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Jerry Casburn
District Governor

District Governor's NEWSLETTER

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Jerry's Jottings ...

Doesn't time pass quickly when you are having fun? We are now a quarter of our way through our tenure as District Governor. It has been an eventful month in many ways.

On a personal note, my son Matthew married fiancée Jenna and they are currently sunning themselves in the Maldives and then on their way to Vietnam. It must also have been a month for nuptials, Briony's friend's daughter had an engagement party in Melbourne.

Courtesy of the latter you will now see a different "Where's Jerry?" picture in the Herald. Our return through Ararat had a Roo decide to commit "Hara Kari" in front of the Volvo. As an ageing car it was a write-off. Fortunately no human injury but it did involve a 24 hour return journey to Adelaide. Not a lot of transport in country Victoria on a Sunday afternoon.

Club visits went well and it still staggers both Briony and I that we engage in so many different projects and opportunities for community involvement. All the clubs we visited had a lot of fun and that is so important, it makes our clubs attractive to both members and potential members. There was lots of good humour too, whether it was the Mitcham members bagging Sonja Dillon's Kiwi accent, or Blackwood bagging the DG for anything and everything.

Our visit to Blackwood was great and I had pleasure in presenting a silver award to Jeff Hunter for recruiting five new members to Blackwood over the past year. The club also presented \$2000 for our cause and our charity, the Rotary Foundation.

At the end of August we were privileged to attend the reception for the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) held at Government House for this year's group of students. They were from District 9500 as well as our own. The new Governor Hieu Van Le was very complimentary of both NYSF and Rotary, a great event.

We also spent an evening with the Burnside club as they celebrated their 2000th meeting. There was a great speaker on Autism and its effect on families from the father of a severally Autistic child.

By the time we publish, notices will have been sent out to clubs relating to District Grants. While we could not meet all requests most have been. I would like to thank the District Foundation Committee for their work in analysing and recommending where the money is granted.

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HAVE FUN, ENJOY ROTARY



Our Specialist Training was held at St Francis of Assisi School on the 14th of September. Attendance was fantastic with some forty plus members learning more about Risk Management, Insurance, Youth Protection and the Foundation. Thanks go to Nigel Woolmer (District Risk Officer), John Rix (Insurance Officer), Peter Poulton and David Binks (Youth) for their presentations and to Damian Leach for organising the whole event, including the food and refreshment.

October 14th sees the District AGM, a changed process as we comply with State legislation to hold it within four months of the end of the Financial year, rather than at the Conference. From reading the various Bulletins I know that many clubs are ensuring discussion of the changes to the Constitution and Bye-Laws, plus the District financials which we anticipate to have been audited by that time.

Speaking of conference, planning for 2015 is powering ahead and as promised we expect the registration and invitation documents to go out in early October. The conference committee under the leadership of Conference Chair David Middleton have a formidable array of speakers, Rotary content, evening entertainment and local tours organised. So do not forget "Where is it at? BALLARAT". April 16th to 19th.



We promised to send out copies of the planned Schools Presentation to Groups and Clubs at the end of this month. This is aimed at the School's executive and interested parents and friends chairs. We are on target and the presentations will undergo a dry run with the Assistant Governors on September 28th before distribution. While many clubs do have strong relationships with local schools we hope they will engage in a group activity to promote Rotary, its Youth programs and clubs involved. We anticipate this will increase teacher awareness and perhaps even recruit a few teachers. The latter a key to gaining a foothold into schools and promote these fantastic programs.

Many clubs are planning events, whether it is a Taste of Timor or Strathalbyn's Duck Race. All are promoted in the Herald, if you tell us!! These are good ways to promote club's events, their community involvement and Rotary. Let's try to support them. We hope to see some of you at these. They are a good way to "ENJOY ROTARY AND HAVE FUN".

Governor's Travels Into Several Remote Parts of the District



Good times at Brownhill Creek



Good Friends at Mitcham



Good Fun at Hallett Cove



Farewell to the Maldives Team



Good Meeting at Kent Town



More fun at Blackwood!



