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Mid-Month Newsletter

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Dick Smith donates \$1 million for Rotary to continue their work in Australia

Well-known philanthropist Dick Smith has announced his donation of \$1 million towards alleviating the suffering of Australians in need.

Dick joins the likes of world-renowned philanthropist Bill Gates as a major supporter of Rotary and its various programs worldwide. Dick highlighted the fact he considers Rotary one of the most trusted and respected charities in the world, and thus his choice to assist him in providing support for Australians suffering personal hardship due to accident, illness or misadventure.

The funds will be distributed via a specific Rotary program developed for the cause, administered by the Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS), with eligibility criteria determined by Dick and Pip Smith.

RABS has previously assisted Wayne Greenhalgh, Sharon Chan and numerous other Australians victimised by domestic violence, disease and poverty.

Rotary Clubs will be responsible for identifying those recognised by their local community who need support, and be willing to match the requested grant on a 50/50 basis.

Mr Bob Cleland from the Rotary Club of Port Macquarie is pleased he was able to facilitate bringing this program to reality.

The Chairman of the Rotary Australia Benevolent Society, Mr Michael Perkins, is grateful to Dick and Pip Smith for their generous donation. He looks forward to seeing Rotary volunteers throughout Australia turn their project visions into reality. "For more than 100 years Rotary has worked with communities, corporates and philanthropists to make a difference throughout the world. We now have an extra \$1 million to help those in need in our own backyard and with the famous Australian ingenuity I can't wait to see how far we can make it reach," said Michael.

Mr Neil McWhannell, the President of the Rotary Club of Warrroonga made the formal announcement at the club's breakfast meeting on Wednesday 7th December 2016 at Warrroo Bowling Club, 1479 Pacific Highway, Warrroo NSW commencing at 7am.

The program will be launched in February 2017 and full details will be made available then. In the meantime, for other enquiries please contact rotaryaustraliacommunitycompassionprogram@rawcs.org.au



RAWCS President Michael Perkins with Dick and Pip Smith

RAWCS established the **Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (ABN: 54 563 288 318)** to assist Rotary Clubs and Rotary Districts within Australia to respond to needs within their own communities and to gain tax deductibility for donations made to their registered project. RABS is a public benevolent institution (PBI) with full Australian Taxation Office certification. A RABS project must have benevolent relief as its main purpose, and that relief must be provided to people in need. Your project does not have to provide material help directly to those in need. Public benevolent institutions can engage others to undertake activities on its behalf or be part of a relationship of collaboration (such as within a structure of related organisations with shared objects) that is organised, conducted for or promotes benevolent relief. Benevolent relief includes working for the relief of poverty or distress (such as sickness, disability, destitution, suffering, misfortune or helplessness). The degree (level) of distress is also important and your project only meets the definition if its purposes try to meet a need that is: •significant enough (and the circumstances difficult enough) to arouse compassion in people in the community •beyond the suffering experienced as part of ordinary daily life, and •concrete enough – aimed at helping people who are recognisably in need of benevolence.

Project criteria is available from – <http://rawcs.org.au/projects-2/rotary-australia-benevolent-society/>

RYLA 2016 Graduates



Hello reader,

My name is Sabine, one of the fortunate young people who attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference in September, sponsored by the lovely Mitcham Rotary club. I'm 21 years old, and a veterinary student commuting between Roseworthy and my home in Belair. I'd like to briefly share my experience at the camp, and its value to me.

I applied for this camp expecting to learn about leadership and professional development, which the camp definitely gave me, through the various presentations we had each day of the week. These ranged from talks about communication and working with people, to important issues such as mental health. One of the key lessons I learnt was how to be a leader in life, without necessarily being in a leadership position, by being a role model for others, educating myself about world issues and conveying my opinion. The talks gave me the tools for this, in teaching me how to communicate, make a good impression, and be confident.

However so many of the things I learnt were not directly related to leadership, but will help make me a better person. We did many more activities that taught us about teamwork, and living together without the internet for a week certainly allowed us to have meaningful conversations with others. I learnt so much in this camp about myself and about others – strengths and weaknesses, values, and my relationships with people.

