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Holding a Rotary Day

President Gary C.K. Huang is encouraging clubs and districts to sponsor or participate in a Rotary Day event in 2014 – 15 to introduce non-Rotarians to Rotary. District Governors are encouraged to award clubs that undertake such events this Rotary year.

‘The Rotary Day concept is a simple one. Hold a fun, informal event in your community for the non-Rotary public and use it as an opportunity to introduce them to Rotary. It’s that easy,’ Huang says. ‘Rotary Days can help your club to drive up interest in membership, strengthen your club’s relationships with local institutions and community members and improve Rotary’s image in your community.’



Suggested activities include: holding a local festival, picnic or BBQ; organizing a service project and opening the event to the public; invite the community to plant a Rotary Day garden.

There are plans underway to hold a District Rotary Day together with District 9500. More details will follow as planning advances.

POLIO UPDATE



Polio eradication efforts are moving the world closer than ever to becoming polio-free. Afghanistan, one of three remaining polio-endemic countries along with Nigeria and Pakistan, had just 14 cases of polio in 2013, compared with 27 in 2012. Nigeria reported 53 cases last year, down significantly from 122 the year before.

Pakistan is the only endemic country where the number of cases rose in 2013, to 93 from 58 in 2012. In response to the continued challenges, community and religious leaders there have expressed their support for polio-eradication campaigns.

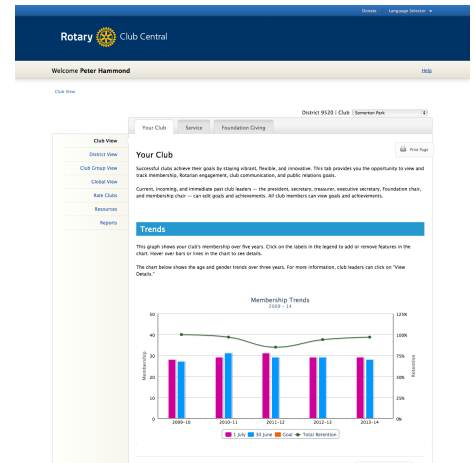
There was good news in March, when the World Health Organisation (WHO) certified the Southeast Asia region as polio-free. The 11-country region includes India, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Bhutan and is home to more than 1.8 billion people and over 25 percent of the world’s population.

Rotary Club Central

Since Rotary Club Central's launch last July, thousands of clubs have been using it to track membership, service participation and Foundation giving.

Here are three reasons every Club President should use the online tool:

- **To leave your mark.** You can leave a recorded legacy of what your club accomplished during your tenure. And the more data recorded on Rotary Club Central, the richer and more useful your club's planning can be from year to year.
- **To engage members.** The Rotary Engagement goal enables you to track how active your members are outside of meetings. Clubs have used this goal as a way to motivate members to become more involved in the local community.
- **To generate reports.** Rotary Club Central allows you to run a variety of reports on membership, service and Foundation giving, delivering succinct information you can share with members during a club meeting or assembly. You can also use the tool to view worldwide data.



Cold Plunge for Those in Need



Don your bikini or board shorts and join us as we plunge into the icy-cold water in Glenelg to raise much needed funds for the homeless and others on the brink of destitution.

The funds raised will be divided between AngliCare Glenelg and the St Vincent de Paul Society.

When: Sunday, 17th August at 11am

Where: Glenelg Surf Life Saving Club

Cost: Adults \$10 - Children \$5 and/or collect sponsors

Organisers: Rotary Club of Glenelg

Visit: www.trybooking.com and search for 'Cold Plunge for Those in Need'
www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofglenelg and like our Cold Plunge for Those in Need event page



We hope to see you there!

Specialist Training

District Insurance Officer John Rix, and District Risk Management Officer Nigel Woolmer will conduct a free session dealing with club obligations in relation to insurance and the risk management processes.

As part of this session there will also be an overview of club requirements for Youth Protection.

When: Sunday, September 14th – commencing at 9:00am

Where: Saint Francis of Assisi School, Newton.

If you wish to attend please advise by August 30th to d9520.training@gmail.com. If you have queries, please contact Nigel or John.



