



My Fellow Rotarians!

Here we are today – 01 JAN 2016 – welcoming our next year into being!

Let it be a year of;

- Health and Happiness.
- Wealth and Wisdom
- Peace and Prosperity
- Service and Friendship

And for all 50 Clubs in District 9520 (plus one – the provisional Rotary Club of Seaford), let us finish this Rotary year with a flourish.

All your plans, action lists, fundraising and efforts need to be 'brought home' in the next 6 months.

Look at this challenge as an opportunity to do more good, cement the Rotary year firmly in place and come your Changeover event, we can say that we gave it our 'best shot'!

Let us discard any thoughts of 'winding down' for the balance of the Rotary year.

Keep the game flowing and let's kick a few more goals!

REMEMBER THE POLIOPUS RED UTE RELAY?

What an event!

Sarah Walsh and her team made sure that the UTE wended its way through all District Groups and many Clubs.

End Polio Now was promoted and the name of Rotary was everywhere.

The 'RED' UTE was actually a silver UTE, and now it is a white UTE.

I wanted to keep Sarah's idea alive and well so there is every chance you will see this vehicle around the streets of Adelaide as well as tripping 'round the District.

It now proudly wears the Paradise Motors logo and I want to thank Jeff Neale (and of course Jeff's father Reg – both long-standing members of the RC Campbelltown), for their generous assistance in my purchase of the vehicle.

And, in order to keep the transaction transparent, a generous donation was made to me to support the Rotary program of my choice.

Which project, I hear you ask??? **Try PolioPlus!**

JANUARY will focus on: VOCATIONAL SERVICE – be a gift to the world through Vocational Service.

RI President Ravi encourages us to use our gifts – talents, knowledge, abilities and effort – to make a significant impact through fellowship and service activities. Through vocational service, we champion high ethical standards in the workplace, use our professional expertise to help others and improve local and international communities. Here are a few ideas your Club may consider:

- host a business net-working event with non-Rotarian professionals in your community
- offer career counselling for unemployed or under-employed adults
- mentor youth with career guidance
- recognize local businesses for high ethical standards
- apply your professional skills to a project

Review the humanitarian service goals to learn how your vocational service projects can help your Club qualify for the 2015-16 Presidential Citation.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE - 28 APR–01 MAY 2016 IN RENMARK SA

Early bird bookings have now closed with over 200 people registering already.

The river cruise on the PS Industry is proving a popular attraction and I am delighted to see that plenty of people want to visit Calperum, either on the 4WD Tag-a-long or on the Cultural walk.

I am still waiting for confirmation of the Rotarian to act as President Ravi's personal representative, known by the acronym RIPPR.

The one thing I can guarantee (if I get my way) is that he will be a 'ripper'!

RIDE FOR ROTARY with Stuart O'Grady and Patrick Jonker.

Join in with the RC Encounter Bay for an 8.30am start on Sunday, 07FEB – meet at EAT@Whalers, Encounter Bay. Thanks to Herald Editor Sam for all the details in Issue no. 24.

DG CLUB VISITS.

Sadly, the last of my Club visits concluded on 08 DEC. St Peters, with Tuckweng Kok in the Presidential chair, saw 3 PDGs in attendance, quite a daunting prospect for the current DG.!

Kent Town meets in the jungles of the Kent Town Hotel with Chris Harris as the 'tour guide'. Chartered in 2002, if you have never paid a visit to this Club, I can highly recommend it. Sadly, they are losing Club Secretary Kaitlyn Piggott to the wilds of Alice Springs – we wish her well!

And lastly, my own Club, Stirling had a busy program on the night of the DG visit – an AGM followed by an address from our own Dr Stephanie Sheppeard, an Australian Rotary Health doctoral scholar, who has just been granted her PhD with her studies into Motor Neurone Disease..

And they even found time for the DG to speak!

I would like to thank every member of the Club for allowing me the privilege of serving as the District Governor.

As a Club, we still have a lot of work ahead of us, including organizing the Renmark Conference.

In the case of the latter, the support we have received from the RC Renmark and their Conference Committee, chaired by John Bassham, has been exemplary and I thank President Barry Hurst and all members of the Club.

ANOTHER ACRONYM – NGSE!

New Generations Service Exchange will be conducted for the first time in D 9520 when Nataly Lozano arrives in Adelaide from Mexico. She is a 25 year old architectural student who will be spending 3 months in the District.

