



LIGHT UP
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District
9520



Jerry Casburn
District Governor

District Governor's NEWSLETTER

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Jerry's Jottings ...

Well what a month, our feet haven't touched the ground. I am so proud of my club, Unley, they put together a really marvellous conference. It was full of interest, great speakers, fun events and lots of WOW moments. The three waiters stole the show at the dinner on the Saturday evening and Jonathan Usher, our guest Master of Ceremonies from New Zealand, was a coup. It was fantastic to get musical support from the Glenelg Trio of musicians, led by our own redoubtable Nigel Woolmer who helped Unley celebrate 80 years of service. I hope everyone who went got similar enjoyment and will be keen to have a "Lark in Renmark" next year.



It was a pleasure to be able to present Paul Harris Fellows and Sapphire pins to John Jury, Marilyn Armstrong and Melda Hammond. We were continuing a plan put together in Roy Armstrong's year to recognise the sacrifices and support of the partners of District Governors. We all too soon forget that they give up a lot to support us in this role. A real high point was presenting Melda Hammond with a Sapphire pin. The Ballarat conference was her tenth as administrator and she has given great service to so many District Governors in the past. Everything ran like clockwork and she puts so many hours into these major events.



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**HAVE FUN,
ENJOY ROTARY**



Lake Wendouree. Ballarat

Another month full of new experiences and great ways to see this District at work through its clubs.

The weekend of the 10th to the 12th of April saw Briony and I as host parents for the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN). Another successful youth project!! The attendees were as engaged as always, had a ball and will now move on to take advantage of all the other opportunities we offer through Rotary. Congratulations to Sarah Stewart, Steve Hayter and Kaitlin Piggott, Kent Town Rotary, for putting on a great weekend's education for our aspiring leaders. Also thanks to dedicated team of directors, helpers and the team at Camp Shiloh for their hard work and support.

The month also brought our long awaited team of English teachers from Timor Leste as part of the Vocational Training Team (VTT). They are a great group who were eager to enjoy the visit to Australia and the opportunity to hone their skills. The team have been welcomed by host families from a number of clubs and I thank the hosts for their generosity and support in making sure our guests are given every opportunity to engage with local activities as well as attend the various programs of education set up for them. It was a pleasure for Briony and I to personally present a Sapphire pin to Chandra Sluggett for her hard work in bringing the whole project to fruition.

I hope that everyone takes the opportunity to be involved with the group as they attend various Rotary meetings and functions alongside their education program.

We had the opportunity to visit the Riverland in the last week of the month. Loxton Rotary held their Pride of Workmanship awards. Well-deserved recognition for the employees of local firms and organisations. A well-managed evening with a high number of attendees. A great motivational speaker in Belinda Willis, a journalist with the Adelaide Advertiser, who recounted her career, the opportunities she had been given and entreating the awardees to continue their great service to the local community.

Well we are almost up to our last major event. The Rotary Fun and Race Day looms large. A phenomenal amount of work has gone into this enterprise. Oleh Bilyk, Brownhill Creek Rotary, has led an amazing team. Euan Miller, Samone Wear, Robert Cesana, Roy Armstrong, Peter Hammond and Briony have arranged a great showcase for Rotary, its activities and the Foundation. All supported by a lunch which will cover the costs for the event and leave a balance which will go to "End Polio Now".

The Rotary Fun and Race Day is a powerful way to expose a major group to the benefits that Rotary and its clubs bring to the Community. Our 51 clubs have a chance to showcase their programs and encourage membership.



John Jury, PHF with DG Jerry





Well the highlight of my month in Rotary was our District Conference and WOW how proud am I of my club !!! These guys just "Dug" in to get the job done !!!! But what gave me the warm fuzzies, was how the partners of our Rotarians just "Dug in" with us. Honestly, we may have 1,000 blah blah blah, members in our District OFFICIALLY, but really count in our families, friends and partners and we have a huge group of people just doing good in the World Community on Rotary's behalf.

