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District & Semi Annual Dues for 2015 - 2016

- District Dues per Rotarian (including GST):**

District Dues	\$61.86*
Insurance	\$25.88
Total:	\$87.74

*If paid by September 30th 2015



- Rotary International Semi Annual Membership Dues per Rotarian (July)
(Current Rotary exchange rate = 1.28):**

Semi Annual Dues	US\$27.50 @ 1.28	= \$35.20
CoL Levy (July only)	US\$1.50 @ 1.28	= \$1.92
Total:	\$37.12 + GST	= \$40.83

- Publications:**

Rotarian (annual)	US\$24.00 @ 1.28 = \$30.72 + GST = A\$33.79
or	
RDU Magazine (½ yr.)	\$21.30 (including GST)

Please note that the number of Rotarians will be taken from the Rotary International website database. **It is strongly recommended that each Club ensures their data is up to date by May 31st 2015.**

Nepal Orphanage - Update



Students from the Nepal Dalit Women Upliftment Orphanage are presently camping out under a 6 x 15metre bamboo and roofing iron shelter. Initial estimates put the cost for repairing the earthquake damage to the buildings at \$60,000. Approximately \$40,000 has been currently received in pledges.

Further donations can be made by clicking on
<https://donations.rawcs.com.au/Default.aspx?ProjectID=647&ReturnTo=4>

Vale Jim Priest



Jim and Joy Priest

Arthur James Priest was inducted into the Rotary Club of Robinvale on October 5 1965 and has been a most diligent and active member for 50 years.

He served as President in the 1973 -1974 Rotary year, and he & Joy attended the World Rotary conference in Sydney in 1971. For his allegiance and active participation, Jim was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow in June 2002 by President Tricia Kelly.

Jim saw a lot of changes in the way Rotary operated and to the way things happen nowadays, but he had an impeccable attendance record and rarely missed a meeting.

Jim remained an active Rotarian to the end and rarely missed a fund raising event, whistling as he went.

Jim was a local legend in so many facets of community life in and around Robinvale and the kind of gentleman who drew respect and became the life of any gathering with his humour ... often times tinged with a sense of wickedness.

Jim was our most senior, highly respected and much loved member. He will be remembered with fondness as a genuine gentleman with an amazing love of life, and someone who up-held the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" to the end. (Brian Handreck)

New User Guides Available for Online Tools

Looking for information on using Rotary's online tools? The latest guides that will help you to connect with other Rotarians on My Rotary, crowd source project resources, and share successful projects are available to download from the Document Centre.

Click on the links below to access these guides directly

- [How to search for people on My Rotary](#)
- [How to join a discussion group](#)
- [How to start a project on Rotary Ideas](#)
- [How to add a project to Rotary Showcase](#)

Incoming Club Officers

Rotary



Clubs will be starting to plan for their changeover functions in June or July. A new Rotary year brings many new Club leaders. **However many Clubs have still not reported all their incoming Club Officers.** It is very important that these Officers and their email addresses are entered in My Rotary to ensure that communication to Clubs continues smoothly with the changes in Club leadership.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library



What is it?

The program is an Early Literacy initiative that improves educational opportunities for children from birth to 5 years of age by giving them access to a free age appropriate book each month. It also provides their parents/caregivers literacy tips and resources on how to engage in early literacy with the child.

Rotary International has partnered with a number of organisations including Penguin books, Love2Read, Good Beginnings Australia and United Way to support this program.

How does it work?

An organisation such as a Rotary Club signs up with United Way to become a Community Partner and as such agrees to identify the children in their identified community that will be involved and to sign up the parents of those children. A club may start with a pilot group by identifying a specific age or community cohort. The club agrees to provide the funding necessary to provide the specific number of children with their monthly book.

Once enrolled, United Way in partnership with Penguin Books deliver the books and resources free of charge to each child and family.

Has it worked?

Since its inception, the Imagination Library has reached more than 1 million children across the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, and now Australia. Statistics show that the program drastically improves early childhood literacy, and increasing access to quality books regardless of family income, and increasing the overall amount of time children are engaged in reading activities.



