



# Rotary Matters

September 2020 DG Newsletter



Dear fellow Rotarians and friends of Rotary,

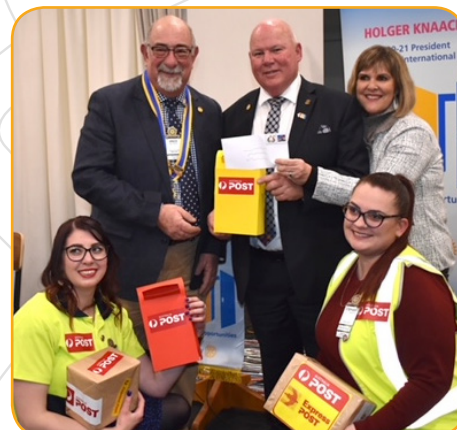
Lyn and I have witnessed the many ways **Rotary Opens Opportunities** as we make our way around the clubs in our Rotary District.

We have been warmly welcomed during our visit to 23 of our 85 clubs. All have been receptive to Holger Knaack's call for clubs to develop effective strategic plans for their future. I felt particularly special at the visit to Campbelltown where the theme on the tables and raffle tickets represented Australia Post where I worked for 20 years before retiring.

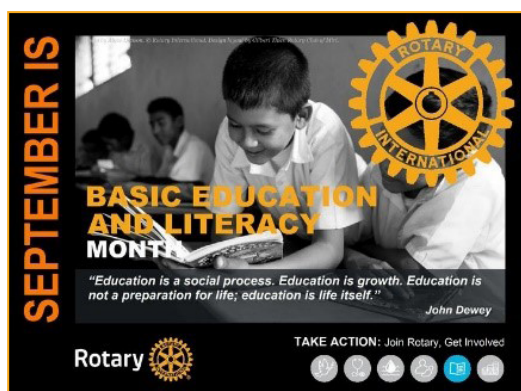
There were letter boxes and parcels (both Express and Standard) stamps and letters. Even the raffle tickets were stamps bearing various Rotary themes with different prices.

During the month we were also fortunate to attend the celebration of the Rotary Club of Unley's 85 Birthday.

In September, Lyn and I are scheduled to travel as far as Pt Lincoln to visit a further 19 clubs.



Campbelltown President Vince Belperio, DG David & Lyn, Alyssa Morran and President Elect Stephany Martin.



## September is Basic Education and Literacy Month

More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 percent of the world's adult population.

Rotary's goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. Rotary supports education for all children and literacy for children and adults.

There are many ways to carry out a project that will improve education and literacy including Teacher Training, Curriculum Development, Adult Literacy, Water and Sanitation in schools and Girls Education.

Yours in Rotary  
DG David Jones

"Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope. It is a tool for daily life in modern society. It is a bulwark against poverty, and a building block of development, an essential complement to investments in roads, dams, clinics and factories. Literacy is a platform for democratization, and a vehicle for the promotion of cultural and national identity. Especially for girls and women, it is an agent of family health and nutrition. For everyone, everywhere, literacy is, along with education in general, a basic human right....

Literacy is, finally, the road to human progress and the means through which every man, woman and child can realize his or her full potential."

**Kofi Annan**

## Rotary Zone 8 Virtual Conference



The Virtual Conference will be held **on Saturday September 19th, and Sunday September 20th 2020** (between 11.30AM EST and 1.00PM EST) and the speakers are world class including:

- *International Rotary President Holger Knack,*
- *Past Presidents Ian Riseley and Barry Rassin,*
- *Incoming President 2022-23, Jennifer Jones,*
- *New Zealand's Stuart Heale*
- *Zone Director Elect, Jessie Harman.*

Registration is at no cost, but you must register for this Virtual event.

CLICK TO  
**REGISTER**  
NOW!

## District 9510 Conference Update

The Conference Committee has made the difficult decision to cancel arrangements with the City of Greater Bendigo after a 2 year relationship to plan and stage the inaugural 9510 Conference at the Ulumbarra Theatre in Bendigo.

The Committee is currently negotiating an arrangement to hold the Conference in Adelaide.

Once arrangements have been finalised details and Registration will be released.



Send your Rotary Classified to  
[secretary20-22@rotary9510.org](mailto:secretary20-22@rotary9510.org)  
by **7th** of the **month**

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## Managing risk in your Rotary Club

For a club to be insured while conducting any kind of activity the insurers insist that an assessment of the risk/s which might be encountered has/have been identified and mitigated. This means every activity, whether it be a meeting or a project, or even a social function should have a risk management plan.