Briony's Blog



In 1969, I was sixteen wearing long hair, long dresses and bare feet with bells on my toes. The music and parties were amazing, we danced the nights away.

It was also a time of revolution, a fashion revolution, looking "cool" and imitating the styles of the rock bands we loved. Women especially started to have the freedom to do things our mothers never did. It was also a time when the Vietnam War was on. In 1969, John Lennon wrote "Give Peace a chance". Then of course Cat Stevens "Peace Train" hit the charts in 1971 and our social conscience was developing.

At this time I fell in love and marriage and children followed. Life was busy and full, but my social conscience was still awake. I did what I could, loved being a mum, helping neighbours and school tuckshops and other community events. I was aware in 1975 of Pol Pot and the

Khmer Rouge's takeover and bloodbath in Cambodia. In 1981 the discovery of AIDS put fear into us all and in 1983 the first Terrorist explosion in Beirut. Another 1983 song that hit the charts and once again brought social conscience, especially here in Australia, was "When I was only nineteen" a brilliant story of a young man, who went to the Vietnam war and how it affected his life. Michael Jackson's 1985 "We are The World" hit the planet, saying "we know what is happening, people are starving, how can we do nothing" In 1989 the Berlin Wall comes down and 1993 the world's attention was drawn to the Rwandan Genocide, followed in 1994 where the Hutu's kill up to a million Tutsis. Bad news, but everyday life in Australia goes on.

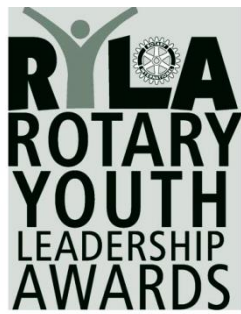
I worked full time over the years and raised a family moving around Australia with the Army eight times. I had heard of Rotary, Lions, Apex and a friend had asked me if I was interested in joining Lions, which when I did show interest, my husband at the time over ruled and said "we weren't interested". Then four years ago, children well gone, I said to my now ex "I wasn't interested in him" and started my new life.

My life was now an open page and I knew exactly what I wanted. Meeting Jerry eight months later, was a wonderful surprise and to have him and Rotary in the same package, was an amazing bonus. I now feel like I am sixteen again and I am part of the new revolution of Rotarians who are trying to make things right in the world.

I am surrounded by amazing people who work together and no projects are too hard. I have my badges of peace from all over the world, given to me at San Diego, where I met the other 520, 2014/15 District Governors, from over 190 countries. But the badge I am most proud to wear is the little Rotary Wheel, where 1.2 million Rotarians are all rolled up into my one.

Rotary is the vehicle to make the world a better place and I think it might be Cat Steven's "Peace Train"





RYLA Seminar Nunyarra Conference Centre, Belair

By Peter Poulton

DG Jerry opened the 2014 RYLA Seminar on Saturday morning at picturesque Nunyarra Conference Centre, Belair.

Administrator, Nick Ditter, arranged perfect hills weather for the first day, which saw 38 delegates, sponsored by 29 different clubs embarking on a one week leadership training adventure.

In opening the event DG Jerry spoke about Rotary's commitment to youth through several different programs. He particularly encouraged all participants to look at the opportunities that Rotaract offers.

Four delegates are already Rotaractors and several others are planning to join. Further details of the seminar will be included in next month.

What is RYLA?

RYLA is a 7 day residential leadership seminar. Young adults keen to exercise their leadership potential participate in a range of formal and informal activities, which promote leadership skills as desirable qualities.

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARD

- Are you keen to make a difference?
- Are your dreams are so big they seem impossible?
- Do you acknowledge what is but inevitably ask, "What could be"?
- Do you realize that you don't have to be in charge to have significant influence?
- Do you refuse to blame others for your circumstances and take responsibility for finding solutions?
- Do you foster unity by bringing people together and encouraging dialogue?
- Are you are quick to recognise your mistakes?
- Do you value relationships more than tasks?
- Do you practice what you preach?
- Are you always striving to learn from other strong leaders?

If you have answered any one of these questions with "yes" then RYLA might be for you!