For further details: contact Peter Poulton or David Binks.

Four Clubs have offered to host her during her stay and it is hoped she will be attending the Renmark Conference.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST 2016

PDG Wendy and her team would like you to come and hear Professor Tanya Monroe speak at the National Wine Centre on **WED 02 MAR 2016**.

Tanya chairs the National Youth Science Forum National Board and is 'one of the brightest and the best' scientists in Australia. And...for those who attended the RC Burnside fundraiser last year, you would have seen Tanya in the cello section of the Burnside Symphony Orchestra.

SEOUL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - 28MAY – 01 JUN 2016

Currently, there are 15 Rotarians and partners registered that we know of.

If you are planning to attend, can you let our Seoul Conference Coordinator AG Don Will (0414 645 402) know so that he can assist with accommodation, travel and a post-Conference Tour.

The next two RI Conventions will be held in Atlanta USA and then Toronto in 2018 in RI President Nominee Ian Riseley's year.

DISTRICT CHANGEOVER LUNCHEON – SUN 03 JUL 2016

DGE Sam advises that the Changeover Luncheon will be held at the Marche Club, Paradise.

Sam and Lee will be leaving our shores on FRI 08 JAN.

Traditionally, the DG farewells the next incumbent but as it would require a 4 am trip to the airport, Sam has suggested we join him for a glass of wine and a farewell the day before. I think this tradition has arisen, more to ensure that the DGE returns from San Diego rather than the need to wish them 'bon voyage'.



IN CLOSING – "If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop digging!"

DG DICK 01 JAN 2016



Sophie Tan now can look forward to a much more fulfilling life with her successful facial re-construction.

Sophie's ambition is to study, achieve and to become a pharmacist. Prof David David from the Adelaide Women's and Children's Hospital states these goals are within Sophie's reach, due to her dedication, commitment and her amazing family support.

The major project for the Rotary Club of Victor Harbor for the years 2014-15 and 2015-16 was contributing to the Craniofacial Australia program which has enabled Sophie Tan from Borneo to complete many years of facial reconstruction correcting a birth deformity. This transformation took place at the Adelaide Women's and Children's Hospital, led by Prof David David and a team of specialists all donating their skills and time.

On Friday 18th December, Alan, Rob, Beryl and Graham Ewens, attended the Craniofacial Foundation in North Adelaide for morning tea and to meet with Prof David, Bob Snewin, Sophie and her family. Sophie and family expressed heartfelt gratitude and thanks to all members of the Rotary Club for their monetary support, interest and care for her well being. This was a most informative, casual and fulfilling morning.

The Rotary Club of Victor Harbor contributed \$40,000 towards Sophie's surgery and medical expenses.

Sophie and family left Australia the following morning returning to their home town in Borneo.

Photo: President Rob Williams, Sophie Tan, and Past President Alan Roberts.



The Rotary Club of Encounter Bay invites you to visit the Goolwa and Pt Elliot Rotary Markets.

The RCEB took over the management of these markets in January 2014 and have worked with traders, customers and local council to provide 2 busy, vibrant markets for the local community and tourists visiting the South Coast.

Goolwa Wharf market is held on the first and third Sundays of each month, every Sunday in January and Good Friday. This Market trades from 9 am – 3.00 pm.

Goolwa Wharf Market is a large market with over 80 stalls, selling a huge range of goods from fresh produce to arts, plants, crafts and clothing to wine, olive oil, coffee and cakes, bread and takeaway food, as well as books DVDs and variety stalls.

The Pt Elliot market is held on Lakala Reserve (Young St, Port Elliot) on the first and third Saturdays of each month, with extra markets every Saturday in January. This market trades from 9 am – 2 pm.

Pt Elliot Market hosts around 50 stalls in a delightful 'village green' atmosphere. There is plenty of fresh produce and homemade jams, pickles, plants, olive oil, jewellery, clothing and books. There is also food and a delicious cappuccino stall. There is a lake with bird-life and a playground for the children.

This year the RCEB distributed \$16,000 to local organisations with funds raised through the markets. Funds raised are also used to support international projects such as the New Life Africa School in Nakuru, Kenya.

The Markets have their own Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/Goolwa-Wharf-Markets-262147140476799/?fref=ts>

The Market Director is Deidre Hughes - Ph 0459 786 469, email: ebrotarymarkets@gmail.com



How far are we from chartering our next Rotary club? An update on Seaford.

