



This is what some Rotarians do when the temperature approaches 40° Celsius !

Last weekend these members of the RC Glenelg entertained shoppers near the jetty with Christmas Carols. They must have been entertaining because the collection bucket received \$120 for End Polio Now. Well done singers.



Youth Exchange.

The latest group of Long Term Youth exchange students had their final briefing day at Murray Bridge High School last weekend.

Their parents and club councillors attended the briefing to receive final instructions and hints on managing a successful exchange.

These ten students from District 9520 have successfully applied for exchange with students in Europe, Scandinavia, USA and Taiwan.

They leave Australia on 16th January 2016 for their exciting year abroad.

A big thankyou to sponsoring Rotary Clubs Mildura Deacon, Encounter Bay, Strathalbyn, Noarlunga East, Blackwood, Robinvale-Euston, Mitcham, Mt Barker, Burnside and Renmark. The Youth Exchange Program relies upon support from Rotary Clubs to continue.



Rotary Club of Berri has just sent their fourth container to Timor Leste.

The cost of sending a container is huge for our small Club and it couldn't be done without help from other Clubs and volunteers. Each year Rotary Club of Unley has assisted with loading and freight costs. Other Clubs who have assisted this year and in past years are Renmark, Blackwood and Waikerie. Donations of goods come from many sources, schools, teachers, hospitals Salvos, op shops as well as private sewers, knitters and supporters. Without our District Donations in Kind in Elizabeth, no Clubs in our two districts would be able to send containers to their overseas projects. A huge amount of "good stuff" would not be sent to poor countries and changing lives, it would be going into landfill !

Any Rotarian visiting DIK could not be anything but "blown away" by the enormity of the site and quantity of goods in storage.

At this point we have to acknowledge and thank the DIK guys who put in endless hours to keep this huge depot running. Dave, Joan and Derrick and their many volunteers do amazing job for this RAWCS project and Rotary. Other Rotary Clubs support by fixing wheelchairs, sewing machines, sorting and picking up donations, checking, computers and medical equipment.

This year we sent many items for schools, (including over 500 Day for Girls kits) and equipment for sewing and setting up Days for Girls sewing groups. Hospitals and dental clinics will also receive much needed goods.

The Timorese students come every year to assist with loading, we also assist them by allowing space for them to send back their own goods and computers in the container as they complete their studies. They would not otherwise be able to afford to take them back.

They were able to select an electronic organ and it was great to see how proud one of their group was that we were able to have the organ labelled to go to the church in his village.

Timor Leste is just over 400km from Darwin and is still one of the poorest nations on the planet. With very limited health care, few schools, a high birth mortality and widespread child malnutrition, Timor Leste needs our assistance. There are many opportunities to provide assistance through Rotary Projects dealing with material goods, building infrastructure, and training. For details about Registration through RAWCS for tax deductible donations, or how you can contribute goods to go in the next container, please contact Robin Foley, International Director, Rotary Club of Berri 0403 119 650.





Youth Exchange Students at Calperum Station

Every year for many years the District 9520 Long Term Youth Exchange students spend a weekend at Calperum Station. The students learn more about bush life and the Australian flora and fauna. Students are educated with "Experience Calperum Station" conducted by David Gooley of the YEC and Mitcham club. As well as the Youth Exchange Committee members the students are supported, entertained and fed by members of the Renmark Rotary club. Each student gives a short, light-hearted informal presentation

about themselves, and their country at the Saturday night campfire dinner. On Sunday morning, before departing, students enjoy boomerang painting which doubles as a small introduction to aboriginal culture and art, as well as a treasured souvenir of their exchange.

Youth exchange is alive and well in District 9520, and our outbound numbers have increased by 500% in the last year. You may see our cinema ads in January coming, you may like to be a coordinator in your area?

For more information, contact Gayl Sparnon Chair Rotary District 9520 Youth Exchange Committee 27 Wissell Street, Bridgewater SA 5155, 08 8339 2992 M: 0488 448 131 E: gsparnon@yahoo.com.au



Great News.

The Rotary Foundation is ranked charity number 5 in a scale of 1 to 100 charity organisations across the world. This scaling is based on financial health, accountability, and transparency of reporting. There are 34,000 Rotary Clubs across the globe which develop and carry out sustainable humanitarian projects and provide scholarships and professional training. Rotary is a not for profit organisation which works to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace.

To cap it off, we all belong to this organisation !