How much does it cost?



The cost is \$6.50 per month per child so the overall cost to the club will depend on the number of children they enrol. There is an understanding that the club will commit to fund the program for a minimum period of years. Clubs can add additional children into the program at any time.

How is the club recognised?

The club branding is included on the parent signup sheets and posters so children and families know who is providing their books.

Are you interested?

Contact Wayne Sachs Rotary Club of Glenelg on 0433 378 387, E mail to awma.sachs@hotmail.com or visit www.imaginationlibrary.com.au



Violence Free Families



Originally founded by the Rotary Club of Brighton, Victoria, Violence Free Families is now an independent national registered charity. It works in Research, Development and Education: improving existing behaviour change programs for violent men, developing new ones and supporting childhood education programs. VFF is led by a Board of Rotarians, community representatives and professionals.

Recently, the popular singer Colleen Hewett has become an ambassador for Violence Free Families. She has recently recorded a powerful song, *Shut Up and Let Me Breathe*, which is about domestic violence. There is also a moving video clip of well-known personalities and children saying no to family violence. Colleen has been invited to perform at the Rotary Zone 8 Institute in November.



Prime Minister Tony Abbott is supporting Colleen's efforts with regard to domestic violence and last week filmed a message, which has been added to the video clip of her song. He acknowledges the work of Rotary in the message.

Rotarians are encouraged to purchase copies of Colleen's new CD *Black & White*, which features the song *Shut Up and Let Me Breathe*. The cost of the CD is only \$20, and \$5 from every sale will be donated to Violence Free Families.

You can read more about Violence Free Families and order copies of the CD by clicking here <http://www.violencefreefamilies.org.au/cdorder>. To see Colleen's video clip and the PM's endorsement follow the link <https://youtu.be/1-JvSKS4MbQ>.

Rotary Active in South Sudan

d'Arcy Lunn is a Communication Specialist, Campaigner, Advocate, Ambassador and Activist for the global prevention of polio. d'Arcy was also a key note speaker at our Warrnambool District Conference.

d'Arcy is currently working with UNICEF in South Sudan on the Stop Transmission of Polio (STOP) program. He recently provided training to over 200 Interact members as a part of World Immunisation Week and African Vaccination Week.



Photos from the event can be accessed here: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B9tNj57YnQ9qfi16ZHBqYnJaYIFfUHZtMIZUSFJycWw1OS1LbzdLRW9vd2RtdHhZcmRIckE&authuser=1>

This is part of the remarkable work Rotary is doing in a country that has the least amount of health infrastructure that d'Arcy has ever seen in over 70 countries around the world.

d'Arcy would be happy to hear from clubs if they would like him to come and present while he is back in Australia in October.

d'Arcy Lunn's contact details are: (e) poliopoints@gmail.com or <mailto:contact@makingthepoint.org>

National Youth Science Forum – Dates for 2015 - 2016



It is now 30 years since the National Youth Science Forum Inc. began operations with Rotary in Australia as the founding partner.

The NYSF aims to nurture and encourage young Australians to be the next generation of leading scientists and engineers supporting a sustainable future for our nation.

- National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) applications opened on 1st March 2015 and close on **31st May 2015**
- NYSF interviews are on Sunday 26th July at Charles Hawker Centre, Waite Campus, Waite Rd, Urrbrae from 9am to 1 pm
- The joint D9520 & D9500 Orientation of successful applicants is on Sunday 13th September at 9am at the above venue. There will be (hopefully) a SA Government House reception on Monday, 14th September 2015.
- Sessions
NYSF Session A: 4th – 16th January 2016
NYSF Session C: 18th – 30th January 2016

Currently registrations are low.

- This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for year 11 students, interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to live at ANU (Australian National University) in Canberra for two weeks with 200 others of like minds and find out all that they can about career choices in these subjects.



The NYSF website www.nysf.edu.au has all the details. Registration is online there too.

Would clubs please contact their local high schools to encourage participation by May 31st 2015.

Our country needs Scientists, Mathematicians, Engineers and IT professionals.

