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Polio Infrastructure Helps Combat Ebola



Rotary's investments in polio eradication infrastructure in Nigeria has helped the government stop the Ebola outbreak there. The polio surveillance network, which is used to monitor incidence of polio, is now also being used to identify and track suspected Ebola cases and has contributed to Nigeria's successful response. It is important to remember that Nigeria is still one of three polio endemic countries and we must continue our efforts on eradicating polio to prevent new outbreaks.

Rotary members are being mobilized on the ground to help prevent the spread of Ebola and other major diseases. The Rotary Club of Monrovia, for example is working directly with the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare in Liberia to enhance local support for Ebola patients, health workers, and support personnel. Rotarians are soliciting funds to buy locally available items, providing much needed transportation, tracking potential Ebola cases, and supporting the reintegration of those who have recovered from the virus.

Rotary Foundation Month

This is a good time to reflect on the great Rotary Foundation sponsored programs we support and how each of us can contribute to make sure these programs continue.

Our Rotary Foundation sponsors a broad range of Educational and Humanitarian programs that save and change lives, both here and abroad.



Programs like Polio eradication, Ambassadorial Scholars, Vocational Training Teams, District and Global Grants and Health, Hunger & Humanity (3H) grants. These programs are the lifeblood of Rotary, creating world peace and understanding through the lives touched by the programs.

Some District Conference Speakers

Noel Pearson - Aboriginal Leader and Activist



Noel was born in Cooktown Queensland and has spent all his adult life advocating ways to lift the living standards and dignity of aboriginals. He graduated in history and law at the University of Sydney, and worked on native title cases, including the historic Wik decision whereby the High Court recognized traditional ownership. In 1990 he played a pivotal role in the establishment of the Cape York Land Council in 1990. The Land Council was the first organisation established by Cape York Aboriginal people to work with and fight on behalf of Traditional Owner groups for the return of their homelands. Successful outcomes from this include the return of traditional lands known as Starcke and more recently Silver Plains. Noel is a regular correspondent in The Australian and has authored a number of essays promoting aboriginal issues, particularly relating to improving economic opportunity and achievement for our indigenous population.

Dr. Elaine Saunders (Rotarian) – Hearing Specialist and Company Director



Elaine Saunders is CEO of Dynamic Hearing Pty Ltd, a technology company that supplies leading edge DSP software to hearing aid and other communication companies around the world.

Elaine was a research and commercialisation manager in the CRC for Cochlear Implant and Hearing Aid Innovation, where she led the CRC team that developed the award winning Contour electrode of Cochlear Ltd. Elaine was awarded the State and National Prizes at the 2004 Telstra Business Women on the Year Awards in the Australian Government Private and Corporate Sector.

Nick Farr – High Altitude Performer, Team Trainer and Philanthropist



Nick Farr is one of Australia's most accomplished high altitude performers and leaders. He has demonstrated the consistent ability over many years to succeed in some of the most hostile environments imaginable and he has climbed many of the world's highest mountains including Mt Everest. With over 20 years' experience leading individuals and groups on trekking, climbing and skiing adventures across North America, Nepal, India, Europe, New Zealand and Australia, Nick has a wealth of experience in the logistics, psychology and management of people in difficult and challenging environments. A lifetime of learning encompassing unthinkable lows and incredible highs, Nick has established a unique approach to resilience, teamwork, leadership and overcoming adversity. He served for 20 years with the Victoria Police.

Nick's climbing efforts to date have assisted in raising over \$150,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

District Dates

An important District Date:

District Changeover

Sunday, July 5th 2015

Belair Country Club

Other dates for your diary:

Specialist Training

• District Leaders Training

PETS

District Assembly

Specialist Training

Specialist Training

• District Conference

Sunday, November 16th Sunday, February 8th 2015

March 7-8th 2015

Sunday, March 29th 2015

Sunday, May 3rd 2015

Sunday, May 31st 2015 April 16-19th 2015 Mildura

Flinders University

McCormick Centre, Renmark Unity College, Murray Bridge

St Francis of Assisi School,

Prospect

Mildura

Ballarat

Rotary Race Day



Feel like a fun day at the Races?

A joint District 9520 and 9500 Race Day Event is being organised for **Saturday**, **May 9**th **2015** at the Morphettville Racetrack. The meeting will include Rotary themed races and there will be activities for the whole family.

More details will follow shortly.



Rotary Club of Barmera - Light Up Our Local Screen



Bring Back Family Fun to Barmera - and the Riverland!



The Rotary Club of Barmera would like to give back to the families of the Riverland and host Out Door Cinema Nights. Imagine BYO beanbags, deck chairs & eskies surrounded by friends and family beneath our beautiful starry night sky on a mild spring evening!

Rather than hiring the equipment each time, we would like to purchase it so that our community can hire it locally from Rotary! And the best part - if the equipment is used to do good in our community (for example hired by a community group or charity), the Equipment Hire Fee will be FREE! If a private business or individual hire it, the Fee will go back into funds for the Rotary Club of Barmera, to continue doing good in the community.

