



His Excellency The Honourable Hieu Van Le, President Bob Carmichael, and Mayor of Mitcham Glenn Spear.

My Fellow Rotarians, Partners and Friends!



Paul and Kym Harvey with DG Dick

Australian Day celebration for Liz and I began Monday evening with the Rotary Club of Holdfast Bay in their Kibby Street Shed!

We were welcomed by President Elect Richard Campbell (standing in for President Kate) and were served a sumptuous meal Brenton Tiver and his band of helpers. Curried sausages and Sausages Moroccan style carried the night with rice, couscous, naan bread, roast chicken, raita, salads and 'the trimmings'! Thanks to all concerned.

Opening "The Advertiser" on Tuesday morning, I was heartened to see PDG Geoff Simpson mentioned in the Australia Day Honours list, having been awarded the OAM.

District Governor in 1998-99, Geoff is a member of the Rotary Club of Flagstaff Hill and this award recognised his service to the community and to the Uniting Church.

Liz and I then joined President Euan Miller and Rodger and Glenda Hedley, RC of Norwood, at the St. Peters Council Australia Day celebration.

It was a grand occasion for Past President Brian Essery PHF who was made "Citizen of the Year". Brian Essery's list of achievements is long and commendable. Apart from having been a long serving member of the RC Norwood, he was a Councillor for West Norwood, a member of Jaycees, on the Board of Norwood Aged Cottage Homes Inc. a member of the Kensington and Norwood City Band, and a member of the Kensington & Norwood Historical Society. Brian is currently the treasurer of the Probus Combined Club of Norwood Inc., and is a Life Members of the Norwood Football Club Inc. His vocation was a building contractor in the family business Wm Essery & Sons Pty Ltd.



Euan Miller, Brian Essery, Liz and Dick Wilson

Later that morning, it was off to Carrick Hill to be greeted by the Director Richard Heathcote, a member of the Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek. On either side of the front entrance to the house are sculptures – works of art by Brian and Ann Huffen, Brian is a former member of RCBC and now an Honorary Member.

At 11.00am, Governor Hieu Van Le arrived for the Awards. He opened his address by acknowledging that Australia Day is about ordinary people who make an extraordinary contribution.

His Excellency Hieu Van Le then presented The City of Mitcham Award for Excellence in Community Service to President Bob Carmichael, and members of the RC Brownhill Creek. What a great recognition for all the good work and effort that this Club has put in, not only to their local community, but also to other more far-reaching programs.



Dr Andrew Southcott MP, President Bob Carmichael, Nicole Flint, DG Dick Wilson and PDG Malcolm Lindquist.

To keep the Rotary name prominent, the RC Mitcham cooked a delicious BBQ breakfast and, if that wasn't enough, the RC Brownhill Creek provided pancakes to feed the hungry hordes!

COMEDY HYPNOSIS SAT 06 FEB – GOODWOOD INSTITUTE THEATRE

THE RC KENT TOWN MEMBERS ARE LOOKING FOR “BUMS ON SEATS”!

They are raising money to buy ShelterBoxes and the more ‘bums on seats’, the more ShelterBoxes they can buy. Isaac Lomman has won awards at The Fringe and his show is too good to miss.

Tickets can be obtained from Steve Hayter on 0419 836 090

POLIOPLUS NEEDS YOU!



This year could well be one of the **GREATEST** in Rotary's history!

We are inching closer to seeing the last case of polio anywhere in the world!

Figures for 2015 revealed 72 cases in two countries (53 in Pakistan and 19 in Afghanistan).

We have come a long way since 1985 when there were reported 500,000 cases in 150 countries.

But even if we do see our last case this year, we will still need to immunize every child born in the world for the next 3 years. The cost? US\$5.5 billion!

All Clubs should think about supporting PolioPlus and help us make Polio history!

