



RAM – Rotarians Against Malaria. Adopt a Village Programme

The generosity of individual clubs across Australia (as well as districts and individuals) in support of RAM's treated bed net programme has made a huge difference to the lives of so many people. Nets do save lives and reduce suffering.

Substantial funding has been received from The Rotary Foundation and AusAid, and more recently from the Global Fund aimed at significantly reducing if not eradicating malaria in the Solomon Islands over time.

It will not be too long before the Global Fund financed nets need replacing and

that is where we come in. We must keep the RAM Adopt A Village programme going through your continued support and encouragement of all of your clubs to do the same.

Many villages are in very remote locations. Kerema is a typical example of a remote village located on the shores of the Gulf of Papua. Here we see the treated nets being delivered by air. By adopting a village you can make a difference to the lives of many people.



Visit the Rotarians Against Malaria website for more information <http://www.ram.com.pg/>



MORE PLEASE

While you are watching the birdie, please think about letting a few more people share the Rotary Programs or Projects or Events that you have produced this year. I get rumours of events that have occurred but few pictures or stories come my way. The District Directory has a host of Titles of Rotary Projects and Committees listed but what do they do each year? We can learn and be motivated. As I have offered before, you provide some notes and a clear jpeg picture and I will willingly write the story. A hundred words about a significant service to others and a good picture has an appreciative audience. Be famous, share the stories. Sam – Editor of The Herald.



Make a girl's day.

In many developing nations not having sanitary supplies can mean days without school, days without income and days without leaving the house. Girls miss up to two months of school every year.

To address this issue and give girls across the globe education, safety and dignity, Days for Girls International was founded in 2008. Days for Girls

provides washable feminine hygiene kits to girls and women who would otherwise go without, enabling them to not miss valuable days from their education or employment.

It has been proven that Girls who have sanitary hygiene are confident in school so more likely to graduate and for every year of education a girl receives her future income increases and when a girl has seven or more years of education, she marries four years later and has 2.2 fewer children.

Days for Girls has been strongly supported by Rotary International. In Australia, over 2000 kits have passed through assembly lines to many countries. They are sent with people traveling on business, pleasure, missions, or project charity work who have the opportunity to deliver to local boarding schools/orphanages and anywhere there is a need. Impoverished communities are also assisted in starting their own programs to supply kits and training.

Recently, members of the Rotary Clubs added kits to their luggage and delivered them to East Timor, PNG and Kenya for distribution to Rotary projects. Kits are lovingly made, donated and assembled by volunteer sewing groups around Australia. To learn more about Days for Girls and how you can become involved visit www.daysforgirls.org or www.facebook.com/DaysforGirlsAustralia



Top image: Women in the Congo now making their own sanitary hygiene kits with the help of Days for Girls.



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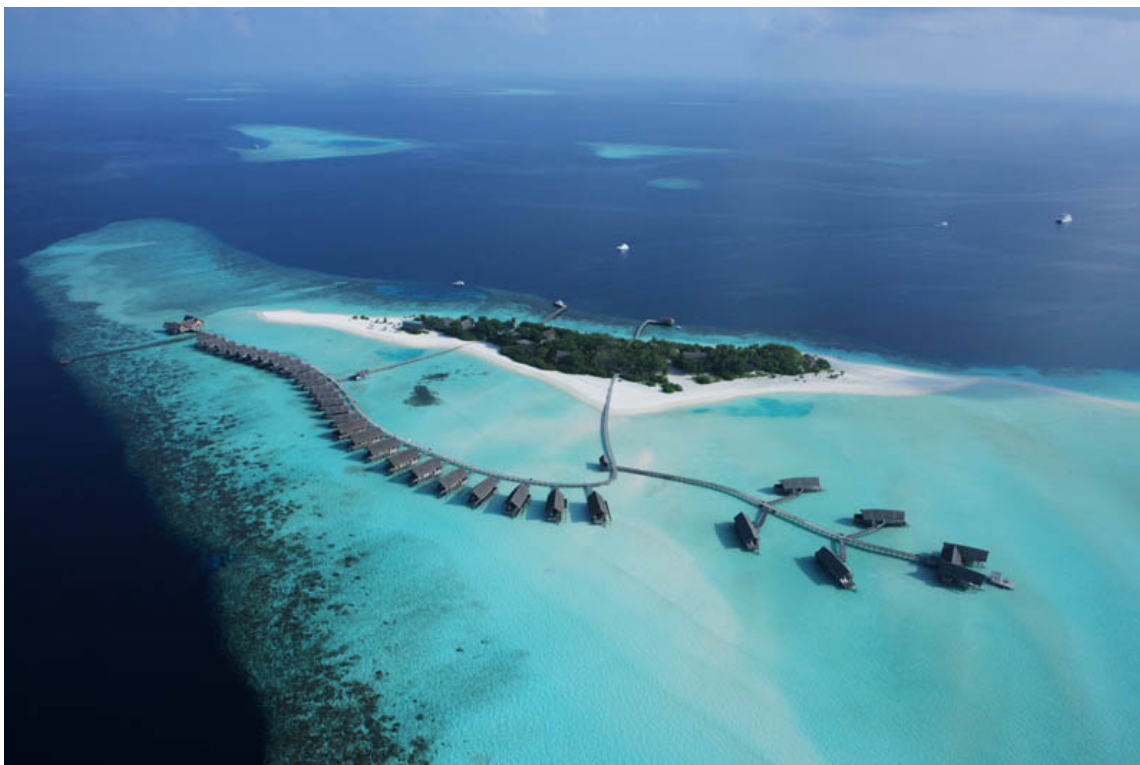
Users of the central recording location for Rotary International, **My Rotary**, will recognise this entry that appears on their computer screen.

