



Collaborations

Inspiring stories from around the district ...

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Carousel—80 years at Semaphore

It was celebrations and collaborations all around ... and around ... and around.

The Semaphore carousel has been delighting people of all ages on the Semaphore foreshore for eighty years.

In brilliant sunshine in October, members of the Rotary Clubs of Henley Beach, Kidman Park, Largs Bay, West Lakes, Charles Sturt/Grange and Regency Park and the Rotaract Clubs of Adelaide Uni, Thebarton College and Adelaide City themselves shone, with the successful launch of a Rotary Image and End Polio Event—coinciding with this special anniversary.

The carousel – which is actually ninety years old – spent the first ten years of its life at Henley Beach and then in the city before settling into Semaphore in 1938.

In 2014, Frank Schirripa, Member of Henley Beach Rotary, and his wife Jan purchased the carousel, leased it back to the club and appointed Anthony Masson, currently Club President, as Manager.

“It was a challenge to operate on our own and were pleased to have the quick collaboration of the other five clubs,” said Anthony. “We work on a six-weekly roster of volunteers. Extra volunteers over the Christmas holiday season would be very welcome.”

The “happy and vibrant” occasion, which attracted large crowds, highlighted Rotary’s End Polio campaign.

Many were awed by the staggering statistics on polio, provided by DG David Egan , when he said “... 17.4 million people are healthy today only because of this massive Rotary project over thirty years.”

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His Excellency the Honourable Hui Van Le AC Governor of South Australia and Mrs Le with Anthony Masson, President Henley Beach Rotary. The Governor and Mrs Le were particularly attracted to the impressive array of Rotary projects.

Who Says Elephants Can’t Dance?

“Culture isn’t just one aspect of the game, it is the game! An organisation is nothing more than the collective capacity of its people to create value.”

CEO IBM Lou Gerstner

From the DG's desk ...

Innovation, transformation and growth were key aims at the beginning of this Rotary year when clubs, Assistant Governors, Team Leaders and Groups were challenged to **collaborate** on 2018/19 priorities. These reflected club identified needs to improve the Membership Experience, develop Young Leaders, enhance Projects and Programs and improve our Public Image.

Six of our western suburbs clubs and three Rotaract clubs wasted no time meeting this challenge, with their great "Carousel Rotary Public Image Day". Congratulations to them and also to other clubs, AGs and Team Leaders for the many innovations and collaborations planned and detailed in this issue. They add weight to the validity of the quote on page one from the book "Who Says Elephants Can't Dance".

This second edition of **Collaborations** also contains some good examples of collaborations between the Districts and pictures of experiences Chris and I enjoyed in our trips around. It has been a real pleasure and I am delighted to share these with you.

I am hopeful we can report more about the new District 9510 in the next edition.

In the meantime, I encourage you to register for what will be a

great conference "**Into the Twenties**". It's all about inspiring and motivating us to adapt and positively embrace the future and have fun along the way. Some Rotarians from our neighbouring District may also register, so don't miss out—register now!

I trust you enjoy **Collaborations, Edition 2**, it is the great work of our Newsletter Editor Glenda Sherwin-Lane.

David Egan

District Governor 2018/19

"Create an environment that increases creative thought and end up with a highly adaptive situation where people collaborate very well and have a shared sense of why they are here and where they are going."

Conference speaker Dr Fiona Kerr on
Positive Change Leadership

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Above L-R: Cr Helen Wright, Semaphore Ward, Port Adelaide Enfield City Council, Frank Schirripa and Jan Schirripa at the Official Opening



Oldest D9500 Rotarian Norm Lewis of Henley Beach & Kidman Park Clubs turned 102 in December; here enjoying the company of Lenard Sciancalepore, President of Rotaract Club of Adelaide Uni at the Carousel 80th Celebration.

The many clubs showcased various Rotary projects and gave members of the public the opportunity to try their hand—at making Birthing Kits, Building a Hand or repairing and refurbishing wheel chairs.

It wouldn't be a Rotary day without a sausage sizzle and the CWA served Coffee, Tea and Cakes. A display of vintage cars from 1930 (the carousel beginnings), free face painting for kids, Shelter Box, "Toy Boys" and band music all contributed to the excitement. Birthday cake also featured. Rotaractors were there in big numbers, lending a hand and their own brand of energy to the occasion. The organising clubs were very happy with the outcome—members of the public were generous with donations and one club is reported as possibly discovering a potential new member.

