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Just where did the First Half of the year go?

Here I am, at the half way mark of my year, a year that has delivered on so many different levels made more so by the people I have met and their stories which continue to inspire me.

The round of District Governor official visits was completed 3rd December when we visited Mildura and attended the Irymple Club. These visits served not only to inform me about the culture of each club, their projects, goals and ambitions, but gave John and I insight into the great wealth of this District. Each and every one of you, who through your membership, participation and service make a difference in the lives of others both here and abroad.

I learnt that being a club small in numbers didn't limit that Club's capacity to do and to pull off projects that a larger club might see as beyond its ability. These clubs were successful due to their passion for Rotary, their commitment to community and belief in themselves.

Under Foundation Chair Malcolm Lindquist 16 clubs were successful in receiving District and Global Grant funds. My legion of Centurions is growing, with John joining the ranks.

Youth Services Chair, Peter Poulton and his committee delivered a RYLA seminar that once again exceeded all expectations and as a first saw three Rotarians in attendance.

NYSF Chair TuckWeng Kok and his committee oversaw the selection and orientation of 20 awardees from across district culminating in a Government House reception. January will see this group head off to the respective university campuses in Canberra and Perth. Neither of these programs are possible without the financial support of Clubs and your belief in young people and their capacity as leaders.

The Rotary Youth Exchange committee under the stewardship of Mark Martin and Co have successfully coordinated and delivered both long and short term selection, orientation and briefing days. The numbers of participating clubs and students may be small but, this program continues to deliver outstanding young people capable of extraordinary things.

Annual General Meetings have been held, leadership teams for 2014-15 nominated and confirmed and a number of you have updated your constitutions and bylaws. We have embraced My Rotary and some have participated in RI Webinars.

Meeting the challenges of this first half year would not have been possible without the assistance and support of the following and to them my thanks. DG Newsletter editor Jessica Ziersch, a young Rotarian, graduate of RANZSE who understands and has a passion for modern media. District Trainer Damian Leach who is taking our training to new heights. My leadership team, Jerry, Dick, Roy and Bruce, the G-train is at no risk of running off the rails.

District Secretary Sam Cozens for his wise and sage advice, his ability to deliver on my requests, his leadership in assisting clubs understand and take up My Rotary and as editor of our weekly missive The Herald.

Last but not least, my AGs and Presidents, for it is your leadership, stewardship and passion that enables Rotary to shine its light, to engage others and through so doing change lives.

John and I wish you all a safe, happy and joyous Christmas.

DG Wendy





RAWCS PROJECT VOLUNTEERING

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Do you want to be part of the bigger picture of **Umoja Orphanage Kenya**?

We are requiring 6 more volunteers to work on our humanitarian project in Kenya on our next tour.

We depart on the 31st March 2014 for 16 days.

Please read [Expression of Interest](#) to see if you have the qualifications or expertise to join us. We have completed 2 tours this year with 22 volunteers joining us to work on the project. It is a life changing experience. Project founder and director Cathy Booth will be your team leader and guide.

Be quick as we only require 6 more volunteers.

Looking forward to hearing from you ASAP, Cathy



"Your Neighbours are Making You Sick"

In a recent World Bank blog posting Luis Andres reminds us that disease and hence sanitation is a community issue. Unless the whole community buys into solutions, the full impact of improved sanitation won't be felt.

In addressing sanitation issues, an integrated, community-based approach will have the most impact.

[Read More...](#)

<http://www.startwithwater.org/>

Michael Bowman is our District 9520 Treasurer and his mobile number is 0424 388 862. Michael's postal address is PO Box 27 Hahndorf SA 5245. Please change this in your copy of the District Directory.

Are you thinking about your **Glamour Night Out** at the District Conference 2014 ?





Rotarians and friends of
Disaster Aid Australia

December update on our
ongoing work in the Philippines.

Stage 1. The rebuilding of 500 homes will be complete by the end of December
Stage 2. The rebuilding of an additional 500 homes will commence in January

2 Skyhydrant water purification systems are up and running.
10 Skyhydrant water systems are on their way to Malaysia lead by DART Keith Robbins.

We hope to rebuild 2000 plus homes and install 30 Skyhydrant water systems in the Philippines by end of February.

Your continued support will make this happen.
Please give if you can. Thank you. Bob Powell Chairman Disaster Aid Australia



Inner Wheel.

A time for reflection.

The location is Deansgate, Manchester, England.

In November 1923 a group of women led by Mrs Margarette Golding, and encouraged by their Rotarian husbands called a special meeting for the purpose of setting up a club similar to Rotary. There was sufficient interest to proceed, and on 10th January 1924 the first Inner Wheel club was formed.

