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

It is Saturday afternoon, 25 May and I've got 5 weeks to go. This time last year I was gearing up for changeover and what I hoped would be the year of my life. Well I can't say that I am disappointed.

It has been a unique and wonderful experience. In part due to you the people I have met, whose passion, knowledge and experiences have enriched my life. A year that has increased my knowledge of Rotary and Rotary programs and opened my eyes to all that is possible. But also a year of realisation, that we simply can't do everything. I have met people from every corner of the world, developed friendships and shared experiences and I got to know you, the Rotarians and clubs who makeup District 9520.

Club visits, a whirlwind tour of district, saw us visit every club, we gained an understanding of your passion for Rotary, your signature programs, challenges and plans. We left in most instances inspired and encouraged but at other times, concerned. We experienced warm welcomes, passable food and above all experienced an embrace as members of the family of Rotary.

National Youth Science Forum – 20 young people all who excelled in an area of science with dreams to be the best in their sphere be it engineering, medical research or the exploration of space. My congratulations to district coordinator Tuckweng Kok for his outstanding leadership and promotion of this program.

RYPEN – well my heart and sole are in this program and once again it delivered. A new venue, change in leadership and structure seeing a past RYLA lead Director take on the role of Administrator. Risky, but it delivered on the core principle underpinning this program, building future leaders.

Assistant Governors-. the life breath of a DG's relationship with clubs, serving to provide insight, advice and information on clubs and their activities whilst also serving as the conduit of district information to clubs. An exceptional group who exceed expectations and give 120+%. I could not have asked for a better 'crew' and my thanks to them for their service to District

Secretary Sam's Spot

"Life in Rotary should consist of a rational mixture of business with civic activities and good fellowship"

~ Paul Harris

Greetings from DG Wendy Gaborit



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DISTRICT EVENTS

Go to the
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to see what is happening
this month!

and you.

District Secretary - Sam Cozen... the powerhouse of district management, Sam was given the task of communicating with clubs. The brief to inform, educate and inspire. You may have noticed that we only commented on things that were about to happen...

District Newsletter Editor - Jessica Ziersch we weren't always on time but we did deliver. Jess was chosen for her ability to introduce a fresh and modern look to the newsletter, dragging some of you kicking into a new format.. Jess achieved my goals... she is new to Rotary one of a new generation of YOUNG Rotarians the future of Rotary and I am pleased to inform President 2015-16 of the Rotary Club of Tailm Bend...

District Treasurer – Michael Bowman brings to the role his knowledge skills and experience as a Certified Practicing Accountant. My brief to Michael was to address and implement the advice of our auditor and to introduce rigour and best practice into the management of and reporting on district accounts. Due diligence is a term that we all hear at some time or other and tend to attribute to someone else. But nowhere more than with the role of treasurer are these attributes required. Michael has exceeded all my expectations and I am pleased that he will continue to serve district in this role. District finances are in good hands...

District Finance Team – the name may change next year but this group are the powerhouse within district. They are the people with knowledge, experience and the future leaders of district. A good leader is only as good as the team that supports or underpins them.. I have been blessed by having a team who were prepared to put personality's aside and to work for the benefit of Rotary District 9520. I commend to you PDG Roy Armstrong who retires this year, PDG Bruce Richardson, DGE Jerry Casburn, DGN Dick Wilson and Insurance Officer – Oleh Bilyk and latterly John Rix.

Insurance and Risk Management the one area that is never fully understood by District or Clubs. We just assume that because we contribute to a 'premium each year it will cover us, irrespective of our activities... well if there is one thing I can leave with you is – don't count on it! Apathy and disregard of risk will be the undoing of a club. Oleh Bilyk bought to district the need for education, in his absence Brian Rainey bought knowledge of the insurance industry and a degree of introspection and rigour. John Rix has accepted the mantle, his knowledge, skills and experience of the Insurance Industry will stand us in good stead. Some of you will be pleased to know that he is looking to make the process easier. But, my warning to all is don't assume you are insured... John should be your best friend....

District Trainer - Damian Leach. Damian under my aegis 2012-13 and Jerry's 2013-14 has continued to deliver a fresh and revitalised approach to training, ensuring it is relevant to both the requirements of Rotary International and the needs of our district. A tall order to expect from just one person. But, deliver he did. Damian bought a new look and a number of new initiatives in format, content and style. Underpinning all was our need to identify what you as members and leaders wanted from training and based on that feedback we delivered. We have experimented with new programs and developed new concepts. Your feedback will continue to inform us, its value is real and welcomed.