I am so glad to be in Rotary, because with all the worries of the World, Rotary gives me a balance, knowing that it's not all bad stuff, there is a heap of good stuff going on as well.

On another topic, last night, we went to Burnside's "Leaders in Conservation and Volunteers of the Parks" awards. This event was supported by about 20% Rotarians and 80% non-Rotarians whose interests being in sustainable parks and gardens. In other words, we have hardworking greenies and Rotarians, with both groups understanding the dynamics of volunteering. Great night, but what was really great, Bob Cooper was subtle in letting this group know about Rotary, internationally and worldwide. A member donated \$80, so Bob gave insight into how this gift was going to the End Polio Now project and how it turned into \$240 due to the Bill Gates 2 for 1 deal. Since Rotary started the project this has helped to reduce Polio all around the world. He also explained how the "Raffle Money"

went back into the local community. But, my observation, we had a group of keen Environmentalists and I was BUSTING for them to know about our Calperum Land Management and Conservation Project. Well after a couple of hints, Bob was a gem and got to tell them a bit about Calperum and I could hear the ooos and ahhs of interest.

I believe when we have the general public to an event, we need to remember who our audience is and what part of Rotary can we sell that is of interest to them. I would also like at each event, any event to have these last words said "If you have ever thought about being a Rotarian, don't wait to be asked, come and see us now".

District Secretary's Report

Conference Capers

Members of our Club often spend a few days travelling to and from the District Conference. For some of us this sightseeing is almost as enjoyable as the Conference itself. This year we spent some time in the Grampians, a beautiful and majestic part of Victoria, which was only spoiled at night by the loud, persistent mating calls of the nearby koalas!

Undaunted, we moved onto historic Ballarat, with its magnificent colonial architecture, picturesque gardens and proud gold mining history. The Conference was based at the new Federation University campus in Mt Helen, very similar in layout to Flinders University, but without the hills!

Our group thoroughly enjoyed the Conference – and some of them are hard to impress! We heard from a very interesting group of speakers – Noel Pearson received a standing ovation - and we were all literally spellbound by a master of ceremonies, who is both a District Governor and a Magician – surely a unique and very useful combination in Rotary! The social program was equally enjoyable. Our hosts, from the Rotary Club of Unley, proudly celebrated their 80th Birthday in great toe tapping style. The Conference dinner was another highlight, and we were all thoroughly entertained by the magnificent 'Three Waiters,' – who were as memorable as their more famous tenor colleagues. One of our Club members, who has attended many Conferences, rated this one 'Number One.'

In between, our group managed to visit Daylesford, Hepburn Springs and Castlemaine and on the way home we spent our last night back in the Grampians. And guess what? The koalas were waiting to entertain us again!



Peter Hammond



*Grampians
Panorama*

D9520 Lit Up Rotary and Ballarat in April 2015! Janet Singh Reporting

The District Conference theme 'We Are One' provided an opportunity to celebrate making the world a better place through personal contribution and advocacy of united effort.



Thursday Ballarat Mayor John Philips and DG Jerry Casburn welcomed all and introduced Rotary International Representative PDG Dato' Jimmy Lim. DGE Dick Wilson advised the Ride to Conference group raised funds for mental health research. *RC of Alfredton provided refreshments.*

Friday Master of Ceremonies, DG Jonathan Usher (D9980) welcomed delegates. DG Jerry summarised achievements this Rotary year, DGE Dick urged delegates to embrace Rotary service and DGN Sam Camporeale suggested keeping it simple. PDG Dato' Jimmy advised if you fail to tell, you won't sell.

Peter Walsh (ABC Sports Doyen) shared broadcasting tales and funds were collected for prostate cancer research.

Noel Pearson (Aboriginal leader/activist) spoke of Australia's heritage and the connection between Aboriginal culture and land.

