

22nd March was WORLD WATER DAY all over the globe, however Rotarians show their commitment to the cause of clean, safe water as ongoing.



A Rotary Grant brings clean water to thousands in Ghana.

These young people now have a secure supply of water for drinking, cooking, washing, and sanitation purposes. The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change the lives of many, improving their quality of life both now and into the future. The numbers are astounding when we consider the impact of unsafe water alone. 748 million people in our world live without access to clean water. Unclean water is a direct cause of debilitating disease and death. In the above example in Ghana 70,000 people will directly benefit from this one project providing clean water.

The Rotary Foundation is the charitable arm of Rotary, and your contributions empower Rotarians to challenge disease, poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

This is now my segue into **The Rotary Foundation Breakfast on Saturday 30th April 2016 at the Renmark Hotel, 6.45am to 8.00am.**

1. It will be the best breakfast in town!
2. You will get to the Chaffey Theatre with time to spare for the Saturday morning session!
3. You will be in the company of RI President's Representative Stuart Heal and Adrienne as well as RI Director Elect Noel Trevaskis and Sue. And, to add some local colour, The Rotary Foundation District Chair Bruce and Kathy will be present!
4. You will be addressed by Peace Scholar Naing Ko Ko Following imprisonment and torture in Burma (now Myanmar), he is fulfilling his life long dream of study as a PhD student at ANU
5. DG Dick is wheeling out all but one of his District 250 Group Study Exchange Team, which visited Pennsylvania in 1976, almost 40 years ago to the day. Meet Legh Davis, Jack McGorm, Roger Massy-Greene and our own Kevin Prosser in a lively Q&A session to both inform and entertain!

It's only \$20 per person! If you haven't registered for this breakfast, please do so with the Conference Registrar :- hammond.melda@hotmail.com



This is a prime spot in the Unley Shopping Centre so what is really going on here ? There are a number of people joining pieces of moulded plastic, lots of springs, and many other small intricate pieces and low and behold they finish up with something that appears to operate like a hand !

Why are they doing this ? I think I will move a little closer to see some of the written material on the table, what's this, prosthetic hands for landmine victims in Cambodia ! What is this organization ?



This moving display was an attractive exhibition for about a 2 hour period each day over three days, with many curious shoppers actually stopping to see what was going on, and some 17 even left their contact details for possible membership negotiations at a later stage. Via Facebook, Rotarian Grant Sibly from Hallett Cove learnt what was occurring at the Unley Shopping Centre and rushed off to join the fun. Special thanks to Helping Hands Ambassador, Linda Sweeney of Somerton Park Rotary for supervising the assemblers.

Full marks for innovation, Members of The Rotary Club of Unley. They reported enjoying the interaction with shoppers as they certainly showcased Rotary to the locals.



The Service Above Self Award is the highest honour bestowed by Rotary International to recognise a very high level of volunteering to help others. The award is internationally competitive and is granted to no more than 150 Rotarians worldwide, and to no more than one from each District, each year.

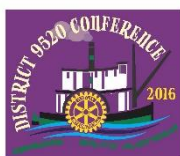
Congratulations Rotarian Joe Meuris, a Member of the Rotary Club of Flagstaff Hill, who was presented with a Service Above Self Award by AG Penni Hamilton-Smith on 16th March 2016 at a Club meeting.

Rotarian Joe Meuris has made a significant contribution to building and infrastructure projects in Koriopita Village, Fiji and also in Papua New Guinea and Timor Leste, over a period of 10 years.

In the photo Joe and wife Rita are congratulated by AG Penni.



There were 411 full registrations for Conference at 25th March 2016, with 13 social registrations



1 seat on Cruise 1 Paddle Steamer Friday 29th April

6 seats on Cruise 2 Paddle Steamer Friday 29th April

2 seats on Steamer Cruise Saturday 30th April

The Calperum Walk Tours still have vacancies, but all the Calperum 4WD Tag-a-long Tours are closed.

The Rotary Club of Glenelg helps RUFUS.

RUFUS is an organisation in Adelaide which is a charity run by volunteers who provide support for homeless people in Adelaide. Their vision is a world in which all people have the opportunity to live in housing, and more importantly a home, and for those who experience homelessness to be treated with respect, dignity and empathy in a non-judgemental manner by all.

