

# The Herald & DG Newsletter

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When was the last time you went to a Rotary meeting, and had GREAT food including sweets + beer, wine, soft drinks, tea/coffee all included for \$20.00? I'm guessing never.

When was the last time you went to a Rotary meeting and were

blown away by not only one  
FANTASTIC key note speaker, but

TWO? Not for a while I'm guessing. Even less likely you had both the great food, unlimited beverages and two key note speakers at one meeting. Well here's your chance, use ILLUMINATE 2 as a makeup.

You'll also catch up with passionate Rotarians from all over the district.

This is an un-missable and un-repeatable event



## ILLUMINATE II

Science Innovation Learning Centre, Flinders University  
SAT 10 OCT 2015 at 3.00pm. Registration from 2.30pm

Cost \$20 per person Bookings:

[www.trybooking.com/HCRK](http://www.trybooking.com/HCRK)



**RI Director Nominee Noel Trevaskis OAM** is the Project Lead for Membership Development in Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific. He is a speaker with an inspirational message that makes you 'sit up and take notice'!

**Simone Collins**, Founder and Charter Chair, Rotarians on Social Networks Fellowship holds two science degrees and has 15 years experience working in the IT industry. Since 2008, she has worked tirelessly as an advocate for using social media in Rotary.





### **My Fellow Rotarians!**

**The best value you'll ever get for twenty bucks at a Rotary event...**

**District Membership Chair Mark Huddleston** does not muck around when he runs an event.

I, along with the District Leadership Team, support Mark and "ILLUMINATE 2" so let's get our 'ask into gear' and see a good attendance at

Flinders University on Saturday, 10 October!

### **Welcome to October, the month set aside by Rotary International for**

**"ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT"**, one of 'Six Areas of Focus' of the Rotary Foundation.

At the International Assembly in San Diego last January, Liz and I heard Michigan Rotarian Marilyn Fitzgerald of Common Ground Solutions, author of "If I Had A Water Buffalo" ([mafitzgerald.com](http://mafitzgerald.com)) about her ideas about changing our thinking from simple donations to investment in building economic independence for people and communities in poverty. She challenged us to look at sustainability of projects through economic development and creating opportunity based on her experiences in supporting poor farmers in Indonesia.

Marilyn's view is that Rotary is well placed to change the world for people in poverty – we have over a million members worldwide, we have the "gift" of resources and the commitment and skills to work smarter in the way we work.

Sometimes we gloss over this specific Foundation goal as it seems obvious but I suggest you look at Marilyn's book and her ideas – several of her presentations are on YouTube. We can strengthen our resolve to help others less fortunate.

### **Club Visits.**

September saw DG visits to Broken Hill and Sunraysia together with a few more local clubs. The diversity of members and projects was outstanding.

Having the St Mary's school kids sing to us before the **Robinvale Euston** meeting was a highlight and many thanks go to the kids, their parents and teacher /choir mistress Clair Jury.

Also attending the meeting were 3 Mannix sisters, Gabbie who will be attending RYLA 2015, Indy will be on long term Youth Exchange leaving for Germany in JAN 2016 and Siena who partook of the "Voyage of Discovery" program. Also present was Angie Giampolo who will be joining Gabbie at RYLA.

The 'Voyage of Discovery' program is the brainchild of the **RC Mildura Deakin** and has been running for 8 years. It has been funded by the "Longest Lunch" which is run principally by Tim Aldridge on a Friday in March, closing off Langtree Street in the process.

Also attending the **RC Mildura Deakin** breakfast meeting were Exchange students Laura from Brazil and outgoing student Kayla heading off to Denmark.

**RC Loxton** currently hold the record for attendance at the Board meeting prior to the DG Visit. Nine members were present in addition to Group 2 Assistant Governor Mike Woosnam. The Club was chartered in 1958 and Dr Ian McKenzie, the current Club Treasurer, was a charter member. He uses 2 systems to account for the money, MYOB and MML. The latter stands for "McInnes Mediaeval Ledger"!

A great example of volunteers at work was found in the Loxton Op Shop where Rotarians and volunteers work 'hand in glove' to provide a resource to the local community as well as raising funds for rotary projects.

