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Jerry Casburn.
District Governor

District Governor's NEWSLETTER

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Jerry's Jottings ...

Well where do I start this month, Briony and I have had lots of fantastic experiences as we journey round the District, seeing old friends and making new ones.

We are now a third of the way through the club visits and neither of us wants this to end. Every club has a different story to tell, different projects, and different ways to run meetings but all with the same level of enthusiasm.

Among the things that we did learn this month one that is really worth repeating, we found out that Lions aren't the only ones that ROAR. At the Red Cliffs meeting we talked about involving new members and President Ian Cook told us that we should ROAR, that is RECRUIT, ORIENTATE, ACTIVATE, RETAIN. What a great suggestion and easy to remember. Ian said it came from JCs but imitation is the finest form of flattery.

Already reported on, *Illuminate* was a great success with two fabulous speakers, a job superbly executed and my thanks go to Mark Huddleston for his hard work.

We also had the good fortune to attend the Tailem Bend Music Hall, what an event, lots of community enthusiasm and hard work from RC of Tailem Bend and a packed theatre made it fabulous (see page 9) The acts were great, the music live and some fine acting, especially from the children from the local school. Events like this draw the community together as a main benefit and they make money to support local projects. We will definitely be booking a spot next year, so should you.

Sunday, 17th August was the day many feared, not least of all me. Jessie Bern organised, on behalf of the Glenelg Club "Cold plunge". No "budgie smugglers" for me, board shorts and a large tee shirt to hide the bulges. The event attracted a large group of plungers who managed to get into the sea, over their heads, and remain for five minutes. Last official count was over \$4000 raised for Vinnies and Anglicare, the expectation is for more than \$6,500 when all receipts are in. The event also got good coverage, local papers and channel nine reported on the event. Good exposure for Rotary in more ways than one.

I made it to an afternoon tea with my own club, Unley, who were thanking the many volunteers that support the efforts of their Opp shop, a good money raiser for the club. One of the staunch volunteers, Margaret Basisto was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow.

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I also managed to attend a number of committee meetings held during the month. Often unsung, without these meetings we would not make the progress we do and the District thanks all of those who participate. One such meeting was the allocation of the District grants. Well managed by Bruce Richardson as chair and supported by John Lewis (Blackwood) and Bob Geekie (Brownhill Creek). Tough, but fair, decisions were made and hopefully most applicants will benefit from the grant support. It really does emphasise the importance of giving to the Foundation's Annual Fund. This allows us, three years on, to receive 50% of the current year's funding back as District Designated grants. We also get a crack at the remainder through world grants such as Vocational Training teams and projects with an overall value over \$30,000.



PDG Roy & Charter President Don

Tinged with a little sadness I attended the last meeting, a farewell, of the Rotary Club of Marion. The room at the Marion Hotel was a buzz, packed with the last, and many past, members of Marion Rotary. The event was a celebration of 44 years of service to the community. Don Cant charter President was among those attending, Don was there at the club's beginning and at the end.

The pleasing news is that most of the final membership has transferred to other clubs, including Don who has joined Holdfast Bay.

On a happier note, Briony and I also attended the 2,500th meeting of Berri Rotary. The event served to celebrate 54 years of their working with the local community. The occasion also saw the induction of Tony Smith as President replacing David Glen whose job has taken him to Kangaroo Island. Hopefully David will soon join Rotary on the island. It was a great evening and a chance to meet both members and many partners.

Good progress is being made across the District we have a good increase in membership, as reported in the Herald. Let's keep that up but more importantly let's make sure we involve our members and keep them, remember to ROAR.

Finally, I hope you are all managing to "Have Fun and Enjoy Rotary!"

Governor's Travels Into Several Remote Parts of the District



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Mildura Airport Avenue of Trees (more in the next issue)



Good Friends at Glenelg



What Paul Harris said:

A Reward is Friendship

"The 1905 members of the Rotary Club of Chicago, so valued the friendship of their fellow-members that they put a ban upon religious and political discussions, fearing that they might become disturbing factors, and they were richly rewarded for their foresight.

