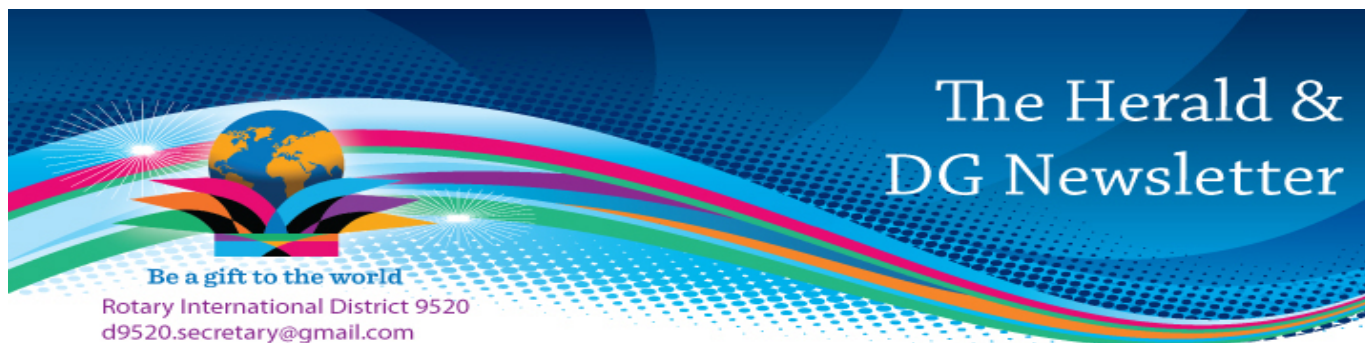




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This is what happens when I say please form a line here if you would like your photo taken !
Suddenly I need a wide angle lens !

Lynne Layng, Doug Layng, Jennifer Jones, Dick Wilson, Malcolm Lindquist, Ed King, Wendy Gaborit, Liz Wilson.

Having Jennifer Jones as a guest speaker at the Naval, Military & Airforce Club in Hutt Street on Monday evening can only be described as an occasion. The glitterati of Districts 9500 and 9520 were out in force, and within 10 seconds of commencing her address, Jennifer had us all engaged. The general theme of Jennifer's delightful stories had two powerful threads. Firstly each individual Rotarian has the opportunity and power to change what happens to our fellow travellers on planet Earth one person at a time, so that collectively we can make a significant and worthwhile difference for many people. Secondly over a period of time and with unimaginable persistence and devotion of resources, we are approaching an historic goal of ridding our world of the scourge of polio forever! The adjectives for these achievements never quite fit the reality of what a large number of like minded people with a simple uniting message of service above self can attain. Jennifer called upon Martin Luther King Jr to remind us that everybody has the power to be great because true greatness is determined by your service to others, and to achieve this you only need a heart full of grace.



Lee & Sam Camporeale with Jennifer Jones.
Barb Adams, Don Will, Joy Will, Kevin Stevens,
Jennifer Jones, and Liza Beck.



From District Governor Dick Wilson, My Fellow Rotarians!



LET'S PUT THE PADDLES ON ROTARY!

I like this analogy! I was asked by a Club who wanted more information about the value of **EADs** – external automatic defibrillators. These machines can be life saving! If someone has a sudden collapse, open up the EAD, follow the VERY simple instructions, apply 2 adhesive pads to the chest and wait for the machine to tell you what to do. If the heart rhythm is 'shockable', the machine will tell you to charge, stand clear and activate! **THIS CAN BE LIFESAVING!** If the heart is not in a 'shockable' state, the machine will not 'fire' – it is impossible to cause any damage.

Is Rotary ready for a 'SHOCK'?

I think it is and Rotary International Director Elect Noel Trevaskis has pointed out that many of our 'baby boomer' Rotarians will be 'leaving the ranks' in the next six years. However, we are in a state of readiness for this coming 'shock' and it is up to ALL of us to address the problem of recruitment and engagement. When did you last bring someone into Rotary? I introduced a new member to our Club about 3 months ago and I have 1 or 2 possibilities in the pipeline! Don't rely on others to do the ask – we can all do it!

DECEMBER will focus on: DISEASE PREVENTION and TREATMENT.

What better way for the Foundation to demonstrate its commitment to disease prevention than the eradication of poliomyelitis or, as it used to be called, infantile paralysis. As Jennifer Jones so eloquently asked, if the full story had been told to Rotary in 1985, would they have entered into PolioPlus? So far, the campaign has cost \$1.5 billion and 2.5 billion people have been immunized in the race to End Polio Now!

