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Remembrance Day 2015



Last Wednesday it was my privilege to be taken on a personal journey of vivid images, instructive commentary, and above all soul searching stories told through music by "The Embers" at a performance in Murray Bridge. As the audience in the Town Hall was taken across the history of Australians at war from WWI to the present, the focus was clearly on the stories, the emotions, and aspirations of ordinary fathers, mothers, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and family.



Yes it was confronting to view and hear all this through eyes filled with tears, but the audience left having felt, as well as heard a moving tribute to the people caught up in wars, and the huge debt of gratitude we owe to those who have given so much to ensure our way of life.

I do not want to emphasise the terrible wastefulness of conflict, but we were reminded of names such as Fromelles, HMAS Sydney, Battle of Britain, Kokoda, Centaur, Sandakan, and Long Tan in a brilliant audio-visual production.



Congratulations to President Bronwyn Heard Rotary Club of Mobilong, here with RSL President John Meers, and Craniofacial Australia representative Bob Snewin who were each presented with a cheque of \$1000 for their organisations.

Congratulations to Rotarian Dale Manson for his organisation of this event and to Rotarian Sharon Pratt for the photos.





OK the bar is now being raised !

Here is a response from Bernie Morgan Rotary Club of Blackwood. "Seeing the 'Breaking News' in the 17th Herald of this year where Wayne Dyson had got his daughter into membership of Glenelg, I thought others may like to see that in Blackwood, I had not only my daughter Natalie join earlier this year, but I also had my young 30yr old neighbour Laura Richter, join Blackwood Club.

One of the challenges of younger members is their mobility, and Laura's husband Dan got a 6 month posting

to Auckland New Zealand shortly after her decision to join our Club. Laura is of course joining Dan and getting a short term transfer in her Westpac Bank job to go to Auckland. She intends to use her Rotary membership to gain a network quickly in Auckland. Pictured is daughter Natalie, me and Laura, holding a Blackwood banner that she can give to her Club of choice in Auckland." Congratulations Bernie, we await to see who can top this !

Electrician Apprenticeship.

Shahab Delfi has just graduated from RYLA with flying colours. He was sponsored by Norwood.

Shahab is currently completing year 12 at Norwood Morialta High School and lives in Magill. He would like to take up an apprenticeship as an electrician and Norwood is seeking to help him by asking Rotarians with such vocations or networks who may be able to provide some leads for him.

Shahab migrated to Australia with his brother, as a refugee in 2011. He came from Ahwaz in Southern Iran. He has gained Permanent Residency status already and will get citizenship in due course. He speaks perfect English, has good customer service and teamwork skills, is enterprising and, as can be expected, has high levels of resilience. He is sure to complete an apprenticeship. He is bright enough to be accepted into university but prefers the more practical option of an apprenticeship. We have no doubt he will succeed in both work and life.

If you have any leads please contact Euan Miller ewan@gdaysa.com.au or 0401 124 387

TINNIES FOR TENTS



Do you have bottles and cans laying around? Don't have time to drive to the recycling depot? Do you want to help people in need?

Flinders Rotaract are donating all the proceeds of their bottle and can drive to shelterBOX

Flinders Rotaract are collecting bottles and cans for their Tinnies For Tents initiative once again! The proceeds of the 10c refund recycling campaign go straight to ShelterBox Australia to help those displaced by disaster. So far, the club has raised just over \$100 for ShelterBox Australia through collecting bottles and cans, but need your help to reach their goal of \$1000.

If you have bottles and cans waiting to be taken to the recycling depot, Flinders Rotaract members will collect them on your behalf. Our next collection day is **Monday 23rd of November between 10am and 3pm**. If you are interested in taking part, please email your name and address to secretary.rotaract.flinders@gmail.com - Flinders Rotaract will be sending out courtesy emails before the collection date so you won't forget to put your bottles and cans out. Flinders Rotaract believe that everyone wants to help those in need, but may not have the time or know how. By donating your bottles and cans, you are making a contribution to improving some persons life. If you have any questions about this initiative, or ShelterBox Australia, please email the club through the address above. Kaisha Wyld, Secretary Flinders Rotaract Club.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF MEETING TIME AND VENUE

The **Rotary Club of Norwood** has changed to an evening club and from January 2016 it will meet regularly on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays at 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm at the

Kensington Hotel 23 Regent St Kensington.

On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays it is meeting informally at 1:00pm at the

Manto Café corner of the Parade and George St Norwood.

Lunch time clubs are struggling in this new world of work and as the last lunch time club in the district, it has changed to an evening meeting to revitalise its membership. Seven new members will be inducted over the next few weeks and plans are afoot to increase that still further.

The club mounted a membership drive with a new brochure, letter box drop and community newspaper ad, and while this has stimulated some interest, most of the new members have come from networks and personal contact. As one of the oldest clubs in the district (est. 1954) a special focus was placed on dramatically reducing the average age of the club. We have attracted a 25 year old and two in their 30s as part of the seven, and increased the diversity of the club with two members from South American backgrounds.

DISTRICT 9520 UTE RELAY



The Rotary Polio Ute relay provided a project which involved country and metro clubs, working together with the prime aim of raising the awareness of the work of Rotary in local communities.

The Mazda BT50 ute kindly loaned by Paradise Motors provided a mobile symbolic baton as well as attracting attention to our goal to end the world of the scourge of polio.