There was plenty of dynamite in questions which might have been raised; but they were not raised. The formula was very simple; it read, 'Go about your common tasks together, avoid discussions of dissention subjects, and your reward will be friendship.'

The formula was worthy of adoption in much wider circles."

Paul P. Harris,
Page 59, "This Rotarian Age" 1935



Briony's Blog

"They say "you can pick your friends, but not your family ". I beg to differ, I have a Rotary Family and the dynamics of this family are like my ownbut dare I say better !!!! Well better for me.

Grandfathers, Father and dear Uncles are all long gone and the three generations of Rotary males and females fill many gaps in my life and many other Rotarians I have met feel the same. One young Rotarian on our visits, said his dad left when he was very young and he enjoys the wisdom and kindness of some of the members of his club. He even said he wanted to tell them one day how much he valued them.

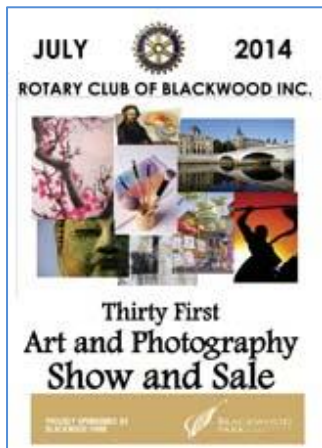
Like family members, we have some who aren't quite on the same page, we are embarrassed, amused, annoyed but they are family, so loyalty kicks in to keep the family together. The big

difference with my Rotary family, is there are no expectations of me. Everything I do is gratefully received.

The people we help overseas, are, sometimes overwhelmed by the generosity of complete strangers who care about their wellbeing. As a mother, my children have had expectations of me on how to be a good mother and grandmother to them and their children. Being a parent is like having a contract that never runs out. They are great, but honestly they are unhappy because I am having way more fun. I want to spend time with my hubby. I love the arts, music, theatre, reading, meeting people, travel, food, community service local and overseas.

In my Rotary family, I can enthusiastically share all of that with everyone and anyone. I see my Rotary family more often because I can be me and whether they like it or not they are very polite for the 2 hours each week I see them. They don't make me feel guilty if I don't turn up or if I don't give them money. BUT best of all, I can talk Rotary without eyebrows being raised!! I do love my Rotary familyoops.....did I say that out loud in front of the kids!?"





Art and Photography Show RC of Blackwood

This year the Rotary Club of Blackwood Art Show and Photography Show and Sale celebrated its 31st year.

This year 42 artists and photographers sold 60 paintings and photographs. This is less than last year, but the total revenue of works sold was about \$5000 dollars more than last year.

We are pleased to have maintained over this period a service to artists and photographers in the community. It is also encouraging that we still enjoy the support of a number of artists who exhibited with us at our first Art show way back in 1984.

This year's judge of paintings was Avril Thomas, who also judged last year. Well known photographer and judge Tim Newbery has been the judge for all of the 8 years we have exhibited and sold photographs. The judges and many of our visitors commented on the high standard and diversity of the works exhibited this year. This must have been a major contributing factor to us being able to increase sales by about \$5,000 over last year, to a total of almost \$22,000. This is despite the number of entries was down by about 100 to 550 this year.

The opening night is one of the highlights of the show, with invited guests and prize winners enjoying wine and finger food prior to presentation of the prizes. This year we presented cash prizes to the value of \$4,950 to seven winners, including our under 25 'encouragement' award'.

Once again we conducted competitions for secondary and primary schools in the area. The standard of works exhibited was excellent, and the prizes we gave were very well received. We have been very fortunate to have local businesses advertise in our catalogue and sponsor specific rooms at the show, many have supported us since the beginning. In particular the Adelaide Development Company (Blackwood Park) have been our major sponsor for the last 5 years.

For the whole of its 31 year history, the show has been held in the year 12 centre at the Blackwood High School. We are very fortunate to have the school support us by lending us the venue and it forms part of the excellent cooperative relationship we have with the school. We have spent some effort in the past few years trying to get more people through the doors and increase the profile of the show through more and better signage and wider distribution of flyers. The Blackwood High School was the venue again this year. As usual, other locations were considered, but each seemed to present more challenges or compromises than the existing venue, so there we stayed!