This is a reminder that the **My Rotary** records will be frozen during the month of June. All entries such as new members, additions to the details of existing members, and any corrections need to be completed by the end of May.

New business will open on 1st July with all the Incoming

Officers having immediate access to get going in the New Rotary Year. Our District is in very good shape with the basic uses of My Rotary. New members and Incoming Officers have been well managed, and your first task in July will be to make any adjustments for new members that were inducted, or members resigned during June. There is still room for improving the timely payment of both RI and District Dues, and again making full use of the My Rotary facility is helpful for managing this responsibility.

The Semi Annual Returns for July and in due course the District Dues, including insurance cover for members will be based on what you have entered in the My Rotary records by the end of May.



MALDIVIAN ROTARY ADVENTURE IN SEPTEMBER 2014

The RC of Eastwood is arranging a once-in-a-lifetime adventure to the tropical paradise that is the Maldives in September. The centre-piece is seven days of cruising the islands and visiting the Rotary projects that D9520 has initiated since Rotary was started in the Maldives in 2013. We will visit many snorkelling and wind surfing spots, as well as seeing many rarely visited island communities.

Our safari boat has ten cabins, all with en-suite facilities, and very generous decks for relaxation. About half the berths are already taken, due to the fabulous discount that has been negotiated for the group. For around just \$200 per day per person, all meals and accommodation is covered as well as transport to some of the loveliest tropical scenery in the world. Normally this would be \$500 per day.

Arrival in the **Maldives** on or before Friday 19th September, with attendance at the Rotary meeting on Saturday morning 20th Sept in Male. We set sail around lunchtime for six and half days arriving back to attend Rotary the following Saturday 27th Sept.

Please urgently contact Don Will on 0414 645402 or dwill@wilkingroup.com.au if you are interested in participating as only limited space is available.

As a guide, airfares from Adelaide to **Maldives** and return are around \$1400 to \$1700 per person via Singapore, Malaysia or Dubai, you can save money if you are flexible.

Recently the Rotary Club of Eastwood, South Australia chartered the first Rotary Club of Maldives, so that many problems in this paradise could be addressed

Until now there have been no active service clubs in the nation although Rotary has attempted some humanitarian projects in the past.

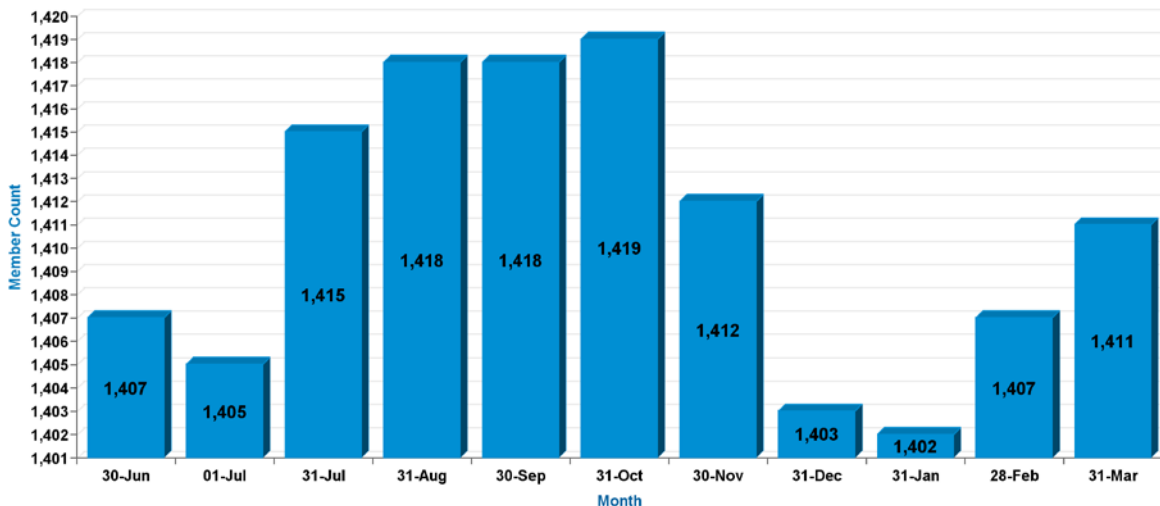
The absence of a local band of Rotarians to supervise has meant such projects are no longer active.

