

Collaborations

Inspiring stories from around the district ...



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The Hahndorf Inspiration

Inspiring, enjoyable, convenient, great speakers, great venue, great fellowship and great theme.

These words were used to describe the recent Hahndorf conference, attended by two hundred and eighty Rotarians and friends, including thirty Rotaractors, many of whom were sponsored by Rotary clubs.

In opening the conference DG David encouraged unity as he shared an inspiring personal story about his son who lived only because of a decision to embrace change. Honorary Rotarian 95 year old Sir Eric Neal AC CVO, supported the theme, quoting respected Aboriginal elder Uncle Lewis O'Brien AO who said first Australians wish to walk in harmony with new Australians provided there is respect for country and them. Sir Eric added his personal view that we must walk forward together.

Keynote Speaker Dr Brendan Nelson AO, Director of the Australian War Memorial, wowed delegates reflecting on a century of change and what really counts in a strong community. He advised delegates to forge ahead by first going back to our founder's values and practices.

Many delegates said it was the best conference they had attended because all speakers connected to a common theme. MC Peter Neal established this at the beginning when he forecast first-day speakers would 'build a foundation for change', second-day speakers would build a 'high dive tower to reflect what is necessary for success' and third-day speakers would 'focus on strategies to forge ahead into the twenties'. Vision of the speakers' inspiring and stimulating addresses can be seen by clicking <https://www.rotary9500.org/> Hot Spot Links, Hahndorf Conference.

Futurist Andrew Leunig challenged delegates with the comment that Rotary has a public image problem and recommended we regain our reputation as people of impact by becoming more relevant to time-precious business, professional and younger people, who he said want to make a difference. Rotary as "enablers" was his main message as he enthralled delegates with an imaginary address from a female RI President three years hence; you can read this eye-opening address [here](#).

DG David said he was delighted delegates enjoyed the Conference, adding the Committee led by Chris Michelmores supported by the Rotary Club of Adelaide, were outstanding ensuring delegates left happy, confident in the future and inspired to play an active part in it over the next decade. ■



Keynote Speaker Dr Brendan Nelson, AO



Sir Eric Neal AC CVO



Futurist Andrew Leunig



Final Report—From the DG’s Desk

Well here we are at the end of another Rotary year and a good question is how do you measure success? The answer is, it can be measured in many ways.

As volunteers seeking to help others and have fun, we should not to be too harsh on ourselves. It is more appropriate to reflect on how we fared in addressing our theme in this fast changing world.

It is eighteen months since RI President Barry Rassin challenged us to “be the inspiration” and “leave a legacy”. He asked us to grow Rotary by leading and embracing change with courage, creativity and optimism. To meet these challenges we sought to do things differently this year. First we asked clubs for their priorities and then we collaborated, innovated and took some risks. That approach, together with our recent stimulating conference, has led to many initiatives which I am sure will help us forge ahead into the twenties.

Many of these initiatives are featured in this final edition of **Collaborations**, which has been compiled by Newsletter Editor Glenda Sherwin-Lane. She has captured inspirational moments, wonderful legacies, numerous outstanding service projects, important recognitions and valuable collaborations and innovations which we started in 2018/19.

The article on page 3 titled “Back to the Future” highlights initiatives we must build on if we are to grow Rotary. Similarly, initiatives to enhance our public image and membership, develop mentoring and elevate and grow Rotaract and Interact are most timely. These, together with successful collaborations and innovations between clubs and districts, augur well for our future.

As you know, some members of our District have been playing key roles in establishing the new District and final recommendations in this regard are being considered on 27 June. I thank those involved.



It is pleasing that members of our District are also playing lead roles in planning a new regional structure for Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific—one that is aimed at transforming Rotary for greater impact.

We have not been sitting on our hands, yet some may say that is a lot of things started and not yet finished. But, as successful farmers know, growing things is not a quick fix. Preparation is hard work and it takes time before the spring brings forth growth which over time and continued nurturing, results in an abundant harvest.

In Rotary, the cycle is longer than one year, and that is why we need to work together one year to the next. In this regard I am delighted that DGE Jane Owens and her team plan to build upon the work we have started this year.

Success is always a team effort and it is our collaborative approach which has enabled us to work towards creating the future. We have not only given Barry Rassin’s challenge and Rotary’s new vision statement a red hot go, but our efforts have started to reverse some adverse trends in our district. Most importantly, we have contributed in a positive way to a better longer term future for Rotary in Australia.

Thank you to all who have strived to “Be the Inspiration”. You have succeeded. In particular I thank my family and supportive Board and District Leadership Team members (AGs and Team Leaders) and I hope all members enjoy reading the superb stories in this final edition of **Collaborations**, so artfully created by Glenda.

Let us move forward together and reap the rewards.

David Egan

District Governor
2018/2019

“We need to be the inspiration for positive change ..facing today’s challenges head on, with courage, optimism and creativity.”