Rotary Foundation Celebration Dinner



Rotarians, partners and guests of Rotary District 9500 & 9520 are invited to:

The Rotary Foundation Celebration Dinner

Stables Ballroom
Morphettville Junction
470 Anzac Highway
Camden Park SA
Saturday 9th August 2014
7.00pm for 7.30pm



BOOKINGS WITH PAYMENT TO
ROTARY DISTRICT 9520
PO BOX 509 BERRI SA 5343
Cheques should be made payable to
Rotary District 9520

Entree and Main course, Tea, Coffee & Chocolates
\$50 with Cash Bar

Bookings close 1st August 2014

Further details are available from:
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Guest Speaker: Yung Nietschke – Rotary Peace Scholar



GUEST SPEAKER - Yung Nietschke, Australia

Yung Nietschke was born in Vietnam and arrived in Australia as a refugee at the age of seven. Born the year the Vietnam War ended, Yung is no stranger to conflict and its devastating aftermath. This has instilled a passion for peace and international development, and a commitment to work towards a world free of poverty and conflict.

With over ten years' experience in the development sector, Yung's special interest areas are peace education and post-conflict reconstruction. In 2001 she returned to Vietnam for the first time, as an Australian Youth Ambassador, to work for UNESCO on a peace education project. In 2003, she was awarded the prestigious Rotary World Peace Fellowship to study at the University of North Carolina in the USA. After graduating with a Masters in Education, she was employed by the World Bank to develop a framework for text book reform in post-conflict Iraq.

More recently, she has worked for the Australian Government in Canberra at the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) where she managed the aid program to Afghanistan. Yung and her husband have recently relocated to a farm in the Barossa Valley, where she now works as a consultant in between looking after two young children and 600 sheep.

Yung will be sharing the story of her family's struggles in post-war Vietnam, her life as a refugee growing up in Australia and how this experience has inspired a career in peace and international development.

For more information, click on the following link:

<http://rotarynews.info/3/District/9520/9073/>

Bookings close on August 1st 2014

Timmy's Story



Timmy is our most valuable Rotarian. He is loyal, welcoming, responsive and productive. He is never depressed, always active and is a quiet club achiever. His presence has raised many, many dollars for the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay over many years.

In recent times the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay has honoured Graham Brown (PHF Sapphire) and his wife (Honoury Member Carol Brown). They have been responsible for leading many of the club fund raising projects and wherever they

go, Timmy goes as well. Timmy is their dog.

When it comes to selling Boat Raffle tickets, Timmy is always there - usually dressed in Rotary attire - and people passing can't resist stopping to give him a pat, cuddle or tid-bit - *and they buy a raffle ticket as a result and perhaps one more when they go past later on.* He is a conversation starter and a draw card. The tail wags as he says thanks and people leave with smiles on their faces.

It is the same story when the club holds a barbecue or has a tree-planting day. Timmy attends and his joy becomes a joy for all. He attends most market days with his owners at Goolwa and sometimes at Port Elliot and has become an attraction in his own right. He has become part of our club ethos.

So it was that in June 2012, the outgoing President, Bob Sedunary, provided Timmy with a Certificate of Appreciation. On June 19th, 2014, at a club awards night, Timmy was again honoured. President Gillian Houlihan presented Timmy with a special award for this very special dog. The website photo shows Timothy proudly wearing a vest that proclaims him as an outstanding Rotarian. His Club Mascot Badge now sparkles for all to see.

Rotary Club of Encounter Bay

Where's Jerry?

DG Jerry and Briony are continuing the DG's Visits.

This week, they will be visiting the following clubs:

- **Noarlunga East** on Tuesday, July 29th
- **Eastwood** on Wednesday, July 30th (Breakfast)
- **Onkaparinga** on Wednesday, July 30th



Save Our Food Bowl, Water & Tourism Rally

PRESERVE PLANET EARTH COMMITTEE
Rotary Districts 9500 & 9520

**SAVE OUR FOOD BOWL, WATER AND TOURISM RALLY**

SATURDAY 2nd AUGUST AT 10 AM

PARLIAMENT HOUSE

FOLLOWED BY MARCH TO VICTORIA SQUARE

South Australia has only 4.6% agricultural land outside of pastoral areas. Our farming production areas are being invaded by shale gas exploration in the South East of SA, mineral exploration and proposed mining for iron ore, copper and other minerals on Eyre Peninsula and Yorke Peninsula. Exploration is also occurring off our coastline.

With unchecked Climate Change South Australia is expected to have a warmer and drier climate. This is going to add to the challenge facing our agricultural, horticultural and viticulture industries without the loss and contamination of land for food production land and the critical water supplies be they sourced from above or below ground level.

Further, South Australia does not need any extra fossil fuels to meet the State's energy needs. According to Giles Parkinson (<http://reneweconomy.com.au>) "South Australia has the highest concentration in the world of variable renewables at 40%. SA could be 100% renewables in the next 10 years."

Join me at this Rally.

For further information contact Rtn. Ian Carman (Magill Sunrise) on 8332 4622

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Preserve Planet Earth Committee
Rotary Districts 9500 and 9520