



# Rotary Matters

October 2020 DG Newsletter



Dear fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary,  
Lyn and I have travelled as far west as Pt Lincoln in September and have been warmly welcomed by clubs as we deliver the Rotary message from RI President, Holger Knaack. During the month, we were also fortunate to attend the celebration of the Rotary Club of Blackwood's 50th Birthday where many memories were shared and a legacy of Rotary Service was revealed. Well done Blackwood on reaching this milestone.



Last Sunday, I was fortunate enough to witness a great youth project in action, the Rotary Youth Sailing Challenge inspired and initiated by David Binks OAM (RC Glenelg). 17 students departed on an adventurous 5-day voyage where they will be challenged as a team to



sail the magnificent One and All sailing ship under the captaincy of Bill Walsh (RC Glenelg).

*Left: All Aboard heading for Gulf St Vincent.*

*Right: DG David with David Binks and Captain Bill Walsh.*

## OCTOBER IS ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MONTH

Economic and community development is one of Rotary's seven areas of focus. Unemployment, underemployment, lack of economic opportunity, lack of appropriate training, and the absence of social safety nets lie at the core of poverty. Nearly 800 million people live on less than \$1.90 a day.

Creating productive employment opportunities is essential for reducing poverty, achieving sustainable economic and social development, providing income security and empowerment especially for women, people with disabilities, youth, and the extremely poor.

Has your Club considered how you it can help improve these statistics both in Australia and internationally?

## ALUMNI RECONNECT WEEK 5th to 11th October

Reconnect Week is a way for former Rotary program participants and scholars like Peace Fellows, Youth Exchange Students, Rotary Scholars, ex-Rotaractors, and past participants of our Youth Programs (e.g. NYSF, RYLA and RYPEN) to reunite with Rotary.

Lyn and I are both past Rotaractors therefore alumni and have recognised the benefit of reconnecting to a life of service through Rotary. So often we sponsor young people (and not so young at times) to our programs, they may come and talk to our club but are never to be heard from again. We should not be afraid to engage with our alumni and ask what they would like to achieve by remaining involved in Rotary. In October, attempt to connect with your alumni by asking them to volunteer in one of your projects.

## DISTRICT CONFERENCE 16th-18th APRIL 2021

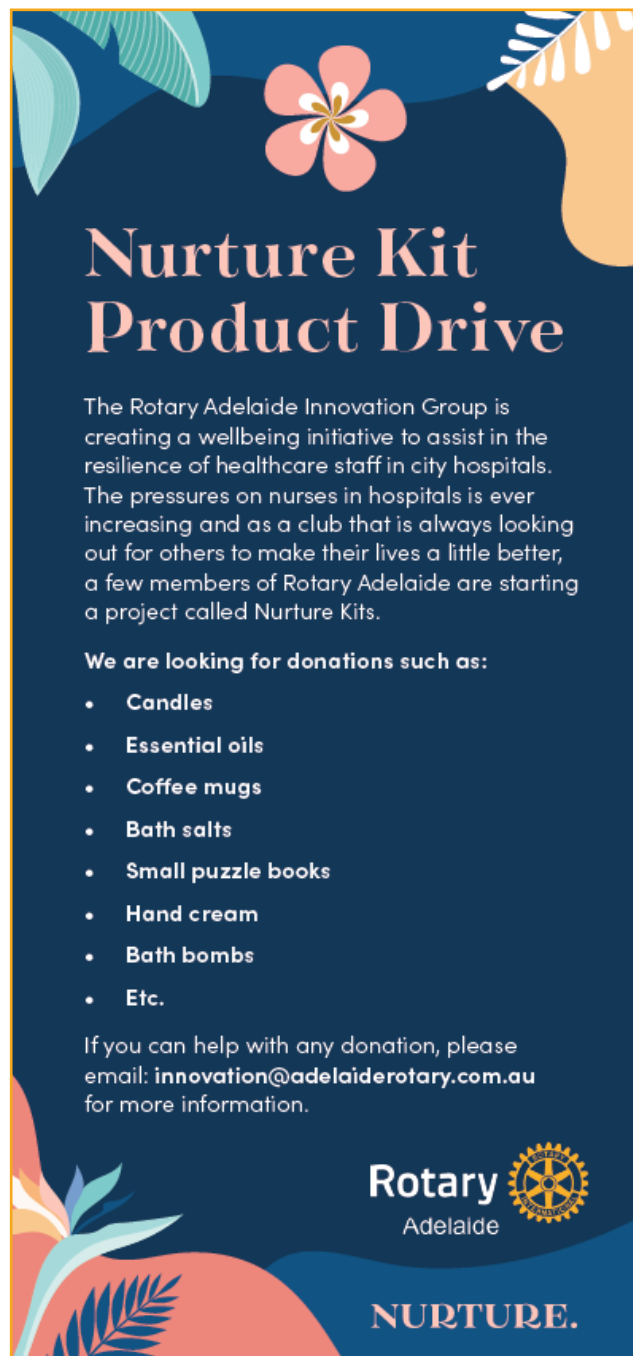
The Conference Committee is happy to announce the new venue for the District 9510 Conference will be Westminster School at Marion. Unfortunately, due to current Covid restrictions, the number of attendees at this moment will be limited to approximately 300. This will hopefully change in due course and the ability to host more Rotarians increased. More details and Registrations will follow.