To bolster our fundraising in association with the show we sell advertising in our catalogue and conduct a raffle. When combined, all of these activities have enabled us to raise almost \$15,000 this year, and hearteningly, a significant increase from last year. The art show is a hectic time for our club for the 2 weeks it is running. It is all hands on deck for setup and pack-up, and in recent years we have used the resources of the local rovers, who help us old fogies with the heavy lifting. Despite the volume of work involved, these times provide a great opportunity for fellowship and there is plenty of good humour and laughter about.



*Cathy Steer, First Prize Winner
With Leal Mayer, Sponsor
Adelaide Development Company*



The Inaugural Cold Plunge at Glenelg

By Peter Hammond



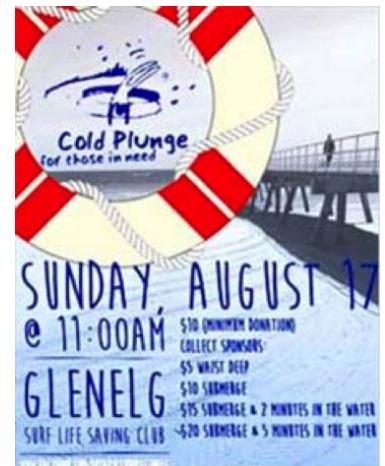
The water in Holdfast bay was a chilly 13°C, but 54 brave souls embraced the icy sea in the first ever Cold Plunge for Those In Need; on Sunday, 17th August.

It was a “fresh” encounter for most who spent up to five minutes in water, as dozens of supporters and Rotary Volunteers cheered them on from the relative warmth of the beach. Those taking part got a brief taste of what it's like for the more than 5000 people across the State who are living on the streets or struggling to pay their heating bills in what has been one of the Adelaide's chilliest Augusts on record.

The Rotary Club of Glenelg raised more than \$6,500, which will be split evenly between two wonderful charities that are working hard to help the less fortunate in our Society:

- The funds will go to assist Uniting Care projects in Glenelg, which include a community aid project and a soup kitchen, which operates out of the St Andrews By the Sea Church in Glenelg
- Funds are also being directed to St Vincent de Paul to help pay for its Fred's Van Programme – which takes food around to various locations in Adelaide.

The participants came from far and near – as far as Brazil and England and as near as the Surf Life Saving Club of Glenelg, whose volunteers kept watch on the beach while the plungers paddled away. Participants made the trek across town from Crafers, Basket Range, Burnside, Unley and Plympton to join the fun, while others headed along the coast from West Beach, Henley, Semaphore and Brighton.



Other Plungers came from Mitchell Park, Warradale and Glengowrie. There were plenty of Rotarians with swimmers from the Rotary Club of Glenelg, Holdfast Bay and Somerton Park. Adelaide Rotaract was also represented.

But wait, there is more:

In the meantime, David Binks, gallivanting United States, was plunging into a cold Hothole Stream at Beaver Dam in Northern Maine, USA.

“Oh, it is cold!” He said.



The event sparked a lot of interest in the District and promises to be bigger and better in 2015.



St Andrews by the Sea Church

Wonderful Gift to ARH

Honorary Rotarian makes wonderful gift to Australian Rotary Health
By Dr Andrew Benson, Chair, ARH Committee

Honorary Rotarian and Volunteer of the year 2013 for the Southern Suburbs, Dr David Squirrell has made an extremely generous monetary donation to Australian Rotary Health and in doing so has become a Ruby Companion of Australian Rotary Health.

Dr David Squirrell is an honorary Rotarian of the Rotary Club of Hallett Cove. He has lost most of his vision due to Retinitis Pigmentosa and he now has "Abbie" a guide dog. As a result of this illness he has had to retire. This has not reduced his desire to help his fellow man. On Tuesday, August 12, David was a special guest of the Rotary Club of Hallett Cove where DGN and Australian Rotary Health Director, Dick Wilson, presented him with the Ruby Companion award in the company of around 50 Rotarians.

