a raffle and Garden Party held in our garden at Panorama on 10th October -World Mental Health Day, At the Conference a further \$7,100 was raised from the Silent Auction and Wine Wall. A big thank you to all the contributors and supporters of these projects.



LIFT THE LID
on mental illness



40 years ago, ARH 's first funded research project was into Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, the outcome of which saw an 80% reduction of SIDS worldwide. We heard from Professor Michael Sawyer at Conference, that research is strongly focussed on Mental Health of Young Australians. This is a very important area of focus as the outcomes will help doctors, counsellors, social workers etc develop appropriate treatments and strategies toward this growing problem.

Thank you to all those who have supported my partner project initiative throughout the year. If your club budget allows, please consider contributing to [Australian Rotary Health](#).

With thanks,

DG Partner, Lyn Jones



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Centenary of Rotary down under in Adelaide

On the 21st April 1921 the first Rotary meeting in Australia and New Zealand was held in Melbourne convened by Sir John Monash with the help of two Rotarian envoys from Canada sent to establish Rotary in both countries. Clubs were also set up in the following weeks in Sydney, Wellington and Auckland.

To celebrate the event the Area 12 clubs hosted a special Rotary 100 Down Under dinner meeting on April 21 2021 at the Adelaide Oval. 240 guests were joined by H.E the Governor Hieu Van Le AC and his wife Lan. Speakers included His Excellency, who joined Rotary as an Honorary member of Adelaide South (now Adelaide Central) and is now also an Honorary member of RC Adelaide. DG David Jones also spoke as did RI President Holger Knaack (via Zoom). The Centenary baton was passed from President to President of the Area 12 Rotary and Rotaract clubs and the RC Adelaide choir also entertained the gathering. A brief history of the early years of Rotary in Australia was shown along with progress on the major R100 projects.

The RC Adelaide, our first club, was formed in 1923 and chartered in 1924.

At the event the RC Adelaide honoured its oldest and longest serving members. In the photo holding the R100 baton, is Dr Roy Scragg AM OBE. Roy joined Rotary at Port Morseby PNG, in 1958 and transferred to Adelaide in 1974, He is 97 years young.

The longest serving member of the club is Bob Hastwell who joined in 1964 and is now 95 years young. It has two other long serving members in their 90s Dr Bob Hecker and Pat Christie.



The Centenary baton being passed between club Presidents.



Become a 'Centenary Centurion'

April marked 100 years of Rotary service in Australia and New Zealand. What better way to celebrate than by becoming a '**Centenary Centurion**'!

Centurion is a District program that encourages all members to give \$100 or more (in local currency) to the Foundation's Annual Fund each year.

If you're not already a Centurion, why not become a Centenary Centurion now by advising your Club Foundation Chair of your pledge and making a \$100 contribution. And if you're already a Centurion, just make sure to fulfil your \$100 pledge soon and you'll be a Centenary Centurion too.

This is also the perfect time to make your club a Centenary Centurion Club, with 100% of members becoming Centurions!

In our centenary year, many people in our communities face enormous challenges. The need for Rotary has never been greater. You can be confident that your Centurion contribution will empower a Rotarian with a great idea to deliver a high impact project that provides a better life to people in need.

The easiest way to contribute is to login to [My Rotary](#) and click [Donate](#) or you can follow the step by step instructions below via the District 9510 Website.

- Go to rotary9510.org
- To the left of the top bar, click on **Our Foundation**
- Click on **Centurion Program** which is last under the list of Foundation Programs

All the information is there and all required forms are at the bottom of the page.

Lee Camporeale



The
Rotary
Foundation



Three Presidents all alumni from Cabra

The Presidents this year from Edwardstown (Libby Carey), McLaren Vale (Briony Casburn) and Morphett Vale (Susan Podger) are all alumni from Cabra Dominican College.

Do we know of any other groupings of Presidents that have come from the same schools?

Trees for Life

The **RC Flagstaff Hill** is in its 3rd year as a contracted grower for the Trees for Life program.

Every year it plants 600 tubes of native trees and shrubs.

The **RC Morphett Vale** has joined in this year too.

The **RC Walkerville** has also had a long-standing program in conjunction with the Walkerville Council, specifically to revegetate the Linear Park on the River Torrens.

It is a simple way to help with the revegetation of rural Australia. The seeds are planted in November, grown to the following April before being planted out in their permanent location. Once planted all that is required is daily watering. Flagstaff Hill grows its tubes under a pergola, in polystyrene vegetable containers placed on an old screen door frame.



The Flagstaff Hill trees are grown for farmers. This year's seedlings are going to a SE farmer between Kingston SE and Lucindale. They have been carefully selected to suit the soils and climate of that farm.

The interest in trees amongst the 12 club members has been ongoing and the club has planted trees in national parks and the residential development at Glenthorne Farm where the whole community was involved.



District 250 Group Study Exchange Team to England 1973



Craig Smedley, Peter Rumbelow (Campbelltown), Dr Richard Laycock, John Irwin and David Price (Murray Bridge) at the Murray Bridge presentation

District 250 was the forerunner of D9520 and the GSE team members pictured have been having an annual reunion ever since. This year they were the guest speakers at the **RC Murray Bridge** on 23 March.

This group told of their lasting friendships and how it has affected their lives since. The skills they each developed whilst away and applied since, had affected each of them in a positive way. They were away for 8 weeks on a study tour to build their vocational knowledge and promote Rotary.

They visited businesses and were hosted by Rotary clubs in the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Cambridgeshire and part of Hertfordshire.