RI President Barry Rassin



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Back to the Future—Networking, Fellowship & Service

Conference speakers encouraged us to return to the values and practices of our founders—networking, fellowship and service.

In order to regain our reputation as the preferred service club of time-poor business and professional people, futurist Andrew Leunig recommends we focus on becoming ‘enablers’ rather than doing it all ourselves, thereby improving our impact and expanding our reach.

DG David together with DGE Jane recognised innovation in this area when they visited the **RC of Port Adelaide’s** changeover luncheon which morphed into a business networking event.



The Rotary Clubs of Port Adelaide, Kidman Park and Salisbury are already on this path, and last week RI Chair of Membership PDG Jessie Harman and incoming RI President Mark Maloney issued messages that show they agree.

Both Jessie and Mark are encouraging clubs to embrace hybrid membership options including Passport and Satellite concepts to meet the needs of busy business and family people. Read Jessie’s message [here](#)

They presented Past President Steve Smart with a PHF Double Sapphire in recognition of his commitment to transformation and change. Incoming President Wade Bekesi is looking to build on Steve and PP Greg Walkinton’s work in this area.



The **Rotary Club of Kidman Park’s** President Rob Chambers and PE Kevin Tiggerman are already embracing the concept of ‘Rotary as an enabler’.

They and their members recently engaged a range of businesses and foundations to fund and build a \$60,000 outdoor kitchen and teaching facility for Down Syndrome SA, providing only eight percent of the funds themselves.

Questions

Is it time to be bold and take the next step—to form local area business satellite or hybrid passport groups to suit the needs of modern business people?

Can we develop membership options to meet their needs, acknowledging that they are time-poor but still have a need for networking, fellowship and service?

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Irresistible Rotary—Media, Membership and Mentoring Plan

Research shows Rotary's image is poor and forty percent of club leaders say “attracting new members” is their biggest challenge. But is recruitment the issue or is it the ability to offer an irresistible membership experience?

District 9500's Board decided to invest up to \$10,000 to support clubs to embrace this challenge. DG David and DGE Jane are working together with continuing and incoming assistant governors and team leaders on a strategy to support clubs to:

- Update and modernise their websites and Facebook presence
- Develop multimedia tactics that will entice interest in Rotary
- Adapt club environments and projects to be more irresistible
- Update new member processes including mentoring to foster retention
- Hold member information/networking events to showcase Rotary

This action plan will be shared with district leaders and then clubs via assistant governors over the next month or so.

An important part of the plan to grow Rotary is effective mentoring.

Older Rotarians will remember those wise sages who used to take us under their wing and give guidance ...we must do the same for new leaders joining Rotary and a Mentoring Pilot led by Heidi Wolff, President Rotaract Club of Adelaide City with several supporting Rotarians, was launched on 18 June to help make this happen.



The launch was well attended by Rotarians and Rotaractors—mentors and mentees



Heidi Wolff, Rotaract Club of Adelaide City and Coordinator of the Mentoring Program, shares ideas with Rotarian Glenda Sherwin-Lane. AG Robert Gunn and DGE Jane Owens discussed their own ideas.



Two Inspirational Legacies

Vale Elizabeth Briggs, RC of Gawler

Elizabeth served as Interplast District 9500 Chair for nearly a decade. It was her passion and when RI Global Grants were first introduced she quickly recognised the opportunity to fulfil her goal to fund an Interplast volunteer surgical team through her Rotary Club of Gawler.

It took a while, but through her determination, her goal—her dream—was realised with the successful Gawler Global Grant Project, funding a fully South Australian team, led by volunteer Surgeon Dr Tim Proudman, to Bhutan in 2017.

Upon her death in October last year, as well as leaving a bequest to The Rotary Foundation, Elizabeth provided an additional sum of money to be used for a dedicated project in her memory.

It was thought that a similar project would be a wonderful way to use Elizabeth's gift to Rotary. PDG Ed King did some ground work to investigate the feasibility of getting another Global Grant to maximise the value of Elizabeth's gift, and indications were positive from the Rotary Foundation. PDGs Peter Schaefer and Marie Dorrington are working on the Interplast end of the project.

It is expected the program will take place in the latter part of 2019 or early 2020. Once this is confirmed, the Gawler Club will go through the process of applying for a Global Grant. It is



Top and right: some of the children who benefited from the valuable work of the Interplast surgical team in Bhutan

Above: Elizabeth presenting a RC Gawler banner to Dr Tim Proudman.

hoped that Elizabeth's daughter, Rebecca Rigano (who is a former Rotarian and current Friend of the Rotary Club of Gawler), will accompany the team on the project.

To read the full story of the Gawler Global Grant Project in Bhutan, [click here](#).

Vale Dianne Parcell—Donating Life

Dianne made a habit of giving—to her local community, her students and educational colleagues and to her fellow Rotarians—in South Australia, then District 9810 Victoria and back to South Australia and the Rotary Club of West Lakes.