All volunteers "earned" \$15.00 per hour for their specific club, making it a winning event from more than one perspective.

Of course, the main attraction for all was the carousel itself—with rides of just \$2.00—normally \$5.00. And quoting Peter Read, President and Secretary Charles Sturt, Grange: "... to see that grand old lady almost happily groaning under the many full loads of children and adults was a real treat."

"The day was not just for us but for Semaphore as well," Masson said.

He continued: "...the famous attraction has not changed much since it was installed eighty years ago. A shed was erected around the entire thing and the steam motor replaced by steam. An annex was installed on the rear to provide better access for parties, crowds and wheelchairs. We installed solar panels to reduce operating costs."

These days children and adults with significant disability, and their carers, can ride the carousel free of charge.

Editor's note: Anthony Masson will be very happy to hear from anyone who is willing to volunteer to be added to the roster, especially for the remainder of the Christmas holiday. **Please contact him at anthonymasson@bigpond.com**

Innovation & Collaboration – Adapting to the Future

Assistant Governors (AGs) have been working with their clubs and Team Leaders to make things happen in our club identified key priority areas. This has not been easy, but many green shoots of change are appearing as the following summary shows:

Improving the Membership Experience (and attracting new ones)

- ☺ **AG Ron Saint** Alice Springs is organising the three Alice clubs to collaborate on membership attraction with a strategy that is in partnership with the local Chamber of Commerce and TV station.
- ☺ **Graham Fussen** Team Leader Public Image, Communication and Branding is supporting Ron with TV adverts and short videos about Rotary and interviews with members.
- ☺ **AG Michel Hart** Whyalla is endeavouring to do a similar thing with the Clubs in Whyalla and GTSBKN Channel 4 with other northern area clubs to benefit.
- ☺ **Sue Graetz Club Development** Future Directions and team is ready to support all groups in this area.
- ☺ **AG Marie Louise Lees** is also working with members of Sue's team to support some of her club Presidents and their boards on this issue in the Gawler, Barossa, Clare and Kapunda area.
- ☺ **AG Col Willington** is working with the Presidents of Mawson Lakes, Elizabeth, Tea Tree Gully and Playford with the support of Salisbury and Modbury Golden Grove to collectively improve meeting viability, vibrancy and service capacity in the area.
 - * Mawson Lakes is leading a group meeting with a focus on the great work of Interplast
 - * Elizabeth and Playford clubs are meeting together once a month and socially as well.
- ☺ **AG Robert Gunn** is working with city clubs to share meetings for improved vibrancy and service capability and Adelaide West and Adelaide South meet together regularly for this reason.

A very successful group meeting was organised by Adelaide Parks for the DGs visit.



Developing Young Leaders (Rotary, Rotaract & Interact)

- ☺ **Rob Eley** Team Leader Youth is supporting clubs to establish an across-clubs **mentoring program** for young leaders
 - * Rotaract Club of Adelaide City (**Heidi Wolf**) is leading the



way and working with Rotary Clubs of Adelaide Light, Prospect and Adelaide as well as other Rotaract Clubs.

- * **Rob Eley** is helping clubs establish several Interact Clubs in the Gawler area.
- * **AG Gavin Dallow** is working with Rotary Clubs of Kidman Park, West Torrens and Henley Beach and possibly nearby District 9520 clubs to establish a Rotaract Club in the area.
- * In addition Gavin is working with West Torrens Club to establish a satellite club for a local ethnic group.
- * **AG Ron Saint** is looking at a possible Rotaract option in Alice Springs and Rotaractors **Katey Halliday** and **Christopher Mark** are standing by to assist if asked.

Enhancing Programs & Projects

- ☺ **Adelaide South** Club is looking for clubs to partner and contribute to their project to fund twin birikats.
- ☺ **Peterborough** club is seeking a partnership with a city club for social and district grant projects.
- ☺ **Port Pirie** club is organising various VTTs and will be looking for other club involvement.
- ☺ **Port Augusta** club is hoping to work with the **RC of Adelaide Innova** on it's Pichie Richie Marathon project.

