



TO: District Management Committee, Presidents, and Secretaries
FROM: DG Roy Armstrong
Date of Issue: 24th February 2013

We hope the new format is working for you, please let District Secretary Jerry know if you need or can recommend further changes. In the meantime we hope you ***"Have Fun"***.

Action Items (New Items First)

Rotarians and Friends at Work

We're pleased to say the national Rotarians & Friends @ Work initiative is off and running and registrations have been coming in from across the country for painting, gardening and other community projects in April.

Our supporters at Bunnings Warehouse, Dulux, Selleys and Yates have been terrific and the process of linking up Rotary Clubs and Activities Organisers at Bunnings Warehouse stores is well underway and they are pleased with the progress we have made and the ease of the rollout of this national campaign. Thanks for your support.

Clubs can register their projects at www.rotariansandfriendsatwork.org.au - it's a simple process to get the ball rolling.

Engage the Public, Engage the Media, Invite them to "Join the Conversation"

It's a great opportunity to leverage media and social media opportunities to engage the public and we already have media organisations on board and running articles on projects. With Rotary Australia-wide participating, it's a great chance for every Club to make a sound that when it is heard collectively becomes a roar that attracts attention.

We'd love to see every participating Bunnings Warehouse store across Australia linked to a Rotary Club or Cluster so that we can make the most of the available in-kind support kindly provided.

We're looking forward to a big response across Australia and some great stories about Clubs engaging the public and making their communities better places.

ROMAC – Board Positions

I am sure you are all aware of ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) and seen the outstanding service that this activity accomplishes, as it repairs the life and dignity of disadvantaged children.

ROMAC is an approved Rotary activity and is administered by a Board of representatives from Rotary clubs within the geographical regions of Australia and New Zealand. The ROMAC Board comprises a number of roles covering specific areas of responsibility including chairmanship, treasury, secretary, operations, medical, marketing, fund raising plus regional administration. Each role has a three-year term plus a further one-year extension option. Meetings are held quarterly throughout Australia. The role is voluntary but normal personal disbursements are covered.

With the tenure of some existing members expiring and the creation of new roles, four vacancies will occur shortly. The roles are:

ROMAC Treasurer

ROMAC Secretary

ROMAC Marketing

ROMAC Fund Raising

ROMAC is seeking interested Rotarian applicants with both experience and compassion. We invite you to advertise these positions as widely as possible.

For further information about ROMAC please see:

Web: www.romac.org.au

Face book: <http://www.facebook.com/RomacAustralia>

For specific role descriptions, kindly contact Deputy Chairman Brendan Porter on:

0488 768 279, (07) 4724 2761 or brendan.porter17@gmail.com

ROMAC fulfils an exciting and very satisfying role within Rotary. It offers a unique chance to seriously help those who are more disadvantaged. The reward received after being part of a team those repairs a child's broken life and sees them return home fit and well, is unbelievable. The contact, humility and gratification are astonishing. It is perhaps why many of us joined and remain in Rotary.

We have sent this letter to clubs and would appreciate you contemporaneously distributing the information as widely as possible. Thank you.

Kindly ensure ROMAC receives replies from interested parties by 25th March 2013.

Geoff Dainty ROMAC Chairman

Encounter Bay Facebook Page

Please help out Encounter Bay Rotary, they have set up a Facebook page and need just 10 "likes" to claim the address. Go to <http://www.facebook.com/rotaryclubofencounterbay>.

District Conference

A reminder that the **early bird promotion of the conference finishes on February 28th**, if you want the cheaper registration, **BOOK NOW!!!** Please also note that the **Friday Frolics** are limited to 250 people, so book in now.



District Governor 2015/16



DG Roy has been encouraging you to have fun. Well here is the ultimate chance. 2015/16 could be your year. The ultimate in thrills all the adrenalin of a high wire act, all the fellowship you could want, the ultimate opportunity to travel, be part of a high flying team and all in one year. More steak and chips or chicken and chips than you had dreamt of.

Take that step, nominate for D9520 District Governor. Apply now or do it in a mate. Want to know more call DG Roy for the low-down on having fun.

Applications close on **March the 15th 2013**. Application forms are available on the District Website, go to the dropdown box under "Our District" then go to District documents (DG Nomination form).

Upon completion these should be sent to District Governor Roy Armstrong.