Perhaps her greatest gift was as a Live Donor thirty-four years ago—the gift of a kidney to her second daughter Andrea. In June 2018, Dianne continued her belief in the DonateLife program by providing a kidney, a liver, lungs and corneas to the retrieval teams who flew in from interstate overnight following Dianne's massive brain haemorrhage.

Dianne made a point of promoting this program: "... she often involved those she met in conversations about the need for organ donation," said husband Ken Parcel at the recent first anniversary of Dianne's death.

Through DonateLife nursing staff, Ken was able to learn, without specific details, that Dianne's organs had helped to extend the lives of several older recipients—to see them through their new expected lifetime.

A thank you note to Ken from the 60 year-old liver recipient (they are always anonymous) expressed these words: "It was a miracle for me to be a recipient. I had limited life expectancy and lived in hope that I would receive a healthy liver. You as a family have given me a new life—the most selfless gift I ever had. I can now do so much and feel so well I can only hope that my recovery gives you some solace."



DonateLife is a National Government Organisation which aims to promote organ and tissue donation in Australia. To learn more about the program and the statistics which underpin the need for it, check out their website [here](https://donatelifegov.au/). <https://donatelifegov.au/>

DG David is seen here on the recent anniversary of Dianne's death, presenting Ken Parcell with an In Memoriam PHF Double Sapphire to honour her life and her gift. Ken is continuing her legacy by working with DGN David Jones (9510) to promote DonateLife throughout our new district.

DG David said "... she was a lovely woman with whom I had connected on the subject of Rotary needing to embrace change."



Recognition for Club Excellence



The Annual Club Awards are a great way to recognise and acknowledge excellence and effort.

- **Club Performance Award—Regency Park** the club with the best overall club activities and accomplishments
- **The Rotary Foundation Award—Gawler** for all-round contributions by the club and by members.
- **ARH Perpetual District Award—Mawson Lakes** as the club “ ... that has rendered the most significant assistance to research and mental health issues”
- **Public Relations Award—Joint winners Barossa Valley and Kidman Park** for significant and innovative projects that promote Rotary: **Barossa Valley:** Drought Relief Wine Auction; **Kidman Park:** Semaphore Carousel 80th End Polio/Rotary Projects PR Day.
- **Youth Award—Gawler Light** for best overall involvement in Youth activities.
- **Community Service Award—Port Lincoln** for best local Community Service project “EP Mentally Fit”.
- **Club History Award—Whyalla** for the preservation of the club history and making members aware of it.

- **World Community (International) Award—West Torrens** for best International or World Community Service project.
- **Rotaract Club Performance Award—Adelaide City** for best overall performance and accomplishments.
- **Club Bulletin Award—Joint Winners—Gawler Light and Port Lincoln. C**
- **Club Development—Future Directions** (New award at the discretion of DG David). **Port Augusta** for new, young, progressive leadership and achieving new growth in a previously declining membership. ■



Pres Christie of Pt Augusta, RIPPR Jessie and DG David



Jo Clark CEO of Mentally Fit EP; PP David Johnston, RC Port Lincoln and Tony Piccolo MP, who presented the award.

Great news!

The Rotary Men’s Wellness Campaign (pictured above), which won the Port Lincoln Council’s Australia Day Award and the D9500 2018/2019 Community Service Award at Hahndorf for Port Lincoln Rotary, has topped off this achievement by winning the award for the best mental health project 2019 at the Australian Men’s Health Awards, announced recently at Adelaide University.

The Rotary Men’s Wellness Campaign is a travelling photographic exhibition of thirty men from across Eyre Peninsula that visited ten towns. It aimed to highlight men’s mental health, educate and inform men about resources and services available, and work at removing the stigma around talking about mental health issues.

Well deserved and Congratulations.



DG David congratulating PP David on this well-deserved award, holds a copy of the coffee table book.

Civic Honours for Rotarians

Rotarians Recognised in Australia Day Honours

Congratulations to ...



PDG Marie Dorrington OAM

**Rotary Club of Adelaide
Innova**

Marie Dorrington, Board Chair of St Michael's College, Henley Beach, was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia on Australia Day 2019 for her

outstanding contribution to the community, notably through education and charitable works. [Read more ...](#)

In her Rotary world, Marie is showing leadership for positive change through her contributions to the D9510 Steering Committee and the District Training Assembly



Greg Mayfield OAM
Rotary Club of Port Pirie

Popular senior journalist of Port Pirie's *The Recorder*, Greg Mayfield was recognised for his contribution to print media and outstanding service to the communities he has served.

[Read more ...](#)

(Also read Greg Mayfield's article in The Flinders News:

[Mid North farmers get a life-line to battle drought](#)

This Drought Outreach Project is a good example of Districts and Clubs collaborating on this important issue. As reported in recent issues of *District Bizz*, Rotary's input has been organised by PDG Bob Cooper (D9520), who is himself a rural property owner.



BE THE INSPIRATION

Rotarians Recognised in Queen's Birthday Honours

Congratulations to ...