David has retired from active medical practice and he has put his energy into being an advocate for vision impaired people being President of Blind Citizens Australia (Adelaide branch). He is also a member of the SA government Access and Social Inclusion Plan Committee.

In his time as a Medical Practitioner David worked in rural practice in South Australia where he was involved in General Practice, Anaesthetics and Obstetrics. Later in his career he was Director of the Noarlunga Emergency Department and instrumental in creating the Rural Curriculum for the Flinders University Medical School.

At the meeting David spoke of his desire to help Australian Rotary Health financially due to his belief that the organisation efficiently and effectively administers grants for Mental illness research. David has had a focus on Mental Illness, having previously written papers on the subject. In his acceptance speech, he gave a poignant and inspiring point of view of how he feels mankind should approach "COMMUNITY" and he gave us pointers on each of the letters and thus, effectively described the overview of community involvement.

Australian Rotary Health has had a focus on Mental Illness since 2001 and this has continued with a narrowing of the focus since 2012 on Mental Health in Youth.

Australian Rotary Health is constantly looking for supporters. We invite Rotary clubs as well as individuals to donate and become a "Friend of the Fund". With a donation of \$100 you will keep in touch with Australian Rotary Health activities through the Newsletter, as well as receiving an Australian Rotary Health badge in recognition of your support.

For any questions on Australian Rotary Health or if you would like a guest speaker at your Rotary meeting, contact DGN Dick Wilson or Chairperson of the 9520 ARH committee, Andrew Benson. Details are available in the Rotary Directory.



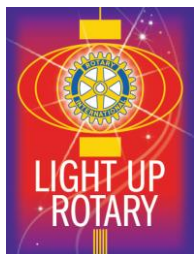
Dr David Squirrell recognised as a Ruby Companion of ARH



The customary Hallett Cove Hospitality – Have fun, enjoy Rotary!



Abbie



The Rotary year to Date

There has been much activity in the areas of Grant applications over the first two months of this Rotary year.

- Grant Applications were received from twenty clubs and John Lewis and the committee have allocated the \$42,000 of funds available to use on District Grants. The committee was impressed with the quality and variety of projects submitted for support. Not all projects were able to be fully funded and clubs will be advised of any change to the amount requested upon approval by RI.
- Clubs wishing to seek support for projects using a District Grant will now have to plan for next year's allocation.
- The Grants committee will be holding a Specialist training on the 14th September to assist clubs interested in applying for Grants. A further training day is being planned to be held in Mildura in November to cover Group 1 & 2 clubs.

There are still funds available to support Global Grants, which can be applied for online without the deadlines associated with District Grants. These applications need to be made online but clubs are advised to contact Grants Chair Bob Geekie, John Lewis or myself if considering applying for a Global Grant. Total value of your project must exceed \$30,000.

As I have taken over the role of Chair of the Foundation I am no longer able to carry out the role of Chair of the District Alumni committee. Rotarians who are interested in taking the next step into a District role should consider this opportunity. The position is administrative but also has a seat on the D9520 Foundation committee. Interested Rotarians should contact me to discuss the role further. Bruce Richardson bruce-richardson@bigpond.com



Are you a Centurion?

Or a member of the Paul Harris Society

Individuals who donate \$100 or \$1000 to the Australian Rotary Foundation Trust become Centurions or members of the Paul Harris Society. Donations made in this way are tax deductible and contribute to the total district Foundation giving affecting Global Grant and District Grant allocations (the Annual Programs Fund).

The Centurion Program is an Australian based program where individuals donate \$100 AUS to the Australian Foundation Trust. This is tax deductible and counts towards a Paul Harris Fellow recognition. The individual can nominate whether the money goes to the Annual Programs Fund or Polio Plus.

Centurion Program

Margaret Northcote (RC of Campbelltown) is the D9520 Centurion Coordinator pmnorthcote@gmail.com

Paul Harris Society

PDG Euan Miller (RC of Norwood) is our representative for the for Paul Harris Society euanm@internode.on.net

The Polio End game.

