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Engage ROTARY Change Lives or let's put the OOMPH back into Rotary.

Well where does one start....

3 years ago, charged with finding a location for District conference we set about finding a location. Some of you may not be aware but we did consider some other venues. Leigh Creek with dinner being at the Prairie Hotel in the Flinders Ranges... The risk assessors were grateful we didn't go in that direction.

Port Augusta - Following the success of their year of culture, and our very own Murray Bridge. But for one reason or another we kept returning to Warrnambool...

So here we are, Sunday 23 March, with the conference officially closed farewells said, thanks acknowledged and the receivers of generous praise from those in attendance.

Gala Night, a touch of Hollywood and "Oh What a Night" it was. Local Musician Jason Bull had us all up dancing, playing "our" music. The food was great and the ambiance of the room thanks to Bev Curtis and Natalie Hay hit the right note. The academy awards theme was maintained with District awards presented in sealed envelope style with pomp and ceremony. George Clooney and Marilyn Munro were present and made themselves available for photo ops. A bidding contest saw Marilyn in high demand, and eventually winging her way to a new home. Clarke Gable caused a flutter in one Rotarian's heart and he no doubt will take pride of place in the boudoir. Proceeds from the raffle and auction were attributed to ROMAC - \$2000 plus raised on the night.

Showcase - was an exciting venue, with 22 projects, programs and Sponsors present. Rotary Club of Brighton - Days for Girls took out the Best Presented Club display.

The Rotary Club of North Melbourne attended in showcase with their Agua Pura water filters, delegates attending the Friday night dinner, donated \$1400 or 28 filters which translates into 840 + children now having access to clean water.

Our theme Turn Conversations to Action - was reflected throughout conference it was event in the conference event team who put their hand to every task and made it happen, in their attention to detail and pride in what they did..... Our speakers were of the same ilk, people with passion who want to make a difference and who take that next step turning their conversation to action and accomplishing their dreams and goals and lastly, it was evident to all that our District is one about

are a potential Rotarian.

~ Paul Harris

**Greetings from
DG Wendy Gaborit**



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DISTRICT EVENTS

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action, that we are doers and have a preparedness and capacity to think beyond the club and to make things happen.

Seymour our trusty Whale logo continues to feature throughout conference – Seymour was born of an idea when tossing around themes – president Pam Luke came up with – Have a Whale of a Time at Warrnambool... next came a concept drawing and life was given to Seymour. Seymour's name was attributed to AG Mark Huddleston – and I'm sure delegates all got to see more whether it was Warrnambool or the many Rotary projects and programs.

To my team, goes congratulations and thanks for a seamless and professional delivery of conference. Everyone did their roles, met the tasks assigned them and didn't demur when more was asked. Special thanks to and for his leadership and stewardship, Chair PP Kevin Prosser, Rotary Club of Murray Bridge without him we might still have delivered conference but with him the realization was just so much more. Kevin's drive, enthusiasm and capacity for success knows no bounds.

Around the District

2014 Conference - It's a Wrap....



To read more about the 2014 Conference, click on the below links:

[What People Are Saying...Conference Feedback](#)

[District Awards](#) and [Prize Winners](#)

[Seymour's Story continues...](#)

Angela Goode

Dr. Cristian Birzer



Member Recognition

New Members

Welcome to the following new Rotarians in District 9520:

Ian McMahon at RC of Irymple

Nicholas Hayles and David Jenkins at RC of Victor Harbor

Paul Harris Fellow

Congratulations to the following Rotarian/s, awarded with Paul Harris Fellow:

Anne Davis at RC of Eastwood

Paul Harris Sapphire

Congratulations to the following Rotarian/s, awarded with Paul Harris Sapphire:

Don Will at RC of Eastwood

In Memoriam



Author and journalist Angela Goode reflected on her journey from city girl who never quite fitted in, who took off to the bush when the going got thought to the country where she felt more at home. Cooking and mustering buffalo before returning back to journalism.

In 1981 she left the ABC to marry a farmer...Her peers questioned her decision, you'll be bored. Hence was born her passion to inform people on the role of farming. That from time to time she found herself out of step and these understandings saw her venture into writing. "For the Love of the land" and "The Farm Gate".

[Read more about Angela](#)



Dr Cristian Birzer - A chance meeting aged 15, with Dr Andy Thomas encouraged him to study mechanical engineering with a view to heading off into space...he has fulfilled that dream, to work in space aeronautics. But, Chris' life took another turn. Chris spoke about finding out that rocket science does not improve the lives of others as it does not address poverty, illiteracy and social crime.

