DISTRICT GOVERNOR'S

Newsletter



April 2017



Dear Rotarians and Friends

The District 9520 Conference is happening very soon! I can't believe how quickly it has arrived. The Conference Committee has put in a massive effort to plan an exciting, informative and fun Conference in beautiful Mt Gambier. You still have time to register if you want to come along and catch up with Rotary friends.

GALA DINNER THEME



AND GOLD

As well as enjoying a sumptuous meal, fine wine and great entertainment, get into the spirit of the Conference and dress up in your finest Jazz outfit and have some fun. Wear something black, white, silver or gold or a combination of these colours!





Lee and I attended the **District 9500 Conference** in **Geelong** last week. It was a fabulous event and provided yet another reminder of the breadth of the work Rotary undertakes around the world. If you have never attended a District Conference before, then I would urge you to find time to attend to get perspective of the internationality of Rotary.

CLUB VISITS AND ACTIVITIES

Over the past month, we have attended some fantastic club events.

In March, the Rotary Club of **Eastwood** celebrated its 25th anniversary with a special night at the Mt Osmond Golf Club, then **Coromandel Valley** Club had a 25th birthday party at Belair Country Club and just last week the **Onkaparinga** Club celebrated its 2000th meeting milestone at a fun and relaxed event at the Stanley Bridge Tavern.

These events drew past, present and honorary members and friends together to reflect on some of the things each Club has achieved over the years. To me, it was a perfect example of why we talk about "the family of Rotary". While some past members had not been to a Club meeting for some time, the friendships formed through Rotary remain strong. Congratulations to these Clubs. It is one of the more frustrating things about being a District Governor – you simply can't get to every Club function or event, even though they are all of interest.

I was also able to get to two other significant functions over the past few weeks. One was the **International Women's**Day event organised by the local chapter of Women in Rotary. The keynote speaker was Tanya Monro and she gave an insightful and inspirational talk about her life and career. And then I had the pleasure of seeing the official opening of "The Giving Garden" with the Rotary Club of **Seaford.** This is a community garden where fruit and vegetables are grown by the local community and made available to anyone that wants them. Importantly, the garden provides fresh fruit for the young children attending the adjacent school.

This project is an excellent example of a Rotary Club working in partnership with a project sponsor and the local community groups.

"If mothers are empowered and healthy, so are their families, leading to an alleviation of poverty and hunger."

Robert Zinser, co-founder of the Rotarian Action Group for Population and Development and retired president for Asia at chemical giant BASF

APRIL IS MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH MONTH

Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger. We expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented.

Rotary provides education, immunisations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease.





Friendship Exchange with District 3040 in central India.

Rotary Friendship Exchange is Rotary's exchange program for Rotarians and their spouses. Friendship Exchanges allow Rotarians the opportunity to experience another culture first hand in the homes of Rotarians in another country.

The exchanges are reciprocal and usually last about 2 weeks. The goal of the program is to advance international understanding, goodwill and peace through person to person contact across national boundaries.



A group comprising Simon and Lyn Sickerdick (RC of Murray Bridge), Roy and Sue Schmidt (RC of Mitcham), Lyn Muller (RC of Blackwood), Joseph Masika (RC of Edwardstown) and Peter and Meredith Ochota (RC of Somerton Park) recently visited D 3040 in India.

The Friendship Exchange commenced in the city of Indore, Madhya Pradesh (central India about halfway between Delhi and Mumbai). They were greeted by our hosts with a string of "pearls", a red rose and a great deal of excitement. This was just the beginning of a very full schedule for the next 12 days.



During that time they visited, among other things, a vintage car 2 schools collection of over 150 cars, exquisite 15th century palaces, a Rotary project at the Robert Nursing Home Dialysis Unit, the World Heritage Rock Shelters Bhimbetka, the spectacular Temple of Glass, a famous Jain Temple and toured a garment factory. They attended parties including a 50th wedding anniversary and a prewedding celebration where some of the group had henna hand paintings and the men were decked out in turbans.