Funding of this project will mean that families will be able to enjoy time together surrounded by community. It will also provide community groups and charities with the opportunity to engage the community, share their message and raise funds. All of this, without spending a substantial amount of their budget on hire fees and the option to look local first!

To support Riverland Mobile Cinema head to http://www.gofundme.com/outdoorcinema

For those who are new to Crowdfunding, rewards are often given in receipt of donations made. The REWARDS we are offering will value add and share the experience with community to further engage others:

- \$10 Kudos on FB (plus the warm fuzzy feeling that comes with doing something nice!)
- \$20 12-month VIP Cinema Pass for 2
- \$100 VIP MOVIE PARTY Ticket for 2
- \$500 Free Presentation on "How to Create a Crowdfund Campaign"
- \$800 1 x Free Hire (movie rights and transport costs not included)
- \$1,000 All of the Above!!

*If you just think it is a great idea and want to see it happen, donations without reward of any amount will be most welcome!

Our Funding Goal is \$9,500

Funds above this will allow us to host more events and/or value add to activities available

For more information or to get involved please contact Michelle Harding via mobile 0455 369 184 or email mishbaden@gmail.com

Youth Exchange Subsidy

Up to \$2,500 Subsidy to Clubs for Youth Exchange



Clubs can apply for subsidies of up to \$2,500 from the District Youth Exchange Committee for hosting an inbound long-term exchange student and sponsoring an outbound for the same year.

Should your club want to sponsor an outbound student only, the club levy of \$300 will be waived for this coming year.

This is a temporary measure for the next applications and the offer will expire on June 30th 2015.

Many clubs have formerly had a long and proud history of supporting youth exchange but the support for this program has recently waned.

Your District Committee is trying to find various ways of encouraging clubs back to youth programs and in particular youth exchange.

This financial incentive is just one of the ways that the District Committee can assist clubs, we will also assist with training, councillor support, hosting arrangements, forms and compliance.

Please talk to your clubs and consider revisiting Long term Youth Exchange and invest in future Rotarians.

For further information contact:

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Rotary Club of Kent Town - Pamper Day Update



International Project - Funding Required

Is your club looking to participate in an International (Global) project for 2015 - 2016?

Why not consider the possibility of combining with other clubs in D9520 and contribute to the establishment of a Women's and Children's Health clinic in the Andes mountains near Cusco, Peru. Maternal and Child Health is one of Rotary's six areas of focus for District and Global grants.

Background Information

The indigenous people who live in remote communities have little or no access to medical and other health services. Few professionally trained Doctors are available and health clinics are virtually nonexistent. Doctors and trained nurses are only found in the larger towns 2.5 hours walk or specialized treatment more than 2 hours drive away (if transport is available). Travel over the mountainous terrain is slow and often dangerous at 4,000 metres above sea level. The people of Quishuarani, five hours drive from Cusco, live in a picturesque valley near the Huillquijasa Pass. They live without electricity, running water or proper sanitation. They cook over open fireplaces and smoke fills the one or two stone roomed houses.

The Need

Children suffer from malnutrition, pneumonia, bronchitis, whooping cough and influenza and more. The high altitude and poor diet results in many other diseases. Pregnant women have little or no health care facilities in which to give birth and infant mortality is high. 50% of child deliveries in the mountain regions are not in a hospital or health clinic.

Funding

Project coordinators, Stirling Rotary Club (D9520) Past President Trevor McGuirk and Ted Dziadkiewicz, member of the Rotary Club of North Melbourne (D9800), are seeking involvement of clubs in Districts 9520 and 9800 to provide \$2,000 - \$2,500 each to support this project during the initial start-up period of 3-5 years.

It is anticipated that additional funds will be attained through District and Global grant applications. A substantial donation from the Cameron Foundation has been guaranteed towards this project. See www.cameronfoundation.org

Other private donations will be sought. No money is required until July - August 2015. The Rotary Club of Cusco will assist in coordinating the project in Peru, along with "Wings" (a humanitarian NGO in Peru).

For further information (or a visit to your club) please contact: Trevor McGuirk on 8379 7378, mobile 0488 797 378 or email: tmcguirk@chariot.net.au.















The Voice of Rotary

Broadcast on 1197AM RPH Adelaide each Tuesday 7:30-8:00 pm From each Wednesday the broadcast program can be heard on-line at http://www.rphadelaide.org.au

November 2014

November 11th Rotarian Ron Rogers (Regency Park)

'The Club's Annual Swap Meet'

November 18th Rotarian Wade Bekesi (Port Adelaide)

'The Golf Day Fundraiser'

November 25th Past President Kevin Roberts (Rtd.)

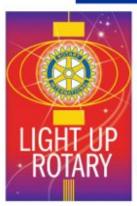
'A Long Term Experience in Rotary'

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District Conference 2015

Rotary District 9520 Conference Ballarat, Victoria Thursday 16 to Sunday 19 April 2015



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Where's Jerry?

This week, Jerry and Briony will be continuing the DG visits at:

McLaren Vale
 Murray Bridge
 Mobilong
 Mobilong