For events that happen regularly like meetings, Bunnings BBQs, you don't need a management plan for each time it happens but just for the first time. Because we are under Covid-19 regimes we are well used to extra compliance requirements and the risk management regime can be easily managed in the same way.

All of the current training notes and current risk checklists and Insurance applications are on the Rotary 9510 website.

Instead of having a Rotary member or committee work out whether a risk is evident in carrying out an activity, then to make an appraisal, and apply a risk assessment we have a very effective "checklist" system that covers all of the Rotary activities.

The checklist idea is borrowed from aviation where pilots are mandated to use checklists extensively.

It is usual for each club to have one or two members who manage the Risk system for their club. I have Rotarians Belinda King and John Young proficient in Risk Management assist me.

I urge each club to go on-line and to read the training notes, information, and the checklists. This process is NOT difficult.

The insurers approve of the checklist approach and remember if a club has a function without an appropriate risk assessment submitted, the function is NOT covered by insurance. Our Rotary District 9510 Insurance Officer John Rix is a brilliant asset. We are both available if you have any queries.

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[Click here to link to Risk Management page](#)



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Repairing bodies and Rebuilding lives.

If your club, cluster and/or district is looking for a life-changing project to support during the July 2020 – June 2021 Rotary year, Interplast is able to assist with customised offerings for your consideration.

Projects on the following pages can be tailored to meet your needs.

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### Repairing bodies Rebuilding lives since 1983

Together with Rotarians from Australia & New Zealand, Interplast has been providing life-changing surgery, and ongoing education to medical professionals, across the Asia Pacific region for over 35 years.

During the pandemic, our work has changed but our mission has not.

Rotarians, Clubs & Districts have continued to generously support us during the 2019/2020 year.

**Thank you!**

We could not do what we do without you



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

## Three Rotaractors on District Committees

For the first time 3 Rotractors have joined mainstream district committees.

Congratulations and thanks to Lazaras Panayiotou who has joined the Partnerships committee, Jasmina Banu BTE Mohamed Jameel who has joined Calperum and the Environment and Lenard Sciancalepore which has joined Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children

Gregory White, the District Rotaract Representative, said it was a great way to continue to break down the barriers between Rotary and Rotaract and to give Rotaractors a chance to develop professional skills.

**BE BOLD.  
BE BRAVE.  
BE DIFFERENT.  
BE ROTARACT.**





## Day care centre in Cambodia

The RC Wentworth, one of only two of our Rotary Clubs solely located in NSW, set up a day care centre for young people in Siem Reap Cambodia; in partnership with the International Village Care Ministry.

It all started with a young girl called Indi who wanted to make a difference in people's lives in Siem Reap.

After hearing a talk at her church about the work IVCN does (running a day care training centre) and their desire to help the families more, she emptied her piggy bank out of monies she had been saving up over a 12 month period. She handed over \$500 and Indi's rice program was started.



Since then over \$18,000 has been raised, in part by RC Wentworth, and hundreds of families in Cambodia, and later India, have been assisted.

Currently there are 110 children attending the day care centre Mon to Fri. 55 in the morning session and 55 in the afternoon session. The public school only runs for 1/2 day because of a teacher shortage. The training centre was established to help keep the children off the streets

when not at school. It teaches English and computer skills to get better jobs when they leave school and to assist with a variety of other subjects to help them achieve their full potential.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W5aao5-8GEg>

David Tunkin Treasurer





## Rotary assisting farmers in drought affected areas



Does your Rotary Club have farming friends doing it tough in rural communities located in drought declared areas of our Rotary Districts 9510? Your Rotary club can support by directing RAWCS monies amounting to \$200,000 to farming communities you find in need.

This assistance is targeted at bolstering community wellness through offering parcels of \$5,000 for 40 projects that you find; projects which are organised and managed by local community leaders to lift community spirits. The local leaders could come from sporting clubs, a local church group, District Council, or a service club. It would be helpful if any supplies for the project identified for each location, could be purchased from local suppliers.