For a full wrap of the group's exchange, see the Home Page story on our District Website http://rotary9520.org/



Peter Ochota

Overall this was an amazing opportunity to experience the Indian culture, historic monuments, the friendly people, the food, and the hectic traffic – all while being hosted by Rotarians and their partners. This was indeed a great way to experience this wonderful country in a very secure environment, which is one of the great benefits of the Friendship Exchange programme.

The Friendship Exchange Committee is seeking Hosts for the Group from India which arrives on **June 15th**. Ideally the team from India would be home hosted in the Metro area or near Metro. Typical stay is one couple in your house for four days.

If interested please contact either

Trevor McGuirk tmcguirk@chariot.net.au or

Craig Maidment craigmaidment@ozemail.com.au

Group 7 clubs and THE SECRET RIVER



In late September 2016 Group 7 Assistant Governor, Don Will, was approached by the Adelaide Festival Corporation to ascertain Rotary's interest in providing traffic marshalling duties for the car park located in the Anstey Hill Quarry to be used by patrons during the performances of one of the key significant events "The Secret River" to be undertaken during the Adelaide Festival from 28 February to 19 March 2017.



Traffic Marshalls Djuro Rakic, David Riggall, David Lloyd, Sabrina Koetsier

It was agreed that The Rotary Club of **Morialta** would manage the exercise. As a result a small committee was formed to further discuss and investigate the proposal including gaining the interest and assistance of at least 3 other Clubs in Group 7. When approached, The Rotary Clubs of **Campbelltown, Magill Sunrise** and **Eastwood** all agreed to participate.

During October 2017 the committee met on site with The Adelaide Festival Corporation to obtain a visual understanding of the practical issues that we faced. At the conclusion of those meetings, the committee submitted a tender proposal to The Adelaide Festival

Corporation which included an agreement to give a portion of the proceeds received, to the Australian Rotary Health Indigenous Health Scholarship Program. This was seen as a great publicity gesture as it tied in with the theme of the production of the early settler's integration with the local indigenous community. In December 2016, the committee was informed that our tender had been successful.

From that time on, the hard work of planning commenced including the required training and accreditation of the "Traffic Marshalls" by SAPOL, further meetings and onsite visits to the venue.

On Sunday 26 February 2017, a full dress rehearsal for all participants in the event, including the Traffic Marshalls was

undertaken with all Traffic Marshalls suitably attired in "Hi Viz" vests and illuminated parking wands. The first of 18 performances commenced on Tuesday 28 February 2017.

At the conclusion of the 3 week event, the four Rotary Clubs involved had safely parked **3074 cars** in varying, mostly very dusty, weather conditions.

As a result and in accordance with the tender agreement, the amount of \$19,900 was raised by the four participating Clubs. From this, \$5,000 (25% of the gross proceeds) has been paid to the Indigenous Health Scholarship Program and will go directly to assisting an enrolled nurse working in the Hawker Hospital and also in the local aboriginal community to complete her Bachelor of Nursing degree over the next 2 years. The remaining \$14,500 has been distributed to the four participating clubs on a pro rata basis of "Rotarian Nights" worked.



Bruce (State Theatre), Brenton Summers, Tim Mee

This exercise has provided a great opportunity for a number of Clubs to join together in a fund raising activity and can be used as a template for future events.

I would like to thank the Presidents of the Rotary Clubs of Campbelltown, Magill Sunrise and Eastwood for their cooperation with this exercise and also to the "go to " persons from those Clubs, namely Netty Heinrich, Lindsay Davis and Don Will as well as Graeme Packer from Morialta.

Brenton Summers

President, Rotary Club of Morialta



Wednesday 8 March – Women In Rotary, SA Chapter, hosted a breakfast meeting in celebration of International Women's Day with the theme of "Be Bold For Change".

Each year, the committee has sought a woman whose life emulates the year's theme. This year our invitation was accepted by **Professor Tanya Monro**, Deputy Vice Chancellor: Research and Innovation and an ARC Georgia Sweet Laureate Fellow at the University of South Australia. Tanya's research is in the field of Photonics, with a focus on

sensing, lasers and new classes of optical fibres. Tanya was a NYSF graduate, and was on a music scholarship when she discovered maths and physics.