With this knowledge I can strive to improve my person to succeed in life and help others on the way. Though I may not realise now, I'm sure this knowledge will help me as a veterinarian, in my overseas travels and also in my everyday interactions with the people around me.

Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader success is all about growing others

Jack Welch





Early in 2015, an article by Mia Freedman published on Mamamia caught our attention. We were shocked to learn that in Australia many homeless women and women in domestic violence shelters had to face unthinkable indignities during their monthly period. For these vulnerable and at risk women, each month brought a shameful and traumatic experience, suffering indignities such as having to clean themselves in public toilets and use paper towels or newspaper to create makeshift sanitary pads. Reading it from the comfort of our homes, with the knowledge that many Australian women couldn't take hygiene for granted during menstruation, we knew we couldn't allow it to continue.

We believe that sanitary items should be a right NOT a privilege.

For the month on November the Rotary Club of **Eastwood** has been encouraging members, their partners and friends to giving a disused handbag, plus filling it with necessities and women products to be past on to domestic violence victims at a women's shelter. As you would expect this gives them the feeling that someone cares, and provides them with some toiletries etc.

The photo (right) is of President Barb Adams, Rikki Kelly (wife of Immed PP), Charlotte, PP Andrew and Ruby Kelly, together with Rotarian Margy Anderson with just some of the handbags collected. It is also pleasing to report that donations came from the school communities of **St Peters Girls, Mercedes and Pembroke**, representatives of each school were also present.



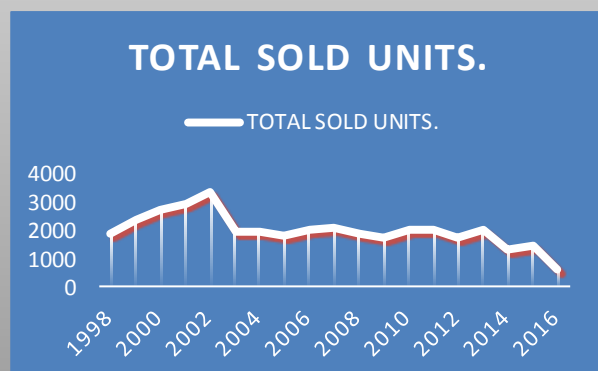
Other clubs or Rotarians interested in this project should visit the **Share the Dignity** website www.sharethedignity.com.au.

Rotarian Planner Project - ceasing after 27 Years

In the later part of **1990** the first planners were designed by Ted Geoff of the **Rotary Club of Glen Osmond**, a graphic design engineer at ASC and printed by ASC from early 1991 at no cost to the Club until 1995 when he transferred interstate. From 1996 the graphic design work was done by Barclay Design and the Printing by Bowden Print for cost of materials only. **Bryan Pointon**, for most of the 27 years the planner has been in production, has been the person who has been responsible for drafting, marketing and distributing the Planners to Rotary Clubs across Australia. When Glen Osmond club handed in its Charter in 2009, Bryan moved to the Rotary Club of Mitcham and with him the Planners.



The sales from RDU gradually increased from 500 in 1995 to 2,000 in 2001 till 2005 when RDU sold the Merchandising to a Franchisee and sales dropped. Due to technology and the digital age demand from clubs also began to fall.



This together with significant increases in postage meant this year's net profit was only **\$700**.

This resulted in a decision to cease production of the Planner for 2017.

Over the 27 years the Planner Project has made a net profit of \$68,000.

Well Done Bryan!





Excerpt from RI President John Germ's December Message

"every time you get in an elevator, turn the key in your ignition, or cross the street when the light says go, you are entrusting your life to an engineer somewhere whom you've never met. You trust that your elevator will open at the floor you want it to. You trust that your car will start and stop as it should. You trust that the traffic light is going to turn red before the walk light goes on. Every day, you put your life in the hands of people whose names you do not know and whom you might never meet. You might not think about them at all – but they touch your lives every day.

I could draw the same parallel to any number of other vocations – ordinary occupations with the same kind of life-changing impact. In so many ways – some of which we see and some we don't – our vocations allow us to help other people live better, safer, and healthier lives.