Enhancing our Public Image

- ☺ **Henley Beach** and **Kidman Park Clubs** and seven others worked together and with Team Leader **Graham Fussen** who provided banners for a very successful Carousel Rotary Public Image Day.
- ☺ Videos and adverts for membership and better brand recognition have been packaged by **Graham Fussen** for use in various areas on local TV
 - * Graham is working with Channel 44 Community TV to develop our communication and brand and Facebook strategy
- ☺ **District Rotaract Representative Liz Gardner**, with assistance from Chris Mark, is offering to arrange support by Rotaractors for clubs wishing to update their website and embrace Facebook....just ask.
- ☺ **Glenda Sherwin-Lane** is offering to provide clubs with guidelines for writing effective articles. ■

Club's 60th—District's First Female

Cynthia Collins became the first-ever female Rotarian in District 9500, and member of the Rotary Club of Port Augusta, in 1991.

The achievement was recognised by DG David when, on behalf of D9500, he presented her with her third Paul Harris Fellow (Double Sapphire) at the club's recent joyous sixtieth birthday celebrations.

Cynthia said the recognition came as a total surprise. "It was really special," she said. "We don't do this work for recognition, but when you get it, it's nice."

Following several years of petition by women, supported by some male Rotarians, a High Court decision in the USA in 1987 effectively opened the door for women to join Rotary. The welcome mat took a bit longer for many clubs.

In 1991, forward thinker Paul Smith of Port Augusta Rotary, invited Cynthia and another lady, Elaine Taylor, to join the club. "Paul was and is a great mentor," praised Cynthia, who was inducted soon after by President Garry McPhie. At the age of 38, "... I was the youngest member in the club for quite a while. Elaine and I quickly became quite active members and we were joined by other female members as time went by. I suppose some of our activities have been outside of what I might otherwise have done—such as putting up guttering, levelling concrete, fibre-glassing an elephant, just to name a few."

"It was amusing to realise what a small minority we were to begin with; when I attended district functions where there were just Rotarians (not partners), I didn't have to queue at the toilets—quite a novelty."

When I took on District Attendance for a couple of years, several Club Attendance Officers couldn't cope with the fact that I was the Rotarian and (husband) Ian was the partner and persisted in addressing their returns to him."

Anyway, I like to think of myself as *A Rotarian*, not some sub-species called *A Female Rotarian*."

Cynthia has contributed much to her club, including as President, Secretary and Bulletin Editor, as well as Rotary taking her to various projects overseas. She is admired by members of the club as well as of those of the wider community.

In his commendation, DG David added: **"Cynthia Collins, you are not only the first woman to join Rotary in District 9500, you are held in the highest esteem by all of us here tonight and throughout the District."**



PP Cynthia Collins was presented with her third Paul Harris Fellow (Double Sapphire) by District Governor David Egan. They are holding a Message of Appreciation to Cynthia from PDG Jessie Harman, Chair Rotary International Membership Committee.
PHOTO: Leah Rasmus, Transcontinental Community Newspaper

A letter from RI President Barry Rassin, in which he acknowledged the club's sixty year anniversary, was presented by DGE Jane Owens to President Christie Mitchell.

Christie demonstrated leadership by recently stepping up to the role of Club President, with her goal to rebuild membership.

The occasion was graced by many past presidents of the club, local dignitaries and Dan van Holst Pellekaan, State Member for Sturt.

A highlight of the evening was a BIG cheque for the amount of \$5,000 towards set up costs of the innovative project The Itchy Emu—a free nit treatment program for families in Port Augusta with school age children. The club will provide ongoing support.

The club is also heavily involved in two major events: the Port Augusta Christmas Pageant and the Pichi Richi Marathon. ■



A newspaper article from 1958 was found, reporting the Charter of the Rotary Club of Port Augusta. Sixty years later, it was a bit of fun to recreate the original photo with President Christie, DG David and Cynthia.

Left: The Comparison. Right: Cynthia Collins holding a print of the original article.