Any enquiries, please contact NYSF Chair Margaret Northcote: on (m) 0419 122 525 or (e) pmnorthcote@gmail.com

Changes to the Rotary International Website

There have been some recent changes to the Club and District pages on the RI website:

- **Overall redesign:** Related activities will be grouped together
- **Quick Links:** The ability to designate favourite links from the Club & District Administration section and access them from your my Rotary dashboard.
- **Terms of Access:** Incoming Club and District Officers will have access to Club and District information by June 1st. Most outgoing Club and District Officers will retain access to the information for 12 months.

Rotarian Trevor McGuirk in Cusco, Peru

A Letter from Trevor McGuirk



I have been in Cusco now for 27 days. Living with Dr. Jean-Jacques DeCoster, who spoke at the Warrnambool conference 14 months ago. The flight to Cusco is long and tiring and not without drama - but that is another story. The reason to visit this fascinating city, the centre of the Inca civilisation, is to investigate the establishment of the Women and Children's health service for people who live in remote community of Quishuarani in the Andes Mountains 4-5 hours drive from Cusco. Leading up to my departure, I visited and spoke to 23 District 9520 clubs, seeking financial support for this project. Having visited Cusco on 3 previous occasions, I am further convinced that these communities desperately need such support.

In 2010, Stirling and the Rotary Club of Cusco, supported by a District and RI Matching grant, purchased a school bus for the community of Quishuarani, which lies at 4,400 metres. The bus transports children to Lares some 40mins away, saving the children a 2-3 hour walk to school.

I suffered, once again, from altitude sickness on arrival - splitting headache, head cold, constant dribbling nose and shortness of breath. Consequently I agreed not to travel to Quishuarani, a disappointing set back, but amazingly many of the community of Quishuarani travelled in the school bus to Calca, a town in the Sacred Valley to see me on Saturday 2nd May. Doris, a teacher from Cusco arranged this encounter. I distributed 27 Sawyer "Point One" water filters and 30 pairs of reading glasses (1-2 magnification). Ate trout freshly caught from the mountain lake. I am now over "soroche" and feeling good, apart from a nasty dog bite to my right calf requiring a rabies booster injection and a course of antibiotics. It's mending. Grrr, woof - did I say that!



I travelled to Quishuarani on Saturday 16th May to discuss with the elders of the community aspects of the health project. They have already expressed their need for a comprehensive health program. A family in the community has tuberculosis. A full community examination is required to identify and treat those who are inflicted - and organised! A young woman died in childbirth 6 months ago - a sad story. I met with a group of doctors, dentists and nutritionists on Tuesday 13th May. They are preparing a proposal, outlining a complete program with an estimated cost for a two-year initial project. On Wednesday 20th I will present details of the project to the Rotary Club of Cusco - in Spanish! It's certainly full on in Cusco.

Yours in Rotary,

Trevor McGuirk, Rotary Club of Stirling

Umoja Orphanage - Kenya

INVITATION FOR VOLUNTEERS



UMOJA ORPHANAGE KENYA



Umoja Volunteer Program is seeking volunteers to join a building team in Kenya **31st December 2014 – 13th January 2015**

ABOUT THE ORGANISATION

Umoja Orphanage Kenya (Rotary Australia World Community Service) RAWCS project 51/2011-12) is an Australian non-profit organisation raising funds to build a self-sustainable children's village in Ukunda, Kenya for orphaned and vulnerable children. Volunteering in Kenya is a life-changing experience that allows you to [contribute to a project](#) that is helping children and communities to break the cycle of poverty.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

We require 9 Rotarians or non-Rotarians with experience in building, farming or irrigation. Volunteers can be men or women, but must be physically fit and able to work in the heat. Please note: your passport must be valid for an additional 6 months from your date of departure and compulsory vaccinations apply.

TOUR INFORMATION

The Umoja Volunteer Team will travel to Diani Beach to continue working on self-sustainability projects—building a chicken shed for 100 chickens, planting an edible food garden, planning and implementing irrigation and assisting locals with Permaculture training.