RYLA - The Class of 2014



LTYE Nunyara Briefing Day

August 30th 2014

Gayl Sparnon, Chair, Youth Exchange Committee

Students, parents and councillors for the outbound and inbound students in Districts 9500 and 9520 attended the briefing day for Long Term Youth Exchange students at Nunyara Conference Centre at Belair. The District Chairs of Youth Exchange and District Committees David Johnson, Gayl Sparnon and District Governors John Campbell and Jerry Casburn were there to introduce and congratulate all the students.

Many former exchange students attended offering support and advice to outgoing and incoming students.

The purpose of the day was to brief the outgoing students and their parents about what to expect while on exchange. The session explained how the process works, what students can expect from Rotary and what Rotary expects from students while on their exchange. The inbound students also attended the sessions and they were able to pass on information about their countries to the outgoing students.

This was an opportunity for the inbound students to get to know each other.

They participated in a session on their own where information relevant to their exchange was presented. This, also, gave them the opportunity to discuss any problems or concerns they have had.

Important topics on the day included:

- Travel and visa arrangements
- Youth protection
- Reports and procedural matters
- Counsellor briefings
- Emotions during exchange.
- And the presentation 'A Perspective of my Exchange' by former exchange students.



Welcome to all the new inbound students to Districts 9500 & 9520

The day was most successful and the we all enjoyed great weather and a lovely communal lunch. Our Guest Speaker : Emma Forster. RYEA STUDENT Japan 1993 now TV presenter and founder of "Swimming with Tuna" in Pt Lincoln also joined us at the lunch.



World Polio Day

Join Rotary on World Polio Day, October 24, for a live-streamed global status update on the fight to end polio. Guests will include Global Polio Eradication Initiative partners, celebrity ambassadors, polio survivors and special guests.

If you can't join the live event, you can still be a part of this moment in history. Share your voice online, advocate to your government or create your own World Polio Day event.

Add World Polio Day to your calendar.

Visit <http://www.endpolio.org/worldpolioday>



2000th Meeting Rotary Club of Burnside

By President Wendy Stewart



On the 17th September R.C. Burnside celebrated its 2000th meeting.

Special guests were DG Jerry Casburn, and his wife Rtn Briony, AG Scott Nicholls and his wife Sara. President Wendy Stewart briefly outlined major highlights of the club's achievements and DG Jerry responded.

The club has a very proud history and has been involved in many worthwhile projects

both locally and internationally. It has won District and State awards. As the club will turn 40 in May more specific programme details will be outlined on that occasion.

The guest speaker was Travis Saunders who founded the charity 'Run 4 Autism'.

He was an inspirational speaker who outlined how he and his wife Fiona are coping with their son, Patrick's autism and the formation of their charity. Travis has set up a platform on Facebook through which people can donate to one of the eleven Autism charities in Australia.



*AG Scott Nicholls, Travis Saunders, Sara Nicholls
and President Wendy Stewart*



*President Wendy Stewart & President Elect Brett Dalton
Cutting Celebratory Cake*

Running events are used as the main avenue of fundraising. The members at the meeting were deeply touched by Travis's story and amazed at what he has been able to achieve.

There was a great atmosphere in the room on the night and the occasion was further marked by the cutting of a birthday cake. The club looks forward to continuing in its proud tradition and celebrating even more in May.

Did you know that RC of Burnside was chartered in 1975 after being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Norwood. At present They have 33 members (7 women and 26 men). Their members have a wide range of vocations. Some are in full employment, whereas others are either semi-retired or fully retired. They, also, have 'friends' of the club who help with projects and fundraising. Burnside is known as an active club as it has many fundraising activities to support their numerous Rotary and Local projects.



Guess where
was this picture
taken?

District Grants

Congratulations to those clubs who were successful in obtaining a District Grant for 2014 – 2015.

A list of clubs that were awarded grants is set out below and indicates a wide range of projects. Competition for these grants was healthy with an oversubscription of around 30% resulting in some cut backs.