After many months of negotiation, RI headquarters gave permission for the RC of Eastwood, in conjunction with Rotary District 3220 in Sri Lanka to establish a new Club in the capital Malè.

Rotarians are already working on some projects for the young, and the provision safe drinking water on the remote and smaller island of has been determined to be a very worthwhile project that Rotary Clubs could support.

Recently the RC of Eastwood has taken the first step by donating a solar water purifier for Vaavu atoll and we encourage other Clubs to consider a similar donation by supporting the registered RAWCS project. This ensures proper governance will be followed.

Rotary International District 9520 Membership Records across the current Rotary Year.



Tall Poppy Award.

There are still a number of District Awards that will be announced during the Changeover occasion for DGE Jerry Casburn.

The Tall Poppy Award will be won by the Rotary Club judged to have the most effective advertising of Rotary Projects and the purposes of Rotary within their own local community. This Award is new for our District and there will be much interest to see the trophy as well as the winner.

Voting at the Sydney International Convention.

Having the International Convention in Sydney has generated interest in the voting procedures to be exercised by Club Delegates attending the Convention. The Manual of Procedure is your guide to the intricate detail of governance in RI, and I bring your attention to page 99 for a general overview of the process, and Article 9 of the RI Constitution on page 126, with more detailed provisions in Article 9 of the By laws commencing page 154.



“In any convention, each club shall be entitled to be represented by at least one delegate. Any club with a membership of more than 50 shall be entitled to be represented by an additional delegate for each additional 50 of its members or major fraction thereof. For this purpose, representation shall be determined on the basis of membership in the club on 31st December immediately preceding the convention”. page 126 MOP2013.

The main purpose of the voting process is to elect officers to a number of RI positions, and to seek direction on any specific issues that have been brought forward. The immediate comparison within our own District governance is the voting that occurs at our annual Conference, only the scale is much larger.

The Rotary Foundation Focus : May/June Newsletter.

Topics include Centurion Membership, Paul Harris Society, and Training Programs. Of particular interest is an article about Grants. It is worth reading to see how your fundraising can give a greater bang by combining with



Foundation Resources. More information is given below.

Successful Global Grants this year have gone to :

- RC Victor Harbor for its support of the Hamlin Fistula Hospital in Ethiopia
- RC of Unley for its support of poor villages in Andhra Pradesh.

The children from Myanmar, in these photos, have been successfully treated for club foot by courtesy of a District Grant through the RC of

Norwood.

All incoming Presidents were issued with “District Grant Guidelines” at their PETS, and this document outlines the deadlines and processes that must be followed to be considered for a District Grant. [Foundation Focus News](#)

Grants updates

Rotary Peace Fellowship application

The 2015 Rotary Peace Fellowship application is now available [online](#). The application deadline is 1 July. For more information, visit our [website](#).

District grant application deadline is 15 May

The Deadline to submit 2013-14 district grant applications is fast approaching. District leaders submit the application online. [Learn more](#) about district grants. And just a reminder: There is no deadline for [global grant](#) applications.

District qualification for 2014-15

Districts must become qualified in order to receive Rotary Foundation grant funding. Similarly, clubs must also be qualified before applying for global or packaged grants. The qualification process helps ensure that your district or club understands its financial responsibilities, including stewardship, and is prepared to assume them.

Qualification for Rotary year 2014-15 begins in May 2014. Qualification includes an online process in which the district governor, governor-elect, and district Rotary Foundation committee chair agree to implement the [district memorandum of understanding](#) (MOU). New officers will be able to access and authorize the MOU 60 days before the start of their term; previously submitted authorizations will remain in effect. Remember to report the names of newly elected or appointed district officers to the Foundation as soon as possible so they will have access. Check out the new [Grant Management Seminar Leader's Guide](#), which includes information on conducting the seminar as a webinar.