Yours in Rotary **DG David Jones**





# Notice Board



## Nurture Kit Product Drive

The Rotary Adelaide Innovation Group is creating a wellbeing initiative to assist in the resilience of healthcare staff in city hospitals. The pressures on nurses in hospitals is ever increasing and as a club that is always looking out for others to make their lives a little better, a few members of Rotary Adelaide are starting a project called Nurture Kits.

**We are looking for donations such as:**

- Candles
- Essential oils
- Coffee mugs
- Bath salts
- Small puzzle books
- Hand cream
- Bath bombs
- Etc.

If you can help with any donation, please email: [innovation@adelaiderotary.com.au](mailto:innovation@adelaiderotary.com.au) for more information.

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## Polio Plus Movie Night

**Exclusive to Rotary** - this will be the only chance to see this film on the BIG Screen



The Rotary Foundation have negotiated for Rotarians, their families, and friends to exclusively see the movie **I AM WOMAN** on the BIG screen. This will be your only opportunity to see the film at the cinema.

This is fabulous movie will be showing at The Regal Theatre 275 Kensington Rd, Kensington Park SA 5068 on Saturday, 31st October 2020 at 5.00 pm. The early timeslot gives ample opportunity to go out to dinner following the movie.

This is a fundraising event for the **End Polio Now Campaign** but will also be a great opportunity to get together.

Profits from ticket sales will go to your Rotary Club's End Polio Rotary Foundation Contributions.

**Tickets \$15.00** can be obtained by contacting D9510 Foundation Committee Chair Marie-louise Lees by email: [FoundationChair@Rotary9510.org](mailto:FoundationChair@Rotary9510.org) or by Phone 0408 134 363

**Payments for tickets** can be made by depositing the ticket fee of \$15.00 per head to Rotary Club of Edwardstown  
BSB: 105 131  
Acc: 047 939 640  
Please use MOVIE - LastName as payment reference.



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by **7th** of the **month**

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## Rotary Club of Unley celebrates 85 years

The Covid-19 delayed celebrations from 17 April were held in fine style in August in a Hollywood setting with both Governor David, Immediate PDG Tim and their partners in attendance. The club also received a congratulatory letter from RI.

Club historian Bob Mills said the club chartered from Adelaide has now 7 daughter clubs and 28 granddaughter clubs as well as 7 District Governors to add to an impressive list. Not to be outdone numerous Councillors and 9 Mayors have been members.

The Thrift Shop was established on Glen Osmond Rd in 1973 and though a number of iterations is now on Unley Road. About \$1.5m in today's currency has been raised.

Of the many club projects, the establishment of a club for War Veterans in 1945 was a highlight. At the Soldiers Memorial Gardens the club progressively provided a flagpole, fountain, Peace garden and rebuilt the Rotunda in 1995 where our annual Carols are held.