Youth Coordinator – Youth Protection – David Binks District and youth exchange programs are the better for the input and commitment of this man. Neither zealot nor activist, David is driven by his passion and belief in the Rotary Youth Exchange program and a desire to ensure the safety and wellbeing of those young people who undertake an exchange. David understands compliance and the role it plays in ensuring we as clubs and district meet Rotary's accreditation standards to deliver this program. You can expect to hear more and I



2014-15 Publications

We intend to make no major changes to the current means of communicating across the District.

The Herald

The Herald will be our primary means of keeping you abreast of upcoming events and the latest Rotary news. Peter Hammond (Somerton Park) will be our editor. He will be seeking your support in providing articles about forthcoming events across the District, your tips for improving what we do and informing you of key dates for activities.

The cut off for submissions will be noon on Friday and the Herald will be published on the following Sunday. Submitted articles should be approximately 250 words and in MS Word document format and not pdf formats, which can be difficult to edit. Photographs should be of high quality, in jpeg format and sent in a separate attachment, rather than imbedded in text.

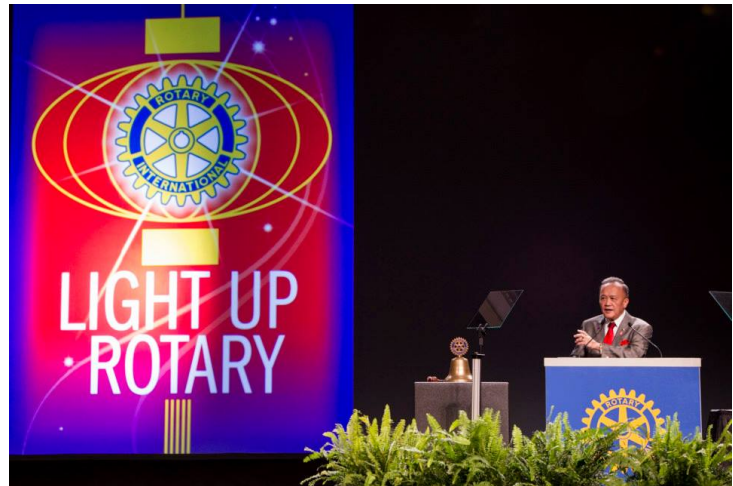
Submissions to
d9520.secretary@gmail.com.

encourage you all to send a representative to Specialist Training in late August.

My Presidents... in this year you were challenged to do more, be more and to do it electronically, those of you who accepted the challenge I commend you, you have set the standard for others. Your clubs and Rotary are richer for your leadership, input and stewardship.

To all it has been my privilege to lead and serve you.

Light up Rotary in 2014-15



The 2014-15 year brings a new theme "Light Up Rotary." Rotary International President Gary's choice was explained as: "Gary was inspired by the teachings of Chinese philosopher Confucius who said: 'It is better to light a single candle, than to sit and curse the darkness.'"

"There are so many problems in the world, so many people who need help. Many people say, 'There's nothing I can do.' So they sit there doing nothing, meanwhile everything stays dark. Gary told the 537 district governors and their spouses and partners who were attending the 2014 International Assembly, 'The Rotary way is the Confucius way. The Rotary way is to light a candle. I light one, you light one, 1.2 million Rotarians light one. Together, we light up the world.'"

After announcing his theme at the opening session of the five-day training meeting, Gary urged club members to Light Up Rotary in the coming year by hosting a Rotary Day in their community and including local Rotaract and Interact members in their service projects.

"How you Light Up Rotary is up to you," Gary said, "You know where you are strong, you know what your community needs, and you know how you can help."

Gary also shared his membership development goals, including the need for more women and young adults and his goal to increase membership to a total of 1.3 million members. He asked Rotarians to invite their spouses, family members, and friends to join Rotary.

Personally, I found the new theme to be inspirational and one which we can use in so many ways, demonstrating our commitment to better communities locally and internationally. At the District level we are working on possible options for a Rotary Day and I will have more to say on that later. As explained by Membership Chair Elect, Mark Huddleston, our plan is to ask our clubs to look inwards, to make sure that in our meetings we create an atmosphere of pride and a desire to be there. We should also give all of our members meaningful roles to keep them engaged and finally make sure they "Enjoy rotary

The District Governor's Newsletter

Published monthly, the newsletter is the vehicle for reflection on past achievements within clubs, across the District and in Rotary generally. It is designed to keep you up to date with what has gone on, it can promote ideas and it will endeavour to keep you informed. Ideally, it will include lots of pictures, lots of fun and recognise the work of individuals and clubs in our community.