District Awards 2013

It is DG Roy's intention to present the **2012/2013 District Awards** to successful Clubs at the Barossa District Conference in April this year. Clubs are advised that where submissions are required, the closing date for submission to **District Secretary Jerry is Sunday 3rd March 2013.**

The Awards and the requirements for submission, where applicable, are listed on pages 38, 39, and 40 of the 2012 / 2013 District Directory.

Please note that a new award - a **"Having Fun" - Award** will be presented this year! -

(Based on photographic proof of this event!! - further information on this award to follow) – The event needs to have occurred in the current Rotary year.

Other Items (New Items First)

Tasmanian Bushfire Relief

Rotary Tasmania Bushfire Relief Committee District 9830

Welcome to our second Bushfire Bulletin – our fund currently stands at just over \$131,000 with many pledges from Tasmanian clubs and other Australian Districts and clubs yet to be received. Our friends in Victoria and Queensland who have previously been helped by many Tasmanian Rotarians have been quick to come on board with donations. The Committee met for the first time on Thursday 31 January and heard reports on the situation in all fire affected areas in Tasmania. Following discussion it was agreed that the focus of allocation for the funds would be as follows. Funds will be allocated with the long-term benefit of communities in mind and may be:

- Immediate to help towards the well-being of those communities;
- Longer-term to assist in overall recovery; and/or
- Assistance to local enterprise provided it leads to help for the economy of the community.
- In forming these criteria we were mindful of the need to have some flexibility to ensure that we can consider the wide range of projects likely to be suggested. We encourage Rotarians across the State to bring to our notice worthy projects relating to bushfire areas which could be considered. Please email the details to murfettp@bigpond.net.au
- As could be expected we have already received a number of suggestions, some in the 'immediate' category and others 'longer-term'. The Committee has considered these and to date decided to support the following projects:
- Contribution towards the purchase of fencing tools and materials - \$5,000 for the Tasman Peninsula area (Dunalley and Murdunna/Sommers Bay) and \$4,000 for the Ellendale area (The Committee had received several reports that there is a need for more fencing tools and materials in the Sorell and Tasman local government areas and at Ellendale) – this is being arranged in conjunction with The Mayor of the Sorell Council, Kerry Vincent, and the Mayor of Central Highlands Deidre Flint both of whom are in constant discussions with people in the affected areas around these municipalities.
- Assistance for respite for rural fire-fighters - \$1,000 in each of the five brigade areas. This project aims to assist some fire-fighters who have been closely involved with the fires over an extended period to have a short break away from fire areas.
- Pasture reseeding and fertilising – contribution of \$10,000 towards a program expected to cost \$40,000. A significant problem for farmers is having sufficient feed for animals in the longer-term. Rotary in Tasmania has been at the forefront of identifying immediate feed help with several truckloads coming into Southern Tasmania, and more being stockpiled. This assistance will be needed for several months until pastures are reseeded and produce new feed.
- We are aware that some clubs may wish to distribute their funds direct – we would appreciate those clubs advising the Committee of distributions intended in an effort to avoid duplication and thus provide assistance to as wide a range of recipients as possible. Please also advise if you are providing or intend to provide hands-

on assistance in the fire damaged areas or hosting Rotarians from other parts of Tasmania/interstate. Again please email these details to murfettp@bigpond.net.au

We have received significant financial support from Districts in Victoria and we are regularly in touch with Rotarians in those Districts. Plans are in hand for some Rotarians and non-Rotarians to assist with fencing during March – April and both containers and equipment will be arriving in Tasmania from Victoria in the near future.

As previously indicated all donations however small will be most welcome. These can be made by credit card and going to www.rotary9830.org.au or direct to the District Finance Manager, 42 Auburn Rd, Kingston Tas 7050.

We will continue to issue Bulletins to keep you informed of progress as more information becomes available.