October 24th is End Polio Day

Clubs are encouraged to do something special on this day. Clubs are also invited to use the day to pledge a donation to the End Polio Now campaign.

RI D9520 Polio Plus coordinators are Penni Hamilton-Smith of the RC of Mitcham and Margaret Northcote of RC of Campbelltown.

Foundation Giving for the 2014-15 Rotary Year

This year we are again encouraging clubs to enter their goals for Foundation giving for the coming year. With the new rotary.org website it is much easier to enter these goals and clubs are encouraged to ensure they complete their club goals.

Step by step details of how to do this have been circulated to clubs via the Herald.

Congratulations to Burnside, Flagstaff Hill, Holdfast Bay, Irymple, Norwood and Somerton Park for completing their goals.





Meet John Rix

District Insurance Officer

John Rix is our District Insurance Officer. After hours he works with the Clubs, Members, Committee of the District and Rotary's Insurance Brokers to ensure covers are in place and we complete the various tasks required to ensure our cover is optimum.

John works for a local Insurance agency, Managed Insurance Solutions in Berri and has worked in the Insurance Industry for over 24 years. His experience has been appreciated; he enjoys his work and keeps very busy with his work too.

He mentioned the Rotary policies and how the covers offer some really good benefits to members.

John was recognised for his service to the Riverland community after decades of involvement with various community groups and organizations including the Rotary Club of Berri and the Berri Cottage Homes Inc. by being awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) on the Queen's Birthday of 2013.

Some of John's community work was with a Not For Profit, Community, retirement village in Berri. John provides pro bono service to this organization as its Treasurer and Management Committee member. "This is my 23rd year of service there", he said. "When I joined it was a village of about 40 units, whereas now it is a village of 86 units and is at full capacity. Over the time I have helped the organization make substantial savings towards ultimately building a community hall there amongst other various village improvements".

Over the last 28 years John also has been heavily involved with the Rotary Club of Berri holding positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer at various times. John said: "My service has had some real impact within the local, national and international community. Our club too, hosts an Australia Day Breakfast as well as other events. On the international front our club has worked on an international project providing an entire village in India with drinking water".

"A lot of people have helped me through my life so I want to put something back in to the community. I find in country areas, volunteers are really valuable. I have certainly had great support from friends, clients and various people I have met over the years", he added.

John enjoys reading and travel. He also enjoys and appreciates the Murray River in the area.

John welcomes a chat with clubs and members about their projects and their insurance needs.



More Photography?

There are many albums on the District Site. Find your lost photos!

Illuminate Sessions 2014: <https://picasaweb.google.com/RotaryDistrict9520/IlluminateSessionD9520>

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

District Changeover 2013: <https://picasaweb.google.com/RotaryDistrict9520/D9520Conference2013>

Friday Capers 2013: <https://picasaweb.google.com/RotaryDistrict9520/D9520FridayCapers>

District Conference 2008: <https://picasaweb.google.com/RotaryDistrict9520/RotaryDistrict9520ConferenceMtGambier2008>

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

Rotary Club of TAILEM BEND

TAILEM BEND MUSIC HALL HITS THE HIGHLIGHTS!

By Sara Fensak

The Rotary Club of Tailem Bend lived up to its recent Rotary International award with another entertaining Music Hall show this year. "Let's Play the Music" had the audience laughing throughout the show and singing along with many old and new songs. Over 1000 people attended the four shows which raised over \$15000. Money raised from Music Hall is poured back into local community projects.

Director Sandy Przibilla was happy with the show and praised the cast and crew for their commitment and enthusiasm over the last few months.

The showed started with the colourful "Life is Music" and then launched into "School Days", directed by Christine and Gemma Wiencke. The children put in an outstanding performance in the wonderful school room set, painted by Denise McLoughlin and assisted by Sandy Przibilla. Their naughty sides came to the fore, particularly in the entertaining number "Revolting Children".