ROTARY SPECIAL MONTH FEBRUARY: PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION

In 2002, The Rotary Foundation partnered with leading universities around the world to create the rotary Peace Centres. Rotary Peace Fellows began earning Masters degrees in fields such as:

- international relations
- sustainable development
- peace studies
- conflict resolution

In 2006, a new Peace Centre at Chulalongkorn University, Thailand began offering a 3 month professional development program in peace and conflict studies for mid-level and upper-level professionals. To date, 355 peace fellows have graduated representing 69 countries.

The other universities involved are located in Bradford England, Japan, Uppsala Sweden, North Carolina USA, and our own University of Queensland.

The Rotary Peace Centres are supported by Rotarians, Rotary Districts, individuals and foundations world wide.





DISTRICT CONFERENCE 28th April to 1st May 2016 IN RENMARK SA

I am pleased to announce that Major General The Honourable Michael Jeffery has accepted the invitation to be a keynote speaker on Friday 29th April 2016 ! Other preparation for the Renmark Conference are “full steam ahead” ! Rotarians from both Renmark and Stirling Clubs are working assiduously and not without “a little help from our friends”. Robin LeGallez has the proverbial IT bit between his teeth, District Secretary Sam is keeping the promotional material flowing and our indefatigable Registrar Melda is already ‘cracking the whip’!

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

Now that the TDU fever is subsiding, come and join me as the Patron of the “Ride for Rotary”. We are due to gather at 8.30am on Sunday, 7th February at EAT@Whalers, Encounter Bay.

Give Rotarian Shirley Sunter a call at Victor Harbor Cycles on 08 8552 1417 to book.



DISTRICT CHANGEOVER

Please be reminded that our District Changeover will be held on Sunday 3rd July 2016.

DGE Sam and Lee Camporeale have returned this week, fresh from the International Assembly in San Diego.

RI President Elect John Germ delivered his Theme “Rotary Serving Humanity” and this will guide Sam through his year as Governor.

Paul Harris believed that serving humanity is the most worthwhile thing a person can do and RIPE John points out that being part of Rotary is a great opportunity to make that happen. Rotary members around the globe are serving humanity by providing clean water to underdeveloped communities, promoting peace in conflict areas and strengthening opportunities through basic education and literacy.

But none more important than to eradicate POLIO world wide! **Regards DG Dick Wilson.**

ROTARY ALUMNI REUNION- many more needed to re-live the excitement of past associations with Rotary Programs in Youth Exchange, Rotaract/Interact, or RYLA RYPEN, or GSE..



On Wednesday, February 17th 2016, we are holding a ROTARY ALUMNI REUNION at the Joiners Arms Hotel, 9 Manton Street Hindmarsh, commencing at 6.30pm. A BBQ meal will be available for \$20pp, with drinks available at the bar. It's a great venue, close to the city, with ample off-street parking. This evening will be a great opportunity to reconnect with old (or not so old) friends. We would be delighted if you could attend and please pass this invitation on to your fellow program participants. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/RotaryConnections>



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A message from President Kate Davies, Rotary Club of Holdfast Bay.



During the days leading up to Australia Day I have been pondering what it means to be Australian. For me, this is very personal and important. As many of you know I was born in Scotland. I arrived in Mt Isa with an Australian mother and Scottish father at the tender age of 11 weeks in August 1966. However, I did not become an Australian citizen until Australia Day 1988 at Glenelg. I made the decision to become a citizen at a time when the Prime Minister Paul Keating was making long term residents think about where their loyalties lay. Although I was over 18, I was not entitled to vote. I was planning on going overseas for 12 months later in 1988 and though I held a re-entry visa in my British passport I may not have been granted entry into the country on my return.

When I became aware of this, I had no hesitation in becoming a citizen. Although very proud of being a Scott – not Scotch (you can't drink me) I consider myself Australian.

Having lived in Australia virtually all my life, I can't think of a better place to live for many reasons; chief amongst them being that I have the freedom to say what I think without being persecuted, and to vote freely for whom I wish. A footnote to this; my father too became an Australian citizen about 12 months after I did; he first arrived in Australia aged about 22. Interestingly, I was nearly 22 when I took out Australian citizenship.