And let's pay homage to Graham Ellis from the **RC Merbein** for his 45 years of Rotary service, including a year spent as PDG Doug Beasy's District Secretary.

Broken Hill is always a fun place to visit! Liz and I first went there in 1976 to visit one of my GSE Team Members Roger Massy-Greene having returned from Pennsylvania earlier in the year.

**RC Broken Hill** under President Kevin Hind raises a lot of their money staffing events for a local caterer. The Club is very professional in their approach and it gives all members and their partners a chance to get involved.

I offered to help behind the bar but that was rejected – I did not have my "Responsible Serving of Alcohol Ticket"!

I then offered to sit on the drinkers' side of the bar and that was also rejected!!!

“Modern Living Expo” was a huge effort by **RC Broken Hill South** on the weekend 29 & 30 AUG. Over 30 local businesses displayed their wares and services and there was plenty of food, music, drinks and children’s entertainment.

Thanks must go to organiser and South Rotary member John Coff.

### **Rotary International Director (RID) Guiller Tumangan visits Districts 9500 and 9520, South Australia**

RID Guiller and Letty arrived on MON 07 SEP 2015 after their 6.15am flight was delayed for two hours in Canberra. They breakfasted in the Qantas Club rather than in Adelaide and they were quickly on the “Rotary Road” to meet **RC Blakiston** President John Illingworth at St. James School House. The Club has restored this beautiful stone building and John was there with members, Susan Hamilton, David Jarrett and John Rowley.

From there, a quick trip up to the summit of Mt Barker and a short lesson about the local Peramangk people before moving to The Lane for lunch, an iconic Adelaide Hills winery and restaurant.

After tasting the 2015 whites out of tanks, we moved to slightly older merlots with viticulturist Marty Edwards showing the way!

Following lunch, and then back to the city for a short ‘nanna nap’ at their accommodation, dinner was all set at a well-known Adelaide Hills Rotary Restaurant, Chez Bickle (where Liz and I live!).

The next day saw our **RC Makati West** Rotarian guests from the Philippines hosted by D9520. Dinner in the evening at the Public Schools Club was jointly shared with **RC Unley** and their President Stephen Baker welcomed 60 guests from both Districts.

Guest speakers were PDG Malcolm Lindquist talking about the orphanage and school in Nepal and Glen Karutz from **RC Pt Lincoln** talking about a youth training program.

RI Director Guiller and Letty flew to Perth the next morning on the ‘red eye’ – they must love early starts!

A very busy month of Rotary activities ahead so keep being a gift to the world. DG Dick Wilson.



### **END POLIO NOW UTE**

The Ute is now on its way, and it is coming to a community near you.

Today Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September the Ute is in the Broken Hill Town Square.

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September the Ute will be at the Wentworth Country Music Festival.

Follow the Ute [www.poliouterelay.org](http://www.poliouterelay.org)

### **Our District Governor Dick is assisting a student complete her medical training.**

Jessica Beinke was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Stirling as an Indigenous Health Scholar through Australian Rotary Health. Jessica completed her undergraduate degree at Flinders University, and is now completing her post graduate studies in medicine through sponsorship by the Coopers Foundation.

Jessica continues the story, “I am currently on the Infectious Diseases ward and am thoroughly enjoying myself. So far this year I have done rotations at Drugs and Alcohol withdrawal services, Samoa Emergency department, Dermatology, Oncology, and now Infectious disease. Soon I'll be at the Repat hospital for a transition to internship rotation, then I finish up with General surgery in the country at Port Pirie. As internship year moves closer I feel very excited but also nervous at the same time, I will finally be a working Doctor! I've had a lot of great experiences so far, and can't wait for what's to come. I also got a job as an intern at Flinders Hospital next year! I would like to thank Stirling Rotary and all their members for their ongoing support throughout both my degrees, and a special thanks to Dr Wilson and his wife for their continued support, it really has helped me get through a tough degree!”





## Charlee Girl is ready for Hat Day, are you?

**Have you arranged your contribution to highlighting World Mental Health Day in your community?**

Hat Day is Australian Rotary Health's national fundraising and awareness day for mental health research, and is celebrated on World Mental Health Day Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2015.