Peter

Murfett

Chairman

Rotary Tasmania Bushfire Relief Committee

Burnside Rotary

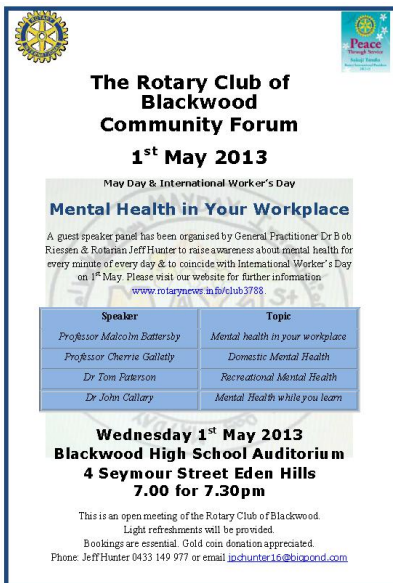
Please note the changes to the RC of Burnside's meeting dates and venues:

6 March - Venue changed to our Rotary shed on Glebe Road Glen Osmond

20 March – Venue changed to Bradford Lodge, Watson Avenue Rose Park

15 May – Venue changed to the Belair Country Club, Belair. Leadership in Conservation & Volunteers of the Parks Awards dinner.

Blackwood Rotary – Community Forum



The Rotary Club of Blackwood Community Forum
1st May 2013

May Day & International Worker's Day

Mental Health in Your Workplace

A guest speaker panel has been organised by General Practitioner Dr Bob Riessen & Rotarian Jeff Hunter to raise awareness about mental health for every minute of every day & to coincide with International Worker's Day on 1st May. Please visit our website for further information www.rotarynews.info/club3788

Speaker	Topic
Professor Malcolm Batterbury	Mental health in your workplace
Professor Cherris Galletly	Domestic Mental Health
Dr Tom Patterson	Recreational Mental Health
Dr John Callary	Mental Health while you learn

Wednesday 1st May 2013
Blackwood High School Auditorium
4 Seymour Street Eden Hills
7.00 for 7.30pm

This is an open meeting of the Rotary Club of Blackwood.
Light refreshments will be provided.
Bookings are essential. Gold coin donation appreciated.
Phone: Jeff Hunter 0433 149 977 or email jpchunter16@bigpond.com

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ROTARY AUSTRALIA WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE LTD

GUEST SPEAKER FOR YOUR CLUB

Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd (RAWCS) has a long track-record of experience in providing overseas aid through donations and voluntary work. Members of RAWCS Project Volunteer Committee are willing to share that experience with your club members, to answer questions and offer advice.

Questions that you may want to ask include:

- How do I claim a tax deduction on my donations to RAWCS?
- How do I register our club's project?
- What are the main benefits of registering our overseas project and working through RAWCS?
- I would like to volunteer to assist with an overseas project. How do I go about this?
- Where do I find the necessary project and volunteer application forms?
- What does DIK stand for?
- Are there guidelines available for collecting goods to send overseas?



- Who should I contact with a query regarding RAWCS?
- Is it correct that RAWCS will provide insurance cover?

Please contact Robert Cesana, the RAWCS Central District Chair of Project Volunteers to organise a suitable date for a speaker at your club: rcesana@bigpond.net.au Mobile: 0407 713 740

Links to Prior Herald Articles Which May Be of Interest.

Action Items

Rotary Connect Mentoring Program 2013

<http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/33-Feb17.pdf>

District Training Dates 2013/14

Pin It For Polio

Australian Rotary Health – Indigenous Health Scholarships

South Australian Police Officer of the Year

Rotary Youth Programme of Enrichment - R-YPEN 2012 launched to Schools and Clubs.

<http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/32-Feb10.pdf>

District Disaster Support

Port Lincoln Bushfire Support

<http://www.rotarynews.info/3/District/9520/7819/>

Semi-Annual Dues on Member Access (SARS) and Member Access Updates (Message from RI)

Humanitarian Grants UPDATE – Matching Grants & Future Vision

District Awards 2013

<http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/30-Jan27.pdf>

Rotary Convention – Lisbon 2013

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/c13_promo_piece_en.pdf

Other Items

Adelaide Harmony Choir

<http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/33-Feb17.pdf>

Sunraysia Charity Ball

St Peters Rotary – 53rd Gigantic Jumble Sale

Australian Rotary Health Photo Competition – 26 Jan to 25 April

<http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/32-Feb10.pdf>

Blackwood Rotary Second Hand Booksale

Goolwa Rotary Art and Photographic Exhibition

<http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/31-Feb03.pdf>

Hyde Park Rotary – 30th Anniversary – Celebration Dance and Quiz

Glenelg Rotary – Breakfast on the Pat

<http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/30-Jan27.pdf>

That's all for this week. Peace through Service – The Challenge of Change –

Have fun!!

DG Roy Armstrong.