Rotary and its partners WILL succeed. We have to add this story to the annals of one of the world's greatest humanitarian projects. Thanks to ALL Rotarians, their Clubs and their friends.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 28 APR – 01 MAY 2016 IN RENMARK SA

Early bird bookings are going well and the initial problems in accessing accommodation seem to have been sorted!

Details of some of the speakers are soon to be released. The more 'sought-after' speakers will often not commit until closer to the event so we have to be patient in trying to finalise the program.

There will be occasions when Clubs can enjoy their fellow members' company – after the 'Welcome to Renmark' function on THU 28 APR and the free evening on FRI 29 APR. There are plenty of good eating spots in and around Renmark so plan ahead and book early.

The Dinner on Saturday night will be memorable for the good food, fine wine, great entertainment and little in the way of speeches!



SEOUL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - 28MAY – 01 JUN 2016

Anyone interested in coming to South Korea for the RI Convention should contact AG Don Will (0414 645 402) to discuss accommodation arrangements. The first pre-registration closes on 15 DEC 2015 affording quite a reduction on the cost - \$310 as compared to \$375 (up to 31 MAR) and then the cost rises to \$440. Having attended my first RI Convention in Sydney last year, Liz and I were most impressed with the organization, the entertainment and, most importantly, the great guest speakers

ZONE INSTITUTE – MELBOURNE – 17-22NOV 2015

The G-Train, along with a number of Past Governors, attended this Institute recently in the presence of RI President Elect John Germ, RI Board Members Guiller Tumangan and Jennifer Jones and RI Board Member Elect Noel Trevaskis.

Our own Zone Coordinator Malcolm Lindquist and Zone Public Image Coordinator Wendy Gaborit both played important roles in both the training beforehand and the Institute itself.

I was able to attend the following AGMs:

ROTARY DOWN UNDER – the magazine serves about 40,000 Rotarians and friends throughout Australia, New Zealand, Timor Leste, PNG and 12 Pacific Island Nations.

In April 2015, RDU edition number 571 celebrated the 50th anniversary of the magazine. Congratulations to all concerned. PDG Euan Miller is on the Board of Directors.

ROTARY AUSTRALIA WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE - PDG Jerry Casburn is Chair of the RAWCS Central Committee. The vision of RAWCS is to support Australian Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in assisting disadvantaged communities and individuals with humanitarian aid projects.

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH – with a focus on medical research and especially in mental health and illness, ARH continues to be well supported by Rotarians and Clubs around Australia. PDG Roy Armstrong has taken over as Chair of the District Committee from the indefatigable Dr Andrew Benson from RC Encounter Bay.

ROTARY OCEANIA MEDICAL AID FOR CHILDREN – provides specialist treatment for children from developing countries in the form of life saving and dignity restoring surgery not accessible to them in their home country. Clubs interested in finding out more should contact PDG Alun Hughes on 0-438 822 654.

DG CLUB VISITS.

Another round of great Club visits were conducted in November which included:

- Hat Night at McLaren Vale
- Murray Bridge on Melbourne Cup night
- Noarlunga with a tour of the 'town'
- Holdfast Bay with a Sergeant's performance second to none – thanks Bill Davies
- Blackwood members knew every article in the most recent edition of The Herald when asked by Sgt. Bernie Lewis in a display of carefully orchestrated knowledge!

IN CLOSING, Liz and I would like to wish all Rotarians and their families a happy and safe Christmas and New Year

Roo Goes to School

The Rotary Club of Encounter Bay has come up with a unique way of raising funds for humanitarian projects while creating a literacy aid for parents (and grandparents).

Club member Dr Peter Manuel has written, illustrated and published a 40 page children's book called ROO GOES TO SCHOOL . It is presented in rhyme with a moral conclusion in keeping with children's aspirations. Peter has kindly donated profit from sales to be managed by the Club and directed to support children living in poverty.

The book is colourful and provides opportunities for parents to talk about the animals presented and the situations they experience. It is designed as a useful Christmas gift at very affordable prices.

The soft cover book is \$10, and the hard cover version \$20 (recommended retail is \$32). Peter is happy to sign any book purchased and add messages as appropriate. Books can be purchased from any club member, from Mr Menswear's store in Ocean Street, or at the annual boat raffle locations or Goolwa and Port Elliot markets.

For out of town buyers please contact Shirley Sunter at Victor Harbor Cycles shirley@vhcycles.com.au



Rotary in the Mallee – Mallee Emu Wrens

Members of The Rotary Club of Murray Bridge have just returned from the Wyperfeld National Park in Western Victoria after assisting with habitat and Mallee Emu Wren surveys.