Three stone fires are cock stoves in third world countries that through there carbon dioxide emissions cause thousands of deaths each year. The question he asked was how could science provide a better solution? Three undergraduates were set to the task which has resulted in the development of not only a stove, but also a fuel that can breakdown to improve the soil.

[Find out more here](#)

Rotary Leadership Institute

*In memory of the following
Rotarian/s:*

GAMBETTA ~ Brian
27th March 2014
Paul Harris Fellow and
Charter Member at RC of
Irymple

Secretary Sam's Spot



There are two matters coming to my attention over recent weeks which involve payment of dues.

District Treasurer Michael Bowman continues to have difficulty with electronic transfers of monies to the District account. If you do not put a specific identification on the transfer then Michael does not know who paid, and what it was for. This is why Michael would like to be advised by email when payments are made, to give details required for him to keep track.

The second matter involves payments of the Semi Annual Returns for dues to Rotary International. My last report showed 83% of Clubs in our District had paid their dues either through My Rotary with an electronic transfer, or had sent a cheque. This payment was expected in January, and Club Leaders can easily check in My Rotary to see if the transaction has been overlooked.

The season of changeovers is well into the planning stage now. The goal is to have the new Club administration up and running on July 1 so good planning.



Congratulations to the Rotarian's who gave their time to attend the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) training program. RLI is an induction program to Rotary beyond the club.

These members gave up 3 days to participate, share knowledge, experiences and grow their family of Rotary. They take back to their clubs a greater understanding of ROTARY, the internationality of Rotary and the potential that service brings and gifts to the individuals who decide that they can make a difference through helping others both here and internationally.

DG Wendy congratulates all Rotarian's that have undertaken RLI training recently for their committment and service beyond self.

Polio Milestone



The certification of the World Health Organisation's Southeast Asia region as polio free has led to many stories in the media highlighting Rotary's instrumental role in achieving this important milestone.

General Secretary John Hewko joined Rotary member Devin Thorpe last

The Reel Event



The Reel Event was first developed in 2012, when Pamela Williams had the concept of supporting young South Australian film makers, by showcasing their short films. Since 2012 the evening event has grown into a 'must have date' in the calendar. The Rotary Club of Magill Sunrise continues to showcase up and coming local talent, as well as promoting local business and raising funds for Rotary projects, such as RYWELL (Rotary Youth Well

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RI on YouTube

week in a live Forbes interview to discuss how we will eradicate polio in the three countries where it still exists: Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan.

[Watch the video](#) and check out these media mentions.
[New York Times: An End to Polio in India?](#)

[Forbes: The Secret to Polio Eradication in India](#)

[HuffPost Live: Violinist & Conductor Itzhak Perlman LIVE](#)

Being Program) and Youth Opportunities.

This year there are four comedies, two documentaries, one drama and one animated film being shown, which will leave a happier note in the air after the rather serious ending last year. A lot of these films have won awards nationally and internationally. Included in the ticket price of \$30, is food and drinks, as well as a Q&A with the film makers at the end of the evening.

So Wednesday 21st May @ 6.30pm is the date to put in your diary, and The Regal Theatre is the venue. Tickets are available [here](#) or by calling Mina on 0406190042.

[Click here to find out more information](#)

RC of Mobilong - Homburg Park Project



Homburg Park, a large public space in a depressed socially disadvantaged area has been given a face lift. The Rural City of Murray Bridge (RCMB) as part of its re-imagine community program committed funds to transform a bare space into an area which would meet the needs residents for a child friendly area. With the development of a large children's playground and the adjacent Cycle Speedway facilities the Rotary Club of Mobilong saw the need to extend the park's facilities to include a shelter, complete with electric BBQ and seating.

With the co-operation of RCMB who assisted with the concrete flooring

and the electricity supply, the club set itself to raise funds to supply and erect the shed, BBQ and seating. With funds provided through the Club's major fundraiser – the Mobilong Markets and from monies raised in the Rotary Club's Wishing Well, placed in the local marketplace the project went from conversation to action.

Using a range of skills and lots of effort the shed was erected over one weekend. Once the concrete floor was laid, the team were back to install the BBQ, seats and table.

PP Warren Pratt commented that it would be great to see the local families & children using and enjoying these facilities which would not have been possible without the help from our Club members' various skills & the generosity of the general public which is much appreciated.

The Club gathered at Homburg Park on ...and celebrated the opening of the "pergola" with a sausage sizzle. Mayor and invited guests witnessed the dedication of the facility to Fay Stephen – deceased, wife of Charter president Harry Stephen.



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