In his Australia Day speech of 2015, Ben Roberts-Smith VC, as President of the Australia Day Council said in part "We are who we are as a nation because of who we are as people – our values, how we behave, how we grow into our skin as a society that is vastly diverse in so many ways. What else can more truthfully define us?"

I believe that Australia is a great nation because our mix of citizens from all over the world. I also believe that as much as we are Australian migrants we still retain part of the culture of where we came from. It is important to

retain our overseas culture not least because it is a part of our make up.

Australia has given me many opportunities, that had I been born somewhere else I would not have had. Australia is the best place in the world to live, but Scotland is the best country in the world.



ROTARY SERVICE on Australia Day.



Every year, the Adelaide Hills Council holds its Australia Day Ceremony and Citizenship service on Australia Day morning on Mylor Oval.

This community event usually attracts about 300 local citizens.

Members of the Rotary Club of Stirling assist by cooking the typical Aussie breakfast of bacon, eggs and sausages for those attending. Whilst this "in kind" project doesn't produce any direct income for the club, it does the next most important thing, it puts Rotary in the public eye.

Rotarians Dean Foote, Rod Cooper, Robert Koehne, Dan Edmonds and Greg Russell in Action. Well Dan Edmonds was in the gap before he drew the short straw to go for the coffee.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Mobilong member wins Rural City of Murray Bridge Volunteer of the Year.

PP Pam Luke was acknowledged for her tireless volunteer work at the recent Australia Day awards after being nominated by fellow Rotarian Joy Burgess. Pam dedicates her life to helping and supporting people of all ages in the community who need some help. Whether this is through regular visits to check on their welfare, cooking them a meal, doing some shopping, paying bills or any other task that they need taken care of. Pam is a dedicated member of the Rotary Club of Mobilong and is the current Youth Director as well as being a member of the Inner Wheel club of Murray Bridge where she has held District positions. Pam has also spent time mentoring young school students. Pam is also a very dedicated grandmother who enjoys spending regular time visiting and looking after her grandchildren. A very worthy winner of this award.

During the Australia Day Celebrations at Sturt Reserve in Murray Bridge, Pam Luke was presented with Certificate of Volunteer for the Year by local Member for Hammond, Adrian Pederick MP.



Congratulations and thanks Pam.

BUILDERS AT BROKEN HILL



Many Rotary Clubs share their Bulletins with me, and I have been recently intrigued by some of the chatter coming from RC Broken Hill South. They have a current project which involves some heavy work with crow bars, shovels, and barrows of concrete. Several members seem to have sudden onset of sporting injuries which preclude them from the work roster, but a few stalwarts are building an enclosure for a number of shipping containers to form the basis of a secure storage centre for the Club materials. I noted one of the injured parties was advocating rest for a strained ligament, however this was roundly criticised by some of his caring

workmates who clearly believed ongoing physical activity was the correct remedy.



Some money for this project came from Club funds as a result of saving over a period of time, and the remainder came from a Community Building Partnership Program from the NSW Government. Within the facility there will be storage for catering equipment, Thomas The Tank float, the many sundry items that Clubs collect, and a toilet and handwashing basin complete with solar power. A small work bench will also be installed to enable repairs to be carried out on the equipment.

Well done the Builders at Broken Hill South!

Workers top left, Peter Stonham and John Coff.
Worker top right Paul Armstrong.
Workers left Greg McMahon and Paul Armstrong.

Story Sam Cozens and Photos Margaret Lesjak.

My Rotary and Membership data.

The membership data within My Rotary for your Rotary Club can be edited by any of the registered Club Officials, namely President, Secretary, Executive Secretary, Foundation Membership, and Treasurer. The important proviso though is that you have registered these Club Officials through Incoming Officers in My Rotary. Not all these positions need be reflected back into the way you have organised the leaders in your Club, as you can just use one or more of these officers whose job it is to share the duty of keeping records up to date. Any changes to membership data must be entered in My Rotary within the month. Currency of your membership data has a direct influence on RI Dues, and Member Insurance cover, and RI administration is none too tolerant with any excuses proffered for lateness of entry.