The event, a joint committee of Districts 9500 and 9520, in its fourth year, convened at The Pavilion, Veale Gardens, with 120 people in attendance, including MP Vicki Chapman, Mrs Lan Ley, DG Sam & Lee Camporeale, DGE (9500) Peter Schaefer and a group of students from schools and colleges in Mt Barker, hosted by Rotarians from the Mt Barker Rotary Club. District Governor Elect Kim Harvey MC,



engaged the audience and directed a conversation with Professor Monro as she explored this year's theme in the context of moments in her life that transformed her and set her on a life path in science and photonics. Success to Tanya is not measured by her impressive biography but by the lessons she has learnt and the opportunities that have presented because of taking risks. She recommended an openness to change and to receive feedback, and to see resilience in the face of failure as an opportunity to learn. She left us with a memorable quote – BE BOLD RATHER THAN PERFCT

Monies raised on the day went to DAYS FOR GIRLS, a project ensuring every girl everywhere can have dignity, health and hygiene, effectively giving them back days of education and employment.



Save the date - Wednesday 7 March 2018. The Pavilion, Veale Gardens, Adelaide.



UPDATE

In January Professor <u>Tanya Monro</u>, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Innovation at the University of South Australia, has taken on the role of NYSF Science Patron. Professor Monro, a NYSF alumna (1990), was Chair of the NSSS



Board from 2014-2016. We are delighted that Professor Monro will continue her involvement with the organisation.

The Student Staff Leadership Program kicks off in July and another first for the NYSF is our exciting pilot program, **STEM Explorer**, which will run for the in **Adelaide** in **July 2017**. The STEM Explorer Program is a collaborative initiative between the South Australian Department of Education (DED) and the NYSF, targeting science engagement for school students in **years 7 and 8**. We also acknowledge the seed funding we received to develop this program from the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science.

District Fencing Trailers

As many Rotarians are aware, the district purchased and fitted out 2 fencing trailers in 2009, following the fires in Victoria. They were paid for from the donations made by clubs in the early part of 2009.

The trailers have been housed by the Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek, and maintained by the late Bob Grant. During last year the trailers have been transferred to the care of the Rotary Club of **Onkaparinga**, and are housed in our shed in part of the old Onkaparinga Woollen Mill in Lobethal. RC Onkaparinga established a fund after the recent Sampson Flat fire, using donations made to the club by landholders in appreciation of some 80 days of fencing and other work.

There is enough equipment for fencing jobs in each trailer, but most of the tools are hand tools, eg crowbars, shovels, strainers(wire and ringloc) a couple of battery operated drills, chainsaw, generator, and hand tools such as pliers, hammers, staplers, etc. No motor driven post hole borer! Included is safety gear, gloves, ear protection, chaps, goggles, and hi-vis jackets and comprehensive first aid kit.

The trailers are available to any club in the District. The trailers are 6X4, half tonne 'tradies' trailers, equipped with a range of tools for both fencing and clearing damage from fires or floods. Both trailers are equipped with hydraulic

over-ride brakes. I guess that each trailer is at least close to its load limit, if not above, given the rage of equipment and tools carried.

If your club would like the use of one, or both, of these, please make contact with the Onkaparinga, or directly with the secretary, Dick Cuttle, 0428106673 dickcuttle@gmail.com





ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowship is a word very frequently used in Rotary circles but how many new, and even long-term experienced members are aware of the many "Rotary Fellowships" available? Perhaps another one of Rotary's best-kept secrets!

Rotary Fellowships are very friendly, independent, social groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to extend your Rotary friends around the world.

One such example is the International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians, or as it is more commonly known "IFFR", which has been facilitating Rotary aviation friendships all around the world for some 52 years.

The International Fellowship of Flying Rotarians was formally organised in Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. on 1st January 1965 through the efforts of Mr E. "Edison" Kennell.

IFFR is a group of Rotarians dedicated to promoting Rotary and aviation as an opportunity for fellowship and service. The goal of IFFR is to achieve a better understanding of Aviation among non-flying Rotarians and others, through appropriate Rotary Club programs, planned flying events known as Fly-Ins and flying activities.