Those who followed the travels of the Ute know it started in Broken Hill, then travelled through the Sunraysia District, on to the Riverland, the Murraylands, the Fleurieu to the Adelaide Hills and finishing with a tour of Metropolitan Adelaide.

The Ute had 30 staging posts with local Rotarians meeting the community, and most Clubs supported the distribution of Rotary Literature, flying the Rotary Flag, and together sold \$12,000 worth of raffle tickets.

The event attracted excellent radio coverage through interviews and announcements on prime time occasions. ABC Riverland conducted interviews which later went on ABC National Radio, ABC Sunday mornings with Ashley Walsh and a Community Announcement on Saturday and Macca Australia All Over (National Radio) that went viral as the program started a Polio talk fest on the same morning and then the following two Sunday mornings Australia wide. Also on Live FM Adelaide metro and interview on the Voice of Rotary. Local Radio Interviews were also conducted by Country Clubs at Broken Hill, Murray Bridge and Mt Barker.

The local Press in each of the communities visited gave excellent exposure in Broken Hill, Mildura, Mt Barker Courier and Adelaide Hills Herald, Mitcham and Hills Messenger Southern Messenger and Eastern Courier Messenger. Social media also provided another avenue of news with many Facebook entries and Blogs, and the website poliouterelay.org gave the End Polio Now message.

Congratulations Rotary District 9520 for a worthwhile project conducted with great energy and cooperation! Prize winners for the raffle were announced in Issue 18 of The Herald, and all monies raised will be credited in Rotary Foundation Polio contributions to the Club making the sales.

Membership Development Report

Worldwide 1,209,491 at 1st July 2015 compared with 1,228,076 at 31st October 2015, which is a 1.5% growth.
Zone 8 (21 Districts) 29,945 at 1st July 2015 compared with 30,260 at 31st October 2015, which is a 1.1% growth.
District 9520 (50 Clubs) 1315 at 1st July 2015 compared with 1329 at 31st October 2015, which is a 1.1% growth.
This means that District 9520 has recorded a modest growth of 14 members over 4 months.

Looking through the table I noted Rotary District 3190 has recorded an increase of 649 in membership. The membership commenced 3868 and went to 4517, with 95 Clubs rising to 104 Clubs, a 16.7% growth !!

Data provided by Brian King Director of Membership Development for Rotary International.



Umoja Orphanage Kenya

is a Project of the Sunrise Rotary Club Bundaberg RAWCS Project Number 51/2011-12

<http://umojahome.com/kenya>

Umoja is a non-profit organisation based in Australia to give orphans and vulnerable children in Kenya a second chance at life. Through a holistic care approach, we will empower children and communities to break the cycle of poverty.

INVENTORY OF DISTRICT EQUIPMENT

Please be advised that an Inventory of District equipment has now been posted on the District website for your convenience.

Please access the Inventory by using the link <http://www.rotarynews.info/2/district/9520/1401>

Please also note that the Inventory can be accessed from **the home page of the District website**. On the left hand margin look for the sentence: "An inventory of District Equipment is available for use by Clubs and District Committees. Click on the sign below to find out more."



The Inventory describes the equipment available including a photograph.

Borrowing is managed by our District Property Officers Bob Grant, Brownhill Creek, and John Yard, Brighton. Equipment borrowed must be for Rotary function use only, and liability for loss or damage remains with the Club applying for the use of the equipment.



Six Rotary Global Women of Action were honored during Rotary Day at the United Nations on 7 November in New York City. They are, from left: Lucy H. Hobgood-Brown, Dr. Hashrat A. Begum, Stella S. Dongo, Kerstin Jeska-Thorwat, Dr. Deborah K.W. Walters, and Razia Jan. Photo Credit: Rotary International/Monika Lozinska

The six Rotary Global Women of Action for 2015 were recognized during Rotary Day at the United Nations on 7 November in New York City for their dedication and service, which have improved the lives of thousands around the world.

“The women we are honoring here today are leaders in Rotary,” said Rotary President K.R. Ravindran. “They are pushing the boundaries of Rotary service, pushing us all to do more, be more, and achieve more.”

Lakshmi Puri, assistant secretary-general of the United Nations and deputy executive director of UN Women, praised Rotary for its acknowledgment of the crucial role women play.

International Projects in our Rotary Clubs.

During the past week a Circular on the topic of International Projects being undertaken by Rotary Clubs in District 9520 was sent to the Secretary of each Club.

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International Service Coordinator D9520, would like to assemble a list of International Projects being undertaken in our Clubs, for sharing across our District.

AREAS OF FOCUS



Area of focus **Supporting education.**

Sixty-seven million children worldwide have no access to education and more than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

Community Service Announcement delivered at very short notice.

SA Country Fire Service (CFS) is offering a free Bushfire Workshop for Businesses and Organisations to help your business get bushfire ready. The two hour workshop will include information on Emergency plans and procedures for your business or department, Workplace bushfire scenarios, Torrens Resilience Institute, Bureau of Meteorology bushfire weather update. **The workshop will be held on Tuesday, November 17 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Flinders University, Room 10.3, Level 10, 182 Victoria Square – Adelaide.** Essential bookings to CFS Community Engagement on 8463 4165 or community.ed@cfs.sa.gov.au no later than Monday, November 16.