Juliet Ramzan (Lawyer/former Rotary Peace Scholar) advised that countries with high-level law obedience are less likely to suffer political unrest or terrorist acts.

DG Jonathan mesmerized with mysterious and supernatural wonders and there was lots to see in the Rotary Showcase. Tours were offered to Ballarat/Creswick, Sovereign Hill and Lake Wendouree, with the intrepid taking to golf and walking tours.

RC of Unley's 80th birthday celebrations included history, music, dancing, singing and cake.



Pearson, Ramzan, Casburn and Walsh

Saturday **Ron Egeberg** (Civil celebrant/arts advocate/Eureka descendant) shared the Eureka story over breakfast. Long and Short Term Youth Exchange students enthusiastically performed the Haka.

Elaine Saunders (Hearing specialist/company director/Rotarian) advised of hearing loss prevalence and technologies to improve quality of life.

Sergeant John Illingworth (2013 SA Police Officer of the Year/road safety expert/Rotarian) compelled us to drive to conditions, not speed limits.

Professor Jane Pirkis (Mental health/suicide prevention practitioner/Australian Rotary Health Research Fund Nominee) challenged us to think differently about suicide in our communities.

Dr Joseph Masika OAM (Leading Migrant/Refugee Advocate/Rotarian) urged clubs to unite and work at District level to reduce maternal mortality.



Saunders, Pirkis, Illingworth, Masika and DG Dick with a Team

DGE Dick announced Renmark as the 2016 Conference destination from 28th April to 1st May. The Conference dinner lit up Ballarat with bright colours, flashing costumes, impressive dance moves and singing. The Three Waiters delighted with a spectacular performance.

Sunday Rotarians called to higher service were remembered and we met the Vocational Training Team - English Teachers from Timor-Leste. D9780 Clubs kindly provided VTT home-hosting. RC Tailem Bend's Music Hall entertained and DG Jerry jumped onstage for The Rocky Horror Show Time Warp!



- **Nick Farr** (High altitude performer/team trainer/philanthropist) challenged us to look inside ourselves and take time to understand what drives us.
- **Holly Ransom** (Motivator/volunteer/youngest Rotary President) suggested telling the 'why' behind what we do and reinventing ourselves to ensure youth appeal and membership renewal.

DG Jerry announced Conference Resolutions and PDG Dato' Jimmy declared that D9520 delivered on Rotary International's objectives to inspire, motivate and inform. RC Ballarat East provided lunch.

Many thanks to all our sponsors and those who contributed talent and time to Conference activities - let's continue to Light Up Rotary!



Stars of the Show !

Yes ! YOU !!!



Check it out. Your pictures are on the District Picasa Album! and yes, you do look most handsome!

To find your pictures in the District Albums follow links below !

☞ District Conference 2015, Ballarat, Thursday to Saturday:
<https://picasaweb.google.com/RotaryDistrict9520/DistrictConference2015>

☞ District Conference 2015, Ballarat, Sunday:
<https://picasaweb.google.com/RotaryDistrict9520/DistrictConference2015Sunday>

☞ Illuminate Sessions, 2014 (Facebook Training): <https://picasaweb.google.com/RotaryDistrict9520/IlluminateSessionD9520>

☞ District Changeover 2014: <https://picasaweb.google.com/RotaryDistrict9520/DistrictChangeover2014>

☞ District Conference 2013, Barossa: <https://picasaweb.google.com/RotaryDistrict9520/D9520Conference2013>

☞ District Conference 2013, Barossa, Friday Capers: <https://picasaweb.google.com/RotaryDistrict9520/D9520FridayCapers>

☞ District Conference 2008, Mt Gambier:
<https://picasaweb.google.com/RotaryDistrict9520/RotaryDistrict9520ConferenceMtGambier2008>

☞ District Conference 2007: <https://picasaweb.google.com/RotaryDistrict9520/RotaryDistrict9520ConferenceBarossa2007>



What Paul Harris Said:

Rotary is not an organization for retrospection.
It is rather one whose worth and purpose lie in
future activity rather than past performance.