Rotarians partnered with several universities, Bird Life Australia, Zoos SA and Department of Environment Water & Natural Resources (SA) to set up camp providing logistical support for fifteen people.



The Mallee Emu Wren is a very small bird weighing between 4.5 & 6 grams! Habitat is very important and a preference is for very dense bushes with a height of approximately 700mm. Spinifex and Allocasuarina are the main bushes favoured. The aim of the survey was to determine the extent of any population of the near extinct Mallee Emu Wren. This wren is believed extinct in SA following the 2013 Ngarkat and Billiatt fires.

During the six day survey there was good news as several small populations of this tiny bird were discovered.

The Rotary Club of Murray Bridge is now in discussions with Zoos SA with a proposal to build an enclosure at the Monarto Zoo dedicated to breeding Mallee Emu Wrens.

The future of several Mallee birds is under severe threat and this is one way Rotary can be involved in securing their survival. We can be a gift to the world through our legacy of conservation.

Story and photo by Robin LeGallez.

Victor Harbor Trainee of the Year.

This is an Annual Award that acknowledges and promotes ongoing excellence in young employees in the local business community. It engages outstanding trainees who are learning their vocation skills while being employed by local business enterprises.

The winner this year is;

Emma Tooth from jaDs Hairdressers.

Other excellent finalists were:

Jack Tonkin (Runner-up from Harbar),

Jamie Dwyer (from Fleurieu Crash repairs), and

Sam Fuller (from Victor Steel).



This initiative, promoted by the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay, celebrates quality service, and identifies trainees who demonstrate an ambition to better themselves and their work environment, and encourages favourable community and work relations. Emma received \$500 as winner, and the payment of up to \$3500 to further her training. Runner up Jack received \$500.

Vocational Service engagement by Rotarians is a valuable model of influencing the impact of ethical behaviours in the local community. It recognises the worth of useful occupations, the natural justice of being treated fairly and respectfully, and an understanding, particularly in Australia, that living in harmony within a multicultural population is a core goal for all citizens.



Generous donor recognised.

Generous contributions to The Rotary Foundation are essential to securing and growing Rotary programs throughout the world. The Rotary Foundation recognize donors to express gratitude for the commitment and offer individual and club recognition, as well as naming opportunities that let you honor a friend or family member with a named or endowed gift.

On the occasion of the cocktail party at the Naval, Military & Airforce Club in Hutt Street on Monday 23rd November, PDG Eric Russell was presented with an engraved crystal in recognition of his generous donation to The Rotary Foundation, as well as a warm hug from RI Director Jennifer Jones.

Congratulations PDG Eric Russell MBE.

CHANGES TO ROTARY CLUB CENTRAL

Ever since Rotary Club Central was launched in 2012-13, we have been collecting feedback and making improvements. Here are two important improvements, related to goals, for 2016-17:

- The membership goal will no longer be based on retention of new and existing members. Instead, it will represent the number of members in a club at the end of the Rotary year.
- The Annual Fund goal will no longer be divided into levels of giving. Instead, it will be a single goal for total Annual Fund contributions made by the club and its members.

These changes will be reflected in Rotary Club Central starting 16 November. Sign in to [My Rotary](#) to review them. And if you have questions, please contact your [Club and District Support team](#).

SUCCESSION PLANNING IN YOUR ROTARY CLUB

All Rotary Clubs in RI District 9520 can now agree to have a number of Club Officers with editing rights in My Rotary records. We are now approaching the time when Incoming Officers will be identified at the Club Annual General Meeting, and these names need to be entered into My Rotary during December as best practice, but end of January at the very latest. This could be a specific job for one of your present Club Officers.

Succession of Officers within Clubs is a very important process which has significant influence on the overall effectiveness of the Club. Incoming Officers who are identified according to the Constitution of Clubs have time to think themselves into the role, to undertake current training in a timely manner, and be ready from the commencement of the new Rotary Year. There is no validity to the thinking that having carried the role before, you convince yourself you do not need preparation. The world changes for everybody, and Rotarians are not exempted from this change. Incoming Officers are preparing for a new world !

Timely identification of Incoming Officers does also have a significant influence on the District preparations for the new Rotary Year. If District knows about the Incoming Officers in a timely manner then it follows that effective preparations can be made at this level.

Now that's a good idea.



The Rotary Club of Mt Barker annually requests applications from their community not for profit groups, environmental groups, or individuals for ideas of projects or services that are needed locally which could improve community living. Chosen ideas are implemented by the applicants with the monetary support provided by the Rotary Club.