



TO: District Management Committee, Presidents, and Secretaries
FROM: DG Roy Armstrong
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You had better be ***"Having Fun"***.

Action Items (New Items First)

District Conference

Still Time To Register
Only 42 days before conference commences
Register NOW

Rotary District 9520 District Conference
April 25th – April 28th
Barossa Arts and Convention Centre, Tanunda SA

A Conference not to be missed

Rotarians – the conference committee has put together a fantastic program for your conference with the aim of keeping District Governor Roy's yearly theme of:

"Let's have Fun!"

Registration is simple – go to D9520 Rotary website and click on Rotary Conference or simpler still - click on this attached link and go direct to the Conference Web Site

<http://www.d9520conf2013.rotaryaust.org/>

Once in conference page it will provide you with all conference activities and support including, program and guest speakers and how to register. In going into registrations you will have 2 choices on how to register:-

- **Download** a hard copy and fill in and send by mail or email, or
- **The Preferred Option** - Complete application on line and click on submit button and your registration will go direct to our conference registrar.

NB: On clicking submit a further box may appear in your window requesting you to tick the nominated email system you are using (e.g. Microsoft outlook etc.). You need to tick the appropriate box to allow your application to be sent.

Payment can be made by credit card, EFTPOS or cheque

If you can forward this message to all your club members it will not only be a reminder but it may prompt them to register NOW! We look forward to meeting with you all in the Barossa in April where you will be inspired, meet new friends and reacquaint with existing friends.

Training Seminar for 2013-14 Youth Protection, Risk Management, Membership and Public Relations Officers.

Engage your learning in preparation for the 2013-2014 Rotary Year

These are important issues for your Rotary Club.

Register at d9520.training@gmail.com



SEMINAR TO BE CONDUCTED AT

St Francis Assisi Primary
School

57 Newton Road, Newton

Sunday 2nd June 2013

8:45 for 9.00am to 12.30pm

Volunteer Grants 2013

Invitation to Apply for Funding.

The Australian Government's Volunteer Grants Initiative recognises the valuable work of volunteers. Volunteer Grants 2013 is a valuable part of the Government's ongoing commitment to supporting volunteers, assisting disadvantaged communities and encouraging social inclusion to assist vulnerable people within our society.

The Volunteer Grants 2103 and application guidelines are available at www.fahcsia.gov.au or, by telephoning the volunteer grants Hotline on 1800 183 374. A TTY service is available for persons who have a hearing or speech impairment 1800 555 677.

Applications close on April 24th 2013 at 5pm AEST.

Presidential Citation

Closes 31 March – it's nearly here!

The 2012-13 Presidential Citation recognises Rotary clubs that achieve an array of accomplishments that help them become stronger, deliver more effective service, and enhance their public image. To qualify for a citation, clubs must achieve RI President Tanaka's challenge to conduct a local peace forum or peace project, along with three required activities and at least nine optional activities* listed in the 2012-13 Presidential Citation Brochure.

Note: attendance by club members at the Peace Forum and/or Dinner qualifies a club for that section.

Club presidents must fill out and sign a copy of the brochure and send it to their District Governor's attention by 31 March 2013. The brochure is available in a writeable PDF format, which can be saved and e-mailed as an attachment.

Kompian Hospital project - Dr Mills, Papua New Guinea

Invitation to all interested Clubs to a joint project meeting on Thursday 21 March 2013; 6.30pm

Marion Hotel (Marion Rd).

Following the presentation by Dr Mills on the Kompian Hospital project, at our District Conference in Mildura (2012), many Clubs have shown an interest in undertaking projects to assist Dr Mills.

We (District Grants team) are holding a meeting with interested Clubs, to discuss and help coordinate projects being undertaken by Clubs in D9520. If your Club is interested doing a project to assist Dr Mills (Kompian Hospital), please come along. This is an opportunity to learn about proposed projects and assistance needed by Dr Mills. More importantly – it is an opportunity for those Clubs with limited resources to join with other Clubs to undertake TRF grant projects.

Please contact Euan Miller (euam@internode.on.net) or Chandra Sluggett (chandsluggett@tpg.com.au), as soon as possible if you are interested. Thank you.

Lisbon Convention – RDU “The Down Under” Breakfast



HEY - LISBON CONVENTION GOERS...
DON'T MISS THE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE WEEK!
THE 'DOWN UNDER' BREAKFAST

AT THE BEAUTIFUL
HOTEL OLISSIPPO ORIENTE
 LOCATED AT PARQUE DAS NACOES, LISBON
 JUST FOUR BLOCKS FROM THE ATLANTICO PAVILION
 – PORTUGAL'S LARGEST INDOOR AREA AND
 VENUE FOR ALL CONVENTION PLenary SESSIONS.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2013 – 6.30 FOR 7 AM

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Filing Cabinet Available

District has a three draw filing cabinet available, in excellent condition – beige colour. Offers to District Secretary Jerry Casburn (jerry@thecasburns.com.au) .