Austin Taylor OAM
Rotary Club of Adelaide

For service to Education and Community Health

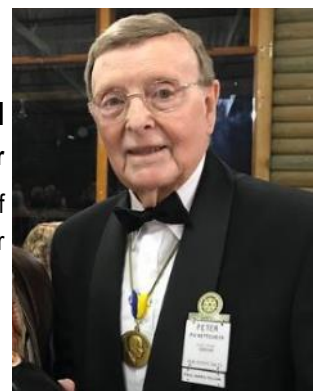


Stephen Larkins OAM
Rotary Club of Adelaide

Former army Col Stephen Larkins was a battlefields guide in France when he had the idea for a digital museum to hold the service details and records of every Australian military veteran.

A decade on and his ingenious idea and drive to create the RSL Virtual War Memorial, along with his service to the community and veterans in general has seen Steve recognised with an OAM.

The VWM commemorates all Australians who have served the nation on active service in times of conflict from the Boer War to current operations.



Peter Nettelbeck OAM
Rotary Club of Gawler

For service to the community of Gawler



Bob Buchanan OAM
Rotary Club of Port Adelaide

For service to the marine transport industry and involvement on various related community organisations including Rotary.

Bob is seen here at RC Port Adelaide's business networking lunch being interviewed by MC Jim Manning, Community Radio Announcer.

Rotary Recognition for outstanding individual achievers



Pres. Stephen Arthur of RC Gawler Light recognised David Weatherley (right of picture) as a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of his excellent service through the Wheels in Motion Project helping young people in need to get their licence. Read more about this important project [here](#).
Congratulations, David ...



... and at the same meeting, DG David was pleased to recognise Rob Eley with a PHF Sapphire for seven years of service to youth at District level, including four years as Team Leader.
Congratulations Rob.



Rick Henke receives his PHF Double Sapphire pin from DG David (see story Page 15)

DGE Jane Owens pins Ron Saint with a PHF Double Sapphire at the Alice Springs Leading Rotary Now (LRN) as DG David Egan announces via Zoom, the District's recognition of Ron for his outstanding work over the last years in organising so many events including Henley-on-Todd, LRNs, the Golfing Fellowship, Purple House and End Trachoma (see Page 16).



Katey Halliday, Immediate Past President of the Rotaract Club of Adelaide City, was a guest speaker at the Hahndorf District Conference and was recognised by DG David Egan as a Paul Harris Fellow. Katey has since become a member of the Rotary Club of Adelaide Light (see story Page 10)



Scout Jamboree—4 -14 January 2019

Collaboration, innovation and organisation were very definitely the watchwords for this major undertaking by Co-ordinator Jeff Cluse and his team from Districts 9500 and 9520 to assist at the Australian Scout Jamboree held at the International Raceway, Tailem Bend.

“The committee worked extremely well together and provided many great ideas. I acknowledge them for their tremendous effort and engagement,” said Jeff.

Clubs from both districts accepted the opportunity to participate to raise funds for their club, along the way making new contacts and enjoying fellowship with other Rotarians from their own district or the other district—... a great precursor to the joint District 9510.”

Duties ranged from cooking a barbecue (plenty of experience there!), serving drinks, ice creams and sweets, car park marshalling and cooking donuts and oh! how they cooked donuts. Over the ten days—22,618 of them—including two orders for one hundred each probably for Scout group meetings. It appears that acquiring this new skill proved to be quite popular amongst Rotarians.

The Rotary Club of West Torrens donated drinks and sausages left over from a cancelled fund raising event (due to a storm) for which the committee was extremely grateful. The sausages bolstered the barbecue supply and that, along with the drinks were largely received by grateful Rotary volunteers. Other drinks, donated by an external organisation, were sold.

Rostering all the volunteer clubs was a major challenge and, happily, most days went well. On the two days that proved to be more problematic, last minute assistance came from clubs who responded to a call for help, along with District Governors Kim Harvey (9520) and David Egan (9500).

Members of Adelaide Rotary parked some two thousand cars on the Family Day. “Whilst hot and dusty, it would have been a lot worse had the temperature been up around the mid thirties to forty degrees. There were many occasions when people thanked us for volunteering our time. We were even addressed as ‘Sir’.”

The Rotary Club of Adelaide Innova reported: “... by the end of our seven-hour shift (our) kitchen hands were totally exhausted. Lunch and coffee breaks were out of the question. But giving us inspiration (and reward) were the young customers who were, without exception, the most polite and courteous group of young people we have had the pleasure to meet.”

The compliments went both ways, with the Chief Scout who was responsible for organising his ten thousand five hundred strong troupe, being extremely impressed by all that was achieved by Rotarians. That opinion was reflected by some of the four thousand members of the public who visited throughout the ten days.

Jeff Cluse summarised: “All involved did a fantastic job and many said in true Rotarian style and attitude “... we would have done it for nothing.”