Please have a Hat Day activity as part of your Club Program.

## ***Crazy Hat Day for Mental Health***

*On Friday we'll dress like the maddest hatter  
To raise funds for a very serious matter.  
But Crazy Hat Day isn't just a silly game  
It's putting a face to Mental Illness' name.*

*In funding research for this worthy cause  
We'll help folk to open other doors  
Help those depressed and feeling sad.  
Because aren't we all (at times) a little mad?*

*In days gone by hatters lost the plot  
From using mercury powder by the pot  
To save furs and felt from rot and mould  
Their sanity to the Devil they sold.*

*"Danbury Shakes" was the sickness' name  
Though symptoms today are much the same  
But it's harder now the cause to find  
For those suffering with a troubled mind.*

*Most ailments now, and common ills  
Can be treated with a dozen pills  
But it's much harder to find a cure  
For those who mental illness must endure.*

*Too many, young and old, have died  
Too many mothers have suffered, cried  
Let's try to stem this dreadful, rising tide  
Of depression, drugs and suicide.*

*Funds from our Hat Day will give us scope  
To offer depressed folk a cause for hope  
Let them know that others care  
And their problems find a way to share.*

*Elizabeth Caldicott ,*



## Rotary District 9520's Approach to Protecting Vulnerable People in our Care

At the August meeting of the Rotary District 9520 Protection Committee it was unanimously resolved, for the reasons outlined below, to continue and reinforce the approach adopted previously to protect vulnerable people in our care.

The 2014 Royal Commission highlighting the many instances of sexual abuse against children has horrified everyone. There has been a knee-jerk reaction by many, but sadly, Rotary District 9520 believes, in many instances in the wrong direction. Many schools and other organisations are saying, "We must get more people in our organisation DCSI checked." DCSI has been given more staff and money to try to keep up with huge numbers of screening applications. This approach is an easy way for organisations to show they are doing something, but will it help the problem? In most instances we don't think it will but sadly it's taking the focus, effort and funds away from measures which might really reduce sexual crime. District 9520 strongly believes DCSI checks are a very good thing and we commend the SA government for eventually introducing the system. We believe the critical question is "Who really needs them?" Statistics show abuse virtually never occurs in public. Unless a paedophile is alone with his victim or a very small group of victims for time long enough for grooming to occur, there will virtually never be any abuse. We believe only a relatively small number of carers are in this position. The District recently learned parents helping to start races at a school sports day in front of hundreds of others had to have DCSI checks. Another statistic - "Less than 20% of child molesters have been caught before." This means DCSI checks alone are leaving over 80% of child molesters, who are going to offend in the future, unchecked. District 9520's policy outlined in our policy documents

- 1 "Rotary District 9520 Club Certification Policy, Procedures and Supporting Documentation for Protecting Youth Exchange Students" (Revised July 2015)
- 2 "Rotary District 9520 Guide to Protecting Youth Involved in Short Rotary Programs & The Elderly and Infirm when Being Assisted by Rotary" (Revised July 2015)

Our aim is to put all our child and vulnerable people resources and efforts into thoroughly investigating everyone involved in Rotary programs who realistically may be alone with vulnerable people for a period of time such that grooming and abuse may occur. This is to be done with careful interviews, diligent reference checking and monitoring of all such people. And yes, we will definitely also get these people DCSI checked. This approach also applies to Rotarians assisting the aged and infirm. David Binks Chairman District Youth Protection Committee.



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Is anyone looking for some Rotary business cards? I am about to put in an order from my printer. 250 cards, double sided, delivered for \$100.00. If you want a different design on the back, there may be a surcharge, but please ask.

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## HELLO, YOUR STORIES ARE NEEDED !!

There are many stories out there in 9520 land just waiting to be told, to be shared and enjoyed by others.

There are achievements by Clubs and by individuals. There are projects to be noticed by others. There are needs to be met in a world which Rotarians are well positioned to make a difference.

Tell us how you are being a Gift to the World.

I need your stories, and all that is required is background copy, and you all know I like photos that complement the message in every story.

**Now is a good time to send me something to publish.**