Many IFFR members fly their own personal airplane often supporting local or international charities. Some members donate their time, funds and aircraft to provide help via "Angel Flight' to socially disadvantaged folk in regional areas requiring ongoing medical support.

Typically, there are two, regular Fly-Ins per year. These events incorporate Executive meetings, an Annual General Meeting and a General Members meeting. They are normally brief, typically held on the Friday evening and followed by fellowship. The fellowship continues all day Saturday and Sunday, usually enjoying a coach tour of the local area and sharing the Saturday night dinner with a local Rotary Club.

In October 2016, an enthusiastic group of thirty-two Australian IFFR members, plus our future IFFR World President 2018-20 Phil Pacey and Judy, made their respective ways to the tropical city of Townsville in Far North Queensland. It was an action packed weekend full of fun and fellowship mixed with just a hint of frivolity with everyone enjoying the local sights, sounds and the many culinary delights.

IFFR members either drove, flew in the big kerosene canaries, or arrived in a cross-section of light aircraft from all around Australia. Six aircraft arrived in Townsville just before lunch on the Friday after flying in convoy around Queensland from Hervey Bay via Emerald and Charters Towers.

The Fly-Ins are held at different locations around Australia with the two 2017 events planned for:

Wagga Wagga, NSW on 21 -23 April 2017

Launceston, TAS on 13 - 15 October 2017

Flying in from Denmark for the Tassie Fly-In will be the current World International IFFR President Svend Andersen and Carina. So, if you are a Rotarian, or a former Rotarian and have a passion for aviation then this is the Fellowship for you. For more information please see the website at www.ifrr.org.au



Notice Board





Canberra dinner on May 1 to showcase Australia's Peace Centre

The Rotary Peace Centres Program is one of Rotary's star performers. Australia is privileged to host one of the six global centres, based at University of Queensland. Each year a class of around 10 outstanding Fellows study for their Masters in Peace and Conflict Resolution, but there are few opportunities for them to meet the wider Rotary community. Past RI Director John Lawrence has taken advantage of Class 14's visit to Canberra to convene a dinner on May 1st, with the help of Canberra area Rotary Clubs, to which all Rotarians are invited. It is a chance to meet and hear from these wonderful Rotary ambassadors. Honoured guests include RIPE Ian Riseley, senior politicians and members of the diplomatic community. Venue for the dinner is the Commonwealth Club in Yarralumla, with a limit of 200 attendees.

For bookings <u>www.rotary.9710.org.au</u> and click on the link to book.

Date: May 1st

Location: Commonwealth Club, Yarralumla

Time: 6:30pm for 7:00pm

Cost: \$70 per person with a cash bar.



This Saturday 8th
Nothing over \$2
8am-4pm

448 Goodwood Rd
Cumberland Pk





Club of Mitcham Bookshop

District Directory

Encounter Bay



Meeting Place: McCracken Golf Club McCracken Drive, Victor Harbor



John Cook Broken Hill

Rob Sidford Broken Hill

Linda Sweeney Seaford

Ray Goodall Seaford

Henry Willoughby Mobilong

Bruce Barnes Campbelltown

Denise Howard Campbelltown

Paul Tipple Encounter Bay

Karina Jimenez Mitcham

William Bragg Norwood

Clare Horton Norwood

Please advise District Secretary of the induction of new members D9520.secretary@gmail.com



The Rotary Leadership Institute

The dates for the coming year are:

12-13 August 2017, Flinders University http://rotary9520.org/event/rotary-leadership-institute---flinders-uni/

16-17 September 2017, Renmark http://rotary9520.org/ event/rotary-leadership-institute---session-two/

17-18 February, Victor Harbor http://rotary9520.org/ event/rotary-leadership-institute---session-three/

28-29 April, Newton http://rotary9520.org/event/rotary-leadership-institute---session-four/

Common sense is sometimes like deodorant. The people who need it most never use it.