“It was a rewarding experience and everyone was extremely pleased to be a part of the 2019 Australian Jamboree.” ■



Pictured above: DG's Kim Harvey (in end-polio shirt), David Egan (panama hat), Russell Green (in yellow tee shirt) with Members from Burnside, Henley Beach and Regency Park Clubs.

Committee members: Jeff Cluse (Coordinator) and Trevor King (Prospect); Ron Rogers, Angela Ellis Rogers and Russell Green (Regency Park); PDG Wendy Gaborit and Brian Wybrow (Mobilong). Several others assisted on a part-time or task basis and their input and contribution is appreciated.

Participating Clubs: Adelaide, Adelaide Innova, Adelaide Light, Adelaide Parks, Barossa Districts, Barossa Valley, Burnside, Gawler, Gawler Light, Henley Beach, Kent Town, Magill Sunrise, Mawson Lakes, Mobilong, Modbury Golden Grove, Morialta, Mount Barker, Murray Bridge, Norwood, Prospect, Regency Park, Salisbury, Tailem Bend, Tonsley Park.

Rotaract—RI Council of Legislation Changes



A large contingent of Rotaractors attended the District Conference in Hahndorf, with many being sponsored by Rotary clubs. Their exuberant presence added good value to the conference.

The 2019 Council on Legislation amended the constitutional documents of Rotary International to include Rotaract clubs as a membership type of Rotary International. This action elevates Rotaract and positions Rotary for a future that is innovative, inclusive, and adapting to the world around us. It recognizes that Rotarians and Rotaractors make individual

contributions and have different membership experiences but serve side by side in a shared desire to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

This enactment is not meant to change the club experience for Rotaractors. Rotaract club leaders can update their club and member information on the Club Administration page of [My Rotary](#) so that RI can learn more about their clubs and support them better. Clubs that have reported their information will be the first to know when new products and services become available. You can learn more about this innovation by Rotary International [here](#).

In the current Rotary year, District Rotaract Representative (DRR) Liz Gardner, Immediate Past President of Rotaract Club of Adelaide University, has been included in District Team Leader meetings and attends District Board Meetings.

Apart from sponsoring Rotaractors to the District Conference, many clubs sponsored Rotaractors to the annual national Rotaract Conference.

Looking forward, our district will have a Rotaractor chairing a district committee and will work in closer partnership with Rotaractors to increase our impact, expand our reach, enhance participant engagement and increase our ability to adapt in a fast-changing world.

Our Rotaractors are not leaders of tomorrow—they are the young leaders of today. ■

Rotaractors Become Rotarians

Members of the Rotaract Club of Adelaide City, Kirsti Kankkunen, Katey Halliday and Karagh Loring were recently inducted into the **Rotary Club of Adelaide Light**. This excellent achievement follows a period of the club working with their Rotaract club to embrace the future. Adelaide Light club has made changes in meeting processes, frequency and venue, and for two years has been developing mentoring for our District.

So far the club has increased its membership by a very healthy **forty-one percent** for this Rotary year, which DG David says is **"Just outstanding!"** The inductions were at the club's new upmarket meeting venue at the Stamford Plaza North Terrace where onsite parking is provided for a small fee of \$5.

DG David congratulated President Rob McLennan, his Board and club members on being leaders in embracing change and supporting young professionals interested in making an impact through Rotary. He said **the Club is now very well placed and ready to attract more young professionals**



working in the city and he acknowledged this achievement of Rob's Board, built on the "ground tilling" work of Immediate Past President Julie Campbell and her 2017/18 Board.



Also making the move to Rotary was Damian Walker, President of the Rotaract Club of Salisbury City.

After attending the combined Rotary, Probus and Rotaract clubs meeting (see story Page 14) Damian was inducted into the **Rotary Club of Salisbury**.

Damian enjoyed his busy Rotaract life since joining in September 2013 and is looking forward to a fulfilling Rotary life, by members of his new club, RC Salisbury.

Rotaract Club for Global Peace Thrives Thanks to Teacher of the Year

He was named the 2018 Nova 919 “Teacher of the Year—Community Spirit”, having been nominated for his inspiring and appreciated work with the Rotaract Club for Global Peace, Thebarton College.

Nick Antoniadis may have moved on to other pastures but his legacy at Thebarton Senior College will be appreciated by staff and students for some time to come.

Thebarton Senior College is a unique secondary school, providing educational services for recently arrived migrants and refugees, including intensive English language courses, the Senior Certificate of Education and accredited trade and professional courses. The average age of students is 22 years.

The College has some thirteen hundred students from over sixty-four countries. The harmony in the college is heart warming to see and no doubt influenced the name of the Rotaract club when it was chartered in 2008—pioneered by staff member and Rotarian Felicity Greenrod (Brownhill Creek). Felicity enabled a number of students to attend RYLA across both districts, such participation continuing today.

These early Rylarians expressed the opinion that Rotary was the first group to show a real interest in them—and the Rotaract Club of Global Peace was born.

