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Rotary Young Professionals Forum



On Saturday 8th August 2015, District Membership Chair Mark Huddleston led the first District 9520 Young Professionals Forum.

Sixty students, professionals, Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike gathered at Flinders University to discuss the ways in which Rotary does and doesn't appeal to under 40's in both District 9520 and around Australia.

Participants of the forum were split into three categories:

- Rotarians over 40
- Rotarians under 40
- Non-Rotarian alumni

Key topics of the forum included:

- Aspects of Rotary which attract alumni and young professionals
- Major challenges Rotary needs to overcome
- Club and District Social media
- Deterrents to young professionals
- Factors which keep alumni and young professionals involved in Rotary clubs

The forum revealed a lot about where Rotary stays consistently appealing across generations and where clubs could re-calibrate, re-engineer and re-position themselves to ensure a bright future for both Rotary and the communities we support. Alan Oertel Editor RC Strathalbyn Bulletin.

Steve Hayter facilitated the under 40 group of people who looked specifically at reasons that attracted this group to Rotary, what is keeping them engaged, and what could be done to attract more members to this group.

All who attended this stimulating experience at Flinders University will continue to share the positive messages that emerged. The aim is to encourage changes in the way we operate and behave that will stimulate membership growth and make the involvement for us all more rewarding as well as more effective in achieving our common goal of Service above Self.

We all have the ability to adapt to what is a changing world, however we need to be convinced there is something in the discomfort of change to make it worthwhile for us, and to compensate for the effort we expend to achieve the change. Organisations which flourish recognise that time only moves forward.

People who wanted to be seen at The Young Professionals Forum are DG Dick Wilson, DG Doug Layng D9500, Wendy Gaborit, Mark Huddleston, Steve Hayter, Kim Harvey and David Gambel with the camera.



Calperum Experience.

Be part of the Calperum restoration project by joining a team of Rotarians who are committed workers changing a sheep station back to a natural home for Australian flora and fauna.

There are literally hundreds of kilometres of interior wire fencing which need to be removed. Here we see a load of fencing wire and Native Pine posts being taken away.

The Calperum Experience offers working in a beautiful part of Australia, with the warm fellowship, good food and wine enjoyed as part of a team.

There are other parts of the project which may be more attractive if you are not keen on removing fences.

The contact person is Bob Arnold 08 8278 2609 mob 0427 152 565 email bob.jan.arnold@internode.on.net

Business Breakfast hosted by the Rotary Club of Eastwood

A recent business breakfast hosted by the Rotary Club of Eastwood attracted approximately 120 people to hear the federal Minister for Small Business, The Hon Bruce Billson MP. It was an excellent opportunity to not only present a high quality speaker, but to also raise the awareness of Rotary to the many guests present.

Bruce Billson spoke very entertainingly for more than 30 minutes. He demonstrated himself to be a minister who is passionate about small business and who brings to the government the experience of being an ex-small business proprietor. The Minister's speech was timely in that it was the morning after the federal government ship building announcement, but reinforced the importance of small business to have a go. Audience comments after the breakfast were very favourable with two of the Minister's quotes repeated across social media – "The world is run by people who turn up" and "Let a thousand flowers bloom in the economy of South Australia".



With the assistance of "Friend member" Michael Krelshem, the Rotary Club of Eastwood has held a number of business breakfasts with high profile speakers.

The next event is scheduled for Wednesday 21 October 7:00am – 8:30am with the guest speaker being Adelaide Lord Mayor, Martin Haese.

Great examples of raising Rotary awareness, and how an individual who is unable to be a full-time member can still contribute to the club and Rotary.

VOICE OF ROTARY Tuesday 7.30 to 8.00 pm.

18th August Dr Viv Valladares "A dental Project in Vanuatu."

25th August PP Peter Allen "Rotarians Against Domestic Violence."





Opportunity for service in Youth Exchange.

District 9520 Youth Exchange Committee urgently requires a Group 1 Coordinator

Rotary Clubs in Group 1 do have students engaged in the Youth Exchange Program, and the present coordinator is unable to continue the management service.

Group 1 Rotary Clubs of Broken Hill, Broken Hill South, Irymple, Merbein, Mildura, Mildura Deakin, Red Cliffs, Robinvale-Euston, South Mildura, and Wentworth need assistance to manage the Youth Exchange program.