Paul Harris
THE ROTARIAN, February, 1923



1906



1910



1913



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Sad News! Nepal Orphanage .

PDG Malcolm Lindquist Reporting

Mark Bouchier (Pulteney Grammar School) has been in touch with Ishwor and below is his latest report. **Things look pretty grim, but we are lucky that all of the children are safe.**

"Thankfully, Ishwor was at the Orphanage when the first major earthquake hit, as Mother Rajan was away on business. This remarkable young man evacuated the 55 children to the veggie patch as both the Orphanage building and the new school building suffered significant damage and appear in imminent danger of collapse. Mother Rajan made her way back in the middle of the night and together they have kept the children safe and warm in the garden, sheltering under blankets as it was raining intermittently. They did not sleep as constant aftershocks frightened the children.

They had a large bag of rice and have cooked this on an open fire to provide some sustenance for the children. A supply of bottled water has been secured for the short term.



Nepalese teenager Ishwor Ghimire studied at Pulteney on a full scholarship in 2013/14 and now mentors children at the orphanage while he prepares for university.

There is no power supply but late today they were able to borrow a small generator which will allow them to recharge their phones and provide a small amount of lighting at night.

Such is the level of destruction in the Kathmandu Valley, that they have not seen, nor expect to, any support from the military or police and fire services.

At the time of the earthquake, a painter working on the roof of the new school was thrown 2 storeys to the ground, sustaining dreadful injuries. After initially dealing with his 55 frightened young charges, Ishwor managed to get him to the local hospital in a taxi. His description of the scenes at the hospital was something no young person should have to deal with. We should all be very proud of him.

A local church has offered their small bamboo structure for the younger children to sleep in tonight and all of the kids have been lining up to use the single toilet at the church. Clearly, our first priority is to try to assist with accommodation and health requirements. Through several Old Scholars in the military we are endeavouring to source suitable tropical weather tents, and a mobile water purification system, and then to deliver these items post haste.

Should the orphanage need to be demolished, it may be impossible to retrieve it's contents prior to destruction and this will bring another level of needed support.

Our good friend Prem Oli, Headmaster of Blue Sky School, has been in touch several times today and I include his recent posts:

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These are typical pictures of devastation in Kathmandu (we could not obtain pictures of the Orphanage itself)

Sunday am: "We are all fine till now. We slept in open land , wake up whole night. More than 1500 people are killed, but no detail report . There was earthquake at 5AM too. All the things of kitchen crashed. I do not know what happened in science lab or computer lab at school. There was another shake just 5 minutes ago. We are out of home for 18 hours. I have come at home now to check mails. It is told there will more ."

Sunday pm: "It was again strong hit at 1PM today with 6.8 rector . Many buildings broke down. We are safe. We are sleeping in the open land whole night. People are not living at their home . More than 2000 people are killed. But there is to come detail report. many world heritage are destroyed.'

Power and hence communication by phone and internet have been seriously disrupted in the city. We await further information from Prem, as to how we might assist his community.

For those who have travelled to Kathmandu, the media coverage of the destruction of centuries old historic sites, aside obviously, from the loss of life, is horrific."

Malcolm Lindquist
Rotary Zone 8 Coordinator 2014-17



Children from the Orphanage; thanks to Ishwor children are safe !

From Joy to Disaster in Two months! PDG Malcolm Lindquist

On the 22nd February the Rotary community and family and friends of the late David Rusk celebrated the opening of the newly constructed school on the outskirts of Kathmandu. The school caters for 55 dalit (untouchable) orphans who live in the adjacent orphanage, which was constructed in 2007, and other local students. The school was constructed entirely by funds donated locally in Australia. See photo (orphanage on the left school on the right)



Orphanage before the Earthquake

On the 25th April disaster struck with the earthquake causing substantial structural damage to the school and orphanage leaving the children, who were thankfully not harmed, homeless.

