

TO: District Management Committee, Presidents, and Secretaries

FROM: DG Roy Armstrong

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This week's Herald has many attachments, either due to the size of the piece or more likely, due to the need to add printable forms. Hope you are all able to cope with this and still leave you "Having Fun".

Action Items (New Items First)

INCOME TAX EXEMPTION STATUS OF YOUR CLUB.

It has come to my attention in the past week that Rotary Clubs are under the spotlight of the Australian Taxation Office. This is in relation to the income tax exemption status of our clubs.

In particular is the fact that my sources have indicated that the "Meals on Wheels" organisation are already in the process of undergoing their income tax exemption status with the Australian Taxation Office.

The procedure is fairly simple and only involves about ten minutes in getting the paperwork completed, so that it can be presented to your board for signing and filing with I suggest your club secretary. The main piece of information you may have to obtain is your clubs Australian Business Number. If you do not know how to obtain this then please contact me and I can be of assistance. The main purpose of filling in the documentation is to avoid the Australian Taxation Office placing your club under an audit microscope and the result can be your club having to lodge income taxation returns. Copies of the "Rotary Club Treasurer's Role and Responsibilities" and the "Income Tax Review Worksheet for Self-Assessing Non-Profit Organisations" are attached to this Herald.

Michael Bowman Ph: 0424 388 862 Email: michael@michaelbowman.com.au

Registration for President Elect & Nominee Training and District Assembly

Please find attached a registration form for District Assembly at Flinders University.

We are very excited about seeing your members there, and to make sure we provide sessions which your members will enjoy and find relevant, please fill in the attached form and send through to d9520.training@gmail.com (it will also help us make sure we have enough seats and food J).

I have also attached the Program for the day so that your members can see what is in store for them.

I look forward to seeing you there, and thank you for your assistance.

Damian Leach - District Trainer 2013-14



Facebook

Did you know?

- Over 20 clubs in our District now have a Facebook Page for their Club.
- Some clubs connect via Facebook with over 4 times their membership base.
- Some clubs also have very popular Pages that promote a major Club event.
- Last week's posts on the District Facebook page were seen by 472 people.

These clubs are engaging with potential members or attendees at events, Rotary program alumni, family members and the public - and the numbers are growing rapidly.

Two District "training sessions" are planned.

- 1. For "regular users" a show-and-tell for current Administrators.
- 2. For "new users" a beginners workshop to get Clubs started.

The 'regular users' are presumed to be the person who set-up/administers the Club Facebook page. The aim is to simply to share ideas and learn from each other about what works, how and problem solutions.

- The "Regular Users" session is on Thursday evening 18 April 2013. This may include 'remote' users.
- The "New Users" workshop will be on Sunday morning 2nd June 2013. This will be held in Adelaide.
- Further sessions and/or locations can be scheduled if demand is sufficient.

Please email d9520.rotary@gmail.com with your details if you are interested.

Lindsay Davis - Rotary District 9520 Internet Committee

R-YPEN

Closing date for Applications for April's R-YPEN seminar is next Friday March 29. Feedback from clubs suggests that numbers will be well into the 40's, which is a little less than we are able to handle. If any clubs that have potential applicants but have been discouraged by the proximity of the close-off date, the committee is happy to stretch the closing date to accommodate. If your club is in this position, please phone Committee Chair, Peter Poulton, on 0439 805640 before the close off date.

Peter Poulton Mob: 0439 805640 Email: poultonpj@internode.on.net

The Centenary of Canberra - 2013

In 2013 Canberra will celebrate its Centenary – 100 years since a Foundation Stone was laid for our Nation's Capital and this will be celebrated on 12 March in front of Parliament House.

To support the celebrations of Canberra's Centenary, Rotary District 9710 in partnership with the Centenary of Canberra Committee and the ACT Government are inviting people who have never been to Canberra before, to come for a visit. There are many special events planned for the year to help celebrate and details of these are available at www.canberra100.com.au. These along with some of the annual events such as Floriade, and the other attractions in Canberra such as the War Memorial, the National Museum and Questacon make Canberra a great place to visit this year.

We are offering people who have never been to Canberra before the opportunity to visit and attend some of the events being held. A travel subsidy of \$200 per person is available and accommodation will be provided with Rotarians from the ACT Clubs for a maximum of four nights. We hope that Rotary Clubs around Australia will support this initiative by seeking out suitably qualified people to come to Canberra to help celebrate the Centenary. We ask



that the Clubs advertise this opportunity in their community and work with other Clubs such as the RSL, CWA, Scouts etc., to find people to come to Canberra.

Attached to this Herald are a copy of the selection criteria (Centenary of Canberra Selection Criteria) and an application form (Centenary of Canberra – Application). We need the Rotary Clubs to act as District 9710's agents to find people who meet the selection criteria and are happy to co-ordinate the visit from their end and forward applications to D9710. Rotarians from Canberra will co-ordinate everything for the visitors when they are in Canberra. This may also be an opportunity for people who have been affected recently by floods or bushfires to take a few days off and relax in Canberra.

We do seek your support of this initiative – it is a great opportunity to promote Rotary as well as our Nation's Capital. If you have any questions or require further information please contact me and we look forward to receiving completed applications – numbers are limited to approximately 75 people.

Yours in Rotary Service **Phil Armstrong**Governor D9710 2012-13

District Conference

<u>Still Time</u> To Register Only <u>31</u> 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.



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.

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)

National Youth Science Forum Autumn Update

The newsletter for NYSF is available, due to its size I have had to send it as an attachment to the Herald this week.