SA Police Officer of the Year was launched in 1978. Strong support was provided for indigenous health scholarships and more recently Purple House. There have been significant humanitarian projects overseas in Timor Leste, India, Cambodia, Indonesia and Peru.

DG David mentioned that the club continues to have an annual bowls tournament with its eldest daughter club, Mitcham, and has been doing this for the past 55 years.



*Past Presidents and Paul Harris Fellows Rotary Club of Unley*

The event was celebrated appropriately with social distancing and mask wearing but members were still able to eat what was described as a superb meal and a birthday cake cut with 85 year old knives (or so it is said) and enjoyed a performance from the Unley Concert Band Trio.

Stephen Baker

## Rotary Foundation Global Grant Scholar Annika Theodoulou

It is with great pleasure that I introduce District 9510's Global Grant scholar, Annika Theodoulou.

With the support of our District, Annika will undertake a Doctor of Philosophy in Evidenced-based Healthcare at the University of Oxford. Because of Covid-19 Annika has delayed her start until Jan 2021 and is also able to at least begin her doctorate remotely from Adelaide. Annika is being mentored by the RCs of Unley and Misbourne Matins in the UK.

Growing-up in Adelaide, Annika attended Unley High School before moving on to study a Bachelor of Health Sciences at the University of Adelaide. Majoring in Pharmacology and Psychology, Annika achieved the highest mark for each and also received the Dean's Certificate of Merit. During her studies, Annika held a keen interest in sport, particularly volleyball. She served as a committee member for the Adelaide University Volleyball Club and went on to captain the Women's Division 1 team, in 2018.

Annika began her research career as a research assistant for a small, non-for-profit musculoskeletal research institute in Adelaide. During her doctorate, Annika will undertake a body of research which aims to improve health through behaviour change. This work will generate new evidence to better inform doctors, patients and policy-makers, with the aim to improve the prevention and treatment of non-communicable disease.

Rotary Foundation Global Scholarships allow very talented and committed people such as Annika to focus their learning on a specific area of need that is expressed in the lives of so many people living in impoverished circumstances. The resources we apply to Scholarship Students are multiplied many times when these scholars make changes to the living conditions of needy people. This outcome represents excellent value for achieving Rotary goals.

Sam Cozens, Chair of District 9510 Foundation Scholarships/VTT.



## Foodbank at Murray Bridge

Another large purple building associated with Rotary has now appeared at Murray Bridge. This is a new Foodbank opened last month and developed by the RC Mobilong assisted by the RCs of Murray Bridge and Taillem Bend.

Mobilong raised \$25,000 and the other two clubs donated \$5000 each. In addition a private donor gave \$50,000 and BHP \$45,000. All this covered fit out and the first year's operating expenditure.



Two working bees were held at the site and public meetings called for residents, support services, churches, schools and care givers to learn more about the project and for volunteers to work there. The official opening is planned for October.



## Beanie Project Rotary Club Tonsley

Constance Price from RC Tonsley has started a crocheting beanies project during the Covid-19 lockdown. She and another Rotarian from Goolwa have already made a number of beanies, scarves, baby blankets and pot plant holders and are encouraging other crocheters in clubs to take part.

If you are interested in crocheting for this project you can contact Constance on mobile 0422 827 929

The money from the sale of the goods is going to an animal rescue project on Kangaroo Island. This will help animals injured in the bushfires.

If you wish to purchase items contact Colin Rettos - email [crettos@gmail.com](mailto:crettos@gmail.com) of the RC Tonsley.



## Benefits of Strategic Planning

The Rotary Club of Hyde Park, ably led by President Neville Highett spent one of their first meetings this year in planning mode. Neville highlighted the fact that the club had become a cheque book club and wants to take it back to Rotary's core business.

The evening started with Neville reminding members of his vision where each member will be part of 'the board'. Neville said, 'with a club of 19 members we should all be decision makers and not have a small few making decisions on behalf of everyone. We need to all be in this together'.

