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Christmas is a necessity. There has to be at least one day of the year to remind us that we're here for something else besides ourselves.

Words from Wendy

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

On the 23rd October I had the pleasure of attending the RC Loxton and participating in an event to raise the profile of Rotary in the End Polio game. President Marian Woodberry took up my challenge and invited community members to be present. We donned our red shirts and pinned amongst others the CEO of the Loxton Waikerie Council. On that occasion, I had the pleasure of meeting Lillian a survivor of polio who graciously acceded to my request to tell her story. I invite you to read it further down in this Newsletter.

This week in Canberra along with my DG cohort I attended a breakfast for [Polio Australia](#), this is a not for profit group who works for and with polio survivors in Australia. Did you know, there are some 400,000 Australians living with residual disabilities and post polio debilitating effects. The latter first emerged some 20 years ago with the identification of new, previously unrecognised symptoms which effect people whose conditions were previously thought to be stable. Polio Australia supports this group through the provision of service information and access.

November was FOUNDATION month on the Rotary calendar. It serves as a reminder to us of the role the Foundation plays in enabling Rotarians to give service and deliver humanitarian programs both here and overseas. A time for each and everyone one of us to take that step from a conversation to one of action and make a gift to the Australian Rotary Foundation. Why... For those of you who have heard me talk, I say why not! As Rotarians it SHOULD be OUR charity of choice.

Join me this month in making a donation and become one of my legion of Centurions and help us through the Foundation to make a difference to clinical practitioners. The group is looking to Partner with Rotary to build on our role as an organisation with a focus on the prevention of polio to include post polio support through the creation of a Rotary / Polio Australia Trust. Why Rotary, well it would seem that back in June 1925 Paul Harris as the Chairman of the international society for crippled children, [wrote a letter](#) of introduction for B. Gelling of the Rotary club of Sydney... Seeking to rouse the interest of people all over the world in seeking a cure for and education for every crippled child.



~Eric Severeid

Greetings from
DG Wendy Gaborit



VOICE OF ROTARY

For the December Program
please click [here](#)

Broadcast on 1197AM RPH
Adelaide each Tuesday
7.30pm – 8.00pm

Each Wednesday the
broadcast program can be
heard on-line at
www.rphadelaide.org.au

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DISTRICT EVENTS

Go to the
[District Event's Calendar](#)
to see what is happening
this month!

CLUB NOTICES

Christmas Cake
Enjoy some Christmas
cheer or give some to
someone else - purchase
a Xmas cake, pudding or
box of single serve
puddings from the Melton
Valley Rotary Club and
support our Foundation.

Order forms are available
[here](#).

Around the District

An International Rotary Friendship



A chance meeting at a Kimono
show in Adelaide has led to a 19
year friendship between the
Rotary Club of Usa, Japan and
the Rotary Club of Morialta,
which has seen the clubs
participate in bi-annual exchange
visits.

On the 30th May 2014 a
delegation of Usa Rotarians will
visit Adelaide before heading to
the International Convention, for
a signing celebration reaffirming
the Friendship Agreement signed
November 1995, with both clubs
looking forward to further
reciprocal visits.

In 2009 The Rotary Club of
Morialta had a visit from the
Rotary Club of Usa, from Oita
Prefecture in Japan to help
celebrate the Club's 25th
Anniversary. It was a short but
eventful visit with members
joining for a tour of the Adelaide
Hills before the special
anniversary dinner.

To read more click [here](#).

A Year Abroad - Hannah Watson



My name is Hannah Clare
Watson and I am the District
9520 Rotary Ambassadorial
Scholar for 2012 – 2013. In
October, I returned to Australia
having completed an Advanced
Master in Public International
Law at Leiden University.

The year was one of the most
inspirational, exciting and
formative experiences of my life.

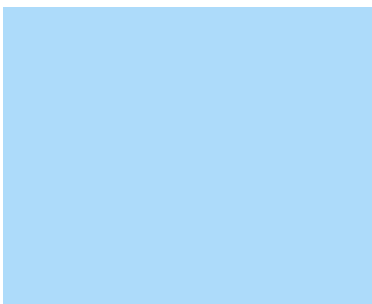
The Rotary Ambassadorial
Scholarship Programme provides
a study grant to individuals to
undertake tertiary studies in
another country. I came to the
Programme having worked for
three years as a commercial
lawyer.

On a professional level, the
Scholarship has enabled me to
pursue my longstanding interest
in international law and to
transition my career into the field
of international environmental
policy.

To read Hannah's full report click
[here](#).

Glenelg Christmas Pageant





Annual Fund Recognition 2012-2013

Rotary international acknowledges the following clubs for their support of the Rotary Foundation:

RC of Norwood - \$626.05 per capita
RC of Somerton Park \$260.82
RC of Marion \$268.97

100% Centurion status & 100% Sustaining Member status:

Rotary Club of Norwood
Rotary Club of Eastwood
Rotary Club of Merbein

*2013-14 and beyond...
Engage Rotary and make the
Australian Rotary Foundation
your Charity of Choice.*

Member Recognition

New Members

*Welcome to the following
new Rotarians in District
9520:*



Associate Member Pilot - Wakierie's Experience



Towards the end of 2010, Rotary International published calls for submission for clubs to be selected into a pilot program for associate members. There was to be an equitable representation of Rotary Clubs from each of the 34 Rotary zones, with no more than 200 in all.