You find the location and a local leader, who in turn proposes a suitable project, and registers the project with Bob Cooper. All monies refunded up to a maximum of \$5,000 per project, need to be based upon a Receipt of monies spent, and these Receipts are forwarded to Bob Cooper who will manage the refunds. This is your chance to reach out to rural people under great stress. Contact person Past District Governor, Bob Cooper, email: [rg.cooper@bigpond.com](mailto:rg.cooper@bigpond.com) mobile: 0418 802 986.

We have already underwritten 20 such projects. There are 20 projects waiting your identification.

- Spring Rain Dance at Sanderston, RC Onkaparinga \$2,000
- Lachie's hay run from Coonalpyn to Yunta, Robertstown & Mount Mary, RC Onkaparinga \$2,000 & RC Murray Bridge \$1,000, RC Mobilong \$500
- 50 Buckets for Men on the Land project for drought effected Sunraysia areas, RC Wentworth \$4,967.50
- RC Port Pirie Upper North Farming Systems "Dealing with the dry" seminar at Booleroo Centre and Laura Ag Bureau, 6 B's "Blokes Bonding Beyond Booleroo Big Bus" trip \$5,000
- Lisa Vassallo, Helping SA Farmers Inc, Yunta Hay Distribution. RCs Mawson Lakes, Port Pirie, Burnside, Campbelltown & St Peters provided \$5,000 each for hay purchases, a total of \$25,000
- RC Campbelltown co-ordinated the Hay run to Hawker with the support of RC Peterborough and Magill Sunrise total \$15,000
- RC Peterborough helping pastoralists in Yunta with water distribution
- RC Peterborough purchase of 11 vouchers of \$25 value from each of 13 businesses in Peterborough total of \$3,575

## Rotary assisting farmers in drought affected areas - *continued*

- RC Murray Bridge Karoonda Golf Club introductory coaching clinic and community lunch \$3,237
- RC Campbelltown fuel cost for transport of donated hay from Yorke Peninsular to Hawker
- RC Campbelltown co-ordinated the Hay run to Hawker with the support of RCs Pt Augusta and Mt Barker total \$15,000.

If your Rotary Club wants funds to go to South Australian Farmers in Drought affected areas in South Australia this is where your club can put the money from any Drought Relief fundraising event.

In Rotary District 9510 we have our own SA Districts Drought relief project in RAWCS (RABS) which has DGR (Tax deductible donation) status. It's able to accept funds from anyone including Rotary Clubs.

The project is on RAWCS web site <https://rawcs.org.au/>

Project 81-2018-19 Project Name: SA Districts Drought Relief Project (RABS)

PDG Bob Cooper

## Polio Ute relay for 2020

The Polio Ute relay announced last month by Governor David now has an added emphasis with an END POLIO NOW appeal created to mark the passing of Sir Clem Renouf. Sir Clem, RI President 1978/79, initiated the iconic Polio+ campaign back in 1985.



Sir Clem was Australia's second President of Rotary International and two of the subsequent RI Presidents Bill Boyd of New Zealand (2006/07) and Ian Riseley (2017/18) – supported by RI Past Director Noel Trevaskis and RI Director Elect Jessie Harman - recently agreed to commemorate the great man's passing with a significant fund raising campaign.

The advent of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 put a hold on the Polio eradication campaign which is just picking up momentum again now. Pakistan recommenced its door to door immunisation campaign last month. Fund raising for Polio became particularly difficult at the end of the last Rotary year and the END POLIO NOW campaign just managed to raise the US\$50m necessary to qualify for the full Gates Foundation 2:1 subsidy of US\$100m.

Rotary's World Polio Month of October is fast approaching with World Polio Day scheduled for Saturday, October 24, and District Governors are urged to encourage ALL clubs to take part in a special event for the Sir Clem Renouf Polio Appeal. The Polio Ute relay will form a natural focus for the Appeal but clubs can consider their own events, like a special meeting. Brief video messages from senior leaders Bill Boyd, Ian Riseley, Noel Trevaskis and Jessie Harman are available from RDU. You can approach RDU General Manager, Gay Kiddle, for program content at such occasions.

## Bunnings BBQs

Bunnings restarted their BBQs on 25 July much to the relief of Rotary clubs that use these events as their major fundraiser. RCs Eastwood, Edwardstown, Prospect, Regency Park and Seaford have already held one under quite different Covid-19 restrictions. There may be others as well.