It is hoped that the buildings will be able to be repaired rather than demolished but it is estimated that this will require around \$200,000.

Plus the children will need temporary accommodation and emergency supplies. (Photo-Children at the opening ceremony)

Can you help?

Using Rotary's trusted network all funds donated through the following account are tax deductible and will be overseen by the Rotary Club of Dillibazar in Kathmandu.

Account for your tax deductible donation:
Rotary Australia World Community Service
BSB 067-105
Account Number 104 024 25
Reference Number 25-2012-13



Past District Governor and Rotary Zone Coordinator Malcolm Lindquist of the RC of Brownhill Creek has been managing the school project and will continue to manage the recovery stage.



Children at the Opening Ceremony

So, what's this talk of pizza got to do with Rotary?

By Mark Huddleston
Chair, Membership & PR Committee



Ham & Pineapple Rotary

My son can be a particularly picky eater. One of his favourite meals is ham and pineapple pizza. We occasionally make pizza at home, and I wouldn't ever bother putting anything on his pizza but ham and pineapple, because he would just pick it off. Occasionally we grab a pizza when we're out, and that's exactly what he does –

picks off anything and everything that is not ham or pineapple. I sort of think ham and pineapple pizzas are a bit on the boring side, but he just loves them that way.



So, what's this talk of pizza got to do with Rotary?

If my Rotary International experience was a pizza, it would be a super supreme. There's a bit of everything and I just wolf it down. If I think of my greatest Rotary experiences, it's hard to go past the three international conventions I've attended, including last year's in Sydney. For a Rotarian, it's the greatest show on Earth. I know that it's hard to make an international convention every year, but when it's in your own back yard, it's hard not to. The second greatest experiences for me have been the numerous District Conferences I've attended. A few weeks ago I drove my wife and kids 7 hours to Ballarat for an amazing experience. DG Jerry and his team pulled off a truly remarkable conference, with highlight after highlight, and my family had a great time enjoying what Ballarat had to offer whilst I was attending the plenary sessions.

But apart from me, there were only 228 other Rotarians from our district who made the trip (over 20 of whom were working behind the scenes to make the show happen). Accompanying partners and guests took the attendance to well over the 300 mark, but I've been scratching my head, wondering why only 229 Rotarians out of a total district membership of 1,369 would come to such an amazing event. **That's just under 17%.**

Many Rotarians cannot get away from work commitments. I ran a catering business for 5 years, and wiping out a weekend meant saying no to 5 or 6 functions, and at the time, I just couldn't do it. Affordability is also an issue. Whilst the registration cost is quite reasonable, accommodation, petrol and meals all add up. Some Rotarians are getting on in years and their health precludes their attendance at such events, and sometimes the conference will clash with other important events in our lives, so it's just not possible. I get that. But I feel the overwhelming majority of people who elect not to attend a district conference are just not interested in "super supreme" Rotary. They like ham and pineapple Rotary, and will pick off anything that's not ham or pineapple.

District Assembly and the many other training events offer more variety to the Rotary pizza too, as do visits to other clubs, attendance at other club fundraising events, or district events like the 110th Birthday or the Rotary Race Day. Taking on a role at district level is like walking into a pizza shop – there is just so much variety on offer. You can choose what roles take your interest, and take advantage of your expertise. It's just like choosing which extra toppings you want on your pizza.



Think of the pizza analogy from a recruitment perspective too. We need to offer a broad range of pizza at our pizza shop, because the customers wouldn't walk through the front door if ham and pineapple was the only variety on the menu.

But here's the kicker. If you never even try those extra toppings, you'll never know what you're missing out on.