Darren Gurney again wowed audiences with his rendition of "Angels Brought Me Here". "The Hammer", directed by Katie Jackermis and assisted by her father John Wicker, told the story of a tradie who had lost his hammer and his quest to find it. The highlights were the female cast's version of "It's Raining Men" and the whole cast's stirring rendition of "Part of the Union", complete with the Macarena.

After interval the young people of the cast strutted their stuff in "To The Music", choreographed by Emily Craggs.

First time directors JulieAnne Trezise and Tarji Hill then took the audience on a journey through time with "Once Upon a Time" with the theme of time in every song. "The Longest Time" was a highlight along with the cast song "We Go Together" which saw the cast singing and dancing to the popular Grease number.



The show was wrapped up with "Golden Oldies", directed by Robyn Schubert and assisted by mum Val. This was set in the Rotary Nursing Home and featured a number of very difficult characters who refused to go to bed, take their pills or do anything other than rock'n'roll! The audience laughed their way through a series of songs which had meanings far away from the original intent.

The Music Hall cast is always backed by a professional team of musicians and this year was no exception with the band providing superb backing for all the songs. The technical and backstage crew also provided for a seamless transition from segment to segment. Tailem Bend Music Hall's 33rd production was another successful show!



Calperum: Linking Sustainable Land Management and International Students

By Euan Miller



For the third year in a row the Rotary Club of Eastwood, in collaboration with student networking group *g'day[sa]*, has again hosted a group of International Students at Calperum Station north of Renmark in South Australia's Riverland. This year, nine European students from the University of Adelaide took the opportunity to rub shoulders with a bunch of Aussie's and get a feel for the Outback.

The students shared an evening BBQ with the Rotary Club of Waikerie en route on the Friday night. Waikerie has a brand new storage shed and kitchen and dining area built with the generous assistance of the Loxton Waikerie Council. The welcome to the students was the first use of the new facilities. The local newspaper also covered the visit.

On the Saturday night the students repaid Eastwood's hospitality by cooking a sumptuous six course international dinner with dishes from Bulgaria, Denmark and the Netherlands.



International university students and Rotarians at Calperum Station, August 2014

Calperum is managed by the Australian Landscape Trust (ALT) which has its origin in a plan that engaged families in rethinking the use and management of their farms for long-term prosperity.

ALT manages Calperum Station (2418 square kilometres) and neighbouring Taylorville Station (926 square kilometres) under contract to the Commonwealth Director of National Parks. Both properties are declared as critical habitat for species conservation under the Commonwealth legislation.

The key management vision for the properties is "to promote the conservation and sustainable development of Calperum and Taylorville Stations through community involvement, local capacity-building and innovative approaches to land management". The program includes research into the natural environment and management systems, development of sustainable management practices, rehabilitation, community education and involvement of the indigenous community and traditional knowledge.

The Eastwood Club has been part of the Calperum Station program for five years, assisting in water monitoring, tree health surveying and student hosting. Visits also include canoeing, bush-walking, bird-watching and nights around the camp-fire.

Rotary Clubs wishing to visit Calperum can contact Elliot Dwyer on m. 0427 397 536 or by email to eadwyer@hotmail.com.



www.gdaysa.com.au



Another Membership Month has come and gone.

Mark Huddleston
District 9520 Membership Chair.

So I suppose we don't have to worry about membership for another 11 months, right? I'm kidding of course. If Membership Month spurs a few Rotarians and clubs into action, well I guess it's done its job, but in my opinion, every month should be Membership Month.

I can assure you that Membership Month has kept me very busy with club visits, and of course Illuminate. I want to thank those clubs which have already invited me to come and speak about membership. I have really enjoyed getting around the district and meeting our passionate members, and the hospitality that has been shown has really been appreciated.

Many of the clubs which have asked for some assistance or direction with membership initiatives have been those which I would describe as larger and stronger clubs. It's encouraging that those stronger clubs are asking for help – it's how they remain strong! But I'm keen to work with the smaller clubs who have membership concerns too.