Just like the work we do in Rotary.

Through our vocations and in our clubs, in our communities, and across continents, we are touching the lives of people we don't know and might never meet. And in every part of the world, every single day, whether they know it or not, people are living better, safer, and healthier lives because of the work of Rotary.



The people we help might not have met a single Rotarian. They might not even know that Rotary exists. But they are drinking clean water from a bore well that Rotary dug. They're learning to read with books that Rotary gave them. They're living lives that are better, happier, and healthier – because of *Rotary Serving Humanity*."

Rotary
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of Oceania



ROMAC
Rotary Oceania
Medical Aid
for Children

For 29 years ROMAC has been one of Rotary's most successful health programs, saving the lives of over 420 children from island communities of the Southwest Pacific. The Central Region ROMAC committee in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Salisbury D9500 and Rotary Club of Burnside D9520 invite you to our inaugural gala night to celebrate the ongoing success of ROMAC.

Venue: The Walkers Arms Convention Centre, N.E. Road Walkerville

Date: Saturday 25th February 2017

Time: 6.30pm for 7pm start

Cost: \$50.00 per person Cost inclusive of venue, dinner and entertainment.

More details and to booksee page 8

Indigenous Health Scholars celebrate

On 12th December, Rotary Indigenous Health scholars, Rotary mentors and guests gathered to celebrate the year's achievements with a bit of festive cheer. The gathering of 25 heard an address from **Professor Michael Sawyer OAM** in the area of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and understood the reasons why Australian Rotary Health is investing in research into this area of Mental Health. Professor Sawyer was made a **Life Member** of ARH in September for his services to ARH Board, as Chair of the Research Committee and currently as the Honorary Medical Advisor.

The program across Districts 9500 & 9520 will have 6 Indigenous Scholars graduating at the end this year and a Graduation Ceremony with the SA Health Department will be held in early 2017.

Any club interested in supporting an ARH Indigenous Health Scholar (\$2500pa) with the aim of improving the health outcomes of Indigenous people, please contact the combined Districts Chair, David Jones davjon@internode.on.net.



L to R: Ted Angove (Waikerie), Taryn, Chelsea, Dustin, Joanna, ,Kali, Dr Helen Sage (sponsor) Amy, Cheryl Deguara (ARH Programs Coordinator), Professor Michael Sawyer and Barbara Wheatcroft (ARH Director)

Global Grant – Medical Health Services for Isolated Communities – Cusco, Peru.

The Rotary Foundation has approved a Global Grant with contributions from the following clubs: **Unley, Norwood, Glenelg, Goolwa, Blackwood, Encounter Bay, Yankalilla, Hyde Park, Onkaparinga and Barmera**. A donation of \$4,000 was also received from the Cameron Foundation in Melbourne. With contributions from Largs Bay (D9500) and Bracebridge (D7010) Canada, together with District funding equally matched with World Global Grant funding, the project received **US \$59,299**. This is a magnificent outcome and a **sustainable health care programme** will commence in **March 2017**.

The project has 5 major components and will take 2-3 years to fully implement each section:

(a) Training local women as primary health care workers – each receiving 200 hours of health care training carried out by qualified nurse with professional input from Doctors. The community health care workers called Qhalis (in the Quechua language) then become responsible for the health care of their community with ongoing support from fully trained nurses and doctors. DESEA Peru, will undertake the training and provide medical supplies required.

(b) The implementation of the program “Days for Girls” – with distribution to young girls and women the “days for girls” menstruation kits.

(c) Building “hot houses” so that a greater variety of vegetables can be grown in the mountain localities.

(d) Provision of bio-sand water filters to every house in four communities.

(e) Providing access to Doctors, nurses and medical clinics for specialised medical treatment.

Trevor McGuirk, District 9520 International Chair, tmcguirk@chariot.net.au





Notice Board

Selection of District Governor for 2019/2020

By now, your Club President will have received Nomination forms for the role of District 9520 Governor for 2019/20. This is an exciting and challenging role and I ask eligible Rotarians to seriously consider taking on this very rewarding leadership position within Rotary.