Rotary Youth Exchange Australia provides an opportunity of a lifetime for young Australians between 15 and 17 to study abroad. Anyone interested in this challenging and rewarding role please contact;

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The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers.

This group of volunteer Rotarians provide technical expertise and advice to Rotarians planning and carrying out Rotary grant projects around the world. These experienced volunteers are familiar with the grant process, and collectively have technical and professional expertise in one or more of Rotary's six areas of focus.

The role of a cadre is to be involved in planning, monitoring, and evaluating humanitarian grant projects.

Cadres can be involved in:

- Application assistance.
- Technical reviews. Cadre members evaluate the technical feasibility of a project and submit a written evaluation.
- Site visits to evaluate technical feasibility of a proposed project, monitor the progress of the project, and ensure the project is brought to a successful conclusion.
- Audits. Auditors evaluate the financial management and oversight of grant funds

The cadre is currently recruiting volunteers with expertise in monitoring and evaluation, sustainability, and community needs assessments. If any Rotarian in the District is interested to find out more of the cadre role, we encourage you to visit <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/cadre-technical-advisers>



National Youth Science Forum.

Each year very capable science students in senior classes at our schools are encouraged by Rotarians and their teachers to apply for a place at the Australian National University Science Forum. This Forum provides valuable exposure to contemporary science and technology ideas presented by forerunners in these fields.

This year some 43 students were interviewed by a team of 18 teachers, and scientists, some of whom are Rotarians, to select 18 students.

This is an exhaustive and competitive selection process for highly desired places at the Forum. The photo shows former NYSF students Lauren and Emily-Grace with Rotarians Gordon and Robert, who interviewed the group of aspirants along the front.

Rotary provides the administration expertise for this very important project which has significant life changing and career implications for some of our future leaders in science, technology and engineering. Past successful students assist in the interview process, and the current group of past students is shown below.

The next stage for the selected students is to attend an Orientation Day at Waite Institute to which parents, teachers and sponsoring Rotarians are invited.



Contact person for NYSF is Margaret Northcote d9520nysf@gmail.com



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Delivering self-sustaining solutions to hunger, malnutrition and food security in countries throughout the developing world. The project focuses on empowering people through a better understanding of the value of their own local food resources that are well





RYLA is a seminar for aspiring young leaders. Participants of RYLA attend informative sessions on a variety of subjects key to effective leadership. The passion, skills and Rotary values that participants develop at RYLA continue far beyond the reaches of the program. Graduates of the program take these powerful life skills into the future and into the wider global community.

TOPICS INCLUDE *The nature of leadership Effective communication Public speaking Thinking outside the box*

The RYLA program offers lifelong friendships, leadership and teamwork skills

Rotary Youth Leadership Award 18-25 year olds

26th September – 2nd October 2015

Nunyara Conference Centre 5 Burnell Drive Belair

Apply online at <http://ryla9520.org.au/>



The closing date for this year's District Rotary Youth Leadership Awards is upon us and we still have many places to be filled. Please can your club find an appropriate young person to sponsor. Please refer to www.ryla9520.org.au for further information or contact John Sandham on 0412 440 843

HAT DAY CELEBRATIONS



'HELP HATS HELP HEADS'

Friday October 9

Register at www.hatday.com.au



Is your club prepared for its Hat Day celebrations on Friday October 9th and the opportunity to help Australian Rotary Health (ARH) continue its support programs toward prevention of mental health issues? ARH is the largest non-government organisation funding mental health research and prevention. There are many ways in which you can help:

1. The joint D9500 and D9520 Hat Day committee are planning a collection day in the city on Hat Day and we need helpers to assist in raising money and awareness. Register your interest at <http://e.com/http://mybookingmanager.com2015/BadgeDay-HatDay> or contact Jerry Casburn on mobile (0407 646 396) or email (jerry@thecasburns.com.au) if you can help.
2. Has your club arranged a Hat Day event? This is a fun way to have members wear a hat and raise money for the cause.
3. Donate to Australian Rotary Health.

Africa reaches important polio milestone.

Today marks a year since the continent has reported a new case of the viral disease. But continued support is critical before Africa can be certified polio-free. To end polio forever, all countries must strengthen routine immunization, address gaps in disease surveillance and do more to reach children who are still being missed by vaccinators.