The tour also includes:

- Guided tour of a mentor orphanage north of Mombasa
- Assisting at the Kikambala Feeding Station
- 4-day Wildlife Safari

DATES

You must arrive in Mombasa on 30th December 2014 to begin on the 31st December, and you will be returned to Mombasa on 13th January 2015 for your departure on the 14th January 2015.

COST

The cost will be approx. **\$4198** (plus return airfares to Mombasa, Kenya).

This Umoja Volunteer Tour is **all inclusive** and covers accommodation, transport, safari, meals and drinks costs (conditions apply).

CONTACT

For more information, please contact Umoja Director Cathy Booth.

cathy@umojahome.com | Mobile: 0409 476 444 or info@umojahome.com

RSVP expressions of interest by September 30th, 2014

Strathalbyn Ballooning & Aviation Weekend



Strathalbyn Ballooning & Aviation Weekend Saturday June 6th Starting at 2pm

3.00pm	Solo Acrobatic display by Chis Sperou
3.20 – 3.30pm	Model Aircraft Display
3.45 – 4.00pm	Acrobatic display from Chris Sperou & Warren Stewart
4.10 – 4.45pm	Watch as sky divers and wing suits drop
4.30pm	Wave as the Microlights fly overhead
6.30pm	The balloons will come on and shine their magic

All the above times are approximate

Come and see a truly wonderful event, bring along the kids as we have entertainment galore with a petting centre, a climbing wall, train rides, jumping castles

For all the car buffs we have a fantastic display of 20 vintage and classic cars

Food stalls galore – we are catering for both quick snacks and easy to sit down meals

In between the air displays wander around and check out the many stallholders

Admission: \$5.00 per adult or \$15.00 for a family of four

Funds raised support Rotary projects, SES, CFS and gives a fundraising opportunity for local community groups

We will be selling glow wands for the kids to buy, so they can participate in the balloon night glow. Only \$5.00 each, with 3 speed settings

For more information please ring 1300 007 842 or 0429 671 685

Rotaract Club of Sturt Charter Night

*Rotaract Club of Sturt
Charter Night*

On the 28th of May
6:30pm for 7.00pm start
finishing at 9:00pm
at the Hackney Hotel

Theme Black Tie
Ticket Price \$20

Nibbles and drink on entry.
(house wine, soft drink, tap beer & cider)

Bookings Via: <http://www.trybooking.com/134676>
For more details contact us: sturtrotaract@gmail.com

District Diary Dates

Some important dates for your Diary:

- Specialist Training (Country) Sunday, May 31st 2015 Broken Hill
- District Changeover Sunday, July 5th 2015 Belair Country Club

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>

May & June 2015

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| May 26th | President Peter Neale (Adelaide)
<i>'Meals on Wheels'</i> |
| June 2nd | DGE Dick Wilson (Stirling)
<i>'District 9520 - The Coming Year'</i> |
| June 9th | DGE Doug Layng (Prospect)
<i>'District 9500 - The Coming Year'</i> |
| June 16th | PDG David Roberts (Hallett Cove)
<i>'Preventing Kidney Disease'</i> |



Contact: Chris Hughes (h) 8379 4633 or
(e) emandcee@bigpond.com

Important Date

An important reminder to Club Secretaries

Your Club's annual District subscription is based on the number of active Rotarians you have recorded on the Rotary International website on **May 31st**. Semi annual dues are based on similar information, which should be current on the same date. **Please check that your membership list is up to date to ensure that you are billed correctly.**

Where's Jerry?

DG's Diary this week:

- **Monday, May 25th** – District Conference Wrap Up Meeting
- **Tuesday, May 26th** – Rotary Club of Unley Meeting;
Australian Rotary Health (ARH) Committee Meeting
- **Wednesday, May 27th** – Mental Health Day Committee Meeting
- **Thursday, May 28th** – Rotaract Club of Sturt Charter Night
- **Friday, May 29th** – Travel to Mildura – Meeting with AG
Goup1 – Lesley Mitchell
- **Saturday, May 30th** – Interview potential sponsorship for a
Youth Exchange student; Group Dinner with Broken Hill
Clubs
- **Sunday, May 31st** – Specialist Training in Broken Hill