DISTRICT 9520 GRANTS 2014-15: SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

Club	Project Description	Offer	Total Value
1 Berri	India - low cost shetars	\$ 2,000	\$ 12,185
2 Berri	Calperum	\$ 2,500	\$ 10,000
3 Blackwood	Morocco - school library	\$ 2,500	\$ 4,890
4 Blackwood	Calperum - Health of the River	\$ 3,000	\$ 19,178
5 Brownhill Ck	Nepal - Orphanage & Blue Sky school desks	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,000
6 Eastwood	The Maldives - women's empowerment	\$ 3,000	\$ 10,000
7 Edwardstown	Nepal - Solar Lighting in Pathlekhet Village	\$ 2,600	\$ 7,000
8 Encounter Bay	Kenya - rainwater and sanitation project	\$ 3,000	\$ 15,500
9 Glenelg	Vanuatu - reading program	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000
10 Goolwa	South Coast District Hospital - O ₂	\$ 1,800	\$ 3,630
11 Irymple	Uganda - POSHU gardening project	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000
12 Irymple	Uganda - POSHU hygiene & health training	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
13 Loxton	Timor-Leste kindergarten project	\$ 2,000	\$ 6,000
14 Mildura	Birthing Kits	\$ 2,000	\$ 6,000
15 Mitcham	Scholarship	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
16 Robinvale-Euston	Solomon Islands - water filters	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000
17 Unley	Sri Lanka - Biyagma Children's home IT	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000
18 Norwood	Yanagon Children's Hosp - Achilles tenotomy	\$ 1,800	\$ 3,575
19 Norwood	Scholarship - Sarah Ann Borg	\$ 5,000	\$ 34,945
20 District 9520	Darcy travel	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Totals		\$ 41,200	\$ 151,903

Clubs are encouraged to plan early for future District Grants as the call for grant monies for the 2015 – 2016 grant year will be made in March 2015.

Global Grants

Is your club looking to become involved in a global grant either in your own right or in cooperation with other clubs? Opportunities for global grants become available from time to time and you should register your interest with Global Grant Chair Bob Geekie who can then forward details of grants that we become aware of during the year.

Bob can be contacted by email bob@geekie.com.au or by phone on 0404 858 195.



End Polio Month

What is your club doing to celebrate End Polio this October? World Polio day is celebrated on 24th October. Several clubs are organising film nights whilst raising funds for polio provide a fun evening for those attending. Other clubs are supporting projects such as the Worlds Greatest Meal. These can take the form of a Guess who

is Coming to Dinner, BBQ to raise funds and awareness or a formal dinner party. Register the event with Coordinator Susanne Rea of the RC of Cairns Sunrise or on line at www.wgmeal.com

For further information contact RI D9520 Polio Plus coordinators, Penni Hamilton-Smith of the RC of Mitcham and Margaret Northcote of RC of Campbelltown.



Specialist Training

During September, a specialist training day was conducted at Saint Francis of Assisi School in Newton.

PDG Euan Miller facilitated the training in the absence of PDG Bruce Richardson, and over 14 clubs were represented. The training provided an insight into opportunities for future District Grants as well as Global Grants projects.

A specialist training day is planned to be conducted for Groups 1 & 2 in Mildura on 16th November.

"My Rotary"

Foundation Goals 2014 - 2015

A recent check on the RI website "My Rotary" of the goals for giving to the Rotary Foundation by clubs has revealed that only nine clubs have entered details.

DG Jerry Casburn has mentioned that he is now well into his club visits and has received excellent support from Presidents and clubs in establishing their goals for the Annual Programs Fund and the End Polio program. It is our intention to have every club establish a goal for this year and have those figures entered into "My Rotary" for your club. If you are having difficulties in accessing My Rotary on the RI website, please contact PDG Bruce Richardson or District Secretary Peter Hammond to obtain assistance.



ROTARY CLUB OF WENTWORTH PIONEER MUSEUM By PP Sandra Arnold

The Rotary Folk Museum and Art Centre in the old Ozone Theatre, Darling Street, Wentworth was opened by Rotarian Verco Whyte on 17th December, 1966. There were 2000 visitors to the Museum in the first 14 days.

Initially the Museum was staffed by volunteers from a local church group on the week days and by Rotarians on the weekends.