Rotary's Role in the Drought Appeal for Farming Communities

by PDG Bob Cooper, D9520

BACKGROUND

- During 2018, in response to the widespread national drought, Channel Nine, Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) and the National Farmers Federation (NFF) entered into a partnership to raise funds from the general public.
- The Channel Nine/RAWCS/NFF National Drought Relief Appeal, held in August 2018, raised over \$10 Million for distribution. A number of local Clubs made significant contributions. This appeal closed on 30 September 2018.
- Under the partnership agreement, the NFF is responsible for the allocation of appeal funds to farmers and their families. By 17 October 2018, \$7, 982,600 has been allocated.
- The National Farmers Federation has placed on hold the final distribution of \$2 million from the National Appeal.
- Following the closure of the National Drought Relief Appeal, RAWCS set up a dedicated Drought Relief Fund containing donations of \$400,000, which will be distributed to existing RAWCS projects, mainly situated on the Eastern seaboard.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT INVOLVEMENT

- The Federal Government has provided a further \$30M to be offered as grants to Charity groups across Australia. The National Charities approached were Rotary, CWA, Lions, St Vincent de Paul, Salvation Army and Rotary.
- This money is distributed to farming families as a \$2,000 cash contribution and \$1,000 in the form of fuel and food vouchers to be provided by 30 June 2019. There will be a second tranche of grants available in February 2019.

ACTIVITY OF NATIONAL CHARITIES

- **RAWCS** currently has eight drought relief projects from Far North Queensland to Victoria. These projects applied for and received funding from the recent Commonwealth's \$30M and cover fifty-one of the eighty-one Local Government Associations (LGAs). None of the LGAs in South Australia and Broken Hill were considered.
- **CWA** received \$400,000 and paid \$3,000 to each farmer waiting for the Household Allowance and Emergency Aid. They are concerned about vouchers because of the stigma associated in local communities. In SA, CWA has been working with Red Cross and other organisations that donated money to them (Woolworths, Dick Smith, etc.) to allocate their drought support. They are working with Rural Business Support to identify farmers through rural financial counselling and allocate support – either as direct funds or bill payment.
- **Lions** has distributed \$100K food and fuel vouchers via IGA over their two Districts. They have given one hundred vouchers in the Broken Hill area.
- **St Vincent de Paul** is working through its community conferences (local meetings) in the drought affected regions in South Australia and Broken Hill. They are providing \$2,000 in cash and \$1,000 in vouchers for food and fuel and would like to involve Rotary in the distribution of these funds. **We are having a meeting in the New Year to discuss how Rotary can help.**



- **Red Cross** is providing Health Services.
- **Rural Business Support** is working with groups to assist with business solutions.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SITUATION

- Areas in South Australia were declared Drought Affected on 18 October 2018. **[Refer to District Bizz Issue 11 to access South Australia Drought Conditions Assessment notification.]**
- The Department of Primary Industries and Regions SA (PIRSA) has on-ground involvement with the Regional community in the drought affected regions in SA. It also has direct communications with many other Government Departments.
- PIRSA conducts workshops connecting key people involved in community action groups. PIRSA was involved in the Federal Government Drought Summit, where each of the seventeen Councils in the drought affected zones were allocated \$1M to be spent by 30 June 2019 to stimulate their local economy.
- PIRSA has set up a sub-committee of the main charities and organisations (CWA, Lions, St Vincent de Paul, Red Cross, Rotary, Rural Business Support) who have funds or support available for drought-affected farmers/families and communities.
- **PDG Bob Cooper from D9520 is working with PIRSA and Rotarians in our clubs at Peterborough, Whyalla, Port Augusta, Port Lincoln, Port Pirie and Clare.**

HOW CAN YOUR CLUB HELP?

If your Rotary Club would like to help drought-affected farmers still awaiting assistance, you need to register a RAWCS Drought Relief Project in our RAWCS Central Region. Establishing a new project will greatly enhance local assistance, should future RAWCS funding become available, while also offering tax deductibility and DGR status to donors.

For more information ...

- **About RAWCS Drought Relief Response – click on <http://rawcs.org.au>**
- **On registering a RAWCS Project, click on <http://rawcs.org.au/register-projects/>**

Rotarians Star in Award for Mental Health Program

A ten minute decision five years ago has led to a 2019 Australia Day award.

The Rotary Club of Port Lincoln and Bendigo Bank quickly agreed to support a proposal by West Coast Youth and Community Support (WCYCS), a registered charity based in Port Lincoln. **Mentally Fit EP** (MFEP) aims to empower people to take charge of their lives, and to build a mentally fit, connected community, particularly across the Eyre Peninsula.