Teachers Nick Antoniadis and Cathy Cameron supported Felicity in running the Rotaract club, with Nick becoming manager in 2017, along with newcomer Reanne Cuthbert. They are not Rotarians but teachers who believe in supporting the Rotary ideals and using the club to help their students’ development.

The club was sponsored by RC of Thebarton, giving great support to this unique and truly international club. Other Rotary clubs providing support in various ways through the years are Kidman Park, Adelaide and Adelaide West (especially through its annual RYDA program where Rotaractors act as leaders to the various break-out sessions.)

Several clubs in the district continue to sponsor members of the Rotaract club to RYLA and more recently, to



Above: Nick with some of his students and a big cheque. He and the college each received \$1,000. Photograph courtesy Geoff White and Ian Roberts.



Right: Nick with Bidya prior to losing their hair to raise funds for cancer research.

the District Conference.

Membership has grown from around fifteen to twenty-five to about eighty over the last three years. Nick’s students speak glowingly of his inspiration and hard work on their behalf. Students continue their involvement during the three years they attend the college and often return to continue their Rotaract club experience.

Nick commented: “The main success (over the last twelve years) has been the students’ growth as leaders and being successfully involved in various volunteer roles in the community Including donating financial assistance to various local charities, national and international organisations.”

Nick kept his promise to support ex-student and Rotaractor Bidhya Karki having their heads shaved for Cancer Research—as promoted in Issue 12 of District Bizz.

DG David Egan recently visited and congratulated President Zahra and Rotaract club members for a job well done. ■

It’s Official—Our Newest Interact Club is Chartered



The Certificate of Organisation was presented to Gawler District College on 13 June. Those in the photo clockwise are Rob Eley as the District Interact Chair, behind is Daniel Clift, the School Representative on the Interact Club (also a member of the Rotary Club of Adelaide and a past RYLA Team Leader), David Weatherley the Youth Director for the Rotary Club of Gawler Light and most importantly, Renee Chamberlain, the Club President of the Interact Club of Gawler District College.

The club was formed on 20 Oct 2018 and has just recently been “chartered” under Rotary International. They become the third Interact club in D9500, along with Adelaide High and John Pirie High, one of over 22,000 Interact Clubs across the world and each of the members are part of the 455,000 Interactors active in 129 countries.

Congratulations to all those who were the inspiration.

Rotary Toyboys Find New Home

If you've been following the fortunes of the Rotary Toyboys and their search for new premises, you will be delighted with the news that, thanks to the City of Charles Sturt, they are settling into their new home.

You will find them in the old Military Road depot of the former Henley & Grange Council.

Members of the Rotary Club of Charles Sturt Grange were invited by The City of Charles Sturt to send a deputation to make a presentation to a full Council meeting "... which we did quite successfully, resulting in a resounding round of applause and a unanimous decision in our favour," commented Peter Reid, President & Secretary of the club.



Peter continued: "While somewhat smaller in area compared to our old factory, we are adapting quite well to our new space with the resumption of toy making still a week or two away while we set up benches as well as machinery and make some improvements to areas such as lighting and internal electricity reticulation. Staff at the City of Charles Sturt have been very helpful throughout this whole process.

With a church across the road as well as a pub and bakery/café nearby we are quite happy with our new location despite it being about twenty minutes extra travel time for me.

The relocation involved a rental eight-tonne, curtain-sided truck and its two thousand kilogram tailgate loader, booked for two days, transferring seven loads to our new premises.

While we don't set a yearly quota of toys to be completed, we still expect to get close to our recent figures of almost six hundred toys per year despite some unrelated disruption to our activities for a couple of months.

Many thanks to those who had 'their ear to the ground' as we searched for that elusive new toy factory facility."

Opposite: the club's inspirational submission to Council which received a standing ovation and brought a tear to several people's eyes—how could Council possibly have not helped.

My name is Peter Read and I am the President and Secretary of the **Rotary Club of Charles Sturt, Grange** but much more important than that, I work in our **ROTARY TOY FACTORY** and with my fellow 14 or 15 toy makers I make almost 600 high quality wooden toys, each year, to give away to less fortunate families before Christmas.

- I work in an **IDEAS FACTORY** where our creations are only limited by our imagination.
- I work in a **CARING FACTORY** where familial support is extended when members suffer illness or when family upheavals strike. Families sometimes change but the toy factory is always there.
- I work in a **TEACHING AND MENTORING FACTORY** where techniques and ideas are shared and high school students on work experience learn new skills in woodwork, painting, safety and work life.
- I work in a **FACTORY OF NEAR-PERFECTION** where extremely high standards of quality, durability, safety and business are embedded in our culture.
- I work in a **COMMUNITY FACTORY** where special projects are completed for Errington Special School, Briars Early Learning Centre, Anglicare and some of our local kindergartens and child-care centres.
- I work in a **FUN FACTORY** where times of deep concentration and inspiration are often interspersed with humorous banter.
- I work in a **FRIENDSHIP FACTORY** where long-standing friendships are made.

