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Visit to Hindu Temple in Oaklands Park.

Last Tuesday evening a very large number of Rotarians from many clubs around the District took the opportunity to join with President Satish Gupta and the RC of Hallett Cove, to join with the congregation of the Hindu Temple in Oaklands Park. We were treated as honoured guests as Satish gave a wonderful summary of the beliefs and history of the Hindu faith, and we received a warm welcome from the President of the Hindu Society Siva Selva OAM, and the Chief Priest Sri S Kurukkai.

The interior of the Temple is an exquisite kaleidoscope of colour and form, and classical Indian dance performer Somi Lindsay added to this experience with a beautifully performed cultural dance.

We were then treated with a delicious selection of Indian cuisine, to experience tastes and smells to excite the senses.

Thankyou President Satish for being our gracious host, and for helping us all to learn and understand more of the cultures of our fellow Rotarians. You should be rightly pleased with the success of your venture. Namaste Satish.

Story by Editor Sam Cozens and photo by Barry Stacey.

A number of photos of the occasion plus the excellent summary, Temple Talk, given by Satish has been sent to the Secretary of each Rotary Club for you to follow up if you wish.

CAN YOU SUPPORT THE FORMATION OF A NEW ROTARY CLUB IN TIMOR-LESTE?

Timor-Leste presently has four Rotaract Clubs with a total membership of 200. As these young people approach the age of 30 they will need a transition pathway to a new Rotary Club. This is the main purpose of forming the new Rotary Club of Lafaek Dili in Timor-Leste.

Becoming Rotarians will provide these young people with educational and self-development opportunities otherwise not available to them. With the assistance of their sponsor club, as Rotarians they will have the ability to identify community needs, and how they might make a difference. Health and hygiene and educational projects will play a major role in club activities proving valuable support to local communities.

You can assist the formation of the new Club of Lafaek by becoming a partner of a Rotary Club in District 9550, or by sponsoring membership of one or more new members of Lafaek, or by making a donation via the Bank of Bendigo "Rotary District 9550-Dili Support", BSB 633-000 Acc 156188732.

The sponsor Rotary clubs are Darwin and Mundingburra. The Secretary of Mundingburra is Peter Kaye secretarymunb@d9550rotary.org.au if you would like more information.



MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP

Join us for our FREE Group 5 Membership workshop on Sunday, January 31 at Rotary Hall, Brixton Street, Christies Beach from 2.00pm.

This will include interactive activities where all participants will be given opportunity to contribute and gain an understanding on how clubs of the future will look.

RSVP and enquiries to Penni Hamilton-Smith Ph 0488 084 698

ROTARY AGAINST MALARIA

RAM Conference 2016: will be held in Melbourne on the weekend of 20th and 21st August 2016.

The Venue will be at Ciloms Airport Lodge with a free shuttle from nearby Tullamarine Domestic Airline Terminal.

The agenda will include an option to visit malaria research facilities at the Burnet Institute and Walter and Eliza Hall Institute and we are contemplating a dedicated part of the agenda for research up-dates separate from the important program and country reports and strategic planning sessions.





Annual Golf Day Raising Funds for Critical Disability Services

The Annual CL Foundation Golf Day will again be held on Friday 26 February 2016.

An 18 hole ambrose event, full with loads of fun and prizes, raises critical funds to support people with disability live independent and active lives in their local community.

'People with disability face many hurdles that many in the community don't. This is exacerbated in regional areas where access to services can be limited,' said Des Warner, CL Foundation Chairman.

The CL Foundation was established over 5 years ago and boasts well respected and recognised business and community identities amongst its Trustees including: Des Warner (Chairman), Ken Coventry OAM JP, Wendy Gaborit, Darryl Webb, Doug Schirripa, David Altmann and Lorraine Baker.

The event, held at the Murray Bridge Golf Club, has traditionally been attended by over 100 people includes breakfast and a BBQ and presentation.

With prizes up for grabs, the CL Foundation invites golfing enthusiasts and beginners alike to this outstanding networking and fundraising event that has become a mainstay in the Murraylands business networking and fundraising calendar.

'We have been warmly supported in the past and look forward to many Foundation friends and community and business leaders joining us. As always, support from sponsors is of critical importance and we are able to provide great sponsorship benefits,' added Mr Warner.

Registration and sponsorship inquiries can be directed Soula Dagas on 8536 5819 or 0429 210 846 email soula.dagas@claust.com.au or Di Coventry on 0417 437 267.

Des Warner CL Foundation Chairman Ph: 0408 802 174



Urgent request to all concerned Rotary Clubs and Rotarians Dear Fellow Rotarians and Club Secretaries,

Re; The plight of Western Queensland and Western New South Wales

The plight of Western Queensland and Western NSW is well known throughout Australia. Drought has more than taken its toll. Suicides throughout rural Australia currently occur every four days. Marriages are breaking down and people are losing their farms. You and your Club can help to change this devastating situation by supporting the work of Rotary in both regions. We in Rotary pride ourselves in what we do for the needy overseas. Isn't it time we did something for the needy in our own country? Let us show we care for our mates in the bush?

The Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West is conducting a national appeal to help support the efforts of Rotary Clubs in two States. It is hoped that our efforts will help to provide support from Winton down to Charleville and from Bourke to Lightning Ridge through Rotary in those regions. This will guarantee that 100% of the funds will be used to support those in need, without any administrative costs. We

understand that many Rotary Clubs are already contributing to such appeals and this is very much appreciated. However, support from more clubs is urgently needed.



