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Fellow Rotarians and Friends of Rotary!

This edition is acronym free (except when mentioned on a subsequent occasion)!

RENMARK! 28 APR to 01 MAY

Another memorable Conference been and gone!

Firstly, can I thank all of you who supported and attended.

Around 440 delegates spent the weekend:

- Engaged through the thoughtful as well as entertaining presentations by top class speakers, giving views on topics most relevant to the audience.
- Enjoying the company of others in a beautiful part of our District 9520.
- Marvelling at the wonderful venues of the Chaffey Theatre, and the covered outdoor area on the grounds of the Renmark High School.
- Luxuriating in the soft Autumn weather coupled with a diversity of food and wine.
- Having the attention of two high profile RI Representatives, Stuart Heal and Noel Trevaskis.
- Being looked after by the ever attentive Purple Army from the combined Rotary Clubs of Renmark and Stirling.

From the feedback we have had so far, delegates went home well pleased with what they had just experienced, feeling at one with the theme of facing the challenges of tomorrow. This indicates the Conference was an unmitigated success, and the survey of delegates at a later stage will most likely support the initial impressions. Constructive criticism through the survey will ensure the best parts of the Conference presentation are retained, and less attractive aspects not repeated. We all wish to be a gift to the world.

LONG TERM YOUTH EXCHANGE

Here is some wonderful news! Ten Exchange students will be hosted in the District from July 2016. Of the 10 students, 8 are from Europe and then one each from Taiwan and Brazil.

And further good news, we currently have 8 Clubs hosting 7 students – Coromandel Valley, Mildura Deakin, Renmark, Strathalbyn, Noarlunga East, Mt Barker and Norwood/Magill Sunrise.

However, there has been a problem finding host families and Clubs for the remaining three students. Time is running out!

AND, this segues nicely in to MAY – Rotary's Youth Service Month

A plethora of youth Service activities exist in Rotary and pretty well all Clubs have some involvement with a youth program. Rotaract and Interact Clubs are trying to be re-established in the District. If your Club is thinking of starting one or other of these Clubs, please contact the District for support and help.

There is an excellent PowerPoint presentation available for Clubs to show and involve their local schools. So often we hear that young people and their schools have not heard of what Rotary has to offer.

The recent Rotary Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) ran two programs, one held at Lake Cullulleraine and the other at Woodhouse in April. Both were outstandingly successful.

Thanks must go to the Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)/RYPEN Committee chaired by John Sandham, to the RYPEN administrators, Stephany Martin and Damian Leach respectively and to Margaret Northcote who was the Registrar at both.

21 young people attended the camp in Victoria, a first to hold RYPEN away from Adelaide and 43 students enrolled for Woodhouse.

COUNCIL OF LEGISLATION

Past District Governor Peter Ochota attended the Council in Chicago on 10 – 15 APR representing our District. Some exciting changes have been reported and in due course will be confirmed in a form to reflect consistency of intention.

Initial indications are that Clubs may wish to consider the frequency of meetings, some relaxation of the Classification expectations, some diversity in the way community members can be involved in the operation of the Club, and how Rotaractors are viewed within the Rotary organisation.

More information will be outlined at the District Assembly.

REMEMBER SAT 14 MAY 2016 THE ROTARY FOUNDATION DINNER

Time is running out for this auspicious occasion! Come along and be entertained by "Rotary Royalty"

Past RI President Bill Boyd and **Ian Riseley** from the Rotary Club of Sandringham will be RI President in 2017-18.

And, the very next day the **DISTRICT ASSEMBLY** will be held at Unity College in Murray Bridge on **SUN 15 MAY** where **Bill Boyd** will also be addressing the gathering.

"AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH (ARH) – addressing vital health issues within Australia"

ARH Ambassador PDG Bob Aitken will be one of the Guest Speakers at a dinner on TUE 07 JUN at Kooyonga Golf Club. Bob is best known for his tremendous service to Rotary Down Under over many years.

The other keynote speaker Kristin Graham, is doing some exciting research into Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

ROMAC – GOOD NEWS FOR MANUEL

This little tacker from Timor Leste underwent successful surgery at the Cranio-facial unit to remove a disfiguring encephalocele from the bridge of his nose. This outcome was the result of assistance from PDG Alun Hughes District Chair, the Rotary Club of Burnside's President Brett and Tania Dalton and paediatrician Alan McKinnon.

Manuel will be off home in the next week or two all cured, much to the relief of his family.

Well done ROMAC!



DG Dick Wilson

ANNUAL MUSIC AWARDS

Top Aspiring Student Musicians from Local Schools

On Tuesday 24 May 2016, the Rotary Club of St Peters will host the Annual Music Awards Concert in the Norwood Concert Hall.

Ten student soloists from local secondary schools will perform, and the Marryatville High School Senior Concert Band will be featured.

Headline performance by Sophia MacRae and introducing RYPEN student Kelly Kwon.



Each year, the Rotary Club of St Peters invites local Secondary Schools to nominate one or two students to receive a Music Award from the Club. Recipients receive a cheque and certificate and are invited to perform for Club members and the student's family and friends at the Annual Music Awards Concert.

"The Rotary Club Annual Music Awards Concert has now been running for over fifteen years. This year the Club has broadened its audience and made it a Community celebration of our Rotary Club" states Club President TuckWeng Kok.