VISIT A HINDU TEMPLE

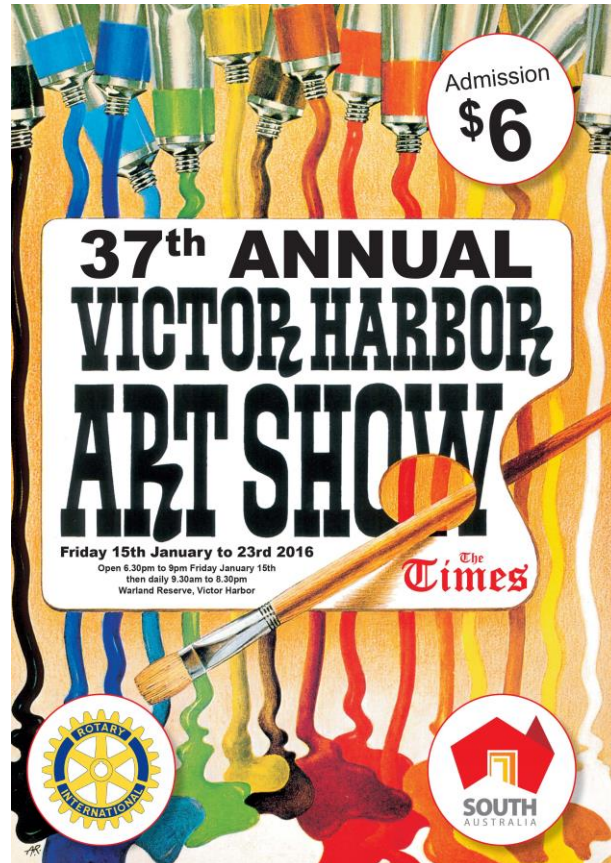
On Tuesday 19 January 2016, the Rotary Club of Hallett Cove has arranged a Vocational Visit to the Hindu Temple in Oaklands Park.

President Satish Gupta is making a special welcome to Rotarians, partners and friends to visit the Hindu Temple located at 3a Dwyer Road, Oaklands Park. Guests will be taken on a guided tour and then treated to a freshly cooked Indian Banquet, with dessert and tea.

Make this a Vocational Visit for your club and your official club meeting as you join with Satish at a special price of \$20 per person, to experience an example of a rich culture. Increase your understanding of an ancient culture as you hear the tour guide speak about Hinduism, and you see the artwork on display in the temple. Please be reminded that alcohol and meat must not be consumed in a Temple.

Bookings and further information from Satish Gupta at satish.gupta@optusnet.com.au or ring 0415 817 226





ROTARY SERVICE CONNECTIONS December 2015

Action requested: nominate a non-Rotarian spouse or partner of an active Rotarian for the Rotarian Spouse/Partner Service Award. Due date: 1 March 2016

Dear District Governor : I am writing to inform you about the Rotary Spouse/Partner Service Award. This award program was created by the RI Board of Directors to recognize spouses and partners of Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service through Rotary. Please note that only non-Rotarian spouses and partners are eligible to receive this award. Additional criteria and eligibility requirements for this award are explained on the nomination form.

- [Download the nomination form](#)
- [View a list of past recipients](#)

Completed nomination forms may be submitted electronically to Rlawards@rotary.org and must arrive at RI World Headquarters by 1 March 2016. Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered.

A maximum of 100 recipients may be selected each year. Nominators will be notified of the results by the end of April. Individuals selected to receive the award will receive a personalized award plaque by the end of the Rotary year.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the Rotarian Spouse/Partner Service Award.

Best regards, Cate Sauer Coordinator, Awards | RI Programs Tel 1.847.424.5278 Fax 1.847.556.2179

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Conference Accommodation at Calperum Station



The Rotary Calperum Committee has arranged with Calperum management for a limited number of Rotarians and partners attending the District Conference to stay in the dormitory at Calperum. Accommodation will be available from Thursday 28th April to Sunday 1st May, 2016.

The layout of the sleeping quarters is:

6 rooms each with 2 lower beds and 1 upper bed (climb into) per room
4 rooms with 2 lower beds and 2 upper beds (climb into) per room
4 rooms with 1 single bed per room

Just so you know - the showers and toilet block is in a separate building some 10 metres or so from the sleeping quarters. Similarly, Kitchen facilities are located about 20 metres from the sleeping quarters though we will probably take most meals at the Conference venue.

Calperum Homestead is located about 15 kilometres (10 minutes) north of Renmark which is an easy 3 hour drive or 250 kilometres from Adelaide, with a couple of bakeries on the way!

The cost will be \$22 per person per night to cover utilities and maintenance.

Please note that you will have to bring your own linen, pillow and blankets and/or sleeping bag and pillow and towels. The Conference Dinner bus will not be used to service Calperum as most people are expected to use or share their own vehicles, so booking via the Conference Registration is not required.

To book your accommodation or for further information, please contact Elliot Dwyer eadwyer@hotmail.com or SMS 0427 397 536. Remember, guided tours of Calperum Station and Rotary activities will be available in conjunction with the Conference! The wild flower shown is Calperum Station flower, *Calostemma luteum*.

Next week "The Herald" will be a bulletin about motorcycles if you do not send me some stories !

Editor Sam.