The onions underneath the sausage controversy a few months ago was nothing compared to changes required now. With social distancing, two marquees have to be used with a marshal lining up people, contactless payment option is compulsory, hand sanitizer has to be used after each cash transaction, a different method used to serve the food and sauce has to be applied by the server. Bunnings require a captain to be appointed as well and they have to attend a Bunnings briefing before the start of the day. While Bunnings prefer only one shift of five Rotarians per day, clubs have been able to negotiate two and three shift options and even changed captains as long as they have all been briefed at the same time that day.

At this stage only weekends are allocated so revenue to clubs will remain constrained this year. Clubs that have already been allocated a day will not get another in 2020. Clubs that have not yet been allocated will hopefully get a day this year.

Those clubs that got a \$500 voucher as compensation because their allocated day was cancelled in March because of Covid-19, were put to the bottom of the list.

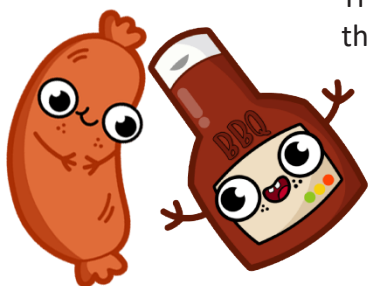


Clubs that had BBQs at smaller Bunnings stores, which have not restarted their service, have been reallocated to the nearest large store.

While clubs look forward to weekend shifts because the revenue is so much higher, most clubs have reported that revenue did not quite meet expectations. Clearly customer numbers are still not quite recovered although wintry weather may also be a reason.

Clubs are indebted to Bunnings for restarting the BBQs and giving priority to Rotary for the early shifts.

The company is also allocating one staff member to each BBQ as well for the day which will be an added cost to Bunnings.





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

## Rotary Club of Morphett Vale

RC Morphett Vale was newly chartered in 2018, an amalgamation of 2 clubs, Noarlunga and Noarlunga East.

The Noarlunga Club was chartered in 1966 under President Ron Gill when the year's theme was "A Better World through Rotary". Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Glenelg, started with 27 members. One of the first projects was making a large donation to the Tasmanian Bushfire Appeal 1967. The club continued for many years with strong support of many community events, international work and local projects. In 2016 the club celebrated 50 years of doing good in the community.

In 1975 with large member numbers, it was decided to sponsor a new club, The Rotary Club of Noarlunga East, under President Bill Longworth with a Rotary world theme of, "Renew the Spirit of Rotary."



The new club continued support of local community events and international efforts with many varied fundraising activities.

In 2017 with falling numbers at Noarlunga a concern, the 2 clubs began discussions about the possibility of amalgamating the 2 clubs. In 2018 at the start of the new Rotary year, the RC Morphett Vale was chartered with Dini Whyte as president with the year theme being "Be the Inspiration." The club has continued to maintain numbers and has been very active,

with a donation of \$20000 to the new Wilfred Taylor playground a major achievement of the club.

The club enters the new Rotary year with Susan Podger as President and the year theme of, "Rotary opens Opportunities."

Susan Podger President





## Rotary Club of McLaren Vale

Briony Casburn joined RC McLaren Vale 3 years ago as was appointed Membership Director to help save the club. It was down to 3 members and is now up to 8.

Last year she was elected President and is President again this year. It is probably the most active club for projects/member in the district and is the top donor to the Rotary Foundation/member in the district. The club completed 28 projects last year.



Briony says that one big factor to our success, was to get out of the Willunga pub back room and into the community in McLaren Vale itself. We now have a 'Home Base' at the "MV Meeting Place 162 Main Rd McLaren Vale. We still meet at Hotel McLaren and also the Alma in Willunga, but the Meeting Place is the go-to for special evenings and events.

Mark Potter the owner, has been invaluable in helping nurture the club.

We don't pay anything to have the Meeting Place, a hub for about 30 small businesses as our Home Base, but to support Mark, we try to use the venue for 'Coffee Chats' and if having a late meeting, he will cook casserole meals at a reasonable price and will leave us to pack up and lock up.

The club and RC Seaford raised funds for Mark's Bhutan trip which our club presented him with a Paul Harris fellow. The club has shared a number of projects with the RC Seaford.

Some of our major projects include an annual Mock Accident involving 200 Willunga High school students with Emergency and essential services. Setting up a free BBQ for the CFS, Police, Ambos, Aldinga Crash repairs and Alfred James Funerals. The Australia Day breakfast caters for 400 people each year. Last year members of the club went to Nepal with a RAWCS eye care team.

Briony Casburn President



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