Jane Vade (Hallett Cove) will be the newsletter editor. Submissions are to be made by the last Thursday of the month, ready for the newsletter publication on the first Thursday of the new month. Articles should contain roughly 400 words and similar to the Herald, pictures should be high quality and sent separately.

Send your submission to dqnews@internode.on.net.

Thanks for your support.

Jerry Casburn District Governor Elect

Projects funded by 2014 Conference



Chair of the planning committee District Conference 2014 Kevin Prosser, on behalf of DG Wendy Gaborit, has announced substantial funding to Rotary projects.

This was largely due to the generous funding by the many sponsors and the large savings achieved by the willing assistance of 53 members and partners of the Rotary Clubs of Mobilona and

and Have Fun". Our focus will be on membership retention.

I look forward to working with all of our clubs in the coming year.

Jerry Casburn – District Governor Elect

Around the District

Adieu! Rotary Club of Lameroo



On the 18th May, we farewelled a friend, bidding adieu to the Rotary Club of Lameroo. Following 40 years of service to the community handed back their charter. It was day of celebration, of renewed friendships, reminiscences and "tall" stories.

Chartered in 1974 with a membership of 21 growing into the 30s it flourished. At its core a will to deliver opportunity for youth, to improve the lot of those less fortunate and to deliver community benefit.

Renowned throughout District for its commitment to the Rotary Youth Exchange Program - sponsoring some 40 young people through the program and its famed Lameroo Weekend, providing inbound students with true Aussie experience including shearing and the famous "spot lighting" bush tour.

Whilst the club may have folded. The resilience of this community continues on in some form or other. "Thanks for the Memories" and for your service to community through Rotary. Adieu

Photos courtesy of Annette Bannigan.

**Youth Exchange
Needs You!**

**Norwood
celebrates 3000
meetings**

Murray Bridge who attended the Conference at Warrnambool. This resulted in a significant reduction in the cost of catering and a surplus of more than \$30,000. These funds have been distributed to several Rotary projects.

ROTARY FOUNDATION has received \$10,000 placed with the annual program.

ROMAC (DG Wendy's nominated fund) has received a total of \$7,253 comprising of \$2,253 raised from the raffle held at the gala evening, proceeds of the Photo Booth and an additional \$5,000 from the committee.

AUST ROTARY HEALTH has received \$5,000 which it is believed will be directed to research into mental health. Conference Keynote Speaker Felice Jacka impressed the attendees with her presentation and the need for continued research into mental health particularly relating to our youth.

POLIO PLUS The 'End Polio' program, a program supported by Mobilong and Murray Bridge Clubs, has received \$5,000 to assist with the eradication of the disease.

LOCAL ROTARY PROJECT Any small residual amount will be put into a local project in the Murray Bridge area as decided by the two clubs.

DG Wendy and the committee wish to sincerely thank all the generous sponsors, members and partners who attended the conference, and members of the Rotary Clubs of Mobilong and Murray Bridge for making possible these grants to our Rotary projects.

Relevance and Apathy

We've heard a lot about membership this year, Some of the challenges we face as an organisation of volunteers is ensuring we remain relevant.

So you ask what does that mean for Rotary and Our future as a community organisation. If we want to remain a community organisation recognised for what we do to build capacity in our youth and in our communities both local and overseas. Then that future must ensure we are recognised not only for the good we achieve but more importantly for how well we



Rotary Youth Exchange needs YOUR support, 2014-15 will see only 3 students outbound on an exchange. The absence of students self nominating tells its own tale. We can't rely on static web sites to do the job. A revitalised committee is just one aspect, Exchange champions another but we need you.

Exchange Champions committee members who have taken on a group and will look to engage you at group meetings or as a 5 min speaker at the weekly meeting.

Alumni – returned exchangees who are your best weapon in engaging students in the school environment. They are also a good source of members – if not them, then target mum & dad.

Resources – Youth programs flier. If you haven't seen it yet, talk to your President Elect as each club was allocated a number of Youth Service fliers for promotion in schools. Contact your alumni and engage them in assisting you reach a new audience in your schools.



Tuesday 20 May 2014, Royal coach Motor Inn.

