



We are now well into the season of planning how we can build upon our achievements of the 2015-2016 Rotary Year of **Being a gift to the World** and move seamlessly with a new group of leaders into **Serving Humanity**. Many of the ideas and conversations being shared in the photograph above have not changed over time because we are still addressing the basic needs of people and as Rotarians we are changing lives by doing good for others.

Sound planning pays off through the effective utilisation of the person skills and resources we have to make sustainable changes to the lives of many who share our communities both local and afar.



Leadership in Conservation.

Outstanding contributions to the National Parks of South Australia were recently recognized through the Awards for Leadership in Conservation supported by the Rotary Club of Burnside.

Pictured is Deborah Furbank who has been active as a volunteer with the Friends of Innes National Park, and as a community liaison officer for DEWNR has championed natural resource management with a number of community groups throughout the Yorke Peninsula. Deborah won the Leadership in Conservation Award for her work with schools and community, highlighting the importance of protecting our natural resources.

Story and photo from Yorke Peninsula Country Times.

Agfair is a very large rural and agricultural field day which is run every second year in Broken Hill. At this year's event Rotary Club of Broken Hill South undertook its usual role of catering in the Food Hall.

Over the two days of Agfair South Rotary sold everything from Steak Sandwiches to Chicken Burgers to soft drinks and cups of tea and coffee.

Agfair catering is one of South's biggest income producers and takes a lot of

organising, especially in the way of ordering food and drinks. It always turns out to be a difficult task estimating the amount of food required as sales are affected by things such as weather, sporting events etc. This year South overestimated the amount of sausages and bread required and subsequently had some left over.

This situation became a blessing for the Broken Hill St Vincent De Paul kitchen which supplies meals to people in need. South Rotary donated the left over sausages and bread with an estimated value of \$665 to Vinnies who were very grateful and made the comment that this would make a lot of meals for their clients.



In business this overestimation would be seen as an inefficiency by reducing profit but to South Rotary it turns out to be just another way of serving the local community. As the saying goes "Every cloud has a silver lining"

Pictured is John Coff, South Rotary Catering Officer, donating the food to the ladies who volunteer at Vinnies and make the meals.



Rotarians in the photograph above are members of the Rotary Club of Howe of Fife Scotland. They are on a virtual World Tour on the Internet, and recently they "visited" the Rotary Club of Morialta. A brief history of each Club was exchanged, and you can see the members with President Tim Mee from the local Club enjoying a dress-up, and completing their Toast of Friendship and Goodwill to their travellers from Scotland.



Project: Testing a questionnaire about health information

Researchers from the International Centre for Allied Health Evidence at the University of South Australia are developing a questionnaire to find out where people go for health-related information and what they understand about how their own health information is collected and used.

We are looking for people (aged 18 years and over) to test the questionnaire.

This will involve:

- completing the questionnaire (which will take about 10 minutes)
- thinking about the questions that are asked and the way they are presented
- giving us feedback in a telephone interview (which will take about 10-15 minutes).

If you are interested, please ring toll-free 1800 126 334, and leave your first name, your telephone number and the best times for us to contact you with more information.

Closing date: 20 May 2016

This project has been approved by the University of SA Human Research Ethics Committee (Application #0000035397).

700th meeting for the Rotary Club of Kent Town.

The night started out with guests arriving from 6:30pm and President Chris Harris opening the evening with a warm welcome to Rotary dignitaries, past District Governor - Euan Miller, Assistant District Governor - Don Will and of course to past members, current members and guests.

President Chris gave an insightful and illuminating 20 minute presentation on how the club first began, its beginnings as a pilot club/no rules club.

The official charter night on 6th February 2002 had many dignitaries and guests including past DG's to then current Governor - Peter Sandercock, and many others from many other club members to witness 15 new members get inducted into the Rotary Club of Kent Town. He also explained the significant fundraising projects the club has organised over the past 14 years, including how the club has supported End Polio Now (Polio Plus), ShelterBox, Hutt St Centre, The Rotary Foundation, Operation Flinders, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN), Group Study Exchange (GSE) and Youth Parliament SA to mention a few.