Among the aims of this organisation you will find provision of food, clothing, street swags, care packs, nutritional supplements and hugs to those who are homeless, and to assist those who are homeless with their application for supportive accommodation.



Recently the Rotary Club of Glenelg assisted RUFUS by holding a 3-week collection of pillows and toilet paper for the homeless. The response as shown in the photo was 40 pillows and 900 rolls of toilet paper. Good one Glenelg.



Every girl in the world deserves education, safety, and dignity. We further this goal by helping girls who would otherwise go without to have access to quality sustainable feminine hygiene and awareness. We accomplish this through both direct distribution, and by helping ultra low resource communities start their own programs to supply DfG kits and training.



Devonshire Tea as a fundraiser for Days for Girls,

will be held at Kingston House, 5 Cameron Avenue, Kingston Park, SA, 5049 on
Saturday 16th April 2016, 2:00pm — 4:30pm

Raffles and games also on the day so bring some spare change. \$10 adults / \$5 children 12 and under

For tickets contact: Jenny on Jennifer.rose13@hotmail.com or text 0479001252



If Gloom and Doom don't motivate, what does??

“Recent political experience in Australia has shown that gloom and doom can only take you so far. This lesson can be applied more generally – and especially in the management of our precious landscapes - yet we are constantly bombarded with messages about impending catastrophe in the forlorn hope that this will motivate us. However, there are things we can do that will motivate, and Rotary is one organisation that is especially well placed to help make a positive difference for the future.”

Dr Grant Whiteman, Keynote Speaker at our Renmark District Conference, can draw upon a career within a number of quite different organisations however his contribution to the development of Calperum Station is of particular interest to Rotarians.

An informed and entertaining speaker with a passionate interest in natural landscape conservation.

The **Provisional Rotary Club of Seaford** launched an Easter Egg Drive to collect Easter Eggs, for distribution via local charity Breakfast Bellies to needy families. Breakfast Bellies is highly regarded in the region for providing for school breakfast programs and emergency food hampers for needy families, many of whom do not get a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Pictured here is Reece Howland, project coordinator accepting a gift of Easter Eggs from local school girl Dinara at a collection point set up in the Seaford Shopping Centre. Volunteers representing our newest provisional club also arranged to donate an upright freezer to Breakfast Bellies when one of theirs failed recently.

The club is slowly gaining interest and more volunteers are joining the team. They have a regular sausage sizzle spot at the new Bunnings Seaford, and are participating in the “Regenerate” Youth Festival on April 9 to kick off National Youth Week, where there will also be a display of Rotary Youth Programs.

If you know of anyone in the Seaford to Aldinga region who may be interested in more flexible version of Rotary, please pass their details on to District Membership Chair Mark Huddleston.



Nominations for Volunteer Awards.

The Government of South Australia, through their Office for Volunteers, recognise the invaluable work that volunteers, community organisations and businesses contribute to the South Australian community.

The Office for Volunteers is inviting nominations for the 2016 South Australian Volunteer Awards, to be announced at a special Volunteers Day event in June 2016.

There are a number of categories available for nominations to be made, but the category “Joy Noble Medal” is particularly applicable to Rotarians.

The Joy Noble Medal is the highest distinction for individual volunteers in South Australia, and nomination forms are available at <http://www.ofv.sa.gov.au/volunteer-recognition/south-australian-volunteer-awards>

Anyone can nominate, and self nominations are acceptable. **Nominations to be sent by 30 March 2016.**

Our Rotary Public Image Coordinator, Wendy Gaborit, encourages our clubs and membership to give serious consideration to making a nomination for the Joy Noble Award. “Rotary is comprised of people who give selflessly of their time to community service whether it be here or overseas. None look for recognition and we tend to recognise outstanding service through the giving of internal awards such as Paul Harris awards, Avenues of Service and at an international level, Meritorious service or Service Above Self. We however appear to be loathe to seek public recognition. Telling Your Rotary Story forms the basis of developing a public image for Rotary International going forward and it is integral to creating an image of who we are and what we do as we engage new members and strategic partners. I’m putting the challenge out there to clubs across SA to nominate for the Joy Noble medal for outstanding commitment and contribution to community.” Wendy Gaborit.



