



Paul Harris Society.

Join in bringing positive change to communities around the world.

The Paul Harris Society is a recent body set up to encourage Rotarians to pledge USD1000 a year to the Rotary Foundation. We have 20 members already in D 9520 and I encourage others to consider joining as the end of the tax year approaches. The donations are fully tax deductible and members can make their donations through their business or a trust if they prefer. These can be made annually or split up and made more frequently and a tax receipt is issued each year. The funds go into the Annual Programs Fund of Australian Rotary Foundation Trust and are used for Rotary Foundation projects emanating from Australian clubs.



If the donor wishes the funds can also be allocated to the End Polio campaign. The donation can be made by cheque, credit card or bank transfer.

Members get a framed certificate and a chevron with the letters PHS to wear under their PHF pin. With each USD1000 donation they get a new pin to acknowledge the sapphire and ruby steps in the PHF ladder. If donors wish, I am happy to arrange with the club for a formal presentation to be made and a time and place of the donor's choosing.

USD1000 may sound a large amount to pledge, and it certainly was in 1957 when Paul Harris Fellows were inaugurated. However with inflation that USD1000 is only worth USD118 in today's money. Worth thinking about.

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Some membership observations from My Rotary data as at 3rd June 2014, which you may find interesting.

The actual change in membership for District 9520 over the 11 months is 1405 to 1396 which is about 1%.

There have been some dramatic changes within some Clubs but the overall trend is quite steady.

Within individual Clubs, 10 Clubs remained the same, 17 Clubs experienced growth, and 26 Clubs experienced a loss of membership.

Two clubs, Marion (10) and Lameroo (10) will hand back their Charter at the end of June 2014, however not all members of these clubs will leave Rotary membership.

What these gross figures do hide is that even from the reported new members in "The Herald" we know that significant numbers are added to membership each year. What happens behind the scenes is the loss of membership so that the actual growth remains constant.

Rotary Club of Yankalilla Donates to the Yankalilla Area School Outdoor Education Program



On Monday 26th May, the President of the Rotary Club of Yankalilla, Des Chilton had the pleasure of presenting a cheque for \$2500 to Rebecca Shute a Year 10 Student from Yankalilla Area School and Andrew Gray who is the staff member responsible for the Outdoor Education program at Yankalilla Area School. Andrew and Rebecca had previously addressed a meeting of the Rotary Club of Yankalilla outlining the goals of the program and how it works in practice. This donation will be put towards the purchase of a new boat which is so important for the safety of the students involved in the program. It was felt by the Rotary Club that this donation would support most students in the district as all students at Yankalilla Area School are involved in the Outdoor Education Program in the early secondary years.

Photo : Rotarian John Clements, School Staff Member Andrew Gray, Year 10 student Rebecca Shute, President Des Chilton and Rotarian Bob Miller.

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Stories from our intrepid roving correspondent Rotarian Bob Cooper RC of Burnside at the Sydney Convention.

Human Nature get the Convention off to a rocking start in Sydney.

Rotary has been helping with the eradication of Polio for 25 years now. We are this close to beating this insidious disease but we cannot relax our efforts yet. There are still three countries where Polio needs to be eradicated, Nigeria, Somalia, and Pakistan.



Former Australian Test Cricketer Brett Lee helps with provision of music therapy for cancer patients at St Judes in India,



MOCK ACCIDENTS-ROAD CRASH PREVENTION

Planned and coordinated annually by the Rotary Club of McLaren Vale Inc, and sponsored by SAPOL, CFS, SAAS, Alfred James Funerals, and Aldinga Crash Repairs.

Congratulations McLaren Vale for making an entry in Humanity in Motion 3, and winning a District Award.