In 1985 the Wentworth Services Club purchased the Museum and land for their car park extensions and the Museum was resited to Beverley Street, opposite the Wentworth Gaol. On 17th November, 1998 The Rotary Club of Wentworth took ownership of the Museum and land.

The Pioneer Museum is opened 7 days a week, with Christmas Day being the only day it is officially closed. It is staffed with a mixture of volunteers from the local community and from the Rotary Members.

The Mildura Arts Group provided the murals for the Museum and these continue to be a highlight of the museum.

The exhibits continue to be maintained and improved. New display cases have recently been purchased over the last few years and a re shuffle of the way the displays are presented has made for a very interesting and well displayed Museum of which generates much interest to the Tourists that come visiting Wentworth and the Sunraysia district daily.

The Museum also hosts a display on Mega Fauna which has been found around the district and just recently has added into its

display a new Dinosaur exhibit.

The Wentworth Military Collection has a display in the Museum. This unique collection displays relics, artefacts and militaria from all over the world, with an emphasis on Australian service to our nation. Local items of interest on display include ordnance from the Wentworth Range, Kitty Hawk wreckage from a number of crash sites around Wentworth.

Entrance to the Museum is \$5 and there is always a friendly Rotarian interested in talking to you about the exhibits. Please visit us when you are in our town.

Open 7 days a week, 10am – 4pm
Beverley Street, Wentworth, NSW





The Comfort Zone

By Mark Huddleston

Membership & Public Relations Coordinator

I'm going to let you in on a simple, yet alarmingly underrated and underutilised activity for improving your club, meeting new friends and broadening your horizons. It is a simple thing you can do with very little effort, but our statistics suggest so few Rotarians actually do it... ever. ... Are you ready? Here it is. VISIT ANOTHER CLUB.

Right now I can hear you all shouting out, "What are you on about? I often visit other clubs". Well, I once read a statistic which suggested a whopping 70% of Rotarians will go an entire Rotary year without ever having a Rotary experience other than their own club's regular meeting. Not only do they not visit other clubs during that year, they don't attend District Conferences, District Training Events & Seminars and don't sit on any District committees or have a Rotary role outside of their own club. In fact, if it wasn't for the occasional Rotarian guest speaker (from another club) at their meeting, they could actually go a whole year without even seeing a Rotarian from outside of their own club. I'm glad we all get a DG visit!

So how do you really know how your club is performing, if you never compare notes with other clubs? There's so much out there in that big, wide Rotary world to see.

I've been really privileged to serve at District level for a number of years now. For a couple of years on the Rotary Foundation Committee, the last 3 years as Group 6 Assistant Governor, and now as District Membership chair – and each role has meant a good deal of club visits and presentations, not to mention presenting at various training events. I won't say it's all been easy, there have been some really busy weeks and late nights, but boy I've had some fun and met some great people along the way. And if I'm completely honest, I'd struggle to imagine my Rotary experience any other way.

Full List of Clubs in District can be found:

Rotary Down Under web site at (D9520 & 9500)

<http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au/districts-details?DISTRICT=9520>

<http://www.rotarydownunder.com.au/districts-details?DISTRICT=9500>

District 9520 web site:

<http://www.rotarynews.info/District9520>

District 9500 website:

<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/50056>



There have definitely been a few added bonuses too, like the great ideas I've gained from the way other clubs do things. Every club is that little bit different. Some are very formal, some informal. Some are very traditional, and some are more relaxed and progressive. Some club meetings have been bright, loud, colourful and exciting, and to be honest, some have been a little "beige"!

But do you know what? There's no place like home. I still love my own club (Edwardstown) and really appreciate going to my own club meetings and participating in my own club's events, projects and fundraisers. There's nothing wrong with being a passionate, dedicated and hard working member of your own club, but I think everyone can benefit from occasionally taking off the blinkers.

Next week, the members of the Rotary Club of Edwardstown are doing something which, for most of us, will be out of our comfort zone. We are having a "scatter meeting". There will be no meeting at our regular venue, instead we have all been given a list of other clubs to visit, all of which meet on the same night, so there can be no excuses. I know there are other clubs that do this regularly, and good on them. The following week we have all been asked to report back on the good, the bad, and hopefully not too much of the ugly.