Whilst I'm always happy to present on membership, I feel the total membership conversation is one that cannot be held entirely in a 20 minute guest speaker spot. In 20 minutes I can outline Rotary's current global membership trends, what makes an attractive club, what makes members stay and go, and how you can make the most of your network to attract more members. But there's so much more we can talk about. I am also happy to have an informal chat with your board about your club's membership concerns, either prior to/after a regular meeting, or maybe on a weekend some time.

Let's be clear on this, I don't have all the answers. I don't have a magic wand to wave that will suddenly have hordes of prospective members beating a path to your door. But here's what I can offer: **a different perspective**. So many of us are trapped in the cocoon that is our own club environment. We are all passionate about supporting the work of our club, but can become somewhat blinkered as to what is happening in the wider Rotary world. There are some genuine rewards to having a role at district level. One of them is the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people, but the other is being able to see how different clubs have different ways to do things. Every encounter I have with another club leaves me with new ideas – ideas that may work really well in your club.

So let's have the membership conversation. Give me a call on 0402 346 994 or email mark@sugarfreezone.com.au and start the ball rolling!

PS Group 1 clubs – you haven't been forgotten. I'm currently working with AG Lesley and District Trainer Damian Leach on a membership seminar in Mildura later this year.



Rear: Messrs Rettos and Armstrong
Front: Messrs Cant, Foggo and Gupta

Double Ruby Pin Presented in the Hospital Room

The Rotarians In the photograph you see here are Ken Foggo, in his hospital-supplied pyjamas, Roy Armstrong, Don Cant, Colin Rettos and Satish Gupta. We were all Members of the Rotary Club of Marion visiting a fellow-Rotarian Ken Foggo in the Flinders Medical Centre. It was an occasion when the Club and our Chartered President Don awarded Ken a Paul Harris Double Ruby for services to Community in general and to Rotary in particular.

Ken was the club treasurer, taking care of the club finances. He served in that role for many years. He was so good at it that his successors always asked him for advice. Ken became the club president in 1985.

In his younger days and for a considerable time, Ken served as a company secretary, working for Hills Industries on South Road. Later in the years, he owned a vineyard where Marion Rotarians had many enjoyable lunches and dinners.

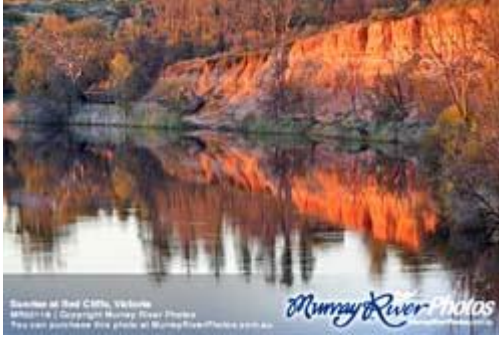
We thank Ken Foggo for his friendship and wish him a speedy recovery.

Satish Gupta



History Matters!

RED CLIFFS – VICTORIA



A big country

At the conclusion of his recent visit, DG Jerry Casburn mentioned the long trip back to Adelaide that lay ahead the next day. Indeed he has a big territory to cover and I don't envy his task in trying to keep in touch with clubs in an area stretching from Adelaide to Broken Hill and across to Robinvale.

All the more reason to marvel at the task that lay ahead of DGs in earlier days. Stuart Williams has reminisced about those times in snippets he has compiled for the bulletin. See below. (Red Cliffs Bulletin Editor, Dennis Matthews.)

"When our District's two oldest Clubs began (Mildura 1933 and Unley 1935) the then District 65 was officially described as: "that portion of Australia including South Australia, Western Australia, Victoria, Tasmania, Northern Territory, the City of Broken Hill and that part of New South Wales south of the Murrumbidgee River."

The vastness of such a Rotary District presented significant challenges for the District Governor; not just for Club visits, but also just to maintain regular communication with Clubs. Roads were largely unsealed, cars not air-conditioned, and train and ship timetables had to be co-ordinated into their travel schedules to cover the District. Governors did not have the support of a District Secretary, Assistant District Governors, or District Committees; and trunk telephone calls were still operator-connected through a series of tele-phone exchanges and had to be booked in advance, so most communication was by letter (surface mail), or telegram in an emergency.