President Peter and Jennifer Anderson were joined by son Peter, Honorary Rotarian Steven Marshall Member for Dunstan and leader of the Opposition, the Honourable Greg Crafter former Member for Norwood along with DG Wendy as members, partners and guests joined in celebration of the Club's proud history of service through Rotary to community.

Steven joined Rotary 25 years ago and he reflected on Rotary's connection and commitment to community as having a strong influence on his career decision to serve community. In particular the ethos of the club and its will to establish a chapter in support of **Operation Flinders**.

Greg Crafter commented on his association with the club and community as Member for Norwood 1979 – 94 and the role played by Rotary, football and others in generating community spirit. He praised the club for its leadership, ethical practice and its development of young people through scholarships.

Rotaract has a Dream



have done it. That people not only want to join us, but others recognise the benefit of partnering or aligning with us.

But, our organisation is at risk. That risk is in large part attributable to APATHY and it can expose us at many levels. Mark Huddleston will tell you that new members just don't happen; they need to be nurtured, mentored, supported and engaged. We need to give them opportunity to serve to lead and contribute their ideas. We need to actively listen and understand why people join Rotary and what they expect from their membership, then we need to deliver.

Apathy is present at every level, in how we manage and report on events, maintain schedules of assets or in what constitutes an effective handover. Unchecked risk and absence of risk mitigation strategies can expose a club to financial ruin, loss of reputation and good standing. Do it one do it well, is a motto underpinning the Pride of Workmanship award – vocational service. Let's adopt it across all we do whether it be running a meeting, planning a project, running a BBQ or major event.

What can you do:
Appoint a club Risk Manager / Compliance Officer – it should be at the top of each Board's recruitment list.

Get Involved, Rotarian and Club participation and active involvement in Rotary and District programs, not only spreads the knowledge but creates the buzz...

Be informed, The weekly HERALD is a one stop shop for what's happening in and around clubs that form this District and our Rotary Zone, make it an essential part of your weekly reading list "STAR" it. You never know you could find just what you are looking for.

Member

Rotaract has a dream; they look up to Rotary and want to be just like them. It is going to be hard but one day it is going to be their day and going to Brisbane for that weekend, I saw potential I didn't know existed.

I thought, as many Rotarians do, that Rotaract was a dying arm of Rotary, particularly in this district. It is amazing how consumed you can get within your own district. This weekend allowed me to see just how much force Rotaract has. Networking with the Rotaract District Representatives across the districts, it was an experience beyond words. It created a crystal clear image of what I want to do with Rotaract in this district.

If we build the number of clubs, if we build Rotaract knowledge among Rotarians, I strongly believe that we can get Rotaract back on its feet and it can stand proud and join in the massive web of districts around the country. Together, they have a national Goal. They want to work Australia wide and I want to support that.

I'd like to give an incredible thank you for all that were involved in allowing me to go to this training. I really believe that it is going to help the future of Rotaract in this district and I highly recommend giving the same opportunity to the one that follows me.

Goals:

- Create at least one more successful Rotaract club within the district
- Build membership
- Create at least one successful Interact club within the district
- Help Flinders achieve their goal of an international project within 3 years

Long Term:

- Develop Rotaract at a district level. I would like to see a district committee
- Host the Rotaract Games
- Inform the district Rotarians about Rotaract and increase their support

Police Officer of the Year Awards



Health of the River Forum



Dear Merbein Rotary Club,

Recognition

New Members

Welcome to the following new Rotarians in District 9520:

Gerald Barker at RC of Burnside

Diana Maneva at RC of Eastwood

Centurions

Recruits to my legion of Centurions has swelled these past months, but to fight the good fight I need more.

My thanks go to Andrew Heard, John Jury and members of the Rotary Club of Norwood for their contribution of \$100 each to the Rotary Foundation.

- DG Wendy Gaborit

Paul Harris

Congratulations to the following Rotarian/s on receiving Paul Harris Awards:

Doug Koch and Clive Bowman at RC of Lameroo

In Memoriam

In memory of the following Rotarian/s:

PAUL ~ Hans Werner (Vern)
6th April 2014
Dedicated member of RC of Mitcham

Secretary Sam's Spot



The Police Band entertained the gathering from 11.45am until 12.30pm. Mayor Lachlan Clyne welcomed police, Rotarians and other guests. DG Wendy Gaborit and PDG Roy Armstrong were in attendance.