If your Club is in a position to offer support, please make your cheque payable to;

Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West Inc (*Drought Appeal) (*Please include either NSW or Queensland before the wording "Drought Appeal") This invitation is also extended to private individuals. Please provide an address for all contributions so a receipt can be forwarded by return mail.

We thank you in anticipation for your support. Whatever you are able to contribute will be thankfully received and faithfully applied. Mucken

Yours in Rotary

Club's Appeals Chairman Rotary Club of Port Macquarie West Inc. PDG Barry Hacker

Telephone: (02) 6582 1775 Mobile: 0412 655 904 Email: barry9650@gmail.com Contributions to: Western Queensland & NSW Drought Appeal

The Secretary P.O. Box 330 Port Macquarie 2444

The Rotary Club of Blackwood Community Forum

"Community Development – improving our neighbourhood" Tuesday March 1st 2016, 6-30pm for 7-00pm start

Open invitation to hear our guest Speakers:

- Dave Sharp (Manager Community Services, Marion Council)
- Catherine Clohesy (Community Officer, Housing SA)

Join the Open Dinner meeting at the Belair Country Club Upper Sturt Road Belair 2 course meal, tea and coffee will cost \$26.00.

Book now. RSVP to Jeff Hunter by Thursday 25th February. 0433149 977 or email: jpchunter16@bigpond.com



NATALY LOZANO, NEW GENERATIONS SERVICE EXCHANGE.

Nataly is D 9520's first New Generations Service Exchangee, and arrives in Australia on 9th February 2016.

Nataly is a 23 year old Architecture student who has recently completed her fifth semester of study. She was born and raised in Ciudad del Carmen but now lives 400 kilometres away in Merida, where she is studying. Merida is near the northern shore of the Yucatan Peninsula in the Gulf of Mexico

Nataly will be hosted by four clubs while she is in our District

- Goolwa from February 9 to March 2 (Elizabeth Caldicott)
- Edwardstown from March 2 to 23 (Mark Huddleston)
- Norwood from March 23 to April 13 (Peter Poulton)
- Glenelg from April 13 to May 9 (David Binks)

New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE) has been set up by Rotary

with quite broad guidelines, so that Districts have the flexibility to develop programs that suit their own requirements. Generally, it is a 3 to 6 month exchange, for young people aged 21 to 30, who are well advanced in their studies, or have recently graduated. The principal focus of exchanges must be either vocational or humanitarian, and they can be for an individual or groups. Effectively, the hosting District is responsible for providing full Board, and the exchangee covers other expenses.

The four host clubs are currently developing a comprehensive program for Nataly's visit. Each club will arrange at least 7 days of vocational engagement, most of which will effectively be work experience with industry professionals, but may include sessions with industry or professional organisations, or with academics. Clubs are also arranging a variety of social, sporting and cultural experiences. Nataly will be asked to make a presentation to each of her host clubs. If your club would like to meet or hear Nataly, please contact one of the club organisers noted above. We're very confident that Nataly will leave Australia with an understanding of how her profession operates in our country, and a good knowledge of our way of life and values.

Peter Poulton and David Binks are also developing broad guidelines for our District's future involvement in the program, which can also be roughly described as the offspring from the combination of Youth Exchange and GSE. Anyone who would like to be involved in that should contact Peter.



Rotary Foundation Centurion Program

December saw a change in the administration and coordination of the Centurion program. After several years of valued support, Margaret Northcote handed over the function to Sue Piggott of the Tailem Bend club.

Sue has excellent credentials and experience being a past Assistant Governor and is excited about coordinating the D9520 Centurion program.

Expect new innovations and also contact from Sue if you are an existing Centurion member. Sue has some exciting ideas for encouraging new Centurions members and increasing our personal giving to the Rotary Foundation.

Sue's contact details are-

D9520 Centurion Program Coordinator

PP Sue Piggott PO Box 234 Tailem Bend, SA 5260

Email centurion.rotary9520@gmail.com

Ph: 0439 723 998 (preferably outside business hours)





Chief Patron is DG Dick.

There are many prizes.

Be ready to start at 8.30am and you should finish around 10.30am in time for coffee and muffins at EAT@whalers, Encounter Bay.

This experience will cost \$50 and you will be able to talk about it for a week!

See your Club Secretary for more details. Tickets from:

Victor Harbor Cycles (08) 8552 1417 Supreme Cycles (08) 8554 5100 and Mr Menswear (08) 8552 2356 Shirley Sunter from Victor Harbor Cycles has taken pity on a number of Rotarians who thought the **RIDE FOR ROTARY** event on **7**th **February 2016**, and I quote, "was a bit strenuous for a social ride."

The full version of the **revised instructions** and the map, has been sent to the Secretary of your Rotary Club.

Here are the highlights:

You get to ride with Stuart O'Grady and Patrick Jonker, and you are raising money for a Rotary charity through the Rotary Club of Encounter Bay.





Effectively Influencing Employers Program

A free program supporting local young people seeking work

Commencing 2.00.p.m. on Wednesday 17th Feb. 2016, and every Wednesday until 23rd March 2016 inclusive.

Somebody in your circle of friends and acquaintances may be assisted through attending this program, so encourage them to turn up, or even take the step of taking them yourselves.

Unley Community Centre, 16 Arthur Street, Unley

Sponsored by The Rotary Club of Unley and supported by The City of Unley

To attend and for further information contact; Sheila Evans 0432 047 711