Next time I will cover the membership information in "Rotary Down Under" and "rotarynews.info". Editor.



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Congratulations to the one person who correctly identified the mystery photo last week. Your prize is knowing that the mystery photo is connected with this symbol.



Conference 2016 Registration Statistics as at 29th January.

Full Registrations 299 Social Registrations 8

<i>Event/activity</i>	<i>Bookings made</i>	<i>Cut off number</i>	<i>Current status</i>
Rotary Breakfast	43	-	-
Bus transfer to/from Conference Dinner	100	-	-
Paddle Steamer Cruise	-	-	-
Friday 29 th April – Cruise 1	Full	65	CLOSED
Friday 29 th April – Cruise 2	8	people	-
Saturday 30 th April	Full	each	CLOSED
		cruise	
Calperum Station 4WD Tag-along	-	-	-
Friday 29 th April	Full	40	CLOSED
Saturday 30 th April	38	people	
		each day	
Calperum Station Walk Tour	-	-	-
Friday 29 th April	25	50	-
Saturday 30 th April	12	people	-
		each day	
Delegate's conference shirts	-	-	ORDERS
Ladies	9	N/A	CLOSE
Mens	15		31/03

When bookings are almost at capacity, may be best to make contact with Registrar to confirm availability. Notification of closure will be published on the website and in "The Herald".

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PS Industry River Cruises

The PS Industry Cruises on the Friday and Saturday of the Conference, departing at 1.30 pm on each of those days, have been filled, with their maxima of 65 people each.

As indicated earlier, to meet the demand, we have arranged a second PS Industry cruise on the Friday of the Conference, to start paddling approximately 3.30 pm, a short time after the conclusion of the first cruise.

Our challenge, since we are committed to running it, is to achieve a break-even number of 45 (there are economies of scale

in running two cruises on the one day, which means that the break-even number is 45, rather than 60 for the single cruise Saturday). Thus far, we have eight bookings. So for those still to register, and even those who have already registered but who did not book a Cruise, please consider doing so.

A paddle-steamer cruise on the iconic PS Industry will take you back in time, to the 1800's when such craft regularly plied the Murray bringing goods to and fro. They were a vital part of the State's commercial infrastructure. What better way to see the magnificent Murray, with the throb of the steam engine and the swish of the paddle wheels to keep you company.

Robert Koehne

Chair, Conference Organising Committee

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Calperum Walk

Two Calperum excursions are offered – a Guided 4WD Tag-Along Tour and a Guided Walk Tour.

The former have been very popular; the Friday Tag-Along Tour has now been filled and there are only two places left on the Saturday Tour.

Both Friday and Saturday Guided Walking Tours are still open, with 25 bookings for the Friday and 12 for the Saturday, so there are plenty of places still available, particularly for the Saturday. Each Walking Tour will comprise a maximum of around 30 people, divided into three groups of 10 people each, with a guide, so there will be opportunities to see many interesting things and to ask lots of questions.

Calperum is a very interesting place. Australian Landscape Trust manages it (242,800 hectares) under contract to the Commonwealth Director of National Parks. The Station has been declared as critical habitat for species conservation under Commonwealth legislation. District 9520 is doing its part in assisting in the rehabilitation program; in fact, it is Rotary's largest environmental project in Australia.

The Walk, along Ral Ral Creek, is not difficult or taxing; in fact, it is more in the nature of a leisurely stroll!

Participants will see the work being done in water testing, re-vegetation and monitoring of tree health and will gain an understanding of the variations between the habitats of the flood plains and the mallee country.

There is a strong education element to Rotary's involvement at Calperum. Groups of students are taken up there to have a look. Indeed, the Walk, along Ral Ral Creek, is based on a similar walk offered once a year to international students studying environmental issues. So pull out your walking shoes and give it a go!

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I am advised by Soula Dagas that the **Annual Golf Day Raising Funds for Critical Disability Services** as advertised last week has now been postponed until further notice. Editor.