Each member wrote on sticky notes why they are part of Rotary and on another what motivates them as Rotarians. Consensus was that they wish to be in Rotary to provide service, to do good in the world. Their motivation is to enjoy fellowship with like minded people. This was followed by documenting what service they want to be involved in and what social activities they enjoy. It became obvious that the club needs a group to design a project/s and a group to organise social activities.

Discussion led to members realising they needed something to sell to prospective members and that members will be drawn to the club by participating in active service. Members realised they would also need to create a group to look at a cohort of people to target as prospective members. The meeting finished with Neville asking people to contact him to advise which of the 3 groups they are willing to be involved with. Future meetings will include looking at club branding and social media to highlight their work and to 'sell' the club story of service through fellowship.

The work achieved lends itself to forming a strategic plan which every member has had input into and therefore ownership of. The meeting had a positive vibe with energy I have not seen in the club before.

I am excited to be part of this club's journey this year.

Di Clements Area 9 Governor

## Learning and Development - Update August 2020

Whilst Covid-19 may have bought the world to a stop, Rotary International HQ (Evanston) has continued its focus on providing resources to ensure Rotarians have the knowledge, skills and abilities to lead at club level, and in the development and implementation of projects.

I encourage you to connect with the Learning Centre at the [MY ROTARY](#) portal and start your learning journey.

### ***New courses in the Learning centre***

#### **Our Logo: What You Should Know**

Are your clubs using the newest Rotary logo and graphics for club communications? Have you trained new members on the history of the Rotary logo? This new course helps clubs understand how to correctly use the Rotary logo.

The courses below, developed by Toastmasters International, are part of an eight-course series on leadership development. They include practice exercises that allow people a chance to practice the concepts they've learned and an evaluation component so users can get feedback on what they did well and how they can improve.

#### **Leadership Basics**

Understand how to set goals, motivate team members, and learn the skills you need to lead a group to accomplish a goal.

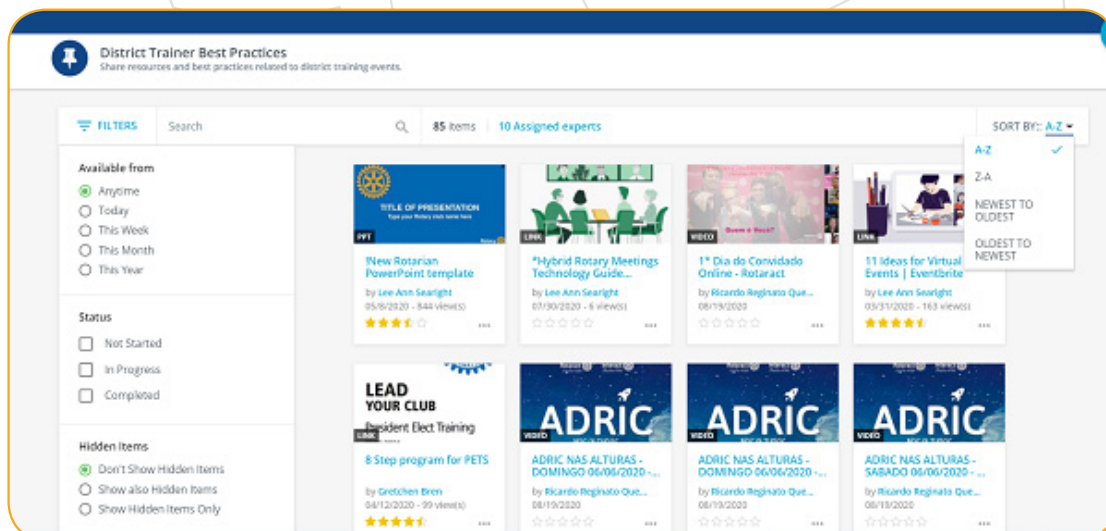
#### **Leading a Team**

Learn more about making ethical decisions, recognizing contributions, and other components of team leadership.

[Learn more](#) about Rotary's alliance with Toastmasters.

Note: If the direct links to the courses don't work for you, use your desktop to sign in to the Learning Center at [rotary.org/learn](https://rotary.org/learn) and use the search box under the Course Catalogs heading to find the course you're interested in. Hover over the Learning & Reference tab and select Learning Centre to access the course catalogue.