Guests will also enjoy a dinner comprising a South Australian Platter of cold meats, cheese, bread and chutneys from the Barossa Valley plus dried fruits and nuts from the Riverland and other locally grown produce.

Compered by Jane Reilly, the concert will begin at 6:00pm, doors open from 5:00pm. To purchase tickets to what promises to be an enjoyable evening and celebration of young musical talent, visit <https://trybooking.com/KVQE>

Profits from the evening will be donated to Parkinson's SA.

For further details please visit <http://www.rotarynews.info/club3774> or Facebook Rotary Club of St Peters (Pam Vaughton 0407184680)

The SUBS in Schools Technology Challenge is the latest development from Re-Engineering Australia, who are responsible for running the F1 in Schools and 4x4 in Schools programs in Australia. Teams are required to design and develop a fully submersible, remote-controlled submarine prototype, in addition to a marketing campaign, booth display, portfolio (including a project management plan), and CAD materials.

The competition has a strong STEM focus (science, technology, engineering, and maths), and is a fantastic opportunity for students to immerse themselves in engineering, defence, and design industries.

Further details contact Rotarian John Caddy of the Rotary Club of Burnside, caddyjs@outlook.com 0417 804 901





Reminder that The Future of Rotary is in our hands.

PP of Rotary International Bill Boyd will join with Rotary International President Nominee Ian Riseley at a special inspirational presentation at the

Convention Centre, on Saturday 14th May 2016.

Book a place at this event <http://e.mybookingmanager.com/TRFDinner2016>

Meal and drinks \$75 per person with profits going to our Rotary Foundation.

This is a great opportunity to hear from the leaders of RI in Australia.



Dear District Governor

With the middle of the year fast approaching it is nearly time for Rotary Down Under to do our half yearly subscription invoicing for the clubs. To ensure invoices are correct, clubs need to update member details in our database. If clubs have difficulty logging in to our database, they can contact our office for assistance.

If you could please send a brief notice out to your club Secretaries and ask they ensure updating the RDU database prior to May 27 it would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards

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Thanks BlazeAid Hamley Bridge

More than 200 people packed into the Hamley Bridge Recreation Centre on 16 April to farewell the BlazeAid team, which had been in the district since 3 December. In that time nearly 300 people from around Australia had moved through the camp, volunteering their time to help people on properties affected by the Pinery fire.

BlazeAid volunteers attended 152 properties, removed 250 kilometres of damaged fencing and erected 50 kilometres of new fencing.



Brian Koch spoke on behalf of the community and Vince Monterola spoke on behalf of the State Government to thank the volunteers and the Camp Coordinators, who are also volunteers, for their outstanding contribution. These volunteers not only helped to repair fences, they also gave people hope for the future and helped to lift morale by letting people know they were not alone and that others cared. Those volunteers present on the night received certificates of appreciation for their work. Camp Coordinators John Lilleco and Mary Howarth, who between them have given almost a full year of volunteer time, were each presented with a small gift to remind them of their time in South Australia amid thunderous applause from farmers and volunteers.

The Rotary Foundation and UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education are working together to tackle the world's water and sanitation crisis and are offering up to 10 scholarships for graduate study at UNESCO-IHE's Delft campus in the Netherlands. The partnership aims to increase the number of trained professionals who can devise, plan, and implement water and sanitation solutions in developing areas. The scholarships also are designed to promote long-term productive relationships between Rotarians and skilled water and sanitation professionals in their communities.

Scholars will receive a Master of Science degree in urban water and sanitation, water management, or water science and engineering. Graduates work with their Rotary club sponsors on a related project to benefit their local community. **The application deadline is 15 June.** For more information, review the [application toolkit](#) and [scholarship terms and conditions](#). If you have questions, please contact grants@rotary.org.

SOME FINAL CONFERENCE OBSERVATIONS FROM DG Dick Wilson.

Special thanks go to my own Club Stirling for their support of the Renmark Conference over the past 3 years. And another huge thank you to the guys and gals from Renmark Rotary who worked tirelessly to make it happen.

There were many highlights but just to mention a few:

- I joined the Rotary Revolution/ Rotary Club of Irymple on Day 1 of their Conference “Ride for Research” down the Old Mail Route” from Mildura to Renmark – it was dry dusty work but we were able to slake our thirst in the Werrimul pub that evening.
- Welcome to Renmark on THU evening proved a winner with plenty to eat and drink and a lot of conversation.
- The Guest Speakers were of high standard and gauging from the audience reaction, all were well received.
- A big thank you to the President’s Rep Stuart Heal and Director Elect Noel Trevaskis for attending and bringing us the latest news from Rotary International.
- The Calperum visits were first rate and enjoyed by all who made the trip to the Station. Thanks to the team of Calperum hosts who made the visitors so welcome.
- The Dinghy Derby Demonstration in pouring rain preceded the Conference Dinner on SAT night. However, the main entertainment for the night belonged to Patrick McMahon for an electrifying musical walk down memory lane!
- And the closing BBQ lunch catered by the Renmark Rotary Club was a perfect way to conclude a very popular Conference.

And DGE Sam is going to “Jazz Up Rotary” at his Conference in Mt Gambier from 27 – 30 APR 2017.



These two just wanted their photo taken.

HEADLINE ACT

Marion Bassham and Patrick McMahon performed a rock duet at the District Conference Dinner.



Is this really happening?



Nothing like this in Burma yet!