The social workers and carers at our recipient charities might see us as the Oompah-Loompahs, the Elves, the Gepettos or even the 7 Dwarfs. Yes, all of those characters are there; Doc, Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy, Bashful, Sneezy and even Dopey, and sometimes simultaneously in the same person!

But to us we are just the **ROTARY TOYBOYS** and with great sincerity we ask you to help us begin the next twenty five year chapter in this amazing story, in a new home, with our current factory due to be placed on the real estate market, with immediate effect, after 26 years of our toy making there.

We feel that our work is vital, not only for the families who receive our toys but also for the health and well-being of our toy makers, themselves.

Our worst nightmare is to be out on the street with nowhere to go in a week or two's time.

Thank you.

Inspirational—Biggest Single Rotary Project in SA

By David Cockshell, RC Gawler Light / Chair DIK

The Royal Adelaide Hospital Surplus Equipment managed by the Donations in Kind (DIK) team is the biggest single Rotary Project in South Australia.

This single project, like all other DIK operations, relies on a wide variety of networking, collaboration and partnership arrangements to get the medical and literacy goods to needy communities overseas.

A key reason for the success of goods being donated for overseas is that 'Rotary' is a well trusted brand and has a long history of service throughout the community—both local and international. Similarly, the DIK program in South Australia has a successful track record—over twenty-five years of getting donated goods from South Australia (Rotary Districts 9500 and 9520) to those in need throughout the world, as well as locally.

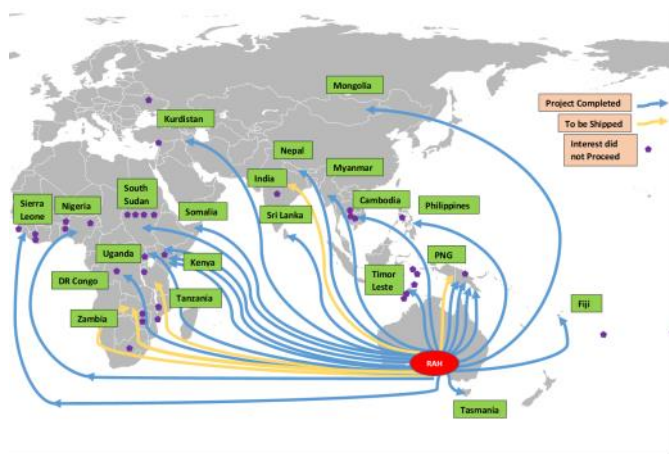
A key reason that DIK was gifted the surplus goods from the old RAH was not only its proven management and governance but also its working with a wide variety of organisations in delivering these goods. Over sixty groups expressed interest in the goods on offer from the RAH and detailed discussions were held with them. Unfortunately only twenty-eight groups could meet the requirements and were successful in getting goods to their respective beneficiaries in twenty-one different countries.

The RAH project is just one example of DIK partnering with a donor for the benefit of the donor as well as the ultimate beneficiary overseas. Meeting donor deadlines for collection, on-site requirements and goods acceptance/provision are key aspects in keeping good working relationships with donors. Collecting goods from donors is also a great way for Rotarians and other volunteers to be involved in an international project and provide service. DIK certainly appreciates being able to ask clubs and individuals to help in collecting goods from donors in their area. Similarly, once goods are temporarily stored at the DIK warehouse, there is plenty of work to do in cleaning, checking and storing the goods that clubs can do to help in the DIK operation. This offers clubs an interesting opportunity for a club outing that is constructive as well as a fellowship opportunity meeting/working with other Rotarians.

The end game is getting the donated goods to needy communities. Many Rotary clubs can/have been involved in this. Getting a container of good overseas is a large commitment for any club, but many clubs over the years, as well as the RAH project, have successfully done just that.

- **7,393 expensive medical assets**
- **nominal value of \$3.4 million**
- **replacement value \$12.6 million**
- **28 Rotary and other Charity Projects**
- **involving twenty-one countries**
- **thirty shipping containers.**

Collaborating in the logistics, goods collection and loading is vital in these projects, with the ultimate reward being the realisation of the benefits that such a project can provide to the poor throughout the world, which I, as the Chair of DIK, saw first hand with RAH goods benefiting peoples in Fiji and Nepal.



Clubs and individual Rotarians can be involved in many ways with the DIK program. Some go overseas and take suitcases of valued medical supplies. Others support local groups with needed domiciliary or other equipment. DIK committee members are happy to visit clubs to provide further information or advice on how to be involved. This personal touch is our preferred approach in developing and maintaining a robust network and enhancing how we can get donated goods to the needy.

Enlarge the document and check out the map to see where the various equipment and goods were delivered.