Calendar

April is Maternal and Child Health Month

Friday 7 - Sunday 9 April

RYPEN Lake Cullulleraine Host RC Irymple

Saturday April 8

Protection & Compliance Training - Flinders University

Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 April

President Elect/Nominee Training—Flinders University

Saturday 8 & Sunday 23 April

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Friday 21 - Sunday 23 April

RYPEN Woodhouse

Thursday 27 - Sunday 30 April

District Conference - Mount Gambier

21 days to go!

May is Youth Service Month

Saturday May 20

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Sunday May 21

The Reel Event - Regal Theatre 4pm Page 11

Sunday May 28

District Assembly Unity College, Murray Bridge

June is Rotary Fellowships Month

Friday June 2

Quiz Night Somerton Park Bowling Club—RC Glenelg

Saturday 10 - Wednesday 14 June

Rotary International Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

July is Start of new Rotary officers

Sunday July 9

District Changeover, Belair Country Club

Quote from the past

"At the Westinghouse laboratories in New York, an interesting experiment was conducted. A great bar of steel, eight feet long and weighing a half-ton was suspended vertically from a chain. Parallel to it on a stout thread hung a cork from an ordinary bottle weighing perhaps a half-ounce....Again and again the small cork was swung against that huge steel bar. For a long time the bar hung motionless but after 10 minutes a nervous chill seemed to go through the bar. Another two minutes and the chill turned into plainly visible vibrations. Those vibrations increased in rapidity and in strength until after 25 minutes the great bar began to swing like the pendulum of a grandfather clock....Rotarians, you and your club projects may seem at times like the cork tapping against the bar, but tap you must, and if you tap long enough the bar will swing."

1964-65 Charles W. Pettengill (civil law practice), Rotary Club of Greenwich, Connecticut, USA. Rotary vision: That every Rotarian would *Live Rotary* in all facets of his life.

Voice of Rotary Programme



4 April

Kevin Muldoon, Belleview Heights
"Love for Lachie – Helping Find a Cure for Brain Cancer"

11 April

DGEs Peter Schaefer and Bob Cooper

"The International Assembly in San Diego – Serious Fun"

18 April

PP Rob Eley, Rotary Club of Gawler Light "Rotary and Youth"

25 April

PDG Wendy Gaborit, Rotary Club of Mobilong

"Rotary's Public Image – Does it Need Fixing?"



Broadcast on 1197AM 5RPH Adelaide each Tuesday 7.30-8.00pm

<u>Programmes can also be heard on the</u> new Voice of Rotary website at:

http://voiceofrotary.org.au/

Past programmes are also kept. Should you want one from further back, contact Jock Thornton on johnjan4@gmail.com.

Next Publication: Mid-month Herald

Please have any items to District Secretary by

Monday 17th April

D9520.secretary@gmail.com



BIG BOOK SALE

448 Goodwood Rd, Cumberland Pk

Fiction, Non-Fiction LPs, CDs Children's Books and many more

NOTHING OVER \$2

Saturday April 8th 2017 8.30am to 4pm

Bus Stop 12 opposite MITRE 10 Hardware

Homemade Cakes & Handmade Cards

FREE Tea & Coffee

Sale proceeds to Shelter Box and other projects





Presented by The Rotary Club of Goolwa



Incorporating the "Alexandrina Art Prize"

Saturday 8th to Sunday 23rd APRIL (Including EASTER & WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL weekends)



SIGNAL POINT GALLERY

Wharf Precinct, Goolwa





















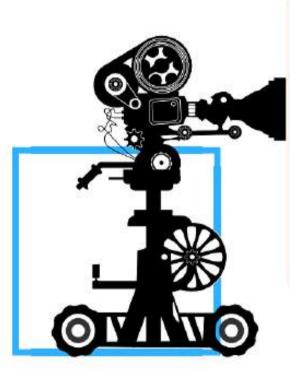


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THE REEL EVENT

AN AFTERNOON OF SHORT FILMS BY SOUTH AUSTRALIAN FILMMAKERS

HOSTED BY PETER GOERS





REGAL THEATRE, 275 KENSINGTON RD.

SUNDAY MAY 21, 2017

3PM AFTERNOON TEA & DRINKS

4PM SCREENING & FILMMAKER Q&A

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