I fear that so many Rotarians are not getting the most out of their Rotary experience, and many end up leaving the organisation because ham and pineapple got a little bit boring after a few years. Rotary has so much to offer beyond weekly meetings. Not everything is for everyone. Even I will pick the olives off my pizza. But you'll never know how good pizza can be if you pick off everything that's not ham or pineapple.



SOUTH PACIFIC AT DIK

Dave Cockshell

Chair, Donations in Kind, Central Region

The South Pacific was represented at the Donations in Kind (DIK) warehouse on 29 November - not so much as a musical but as a working bee. Following earlier container projects to Fiji with the Fiji Association of South Australia (FASA), a group of 33 Pacific Islanders came to the DIK warehouse facility at Edinburgh Parks to help

with the goods stored there. This included volunteers from PNG, Tonga, Kiribati, Cook Is, Tuvalu, as well as Fiji. They joined seven Rotarians and partners from Rotary Clubs of Noarlunga East and Gawler Light and five from the DIK committee.



DIK had previously helped FASA get two containers of donated goods to the needy in Fiji, one following the devastating storm in 2012. Another is on the cards for early in 2015. The Rotary Club of Noarlunga East is part of District 9520's Group 5 clubs. This Group has an approved Grant to assist getting an ambulance to Tonga as a part of a container project. This project is planned to be done in 2015 with the help of the SA Ambulance Service providing the ambulance and other medical goods coming from DIK stock.

A special invite for the day was extended to the Rotary Club of Gawler Light's two newest Rotarians (inducted four days previously),

Ian and Marilyn Curtis as they were ex-Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Suva North in Fiji and had lived for many years in both Fiji and PNG. This gave them a good opportunity to share Islander stories, as well as doing an excellent job cleaning part of the warehouse!

A BBQ lunch provided a great fellowship opportunity for all. It also gave DIK Chairman, Dave Cockshell, an opportunity to outline the wide range of container projects to the South Pacific Islands that the RAWCS Central Region DIK programme had coordinated. In recent years these include PNG, Fiji, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Philippines and Vanuatu.

Overall the day was a great success. Over 80% of the jobs on the task list for the day were completed. This makes a big difference for the DIK committee in managing the site and the very dynamic movement of donated goods into and out of the facility to needy communities. The day provided an excellent opportunity for fellowship and goodwill with many island nations represented.



If other clubs or groups wish to have a similar entertaining and constructive day doing international service, as well as environmental service by reducing landfill, please contact DIK Chairman, Dave Cockshell (contact details in District Directory). DIK is a great opportunity for clubs and Rotarians to be involved in both international and community service so please consider either physical and/or financial contribution to this programme in balancing your service across the Rotary's Five Avenues of service.



Australian Rotary Health

Dr Andrew Benson Reporting



Andrew Benson

In 2015 Australian Rotary Health enters its 34th year of existence, thanks to the foresight of Rotarian Ian Scott. From those origins in May 1981 the Fund has established itself as the main Community Service arm of Rotary in Australia. Since 2000, the main objective of Australian Rotary Health has been to increase knowledge and awareness of Mental Illness, and in that time approximately \$27,000,000 has been put into Mental Illness research.

Thanks to Rotarians in District 9520 for their support of Australian Rotary Health as our District has now contributed over \$1.4 million dollars into the fund.

It is with some sadness that this year we saw the passing of PP Geoff Bailey OAM. Geoff was a member of the Rotary club of Mitcham and a recipient of the Australian Rotary Health Medal. Due to his work the Indigenous Health Scholarship program came into existence in 2000 and has enabled many Indigenous people to enter the health care profession in its various forms. As a consequence of that past Premier Dean Brown was also honoured with the Australian Rotary Health medal, for his government's financial support to the Indigenous scholarship program in 2002. There are now over 192 students who have successfully completed their training due to the Scholarship program. Geoff and his contribution will always be remembered.



PP Geoff Bailey AM



4 Doctors at Hallett Cove

Honorary Rotarian and Volunteer of the year in 2013 for the Southern Suburbs, Dr David Squirrell has made a generous donation to Australian Rotary Health and been awarded a Ruby Companion.