Down the track, during a meeting of the MFEP committee, which includes two Rotarians, it was recognised that adult males were slipping through the cracks. Jo Clark, CEO of WCYCS, suggested they “... get a group of men from 18-80 from across the Eyre Peninsula to undertake workshops with other men, about the facts and realities of mental ill health and wellness. Let’s encourage them to speak openly and promote the help-seeking idea of ‘It’s OK to talk’ and then enlist one of the up and coming Australian photographers who was born and is still located here on the Eyre Peninsula, Robert Lang.”

The Rotary Men’s Wellness Campaign was born.

The project has now been well and truly established across the whole of Eyre Peninsula, with the aim of highlighting men’s mental health, to educate and inform men about the resources available, and to work at removing the stigma around talking about related issues.

“Without the marvellous support from the Rotary Club of Port Lincoln, this project could not have started,” said Jo Clark. The concept, with its consequent stigma reduction, presents a variety of men from Eyre Peninsula through photographic modelling for the wellness campaign.

It is a wonderful compilation of their photos, displayed in a powerful travelling exhibition. Two photos of each man comprise the whole—a portrait and their “safe place of wellbeing” including farms, cars, fence lines, beaches, boats, veggie patches, shearing sheds and workshops. The collection displays quotes of wellness from the individuals who were captured with remarkable impact for the viewer, prompting many conversations in the exhibition spaces.

The Port Lincoln Times commented: “The photos, by Rob Lang, are nothing short of spectacular and the quotes ... are sobering, uplifting and even humorous. But (it) is about more than beautiful photos ...”

Venues to date, each of which featured a guest speaker on men’s wellness, were Wudinna, Cummins, Kimba, Cowell,



Top: Exhibition ready and waiting Middle: Michael Traeger

Lock, Elliston, Streaky Bay, Cleve, Tumby Bay and Port Lincoln—from March to October 2018. The exhibition will continue to be shared across the Eyre Peninsula and around South Australia.

After eight months of travelling, conversations, connections, support offered and provided, Mentally Fit EP’s judgment is that the Rotary Men’s Wellness Campaign has had a positive impact on the EP region—and has certainly lifted the profile of the Rotary Club of Port Lincoln.

The Australia Day Council obviously agreed by the recent announcement that Mentally Fit EP and the Rotary Men’s Wellness Campaign has won the 2019 Port Lincoln Australia Day Community Event of the Year Award.

“The success of this collaboration goes well beyond the club’s involvement with **Mentally Fit EP**,” commented Jo Clark, who recently received Paul Harris Recognition. “I have forty staff members—they are young and active and all volunteer to help members of the Rotary Club of Port Lincoln with fundraising and other events which in turn support our programs. The members love being able to ‘mix it’ with some of the very people they raise funds for—not always the case for Rotarians. It is a real win-win partnership.”

Ed. Note: You will find **Mentally Fit EP** on Facebook. Please ‘Like’. Other images and information can be found by searching *Rotary Men’s Wellness Campaign*. Thank you to David Johnston, RC Pt Lincoln; Jo Clark, Port Lincoln City Council and The Port Lincoln Times for their contributions to this article. ■



Above Left: Peter Treloar, Member for Flinders: “Everyone has a story ...” Above Right: David Johnston, RC Port Lincoln, MFEP Committee and Jackie

SA Districts Join Forces to Celebrate Women in Rotary

Women in Rotary began as an initiative of a National PR campaign in January 2014 with sponsorship from Officeworks.

Australian District Governors of the year were asked to organise a breakfast during the week of International Women's Day. The two District Governors for 9500 and 9520, Barbara Wheatcroft and Wendy Gaborit, brought together four other ladies from both Districts and a very successful breakfast was held on the first Wednesday in March 2014.

Held at the Naval & Military Club on Hutt Street, the event was sold out within three weeks with seventy people attending. Following its success, the breakfast was held the following year, has become a yearly event and is growing in popularity. Glamourous venues include the International Wine Centre and more recently, Adelaide Pavilion in Veale Gardens, south parklands, where parking is easier.