By Membership Chair Mark Huddleston

I guess it's one of those "how long is a piece of string" questions. In October last year, it was just a crazy idea, but we got the ball rolling in February by contacting council representatives, state and federal MPs, conducted mail outs to businesses, visited shopping centres, started a Facebook page, created a website, participated in local events, held an information day, and all of these led to a small interest group of around 6 to 8 people who were keen to proceed with the idea.

The Seaford Rotary interest group has held semi-regular meetings in a number of venues, has had a number of Rotary themed guest speakers in an effort to learn more about our many wonderful programs, and by around September has really started to gain momentum. We have been fortunate to be joined by a number of former Rotarians who are keen to give Rotary another go, and are excited by the prospects of a new club. This Rotary experience is vital to a group of enthusiastic volunteers who are really keen to give back and make a difference, but are somewhat green in Rotary ways.

The opening of Bunnings Seaford has meant regular BBQ fundraising spots, and the group has also participated in events at the Seaford Library and Seaford Community Centre. We also rattled the can for Hat Day in Seaford Shopping Centre and are very slowly building a presence in the community.

Our biggest event thus far was catering for the Seaford Community Carols, held by the Seaford Ecumenical Mission (SEM) on December 6. This was a fabulous event, and although the crowd was down on expectation (not helped by the 40°C forecast), it was a good opportunity to partner SEM, build camaraderie amongst members, and most importantly get some good exposure. The Seaford community now knows that Rotary is in Seaford.

We were also able to publicly announce our first major project, which will be the construction of a community shower and washroom facility in Seaford. Sadly, homelessness is a growing concern in the region, and a daily hot shower, which many of us take for granted, is something that will help restore a little dignity to those less fortunate in the Seaford region.

The group is slowly growing, with around 15 volunteers at the moment. Hopefully we will reach the magical figure of 20 very soon, and be in a position to charter. To be honest, it is a little frustrating knowing we have to get up to 20 to charter, given that D9520 has a number hard working and successful clubs with far fewer numbers that are already doing an amazing job, but we will keep our energy high and I'm confident we'll get there soon.

It's been a lot of hard work, but extremely exciting and rewarding, and there are many people I would like to thank for their ongoing support. Charter President Nominee Cecilie Cardwell has put in so much effort, and is the face of Rotary in the Seaford area, and PDG Jerry Casburn has been enthusiastic and generous with his time, and without these two individuals, we would not have been able to get this far. There are many other district leaders who have helped out, and we have received generous support from Rotarians in other clubs also. It has been a real team effort and an exciting ride thus far. This is easily the most exciting thing I've ever done in Rotary!



RYLA and RYPEN Training Weekend

The St Francis of Assisi school was bustling with excitement and activity on the training weekend for our 2016 RYLA and RYPEN leaders. Kevin's opening session consisted of helpful advice and words of reassurance from his own experiences as the 2015 RYLA lead director.

Following from Kevin's session there were a series of workshops and discussions which allowed the teams to establish a sense of familiarity and understanding with their programs and each other. Rosie led a discussion on the influences of different personality types and their role in establishing a robust and versatile group dynamic. It was also useful for our leaders to gain an awareness of their own characteristic tendencies and how these can support their strengths.

The second day of training began with some fun and challenging group activities to develop problem solving and communication skills. Later in the morning, Jess and Mel lead an interactive session on the importance of self-care and how this is integral to establishing positive relationships with both yourself and others. The leaders were able to practice their counselling skills through a role playing activity which required them to empathise with the challenges both awardees and leaders may face. This session was then followed by a fun activity which challenged randomised teams of five to six people to complete an obstacle course whilst being bound at their ankles. This difficult task emphasised the importance of teamwork, communication, trust and organisation in light of an unfamiliar situation. In a later session teams were encouraged to develop their abilities to think creatively and work in a team to design a detailed contingency plan under pressure. The training weekend concluded with productive team meetings to discuss and develop ideas for themes, speakers and activities. As was evident in a sharing session afterwards, the 2016 awardees are in for some fantastic RYLA and RYPEN experiences.

The entire weekend was fun, productive, interactive and insightful for our leaders and has undoubtedly left them better equipped as they step into their roles as mentors in their programs and further as successful leaders.

By Sabrina Alameen and Jessica Pilkington.



Paid Registrants for the District 9520 Conference at Renmark is now over 210.