David has lost most of his vision due to Retinitis Pigmentosa and has retired from active medical practice to become an advocate for visually impaired persons.

On Tuesday, August 12, 2014 Dr Squirrell was a special guest of the Rotary Club of Hallett Cove, where DGE Dick



Wilson presented him with the Ruby Companion award in the company of around 50 Rotarians. Dr Squirrell is a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation and a member of Paul Harris Society



Ride to Conference

Over many years Rotarian Ian Parsons has helped organise the Ride to conference. Ian has spent many an hour organising this event which has been going since 2007 and has raised approximately \$27,000.

Thanks a lot Ian.



Trainee Award Programme

Alan Kluske, President
RC of Encounter Bay



The Rotary Encounter Bay have just implemented their Trainee Award Program with co-sponsors Eat@Whalers and Victa Cinemas. The aim of this award is to promote excellence in the workplace in Victor Harbor.

Businesses are asked to nominate one of their trainees who they think are worthy of the award each month. The monthly award given to the trainee is a meal voucher for \$100 from Eat @ Whalers and a 2 cinema tickets from Victa Cinemas. The judging will be done by Statewide Training, the VHBA committee and the Rotary Vocational committee.

At the end of the year the businesses who successfully nominated their trainee will be asked to submit another nomination with updated details of the trainees' performance over the year. The 12 monthly winners will then be judged by the same judges. The winner of the award will be given \$500 and then, upon presentation of an invoice from a Tertiary Institution, up to \$3,500 will be paid to that institution for ongoing educational fees. This can also be paid to a business if the business is paying the education fees for their trainee.

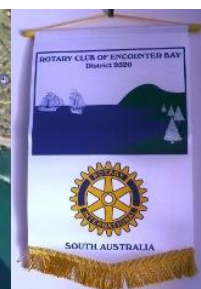
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Any trainee, in any position, can be entered, from trades to IT to butchers, bakers and candlestick makers! And there is no age restriction on the award.

Jamie Dwyer is the first recipient of the new Rotary Club of Encounter Bay Trainee award. Jamie, an employee of Fleurieu Crash Repairs, was chosen from an excellent field of applicants for the April award and now qualifies for the Trainee of the year award. Jamie has taken considerable initiative in improving company security, learning the roles of others so that she can cover for them in their absence, undertaking a first aid course in her own time, and has improved the business filing system. She is punctual, well groomed, and gives her best at all times. She has been successful in building her qualifications through TAFE and is both customer focused and future oriented.

Shirley Sunter from the Rotary Club, commented that judges from VHBA, Statewide and Encounter Bay Rotary Club were unanimous in choosing Jamie from the field of excellent trainees. She encouraged all businesses with trainees to become involved and to recognize excellence in the workplace and to support trainee development through nominating them. It allows the trainee and employer to chat frankly about work performance while preparing the brief application form. All applications received have a life of three award periods (months). Forms can be obtained from <http://www.rotarynews.info/2/Club/3753/9190>



Youth Exchange Update

Gayl Sparnon, Chair, Youth Exchange Committee



Your district YEC has had a very busy year.

We have commissioned a new website <http://9520.ryea.org.au/>. We have also produced a cinema ad, you can see it on YouTube and Facebook; <https://www.facebook.com/D9520youthexchange/>

This year we had 23 long term and short term students at the District Conference at Ballarat, we had cooperative relations with District 9500 Youth Exchange Committee and students.



Our efforts are working as we have many more Expressions of Interest from prospective outbound students and more clubs are getting involved again.

However we need more committee members to assist, so if you this would interest you please see our situations vacant ad or contact ;

A Traveller's Tale !

On the Lighter Side!

I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots.
Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there.
I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

One of my favourite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!

And, sometimes I think I am in Vincible but life shows me I am not!