Educating the youth in the community about the trauma of a road accident by witnessing what happens all the way from the accident scene to the courtroom trial

The initiative is intended to educate young drivers on the individual and community consequences of irresponsible driving in a very realistic mock accident and courtroom environment. To ensure that the presentation appears as real as possible, the crash is staged on Main Road, Willunga, with actors from the Willunga High School Year 12 Drama class performing in the roles of drivers and injured passengers. Students witness an actual emergency service response to the accident scene including the treatment or retrieval of injured or deceased drivers and passengers. The students then witness a courtroom scenario where the offending driver is prosecuted before a Supreme Court Judge.



The target audience for this learning exercise watch proceedings very close to the action, and a descriptive dialogue continues for the whole event.

They witness the crash scene of a collision between two vehicles.



There are crash site traffic management actions, patient extraction and treatment, body

Emergency Services are quickly on the scene.



retrieval, crash site clean up, and later courtroom consequences, all of which have a big effect on the lives of many people.



Some of the consequences are tragically final.





Kevin Prosser PHF with Sapphire.

The leadership displayed by Conference Chairman Kevin Prosser with a group of dedicated Rotarians from Mobilong, Tailem Bend and Murray Bridge Clubs to produce an outstanding District Conference was acknowledged by DG Wendy Gaborit at a recent award ceremony.

DG Wendy congratulates Kevin with a presentation of a PHF Sapphire award.

Significant donations to a number of Rotary Projects have been made from funds generated from the Gala Raffle, and Photo Booth, boosted by the generous funding by the many sponsors and the large savings achieved by the willing assistance of 53 members and partners of the Rotary Clubs of Mobilong, Tailem Bend, and Murray Bridge who attended the Conference at Warrnambool. This resulted in a significant reduction in the cost of catering.

ROMAC (DG Wendy's nominated fund) has received over \$7000

ROTARY FOUNDATION has received \$10,000 placed with the annual program.

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH has received \$5,000 to be directed to research into mental health.

POLIO PLUS has received \$5000 to assist with the eradication of this disease.



Gertrude Adzo Akpalo walked out of the Allphones Arena in Sydney more inspired than ever to do her part to inject youth and energy into Rotary, helping to secure its future.

SAFE WATER

Safe water is still needed for large populations of people in many places around the world.



The United Nations organisation estimate that 783 million people worldwide still do not have access to improved drinking water, and 2.5 billion people currently lack access to sanitation

Rotary is collaborating with other humanitarian service organisations to help provide safe water and sanitation to communities wherever there is need.

COMPANION OF AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH AWARD FOR ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR FELICE JACKA.



The presentation made by Associate Professor Felice Jacka at the 2014 District Conference, has made a lasting impression for many delegates.

Ms Jacka's research has demonstrated a strong link between diet and mental health. Of particular importance is the correlation between early life nutritional exposure and the later risk of developing depression and anxiety behaviours.

The District Conference Committee wish to support the work of Associate Professor Felice Jacka from the School of Medicine at Deakin University, through a donation to Australian Rotary Health. This donation specifically acknowledges Ms Jacka as a Companion of Australian Rotary Health.

Picture by Aaron Sawall courtesy The Warrnambool Standard.

**"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait
a single moment before starting to improve the world."**

UMOJO ORPHANAGE KENYA



Umoja Orphanage Kenya will offer a real alternative to child abandonment. Through a holistic care approach, we will give children a second chance at life and help break the cycle of poverty.

On 17 acres of fertile land in Ukunda, we are building a children's village to accommodate up to six children's homes and a small school. We hope to be self-sustainable by sourcing our own food from fruit and vegetable gardens, a piggery, and chicken and dairy farms. We also have our own safari side-business, which will generate profits back into the orphanage project. Donate to Umoja today and help orphaned and vulnerable children reach their full potential.

Welcome to our latest [newsletter](#) packed with news from our April 2014 Rotary Australia World Community Service Volunteer Tour to the Umoja Project in Kenya.

The [Final RI Rates for June 2014](#) are now available.

AUD, NZD and PHP are **UNCHANGED** from May 2014.

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