Wendy Gaborit





*Meet your neighbour... a continuing series introducing the 85 clubs in the new district to each other*

## Rotary Club of Robinvale – Euston

The Rotary Club of Robinvale – Euston comprises 19 members from the border towns of Robinvale in Victoria and Euston in NSW, both located on the Mighty Murray River near lock 15 – it is truly a border community. The Club has been an active part of the community for 62 years and continues its good work especially in these trying times surrounding the Covid -19 pandemic.

One of the Club's key activities is the running of the monthly Country Markets but due to Covid-19 these have been cancelled. The Club's main fund raiser is its iconic donut van which is a prominent feature at each market, plus every other community event in the district.

Due to Covid-19, the donut van has been sitting idle, BUT early in August the Club decided to do something different – they obtained approval to set up the donut van in the IGA supermarket carpark in Robinvale on a Saturday morning with the hope of giving some of the community the joy of going to a take-away van to buy the popular donuts.



Well, the response was overwhelming and by 1pm the Club was totally sold out of donuts. President Arthur Cassidy was thrilled to see the public's response to a Rotary initiative during this isolation time and is shown presenting a cheque for \$1,500 towards the Mental Health Program in Robinvale.

## Peace Poles at Harvest Christian College Kadina

One of the R100 centenary projects to mark the establishment of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand, is to plant Peace poles in 100 schools.



The Rotary Club of Northern Yorke Peninsula is pleased to announce that Harvest Christian College, a R-12 low fee non-denominational school of over 300 students, has been selected for this project.

Are there any other clubs with schools in the district selected to plant Peace Poles?

If please notify Rotary Matters.

## Rotary Club of Waikerie

On Saturday 26th May 1962 a meeting of 23 prospective members was held in the Waikerie Hotel where a decision was made to form the Rotary Club of Waikerie. The club was admitted to membership on 10th August 1962 with 27 members and on Saturday 10th November 1962 the Charter was presented by the District Governor, Mr H H Cartledge in the presence of 350 guests and visitors.

The Sponsor Club was the Rotary Club of Loxton and still today both Clubs have strong membership and ongoing Community Projects.

Rotary in Waikerie enjoys respect and status in our community because of the strength of its membership and the quality of the many projects undertaken by the members.

There also is a long history of support to The Rotary Foundation, Australian Rotary Health Research Foundation, Polio, Shelter Box, Indigenous Health Scholarships and many Australian and International projects. The Club also has been involved in District and International Grants.

The decision in 1964 to open an Opportunity Shop to receive, sort and sell second-hand clothing to those in need from the wider community has proven to be the most strategic decision made by past Rotary members.



Operated as a project by members and partners the turnover has grown from the modest early days (10 years to total \$7,000) to now over \$65,000 per year. This project has also given the "Friends of Rotary" the opportunity for Community Service, Fellowship and Community Support and has provided a stable funding base for the Club to undertake its local and wider projects.

Alan Hillier The Rotary Foundation



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## Rotary Club of Adelaide Central website creators win national award

Out of more than 4,100 submissions from 27 countries, Katron Creative has been named a Bronze Winner in the 2020 Summit Creative Award competition for its creative work on development of [RotaryAdelaideCentral.org.au](http://RotaryAdelaideCentral.org.au) for the RC of Adelaide Central.

"It has been a privilege to assist Rotary Adelaide Central with building a strong and dynamic online presence," says Katron Managing Director, Kat Lister. "To have our team's creativity and technical skill acknowledged at the international level is an absolute honour."

The Summit Creative Award recognizes and celebrates the creative achievements of small and medium sized advertising agencies worldwide with annual billings under \$30 million.

The Rotary Club of Adelaide Central was formed earlier this year, bringing together nearly a century of Rotary experience through the merger of two clubs. Its website is vital for raising the profile of and support for its community projects such as programs supporting those experiencing homelessness, youth driver awareness training, and the Birikut water project in Ethiopia.



## 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](mailto:euan@gdaysa.com.au)