The name Inner Wheel was chosen to describe the connection with Rotary, a small wheel within a larger wheel. The first Australian club was Chartered in Victoria in 1931 at Ballarat. By 1967 Inner Wheel clubs had been formed in many parts of the world and this led to the formation of International Inner Wheel.

Throughout the world the 10th January is celebrated by Inner Wheel members. It is a day of rejoicing and a reminder that Inner Wheel is a real opportunity for women to give service. While it is no longer a requirement to be referred by a Rotarian, strong links still exist between our two groups. I witnessed this at the Annual Antique Fair where Inner Wheel managed the catering and the Rotary Club of Onkaparinga organised the event. This resulted in a win-win outcome for both clubs adding real value to this event for their community.

This 10th January 2014 I will be sending my greetings to District Chairperson Lyn Green who is a member of the Inner Wheel Club of Tea Tree Gully.
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District Conference News.

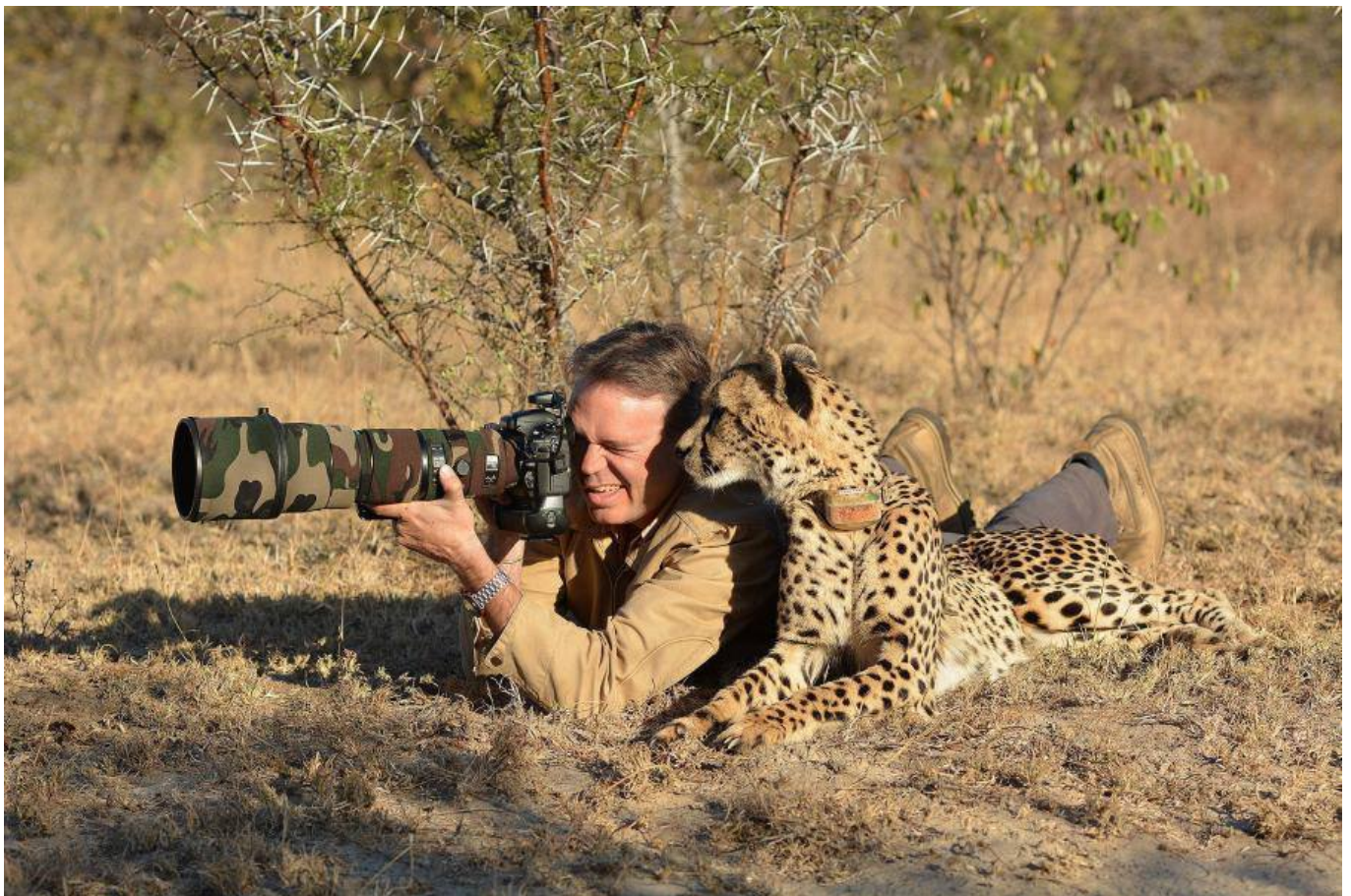
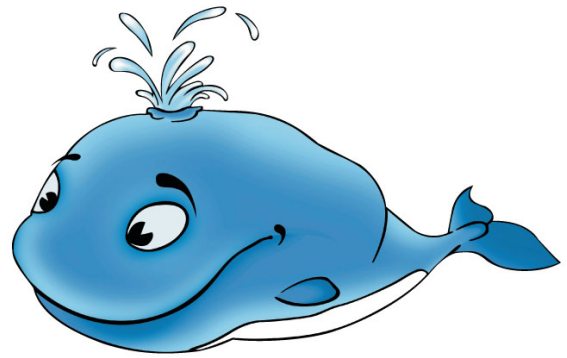
Please be advised that the **Friday Dinner** and the **Shipwreck Show** is now a Full House.