A most enjoyable meeting for all in attendance, and closure of formalities at 8.00pm still had many staying on for fellowship and friendship building. Edited by Steve Hayter.



Rotary District 9520 Youth Exchange

Lets have a Ball

Inaugural formal graduation for our returning Long Term Youth Exchange students, families, friends and Rotarians.

Youth Opportunity Grant Fundraiser including a Raffle Draw.

June 11th. 2016. 6.30 pm

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Adelaide

Buffet dinner, welcome drink, cash bar. Entertainment and dancing.

\$60/head. Bookings through <http://www.trybooking.com/JVFU>





Council on Legislation News

Our Council Services team confirmed that the revised constitutional documents will be available in English by 15 June 2016.

The new Manual of Procedures should be available sometime between August and October.

The 2016 Council on Legislation may well be remembered as one of the most progressive in Rotary history.

Not only did this Council grant clubs more freedom in determining their meeting schedule and membership, it also approved an increase in per capita dues of \$4 a year for three years. The increase will be used to enhance Rotary's website, improve online tools, and add programs and services to help clubs increase membership. The Council is an essential element of Rotary's governance. Every three years, members from around the world gather in Chicago to consider proposed changes to the policies that govern the organisation and its member clubs. Measures that are adopted take effect 1 July.

"We are at a moment in time when we must think beyond the status quo," said RI Vice President Greg E. Podd. "We must think about our future."

OPERATION CLEFT

Rotary's Operation Cleft reminds us of many young citizens of our world who need our assistance to make a reasonable life for themselves. There are children in Bangladesh who have an uncertain future because of a facial deformity. For a small amount of \$300 to cover the cost of cleft repair surgery we can change the life of a child whose family can barely survive with sufficient food let alone any medical care.

Make a donation via the RAWCS website www.rawcs.com.au or via EFT through info@operationalcleft.org.au



Guest Speaker at our Renmark Conference Tony Sharley, is conducting a 4 day, 3 night Murray River Walk commencing 30th May 2016. Interested people can contact Tony at 0418 808 475.



2016 Rotary District 9520 Awards.

Congratulations to all Award winners.

Best Conference attendance donated by the late PDG Arthur Hart, and won by RC of Campbelltown.

Best Community Service Project donated by RC of Mitcham, and won by RC Onkaparinga for their "Sampson Flat Bushfire Recovery Fencing and Clean-up Project".

Best International Service Project donated by RC of Irymple, and won by Encounter Bay for their "Rainwater Catchment & Sanitation Project in Nakura, Kenya".



Stan Fereday Award for the **best displayed Club project** at the Conference won by RC Mobilong for their display of "Our Friends of Rotary Mobilong Program".

Bulletin of the Year Award donated by the late PDG Allan Williams, and won by "The Herald" Editor Sam Cozens.

Membership Improvement Award donated by the late PDG Harry Allen, and won by RC Norwood.

Club Award for Most First Time Attenders at Conference won by RC Campbelltown.

The Ivor Lewis Trophy for **Public Relations** was won by the End Polio Now Ute Relay.

The Australian Rotary Health – Bernie Jones Trophy was won by RC Blakiston for their highest per capita donation.

Australian Rotary Health District Achievement Award was won by RC Irymple for their "Ride to Conference Project".

Best Environmental Project was won by RC Murray Bridge for their "Mallee Emu Wren Conservation Project".

Best Club Website was awarded to RC Magill Sunrise.

The above list accounts for 12 of our District Awards, and the remaining 4 will be presented at our District Changeover.



Best Vocational Service Project donated by RC of Noarlunga East.

Rotary Foundation Contribution- Fred Claridge Memorial Award.

Best Fundraising Project donated by the late PDG Kevin Parkinson.

Best New Generations Project donated by the late PDG Bill Rufus.

People keep telling me they so enjoyed the presentation by Valmai Hankel at the District Conference.

How about sharing your experience of this session and say what made is so special for you.

I have yet to see a distinguishable photo of Valmai on stage. Did you achieve this feat?

Who is this vibrant person coping with the onset of Parkinson's disease?