Other Items (New Items First)

John Hewko (General Secretary – Rotary International)

Perspective on Media Coverage about New Allies in the Fight Against Polio

By now, many Rotarians and friends of Rotary have read the February 28th edition of The Wall Street Journal, which includes a news report as well as an op-ed column about New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's decision to donate US\$100 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative through his charitable foundation.

It's great to have such leaders join our fight. As we all know, over the last three decades, Rotarians have contributed more than \$1.2 billion and countless hours to end this scourge. As advocates and fund-raisers in this cause, we welcome help from all who share our vision, and we thank Mayor Bloomberg for stepping forward. In fact, on behalf of all Rotarians, Dr. Robert S. Scott, chair of our International PolioPlus Committee, publicly thanked the Mayor as soon as the [announcement](#) was made last Friday. At this critical time in the battle, we want and need to encourage other philanthropists and business leaders to join us.

In addition to the Bloomberg donation, the WSJ coverage describes philanthropist Bill Gates' commitment to polio eradication. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has contributed more than \$1.5 billion to fight polio, including the \$355 million challenge grant to Rotarians, who successfully raised more than \$228 million by early 2012. You'll recall that the Gates Foundation was so impressed by our success that they quickly added another \$50 million.

When supporters such as Mr Gates and Mayor Bloomberg join ranks with Rotary for a cause as important as the eradication of polio, it demonstrates the immense contribution the private sector can make in addressing the world's most pressing needs.

Again, we want and need to encourage philanthropists and business leaders to generously step forward. To achieve this objective, however, we must remember that the world is watching how Rotarians respond when such announcements make the news.

I understand that we may not always like how the media tell the story. However, I believe that we can all agree that announcements such as the Bloomberg donation are urgently needed if we are to win the battle against polio. *Let's all remember that polio, after all, is our common enemy.* We are in this battle to beat polio once and for all. In short, it is not helpful when we criticize our partners or allies, or even the very media upon whom we rely to carry our message.

Ultimately, history will tell the whole story of how polio was eliminated from the human experience. And, we can be confident that the role of Rotary will not be missed or dismissed. In fact, over the past 18 months, we have greatly increased our PR outreach, and we are seeing significant results. For proof, we need only remember some of the most recent coverage from the world's major media: a cover story in the international edition of [TIME Magazine](#), a full page in [Discover Magazine](#), a first-person column in the [New York Times](#) India web site, and major stories on national networks in Taiwan and Korea. And, let's keep in mind that all of these news reports are just since the start of 2013.

Another thing to keep in mind is that we can and must be confident in our partners and allies. Mr Gates has repeatedly given credit to our hard work and leadership. As but one of many examples, consider that on the evening of the Bloomberg announcement, Mr Gates and Mayor Bloomberg appeared on the popular [Charlie Rose](#) television talk show in the United States. During the program, Mr Gates praised Rotary's leadership in polio eradication: "They've been involved from the very beginning," he said. "We wouldn't be anywhere near where we are without Rotary's key partnership."

I hope you will agree that the quote from Mr Gates says everything.



As Rotarians, let's welcome announcements of new partners and allies with a spirit of generosity and gratitude. I would deeply appreciate it if you, as District Governor, would share this perspective with your clubs. Ultimately, it is in the best interest of every Rotarian – and all who share our passion to end polio forever – to encourage and welcome more organizations like the Gates Foundation and more individuals like Mayor Bloomberg.

Loxton Rotary (Change of Meeting)

There has been a Club decision taken to cancel to meeting scheduled for 17th April. Jenny Mills - Club Secretary

Links to Prior Herald Articles Which May Be of Interest.

Action Items

THEFT AT DONATIONS IN KIND - HELP REQUESTED

District 9520 Footy Tipping Competition

Rotary Districts 9520 and 7010 Friendship Exchange.

ROMAC Board Positions

<http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/36-Mar10.pdf>

Lisbon Conference – 23,000 Attendee Challenge

Australian Rotary Health - Annual Bicycle Ride to Conference

Multi- District Working Bee at Donations in Kind

OUR ROTARY STUDENTS - What we should and are required to do to protect them

<http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/35-Mar03.pdf>

Other Items

GSE Team Returning from Taiwan

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International Federation of Motorcycling Rotarians

Connect @ Flinders

Used Stamp Collection

Morialta Rotary Breakfast in the Park at Thorndon Park

Rotary Club of Adelaide Light – Latin American Fiesta

<http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/36-Mar10.pdf>

Eastwood Rotary - 21st Birthday Celebrations of Community Service

Foundation Update

<http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/35-Mar03.pdf>

Blackwood Rotary – Community Forum

<http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/34-Feb24.pdf>

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>

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

DG Roy Armstrong.