Rotary Moment for Mark Huddleston.

Recently Mark Huddleston had an opportunity to convey Michael McQueen from Adelaide Airport to the D9500 Conference at Tanunda. Michael McQueen is a world renowned speaker on the subject of winning the battle for relevance. His specialty is identifying emerging trends shaping business and culture.

Mark was able to spend 2.5 hours with Michael, exclaiming, “I feel there simply is no-one better qualified on this planet to comment on the challenges faced by our organisation in remaining relevant, and the changes we must make. I feel so very privileged to have been given this opportunity.”

The Outback Car Trek

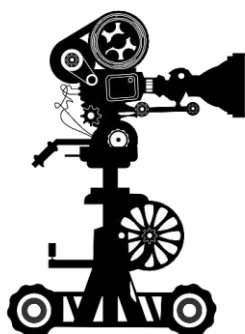
Last week I wrote about the Royal Flying Doctor Service with their mission to provide excellence in aeromedical and primary health care across Australia



Royal Flying Doctor Service

This week I wish to briefly explore a proposition from Rotarian Brian Englefield who is a member of the Rotary Club of Robinvale-Euston. Brian Englefield has been a principal organiser and participant in eight Outback Car Treks which is an important source of funds supporting the RFDS. Brian and his home club of Robinvale-Euston is highly experienced and successful in running this annual event where participants in the seven day Trek across very interesting outback routes, have raised an average of \$1.5million each year as a direct donation to RFDS.

Rotarian Brian Englefield has approached District to assist with the advertising and promotion of the event. The present stage of developing the concept within our District is based on the principle of using the event as a way to promote Rotary to a wider audience, to involve more Rotary Clubs as sponsors of one or more cars in the event, and to highlight this with advertising the actual donations being made. The present view of District is that the event could well be managed through the Robinvale-Euston Club with District supporting the promotion of the event through its news and meeting networks. Committee of Management will progress this idea at a meeting scheduled mid April 2016.



Magill Sunrise's "The Reel Event" Returns for 2016

One of the highlights of the Rotary Club of Magill Sunrise's calendar is The Reel Event, an annual fundraiser showcasing a selection of the best new short films by local filmmakers.

Combining fundraising, awareness of Rotary and a vocational aspect, the program is composed totally of short films created and produced by South Australians, with the opportunity to meet the filmmakers at a Q&A session after the screening. Many of the films each year have won awards at a local or national level and have travelled to film festivals internationally.

The Reel Event celebrates and displays some of the best artistic talent of our young South Australian filmmakers, with proceeds supporting a range of Rotary programs, with a focus on homelessness and youth.

2016 brings the 5th edition of The Reel Event, which will be held on Wednesday May 25 at the Regal Theatre, Kensington Park (formerly the Chelsea). Tickets are \$25 and include drinks and nibbles at 6:30pm, before the 7:30pm screening. **To book, visit <http://www.trybooking.com/kwlt>**

RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) provides a group of young people aged 14-17 years an opportunity to develop valuable leadership skills. This weekend long program will see participants engage with like-minded people, while having fun and learning new skills in areas such as problem solving and public speaking. On top of learning these skills, RYPEN gives young people a chance to put them to practical use, through debate and physical activity.

Two programs are being offered this year and full details have been distributed to the Secretary of all Rotary Clubs in our District.



Briefly the **Sunraysia and Riverland program** is scheduled at Lake Cullulleraine 8-10 April with a cost of \$230 for first applicant and \$200 for subsequent applicants.

Applications for this program have now closed, however late registrants can be considered by ringing Stephany Martin 0439 572 495 ASAP.

The **Adelaide Murraylands Program** will be held at Woodhouse Activity Centre 15-17 April with a cost of \$280 for first applicant and \$250 for subsequent applicants.

Applications to this program to ryla9520@gmail.com close on 1 April 2016.

Questions to be directed to John Sandham [0412 440 843](tel:0412440843) or email ryla9520@gmail.com