Just imagine District Governor Elect Arthur Bolton of Bendigo (Victoria) planning his Club visits for 1937: "It is my intention to visit the Western Australian Clubs in the Autumn, the South Australian Clubs about the same time, and the Tasmanian some time during the summer. I shall endeavour to make all the visits in Victoria before Christmas" (the Rotary year at that time being 1st October to 30th September).

Any wonder he advised the 1936 District Assembly in Melbourne: "That is at present as far as I can inform you, but I will give you at least two weeks' notice, and shall be happy to accommodate myself to your convenience. If, however, it's necessary for me to ask some Clubs to alter the date of their meeting so that I may be able to visit two or three Clubs in one week, I hope you'll be able to meet my convenience in that respect.

"At the time that Mildura was admitted to Rotary International in August 1933, the Governor of the then District 33 was Sinclair J. McGibbon of Perth, WA. When addressing the 1933 District Assembly in Ballarat Sinclair advised that "it takes a man 4 days & 4 nights to come over from the West by train".



*Good Old Days: Travel by Steam,
Four days of steam, smoke and soot*



Rotary International President 1050-51
Arthur Lageuex (Quebec, Canada)

RI Goals:

Goals for 1950-51: 1. In club service we must beget our heirs; 2. in vocational service honesty is still the best policy; 3. In community service we can plan for the future; 4. In international service we must re-examine our world; 5. And finally we can extend the influence of Rotary.

Mildura sponsored the formation of a Rotary Club in Red Cliffs, beginning the process in late 1949 (when Reg Etherington of Mildura was District Governor), and culminating in Red Cliffs being admitted to Rotary International on 26 March 1951 (when Vic Webb of Perth W.A. was District Governor).

DG Vic wrote from Perth to the inaugural President of the new Red Cliffs Club on 29 March

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1951 as follows: "Dear Archie, This confirms my telegram advising that Red Cliffs has been accepted into membership of Rotary International on 26 March ...

You are now permitted to function as a Rotary Club, and it will be our job now to arrange for the big night ... Woodville has also formed a Provisional Club and I expect that they will be granted a Charter during next month ... I will keep in touch with you so as to make the date coincide with that of Woodville and if possible will arrange to visit both Clubs for these special occasions."

So, after his regular Club visits during 1950-51 DG Vic Webb (of Perth) fitted in an extra trip East in June 1951 to charter the new Clubs of Red Cliffs (Victoria) and Woodville (South Australia). Within months of Red Cliffs and Woodville being chartered, the Clubs in Western Australia were detached from our District 33 to form a new District 34 for Western Australia – and the area our District Governors had to cover was just that little bit smaller!! "

Wasn't this an interesting story?

Would you like to know more?

You can always do what DG Jerry did – visit Red Cliffs. Give Ian a call. Make it a holiday!

By the way, steam trains are well and truly a history now.

These days they meet in modern Club in quite a degree of luxury.



President Ian



The Red Cliffs Club

Paz, Salam, Paix, Shalom, Frieden, Peace



Secretary's Corner



Accurate Records

This year, our District Directory underwent a significant makeover, increasing both in physical size and content. We wanted to improve communications between Clubs, so we increased the size of Members Directory to include the contact details of almost 900 Rotarians.

We asked Clubs to review the details we intended to publish and we did our best to crosscheck the records. However, with this amount of data, we always expected that there would be errors – and we were not disappointed! I apologise if we have misspelt your name or incorrectly recorded your phone number or email address.

Fortunately, we can make amends. As you may be aware, there is an electronic version of the Directory, which is accessible on the District website at <http://rotarynews.info/2/District/9520/245/>. For privacy purposes this document is protected by a password, which can be obtained from either your Club or District Secretary.

We will be updating the electronic Directory throughout the year, to keep our records current. This will also assist the production of the next printed Directory. So, I would greatly appreciate receiving details of any corrections required in the Directory. Hopefully, with your help, we can ensure that we have accurate records.

Peter Hammond
District Secretary