President Greg McLeod outlined the history of POOTY and provided a summary of why Senior Constable First Class Daniel McGurgan had been chosen as the recipient.....courtesy, kindness, understanding and courage. Danny McGurgan joined the Police Force in 1984 from the family farm at Cadell. Much of his earlier policing was in remote indigenous communities.

His outstanding efforts within the police force and the local community have earned him numerous awards including from SA Great in 2007, Citizen of the Year in the Mid Murray in 2011 and an OAM in 2013.

Danny was presented with this POOTY citation and shield. Acting Commissioner Grant Stevens provided further details of Danny's excellent service and thanked RC of Unley for sponsoring the award.

Thanks again for sponsoring me to go to the Health of the River Forum at Calperum Station.

The whole weekend was a one off experience, I made heaps of new friends and learnt loads of new things about the river.

The weekend was jam-packed with fun activities about the health of the river and how it all works. We also spent time team bonding and getting to know the other campers, which included playing some games to learn about everyone. We also learnt about the traditional owners of the land and how they used the water and land to survive. We spent time studying native animals to the land and Farm Management processes.

What really impressed me about the weekend was how planned out and organised it was, also how welcoming everyone was and how easy it was to approach any of the adults or the kids.

Thanks again, Grace Woodall

[Find out more](#)

Citizen of the Year





Our District is approaching one year of experience in the use of My Rotary to manage membership and Incoming Officers.

The overwhelming record is that these important administrative services both for RI and our own clubs have been managed well. As we move into the next cycle of club officers I trust those with experience in My Rotary will support the Incoming Officers. The whole organisation works best when members are added or taken from My Rotary when these adjustments occur, and all Incoming Officers are in place early January each year.

From the beginning of 2015 the invoicing for membership dues will be simplified. Each club will receive an invoice for dues each 1st January and 1st July each year which will accurately reflect the club records for membership, so that there will be no need for adjustments or any other calculations. This system is an acknowledgement by RI of the good membership management practices of clubs, and will cement My Rotary use as an essential skill for the President, Secretary and Treasurer of each club.

My encouragement is for all clubs to move to the paperless online management of club dues. It is so time efficient, and quite straightforward.

To round off this Spot please be advised that all clubs in our District will have Incoming Officers registered with RI in readiness to log onto My Rotary on 1st July 2014, and as this appears in the final Edition of DG Wendy's Newsletter, I wish the incoming management team the same level of support from Club members I have enjoyed as District Secretary.



SRM & The Riverland & Mallee Rotary Clubs' 37th Citizen of the Year Awards was held at the Berri Resort Hotel with aprox. 200 attending. The popular MC for the evening was PP John Rix and a very enjoyable evening was experienced by all present.

Pat West from Loxton was chosen from the 9 nominations as the 2013 Citizen of the Year for her volunteer work over many years and Meg Gillespie was awarded the 'Young Person of the Year' in this category. 'The Event of the Year' was given to The Relay for Life Team of women who have raised thousands of dollars over the past 10 years for the Cancer Council Riverland Branch.

DG Wendy Gaborit and PDG Bruce Richardson & Kathy attended the evening along with the Member for Barker, Tony Pasin.

The Guest Speaker Ross Curtis presented a very interesting address on the work of the Royal Flying Doctor Service with the raffle proceeds of \$1,011 donated towards the continuing upgrade of the Flying Doctors planes & equipment.

The Riverland Rotary Clubs have offered to donate to the cause raising the donation to \$2,000. Congratulations to all the 18 nominees and to winners in the 3 catagories.



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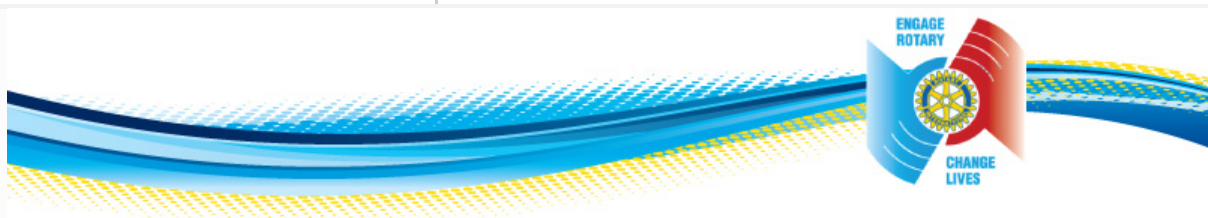
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