Guest Speakers have included Prof Tanya Monro and Sarah Brown, the CEO of Purple House. Speaker for this year's breakfast will be Megan McLoughlin, Founder of House of Hope, a charity which promotes organ donation.

Each year the committee extends an invitation to include the partner of the incoming District Governor.

Mrs Lan Le, wife of the Governor of South Australia, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AC, has attended the breakfast each year and is currently its Patron. Mrs Le



Enjoying the gardens of Government House are
L-R: Kay Dowling, Lee Camporeale, PDG Barbara Wheatcroft ,
in the company of Patron and Hostess Mrs Lan Le

hosted the committee to Afternoon Tea as a thank you for its work and three members attended a recent Garden Party held for those groups for which the Governor and Mrs Le are Patrons. ■

- ***This year's Luncheon will be held on Wednesday 6 March at Adelaide Pavilion. Please save the date and watch out for booking details in District Bizz.***
- ***A Joint District Women in Rotary Consultation is scheduled for 20 February at Norwood Town Hall. Please save the date and refer to details in District Bizz.***

Districts Collaborate to Lift the Lid on Mental Health

High Tea on a glorious spring Sunday afternoon at the Riverside Rowing Club on the banks of the River Torrens proved to be the perfect time and place to raise funds to lift the lid on mental health.

The success of this inaugural event on 16 October 2018 for Australian Rotary Health (ARH) was thanks to Committee members, donors and sponsors from both SA districts who gave generously of their time, money, raffle prizes and materials.

Committee Chair John Campbell particularly thanked sponsor Health Partners, the anonymous donor for the sparkling wine for guests on arrival and Rob McLennan, President of Adelaide Light Rotary for the discounted venue hire. Adelaide Light also facilitated the collection of funds and disbursement of expenses.

Ultimately, \$1455 was donated to the Lift the Lid on Mental Illness project of ARH on behalf of both districts.

Guest Speaker The Hon John Dawkins MLC, Premier's Advocate for Suicide Prevention, surprised everyone with the offer of a function at Parliament House, so keep your eyes and ears open for news of this down the track.

DG Partner, Chris Egan, presented a cheque for \$500 to the ARH Committee on behalf of the Rotary Club of Adelaide West, which they donated at the Group 1 District Governor's visit in October. ■



Top Left: "There was a great vibe in the room". Top Right: Pretty teacups and plates set the scene. Lower Left: Chair, ARH Districts 9500 & D9520, John Campbell and Julie. Lower Right: DG 9520 Kim Harvey and DG 9500 David Egan packing up.

Around the traps—Rotarians actively collaborating at home and away

Kayaking for RAGAS

Rotarians Russell Green (Regency Park) and Peter Sowden (Walkerville) recently completed a fascinating and challenging thirty-one day kayak paddle along the Murray River from Renmark down to the Murray Mouth—564km.

Russell, the joint District Representative of Rotarian Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS), set the goal to raise funds for a Women's and Girls' Crisis Centre for those who have been trafficked, are escaping domestic violence or suffering underage pregnancy. The Project is a joint exercise of Rotary Clubs of Dunbar in Scotland and Kalimpong in north-east Bengal where the Centre is to be built.

An International Project involving clubs in the UK and Europe, clubs from D9500 and D9520 are now collaborating to raise necessary further funds: Regency Park, Walkerville, Modbury Golden Grove, Port Adelaide, Loxton, Waikerie, Goolwa. Many individuals have also contributed. Collectively, funds will be in excess of \$6000.

Russell and Peter acknowledge the generosity of clubs and individuals who have donated to date and commented they will happily accept further contributions to the cause:

Regency Park Rotary, BSB 105011, A/c 112998740.

To learn more about this project and hear about their adventures, contact Russell at rusgreen@bigpond.net.au or Peter at sowden48c@gmail.com



Adventures along the way included encountering swimming kangaroos and snakes, brilliant skies, interesting camp sites and meeting fellow Rotarians from local clubs and beyond.

Health of the River Forum (HOTR)

The HOTR Forum has again become another of the special Rotary funded opportunities for students of Districts 9500 and 9520.

During 5 – 8 November sixteen Year 9 and 10 students from across the two districts travelled to Calperum Station, near Renmark, SA and took part in four days of environment-based ecological studies.