Group Study Exchange is no longer offered as a formal program by Rotary. It was an exchange program offered every year where teams of 4-6 people aged between 25 and 40 years and a Rotarian leader visited a Rotary district in another country. In return a team from that district in that country came to our district. It was funded by the Rotary Foundation. While the program has finished our district has continued to offer a GSE from time to time funded from its own resources.

The five and their vocations were David Price Agricultural and Farm Management Consultant from Murray Bridge, Peter Rumbelow from Victor Harbor a Banker and ex Norwood Footballer, John Irwin a partner in a Mildura legal practice, Dr Richard Laycock Medical Practitioner at Christies Beach, and Craig Smedley Field Technical Manager for the Prudential Assurance Company.



The GSE Team in 1973

'If music be the food of love, play on...'

The **RC Unley** has as its R100 project, a Musical and Sensory Playground which it plans to construct in a park in the city of Unley. The project has been agreed to by the Council as its 150th anniversary project as well, and the Council will provide the park and the infrastructure, while the Rotary club will provide the musical instruments. The cost to RC Unley is expected to be \$250,000-300,000.

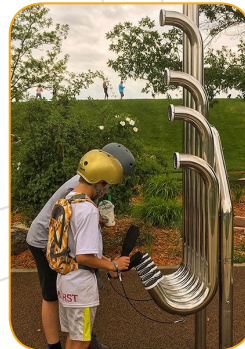
There is no other musical sensory garden playground catering for people of all ages and abilities of the scale the club envisages, in Adelaide or across Australia.

The Musical and Sensory Garden Playground would be designed to cater for people all ages and abilities. It would be a haven for young and old to explore, for the physically and mentally challenged to be free to engage, the aged to wander, experiment and play, to sit and relax to watch the young create and for all to experience the beauty of seasonal changes through touch, sight and smell in a garden for all seasons. It will become a truly intergenerational meeting place of mind, body and soul.

The space would be a learning environment where schools and community groups could also come to participate in botanical experiences, creating music and performing concerts. It is our aim to build the most innovative space in Australia to signify the importance we place on the integration of nature, play and music to awaken the senses, reduce loneliness and improve the communication, health and well being of all.

The club plans to have at least 10 instruments designed to be located and played outdoors. Most of the instruments will be tuned to the pentatonic scale which makes playing them effortless as the notes within the scale all harmonize with one another, meaning there are no discordant notes, compelling even the non-musical to pick up a mallet and play, producing new and original melodies each time. The park chosen is expected to be announced in the next few weeks.

Rhonda Hoare
New Generations Team Leader



Meet your neighbours....

Largs Bay Rotary Club

Largs Bay is 9 members strong but is making a massive impact by refurbishing wheelchairs for use in developing countries. It sources chairs from government agencies and from members of the public through its Facebook page.

Sourcing chairs has become more difficult recently with the changes in health administration with many of the services now privatised. Once a month it meets at Donations in Kind at Edinburgh to work on the project.

It meets at the Meals on Wheels kitchen at Osborne, consistently supports RYPEN and RYLA and its oldest member is now 90.



The **Rotary Club of Northern Yorke Peninsula**, in partnership with Harvest Christian School, planted a Peace Pole at the school to mark the R100 centenary. The project began way back in 1955 and now over 200,000 Peace Poles have been –planted by Rotary clubs worldwide. The poles have peace messages in four languages to encourage peace to prevail on earth. The poles are silent reminders of a common wish for us all to act in the spirit of peace.

Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin has arranged with clubs in Australia to plant 100 poles to mark 100 years of Rotary in this country. In our district the RC Northern Yorke Peninsula took up the challenge to plant two representative poles in D9510. The second pole is to be planted at Kadina High School but has been delayed by COVID-19.



Rotary Water Run

With Covid-19 consuming most airtime on television and radio reports these days, it's been forgotten that some areas in South Australia are still in drought and running out of water. Areas north and east of Peterborough have seen very little rain over the past few years. Every drop is precious and is recycled when it can.

Unless you have lived through a drought, it is very hard to appreciate what it like not to be able to flush the loo every time, 2-minute showers whilst standing in a tub to catch the water.

The Rotary Club of Peterborough along with North of the Line Committee and The Tinsmith's Cottage, have been able to purchase and deliver household water to 4 properties.

We received a wonderful thank you letter and photo from one of the families that took delivery of approximately 14000L on Anzac Day.

"words can't begin to explain how much it means to us. We have been so frugal (and will continue to be with water). We catch our shower water in a bucket to water our pot plants, wash dishes once a day (which does my head in)"



The picture said it all!

Voucher Gifts

Earlier this year The **Rotary Club of Peterborough** received a donation of \$4,000 from The **Rotary Club of Victor Harbor** and The **Rotary Club of Encounter Bay**, to be used in the Communities that are affected by drought. Rotary contacted local businesses to see if they would like to participate in this project. Rotary purchased \$275.00 of vouchers from each business who responded, and these were distribute out to the farmers and graziers in the North East who have been impacted by the drought.

By doing this we were able to help the local businesses who have been affected by the drought as well as giving a lovely gift to families that have no cash flow to spend on things like a haircut, a book for the kids, coffee and cake at a café etc.

Thank you to the business who responded and supported Rotary in this venture. We have received fantastic feedback from those who received their vouchers and were very surprised and overwhelmed by the generosity they received.

The **RC Peterborough** is growing. It has added two members to its active 12 this year.

Colin Davies
President

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: ewan@gdaysa.com.au