Grant terms and conditions updated

Grant terms and conditions are periodically updated for the sake of clarity and to incorporate policy changes. See the [current version](#), which includes these changes:

- Each semester of study is now considered a separate activity eligible for grant funding.
- District grants can fund activities in non-Rotary countries.
- Grant sponsors should make sure that applicants for scholarships and vocational training teams understand that their application must be approved by the Foundation before they incur any expenses or make travel arrangements.
- RITS/BCD charges a service fee of \$50 to \$70 per plane ticket issued, and grant sponsors may include this fee in their budgets.
- District grants are paid out at the Rotary exchange rate at the time of payment.
- Unused district grant funds of \$500 or less must be used for charitable purposes that meet requirements.



Illuminate

A rare opportunity
to hear two dynamic
women at one awesome event.

Ellissa Nolan

Marketing & Digital Manager, Rotary Down Under

- **Insights into Facebook and Twitter - how to keep your community growing.**
- **What does Rotary look like? A question to be asked and answered every day.**
- **Visibility in the community – fresh, fun and utilising calls to action.**
- **Rotary Digital Networks – what do great websites do?**
- **Creativity, Innovation and Rotary – putting it all together.**

Ellissa holds a Master of Contemporary Arts degree, specialising in visual arts management and marketing, and has over 20 years experience working in media, arts, entertainment, advertising and education industries across national and global contexts. She has worked with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, Sony Computer Entertainment (PlayStation), Lowe Hunt Advertising, and also within the Australian University sectors in Queensland and Tasmania.

In 2012 Ellissa received a Vice-Chancellor's Award for the successful design and delivery of the first-ever digital communication strategy at the Creative Industries Faculty at the Queensland University of Technology. She has also received a Dean's Award for Excellence from the University of Tasmania for high creative and academic achievement. Her role with RDU includes designing and implementing digital innovation initiatives and creative engagement strategies across Rotary's network of online media channels.



Kerry Kornhauser

Women in Rotary



Founder, Women in Rotary

- **Women are Rotary's secret weapon to increased membership.**
- **Getting your messages out to women.**
- **Why women in leadership roles make for a better organisation.**
- **How International Women's Day can revolutionise women's membership in Rotary.**
- **How to make your club more female friendly.**

Kerry has a marketing degree and a background in the advertising industry including positions with two major ad agencies, Clemengers and George Pattersons. She also spent time in private health working together to create one of Victoria's largest private hospital chains Australian Health Resources. As Media Buying Manager for Kmart, Kerry was responsible for an expenditure of \$12m per year.

Kerry is a past president of the Rotary Club of Albert Park, and is the power behind the **Women in Rotary** movement, opening the conversation about Rotary's untapped resource and has seen female Rotary membership surge by almost 6% to more than 24% over the last three years. She is responsible of the concept of showcasing Rotary to the wider corporate community on an international basis.

The role of **Women in Rotary** is to address one of the key areas of membership diversity - gender equity - and work with Membership, Marketing and Public Relations Committees within districts to develop plans that will increase membership and retention of women in Rotary and to support initiatives that promote female leaders at both club and district levels.



BOOK NOW TO HEAR AUSTRALIA'S FOREMOST AUTHORITIES ON THE DIGITAL PROMOTION OF ROTARY, AND THE MARKETING OF ROTARY TO WOMEN ON THE SAME STAGE! - IT WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN



Ellissa has generously agreed to run an ADVANCED Facebook training session for a strictly limited number of people on the day, prior to the presentations. This session is ONLY available to people who register for Illuminate, and seats will be reserved on a first in, first served basis. We will also be running a BEGINNERS' Facebook training session.

Where? Science Innovation Learning Centre,
Flinders University
When? Saturday, August 2, 2014
Cost ? \$20.00 includes Finger food & Beverages
BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

For more information on this event including how to book tickets, please visit www.illuminate9520.rotaryclub.org.au or ring Mark Huddleston 0402 346 994

Program for the day:
12.30pm Registrations open for Facebook Training Seminars
1.00pm Facebook Training Seminars
(Advanced and Beginners' Seminars run concurrently)
2.00pm Registrations open for Illuminate
2.30pm Illuminate Presentation
4.00pm Meet & Mingle with Ellissa Nolan & Kerry Kornhauser
Finger food & Beverages will be served
5.00pm Close