The Forum was run by the Education and Research team based at Calperum and was ably supported by five Rotarians who took part in the many activities held at the site.

Students undertook studies in Tree Health, Pitfall Trapping, Soil and Salinity management and a Cultural History Study of local river use, including indigenous habitation.

The students were engaged in species collecting, record keeping, soil management, tree health assessments, fauna identification, erosion control, group collaboration, recording and graphing of results, reporting as a team, and a host of other social activities; including a “Calperum’s Got Talent Show” and Quiz Night.

All who took part were impressed with the educational programme offered, the excellent catering and the fun-filled activities. Preparation for HOTR 2019 has commenced with the tentative scheduled date of 21–25 October 2019 .

Convenors Bruce Cole and Dick Cuttle look forward to the Forum being an even bigger and better success. Clubs in both districts are encouraged to sponsor students when applications are called for later this year.

If the student feedback is anything to go by, it was certainly a valuable experience.

Faith – (HOTR) “teaches you really cool facts!” Guthrow – “For anyone interested in this area of the environment, I would strongly recommend it!” Liam – “It is a fun experience for young people!” Grace – “It was a great learning experience and opportunity.” Hayate – “I believe I learnt more than what I usually learn in my science class as you were able to observe the experiments in large scale.” Emily – “It was good to look further into the real life of ecology and biology. This has given me more of a path for my future.” Dana – “I think that every student should get the opportunity to come!” Rachele – It was a fun and enjoyable trip which I would do again!”



Above: Erosion and Habitat Rehabilitation Study

Left: Pitfall Trapping Specimen

Out and About: Images from District 9500

There's no doubt that District Governors, often with partner, get out and about. Here are just some of the places DG David and Chris visited and the great people they met along the way.



Above: DG David with President Jenny White, RC Peterborough and happy son Cooper.



Right: Right: L-R: Peterborough Club members John Ayliffe, Karen Chambers and David Chambers washing up after a wonderful roast dinner welcoming DG David and Chris.



Above: President Roxby Districts, Sandy Sumsion with DG David at the opening of Roxby Downs Rotary Park marking the Club's 10th anniversary.



Left: It was a different dress code for the DG Visit to RC Roxby Districts. Colourful Rotarians left to right are: Luke Scott, Peter McBain, Peter Price, DG David, Richard Gloster

Lower Left: Past Presidents Roxby Districts David Brown and Craig Sumsion conducting their Saturday weekly community radio show. 'The Man Cave'



Above: Rotaractors Heidi Wolf, Katey Halliday and Nic Egan with DG at recent District 9500 supported "Diversity and Inclusiveness Pride March in Adelaide".



Members and Friends of the Rotary Club of Whyalla Norrie, in collaboration with The City Council of Whyalla and Cleanaway, placed approximately ten thousand stickers on the green recycling bins in Whyalla over two weeks. These stickers detail what can and cannot be placed in green bins. This was an innovative community project which heralded change to permit citizens of Whyalla to add kitchen and food scraps to be placed in the green bins to help reduce landfill.

Pictured above: Maralyn Barratt, Colin Barratt, Sue Clements, Dalton Hoskin, Annette Zubrinich, Peter Nichols, Tim Clements, Phil Zubrinich

... and honouring our longer serving members



Above: Dr Roy Scragg OBE pondering his 60 years of Rotary service as he receives a congratulatory letter from RI President Barry Rassin presented by DG David



RC of Charles Sturt Grange's 90 year old Toy Boy "Santa" Rotarian Bruce Smith with his wife Lois and grandchildren who surprised him by coming from various country areas to attend the annual Toy Boy Christmas giveaway.



Above: DG David with Australian Rotary Health benefactor Ben Beresford, 91 years of age, of RC Prospect.



Above: DG David was honoured to meet PP Ron Johns, RC of Port Pirie who has been in Rotary for 51 years.

... and something to look forward to



Above: Under a brilliant blue sky, Rotarians served young people from around the world at the International Scout Jamboree at Taillem Bend, SA. Lining up are just a few of the 10,000 scouts who attended the 10-day event. Donuts were very popular! Each day, two Rotary Clubs from across both SA Districts worked together to ensure no-one went hungry.

A lot of great things have grown from this collaboration. Full story will be featured in next issue of *Collaborations* in April.