Full training for the task is provided by Rotary International over the two preceding years to you taking up the position. You will be a part of a team of national and international Rotary leaders all working towards the same outcomes.

The RI Bylaws 16.070. list the qualifications of a Governor –Nominee and include but are not restricted to the following:

- The Rotarian must be a **member in good standing of a functioning club in the district.**

The Rotarian must have **served as president of a club for a full term** or be a charter president of a club having served the full term from the date of charter to 30 June, provided that this period is at least six months.

In addition to the qualifications of governor-nominee, a governor, at the time of taking office, must have completed seven years of membership in one or more clubs and have attended the governors-elect training seminar and the International Assembly, both organised by Rotary International. (RI Bylaw 16.080.)

PLEASE ASK YOUR PRESIDENT TO FORWARD YOU THE NOMINATION FORMS.

URGENT APPEAL

National Youth Science Forum Canberra

Rotary Volunteers Required

NYSF are still short a couple of people for the final week in January - volunteers would arrive on Sunday 22 January, depart Saturday 28 January

Contact: Madeline Cooper

Ph 02 6125 2777

Email madeline.cooper@nysf.edu.au

27th - 30th April 2017



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**Early Bird Registration
closing 31st December**

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GETS THE WORM,
BUT THE SECOND
MOUSE GETS THE
CHEESE**



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Email: lotsafun2bwith@hotmail.com

Merbein

President: Joe Wright Email: jacquiewright1@hotmail.com

Calendar

December is Disease Prevention & Treatment Month

Thursday December 15

Early registration discount ends for R I Convention

Sunday December 31

Early registration discount ends for District Conference

January is Vocational Service Month

January 13-21

Victor Harbor Art Show

February is Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

Thursday February 23

Rotary Anniversary

Saturday February 25

ROMAC Function—Walkers Arms Convention Centre

Sunday February 26

District Leaders and Team Training, Flinders University

March is Water and Sanitation Month

March 13– 19

World Rotaract Week

April is Maternal and Child Health Month

Saturday 8 & Sunday 9 April

President Elect/Nominee Training

Thursday 27 to Sunday 30 April

District Conference - Jazz up Rotary at Mount Gambier

May is Youth Service Month

Sunday 28 May

District Assembly

Quote from the past

"Just as Rotary itself can never keep its place unless it is constantly growing, so each individual Rotary club cannot afford to stand still while the stream of life moves onward."

— Ever Forward!, THE ROTARIAN, February 1941

1941-42 RI President Tom J. Davis

(law), Rotary Club of Butte, Montana, USA. Rotary vision: To help mankind learn to live together.



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WEAR RED FOR ROMAC GALA NIGHT

Join us for a delicious three-course meal, with bar service, great music from the 50s, 60s and 70s performed by the very talented "Buddies 4", including dancing for those who would like to trip the light fantastic!

Venue: The Walkers Arms Convention Centre, N.E. Road Walkerville

Date: Saturday 25th February 2017

Time: 6.30pm for 7pm start

Cost: \$50.00 per person Cost inclusive of venue, dinner and entertainment.

Dress: wear something red (gentlemen – a red tie or red pocket square would be perfect ... ladies – as much red as you like!)

What else to bring: Dollars in your pocket for fun raffles & some auction items

Most important: Invite your friends and create a table of 8 ... fun for all.

Come and join us for a wonderful night of entertainment, fun and fellowship, as we celebrate the continuing success of ROMAC.

HOW TO BOOK YOUR TABLE

Conduct a funds transfer to BSB 035-047 Account Number 384355 (Rotary club of Salisbury). In description enter "your name", in reference enter "ROMAC dinner" in email address enter – alunhughes@bigpond.com

Book early as seats will be limited, closing date for bookings 31st January 2017

Alternatively post a cheque to "the treasurer RC Salisbury PO Box 931 Salisbury SA 5108"

Want to stay overnight? Walkers Arms Convention Centre will give you a 20% discount. Contact them direct for a room booking email: reception@walkersarms.com.au or telephone Ph: (08) 8344 8022 and ask for Sophie Mills - Function Manager