The members of Waikerie Rotary Club voted to apply for admission to this pilot program in March 2011, and their submission was subsequently accepted.

The purpose of the program is to research various options for Rotary membership and what impact those variations have on the effectiveness of the club.

There were several reasons why the RC of Waikerie thought Associate Membership could benefit the club.

To read about Waikerie's experience click [here](#).

Philippines...Typhoon Haiyan

Margie Anderson at RC of Eastwood

Brenton Hutchison at RC of Encounter Bay

Patricia Anderson and Owen Phelan at RC of Mt Barker

Ian Westhead and Naomi Burke at RC of Wentworth

A Christmas Message...

Christmas for many of us is a time of plenty, spent with family, friends. A time when we reflect on and celebrate life. A time of renewal and perhaps excess. But for some, they will find themselves alone, others will be caught up in conflicts, homeless as a result of political turmoil and natural disaster.

So at this time as we sit down with family and friends let us celebrate the lives we are blest with & give thought to how we through service and our Foundation can assist those less fortunate.

From John and I, we wish you and your families all the joys of this festive season.



Secretary Sam's Spot

The possibilities for recording Rotary Club information, managing membership, and tracking achievements of plans made have expanded with the introduction of MyRotary.



This is onboard one of the U.S. Air Forces C-17 on one of the evacuation trips from Tacloban to Manila.

Our thanks to the clubs and individuals who have provided assistance to the Philippines in the nature of financial aid and funding of Shelter Boxes and [Disaster Aid Australia](#) response.

The 'Shed' - RC of Campbelltown



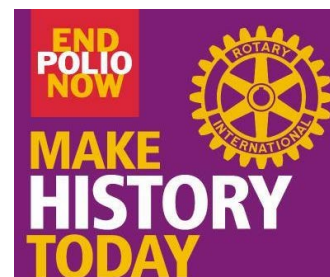
The RC of Campbelltown's major fund raising activity is the "SHED", which is used for the sale of donated pre-loved goods held on the last Saturday of every month. This enables the Club to raise \$5,000 to \$6,000, which is used to benefit many charities, local and internationally.

Members, partners and volunteers make the "SHED" happen, with a commitment of over 400 plus hours every month. Volunteers assist with sorting and preparing goods for sale, identifying goods of exceptional value to go to the auction house and scrap metal sorting.

Items of clothing and shoes, furniture and whitegoods are also sorted for the delivery to the Hutt Street Centre to be distributed to victims of Domestic Violence.

To read more about the 'Shed' Project click [here](#).

Lillian's Polio Story



I spent Christmas as a 2 year old in the Adelaide Children's Hospital with Polio.

The hospital resembled an army barracks with beds overflowing into the corridors. When a child died, the bed was quickly filled. The mournful sound of the iron lung machines echoed throughout the wards.

I was strapped to the bed hands and feed over the months I was there. During that time, because of the trauma I didn't speak. The nursing staff assumed I was mute. When I left hospital in my mother's arms I cried "I have a home. I have a home." These were my first words since entering the hospital. I thought I was put into that dreadful place because I must have been naughty.

To read all of Lillian's Polio Story click [here](#).

Australian Rotary Health Medal

It is important that opportunities for learning to use this new technology is available for all club members as part of your own training program.

As a minimum the President and Secretary must be able to confidently and regularly update membership numbers including current contact information within the deadlines 1st December and 1st June each Rotary year, and input Incoming Officers before the end of December each year.

The Treasurer should be encouraged to manage all the requirements of the Semi Annual Returns online and on time.

The next step is for all Club Leaders to be able to input program goals, and achievements. All members should be encouraged learn to view the achievement of Club goals, and to ensure their own record profile is correct.



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District Website



DG's Email



RI on YouTube



Our very own Rotarian, Geoff Bailey, has been awarded an Australian Rotary Health Medal for Meritorious Service, for services regarding Indigenous Scholarships.

Please click [here](#) to read more about Geoff's award.

Rotarian's Wine Appreciation Fellowship



Join the SA Chapter of the Rotarian's Wine Appreciation Fellowship (RWAFF) for a Pre-Christmas Dinner on Saturday 7th December to learn more about wine, wine and food pairings and other topics related to wine.

If you wish to become a Lifetime Member at the same time as paying for the dinner your additional fee is \$105. Lifetime Member fees are paid to RWAFF for Rotary International causes. A Lifetime Membership provides special corkscrew pin, a once only fee and invitations to RWAFF Worldwide Lifetime Member events, including the upcoming event at the Rotary International Convention in Sydney 1-4 June 2014.

For full event details, please download the dinner invitation [here](#).

RYLA deploys Shelterboxes to the Philippines



Chairman, Peter Poulton, confirmed the deployment of 2 Shelter Boxes to the Philippines. This was made possible by the wholehearted support from and everyone and for the participation by awardees in the fines sessions at most meals and also at the auction on the penultimate day.

At the time when you make the decision to support Shelter Box, you don't know to where it will be deployed. Neither did anyone suspect that the next deployment would be so soon after the seminar, nor that it would be for an event as catastrophic as Typhoon Haiyan. The RYLA 9520 donation will fund 2 boxes that will be immediately deployed to the disaster site.

It's worth having a quick look at the [ShelterBox Australia website](#).



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