Invitation for Volunteers to fence building Team in Kenya during September

To all Rotarians with a desire to work in an International Humanitarian Team Project. Your Opportunity to Volunteer:



RAWCS (Project No. 51/2011-12) (District 9570) is organising a team to travel to Diani Beach/ Ukunda, Kenya to erect a perimeter coral brick and mesh fence on 17 acre property - future home of Umoja Orphanage. No further building can proceed without the security this fence will provide.

The Team will consist of eight members and requires men and women who are capable and /or experienced in wire fencing and cement/coral block laying and related tasks.

Volunteering is the experience of a lifetime. As usual, Volunteers will enjoy the ambience, the culture, mateship, and the experience, yet know they are contributing in a project to improve the lives of Kenyan orphan children.

Dates: The team will leave September 16 and return Australia October 3, Includes a 4 day Wildlife Safari, Volunteer experience at Kikambala Children's feeding station, Guided tour of our Mentoring Orphanage' in Kilifi, North of Mombasa, free days to explore your chosen adventure and of course erecting perimeter fence for the Orphanage. Be Passport ready.

For more details contact

PDG Terry Daley - RAWCS NR PV Co-Ordinator (e) tddaley@bigpond.com and (m) 0447 361 631

RSVP Expressions of Interest by April 20 at latest and a RAWCS Application form will be sent for completion.

Unley Business Breakfast



UNLEY BUSINESS BREAKFAST

Our goal is to provide information sharing and networking opportunities to the Unley business community whilst hearing from top class speakers.

Having this in mind, we invite you to be part of this exciting networking breakfast group.

Venue Unley Civic Centre, 181 Unley Road (enter off Oxford Terrace)

Car parking is available in the Unley Shopping Centre directly opposite the venue (please do not park in the Council offices car park as space is limited and time monitored).

Cost \$18 – includes breakfast (inc GST)

RSVP Essential, COB Thursday 4 April to

Kelley on kjaensch@unley.sa.gov.au with payment details.

Due to limited places no late RSVP's are possible.

Guest Speaker Michelle Stanton

Founder & CEO of Zonehigh – dedicated to fulfilling the human potential A full copy of the application form is attached to this Herald.



\World Water Day



Residents of Makoor, Kerala, India, show the effects of years of drinking and cooking with highly fluoridated water. The World Health Organization estimates that almost one-tenth of global diseases could be prevented by improving the water supply, sanitation, hygiene, and the management of water resources.

The citizens of Patari, a village in Uttar Pradesh, are among 25 million people in India alone who suffer the consequences of fluorosis, an irreversible condition caused by elevated levels of fluoride in drinking water. The painful effects of fluorosis can include bone deformities, calcification of ligaments and tendons, and abnormal bone density.

"The fluoride, because of its strength, rots teeth and destroys bones," says Maurice Halliday, past governor of District 1020 (Scotland). Rotary clubs in Scotland partnered with District 3110 (India) to provide fluoride filters to 60 families in Patari and sanitation, safe drinking water and hygiene training to surrounding schools.

The Rotary Foundation leverages local experience and professional know-how to help communities, like Patari, help themselves. In honour of World Water Day, I invite you to consider a special gift to The Rotary Foundation to help address the unique water and sanitation needs of communities across the globe.

You can direct your Annual Fund gift to SHARE, to help support the local and international activities identified by Rotary clubs in your community. Or, you can direct your gift to Rotary's Water and Sanitation fund, to be spent on quality water and sanitation projects identified and implemented by Rotarians around the world. Either way, your contribution will be used to fund high impact, sustainable solutions to our world's most pressing needs.



Wilfrid J. Wilkinson - CM, FCA, CFE - Chairman, The Rotary Foundation Trustees

Links to Prior Herald Articles Which May Be of Interest.

Action Items

Training Seminar for 2013-14 Youth Protection, Risk Management, Membership and Public Relations Officers. (June 2nd 2013)

Volunteer Grants 2013 (17th March 2013)

Lisbon Convention - RDU "The Down Under" Breakfast (23rd June 2013)

http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/37-Mar17.pdf

THEFT AT DONATIONS IN KIND - HELP REQUESTED (10th March 2013)

District 9520 Footy Tipping Competition (10th March 2013)

Rotary Districts 9520 and 7010 Friendship Exchange. (10th March 2013)

ROMAC Board Positions (10th March 2013)

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



Lisbon Conference – 23,000 Attendee Challenge (23rd June 2013)

Australian Rotary Health - Annual Bicycle Ride to Conference (25th April 2013)

Multi- District Working Bee at Donations in Kind (11th May 2013)

OUR ROTARY STUDENTS - What we should and are required to do to protect them (3rd March 2013)

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

Other Items

John Hewko (General Secretary – Rotary International) - Perspective on Media Coverage about New Allies in the Fight Against Polio (17th March 2013)

Loxton Rotary (Change of Meeting) (17th April 2013)

http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/37-Mar17.pdf

GSE Team Returning from Taiwan (8th April 2013)

GSE Team from Taiwan (10th April 2013)

International Federation of Motorcycling Rotarians (10th March 2013)

Connect @ Flinders (10th March 2013)

Used Stamp Collection (10th March 2013)

Morialta Rotary Breakfast in the Park at Thorndon Park (7th April 2013)

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

Eastwood Rotary - 21st Birthday Celebrations of Community Service (13th April 2013)

Foundation Update (3rd March 2013)

http://www.rotarynews.info/Uploads/Districts/9520/Documents/Weekly%20Mailouts/2012-2013/35-Mar03.pdf
Blackwood Rotary – Community Forum (1st May 2013)

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 Goolwa Rotary Art and Photographic Exhibition (30 March to 7th April 2013)

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.