So please think seriously about my challenge – get out of your comfort zone and see more of the wonderful world of Rotary!



Sad News! Scott Field 2004 Inaugural Peace Fellow – an Obituary By PDG Euan Miller

I record with sadness the passing of Scott Field the 2004 inaugural Peace Fellow for D 9520. Scott was killed in a fall in a hiking accident in the French Alps.

As the first Peace Fellow, Scott was presented to the Governor at a ceremony at Government House Adelaide before taking up his fellowship to undertake a Masters in Peace and Reconciliation at the University of California, Berkeley. The Rotary Club of Burnside was his mentoring club. Since the completion of his fellowship Scott remained overseas working in both the USA

and the Middle East. Scott returned briefly to Adelaide in 2007 as a keynote speaker at DG Peter Ochota's conference.

I well remember Scott's practicum in Israel and Palestine in 2005. He was there when the war broke out with Hezbollah in Lebanon and was ordered by RI to return to the USA for safety. He refused to return arguing that he had only two more weeks of his practicum to go, he was in the midst of important negotiations between Fattah and the Israelis and was currently in Jerusalem which at that time was out of the range of Hezbollah rockets! He eventually returned unscathed to Berkeley.

Since then Scott continued to focus on the Middle East.

He had just been appointed in August to the United Nations office of the Special Envoy to Syria and was based in Damascus. He was never a person who was not committed to peace, no matter what the risks might be.

Other roles he held were Middle East Manager for Skoll Global Threats Fund, Conflict Analyst for Vibrant Data, Technology Advisor, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and he also lectured in National Security Affairs to the Naval post graduate School in the USA and retained a visiting scholar role at Berkeley from the completion of his studies.

We extend our sympathy to his family and friends.

District Conference, Ballarat, Victoria ***16th – 19th April 2015***



We are One!

Make it a holiday !

Beautiful and Historical Ballarat, so much to see and so much to do!

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Social Media, the More the Merrier!

By PP Satish Gupta

For computer literates, Social Media is today's rage. It can be put to a great use, but could also be used to malign others or bully someone. I am aware of one instance where it is being misused. On the whole, though, it has been a good development for the mankind. The RI is using it and so are some of the Clubs.

We need more than one party to be social, in fact, the more the merrier. More hands, not mouths in this case, spread your message faster, thus reaching the community instantly.

Be brief and positive. No one likes long and negative messages. Social media is an effective tool to spread the message, about your Club activities and anything good that you offer. It might one day bring more members and donations.

A grandfather took his granddaughter out for lunch on her birthday.

"Don't you have any friends?" He asked.

"Oh, Yes, about a thousand of them."

"Well, where are they?"

"On the *Facebook*, spread all over the world." she replied.



A social media post is like a stone skipping across a pond. Each comment or retweet makes new ripples.



Secretary's Corner

Maintaining a Strong Constitution

This month we will be holding our District's Annual General Meeting. The main items on the agenda will be resolutions to amend the District's Constitution and Bylaws.

As a member of Rotary International, it is important that our District Constitution complies with the Constitution of Rotary International. Rotary's Council on Legislation meets every three years to consider amendments to RI's Constitution. They last met in 2013 and their changes are included in the amendments that will be discussed at our Annual General Meeting.

In addition, as an Incorporated Association, it is important that our Constitution and Bylaws comply with relevant State and Commonwealth legislation. Locally, the Office of Consumer and Business Affairs administers the Association Incorporation Act on behalf of the Corporate Affairs Commission. Any Constitutional amendments must be approved by Rotary International before registration with the Office of Consumer and Business Affairs.

The Annual General Meeting is open to all Rotarians in good standing. However, voting on amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws is restricted to specific voting delegates. Each Club in the District can nominate one voting delegate for every 25, or major fraction thereof, of its members. A delegate must be present at the AGM to vote. The Clubs must submit the names of their voting delegate(s) to the District Secretary before the meeting.

These details have already been circulated to all Club Presidents and Secretaries. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Peter Hammond, *District Secretary*