This popular add on to the Conference program has now filled and no further bookings can be taken either for the Dinner or the combined Dinner and Shipwreck Show.

Refunds will be issued for any future bookings received and paid for from 18th December.

There are ample good eating places in Warrnambool so we suggest you go online and arrange your own night out. [Restaurants in Warrnambool](#)

Enjoy the local friendship of Warrnambool.



LOOKING AHEAD.

I wish you the readers of "The Herald" seasons greetings, and thankyou for your contributions and so sharing the news of the great work that is being achieved in our District. For the next 6 months I would like more articles from our regional Rotary Clubs to be included in our weekly news. A couple of photos and a short explanation or a few notes is all I need to make an interesting article.

As this Edition of "The Herald" goes online about half of our Clubs have entered Incoming Officers in My Rotary which is great. This information will be taken directly to be published in the 2014-2015 District Directory, so a kindly reminder for you to check the contact details and so forth are correct. Thankyou for your perseverance with this record keeping, which may be tedious but is essential for the overall operation of our Clubs in District 9520. I will think up a few new challenges for you over the holiday period.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year period. Cheers Sam Cozens, "The Herald" Editor.

Summary of Australian Rotary Health Donations, comprising Hat Day and Donations July to November 2013.

CLUB	
Berri	\$ 630.00
Blackwood	\$ 591.25
Brighton	\$ 1,250.00
Brownhill Creek	\$ 100.00
Campbelltown	\$ 5,155.45
Edwardstown	\$ 300.00
Encounter Bay	\$ 900.00
Hallett Cove	\$ 73.00
Holdfast Bay	\$ 100.00
Hyde Park	\$ 525.00
Irymple	\$ 3,352.45

CLUB	
Magill Sunrise	\$ 99.32
Merbein	\$ 21,150.10
Mobilong	\$ 200.00
Onkaparinga	\$ 500.00
Renmark	\$ 1,000.00
Robinvale-Euston	\$ 100.00
St Peters	\$ 5,125.00
Stirling	\$ 370.00
Strathalbyn	\$ 50.00
Yankalilla	\$ 1,000.00
Individuals	\$ 68.95
DISTRICT TOTAL	\$ 42,640.52

These figures represent an outstanding start for contributions to Australian Rotary Health for the 2013-2014 Rotary Year. Congratulations for your endeavour and generosity.



LOXTON ROTARY OPPORTUNITY SHOP

This shop has been a major fundraiser for our Club for many years. Located in a lovely stone house, the business was purchased by the Club, and \$70,000 was spent on extending and renovating the building. Most of the work and materials for preparing the building was sourced locally, and the operations of the business are conducted by volunteers. People from 16 years to 80 years come in from the community, from Madec, Centrelink and Mission Australia participants combining to form a happy team of workers. The locals like to be involved because of the active, service oriented, happy atmosphere that prevails in the shop.

We are planning to extend our business into furniture sales and work is advanced in constructing a new storage shed for holding stock.

Recycling is our business. Clothes in good condition are sold, and the remainder are cut into rags for use in garages and industrial businesses. Polyester, shoes and any other unsaleable clothes are sent to China for re-processing. Some 175 18kg bags were sent out last month. Paper, cardboard, metal, bottles, cans, timber off-cuts, and electrical goods go to the local recycling centre.

Our income from 2012-2013 was used as donations to Rotary projects (\$7,000), to local schools and youth programmes (\$8,000) to Loxton's Main Street Development Appeal (\$12,000), and 5 defibrillators to local sporting clubs (\$17,000) Already this year we have donated blanket warmers (\$11,000) to our local hospital. Our target for this year is \$70,000.

Marian Woodberry, President and Manager,
Rotary Club of Loxton.