Editor's Note:

Serving the Donations In Kind (DIK) committee for **twelve years** David Cockshell became Chair in 2010 and remains so. As well as managing all aspects of the DIK program, its significant warehouse and liaison with Clubs, donors, shippers, agencies and government, Dave also encourages the furtherance of this program by visiting Clubs and community organisations. Over the last two years he used **eighteen months of long service leave to work five days a week to take charge of, negotiate and manage the RAH project.**



David conducted complex negotiations with Government departments and **forty different agencies and charities** plus Rotary Clubs in Australia and overseas. He managed guarantees, cataloguing, needs analysis, allocations, shipping and delivery of **7,393 expensive medical assets** with a **nominal value of \$3.4 million** (replacement value \$12.6 million), for 28 Rotary and other Charity Projects, involving twenty-one countries and thirty shipping containers.

Special School Memorial Garden Project

When it became known in September 2017 that the Adelaide North Special School (ANSS) Memorial Garden wasn't receiving the proper maintenance and tending loving care, members of the Playford Rotary Club stepped in, collaborating with Principal Byron Stuuat. It helped that the club had an avid gardener.

The garden had been part of the ANSS at a previous site, the Elizabeth Special School, since 2008.

The school caters for students with a range of significant disabilities and unfortunately some students' lifespan is short. The school's Governing Council initiated the garden to remember those students. Past Principal, Ian May was instrumental in gaining support from the Governing Council with the original works.

The current garden on Douglas Avenue, Munno Para was established in 2015 after receiving a \$30,000 grant.

Currently, one hundred and eighty students attend ANSS and at the nearby campus at Elizabeth Vale School. There are twenty-four classes, over thirty teachers and sixty ancillary support staff. Volunteers are an important part of the school and any help is truly valued.

Chris Camilleri, one of the school's dedicated relief teachers has supplied many plants and wisdom.

The club members soon realized that a major part of the garden had no irrigation and double length hoses had to be brought over to hand-water the roses. Eventually, their intrepid olive grower, current President Robin Trevilyan, set about remedying this. In the past, the existing roses had to go without water over long holiday breaks.

With fertilising, spraying for weeds, pruning, removing the invasive daniella by grubbing out, the garden has truly bounced back, quite unbelievably. The club donated ten standard white iceberg roses to finish off an existing arc that had already been started. An inner arc had ten climbing Pierre Ronsard roses that have "bolted" and are flowering profusely (see photo).

The garden has a number of features—a concrete low arch with sixteen plaques dedicated to the children who have passed on. Alyssa's mum came up to Robin while he was in the garden one day and they had a tender moment of sharing over her daughter's loss.



There is a granite rock as a focal point where water bubbles forth—the birds come to drink. A bench further back is for contemplating and further back still is an urn on a pedestal (from the previous school garden) with a red ivy geranium cascading down, representing love for the children.

It is anticipated that continued development will occur, with perhaps the addition of a sensory area.



L-R: George & Lyn Shaw and Robin Trevilyan—avid gardeners providing much needed TLC to the memorial garden.

Rotarians Explore Green Pastures

A team of twelve Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Regency Park visited the Green Pastures Hospital and the INF Nepal Gorkha GRACE Project on 30th of Falgun and 1st of Chaitra (14 & 15 March). The purpose of their visit was to observe INF's hospital and community work. For some of the group it was their first visit to Nepal. The Rotary club has been supporting INF for many years. Recent support from the club has enabled the hospital to purchase an anaesthetic machine, a portable x-ray machine and an autoclave. "We will also soon be in possession of an industrial washing machine thanks to the generous support of the club. "

Read more: <http://gphospital.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Falgun-Newsletter-2075.pdf>



20th Anniversary—Rotary, Lions & Ambulance SA

Do you have it on your refrigerator door? Is it complete with all the information that could save your life in a medical emergency at home? 'It' is the Medical Emergency Information Booklet.

For twenty years this handy little publication has been brought to you through the outstanding collaboration of Rotary clubs and districts, government agencies and Lions.

It is still going strong with more than 1.4 million booklets having been distributed throughout Australia to date.

The twentieth anniversary of its launch in 1999 was recently celebrated at a dinner hosted by the EMIB Committee with Rotary Clubs of Tea Tree Gully and Modbury Golden Grove, who initiated the project.

Forty-five guests attended, including DG David and Chris, PDG Ian Oliver and Lyn (9520) and PDG Peter Rostron and Kaye (Tea Tree Gully). Pictured are (left to right) Bernie Donohue (Lions), Natalie Gibson (Manager Communications and Strategic Engagement SA Ambulance) and PP Arthur Jeffries, Project Coordinator. Natalie presented a commendation plaque from the South Australian Government.



You can order a supply of this essential booklet through the website at <https://emib.org.au/>

Wow! Rotary, Probus & Rotaract Get Together

President Cathy Perry of the Rotary Club of Salisbury welcomed three generations of Rotary Clubs in the Salisbury area, all currently active and either maintaining or growing their membership, with the youngest being eighteen and the eldest ninety-five years of age.

It is believed that the combined meeting is the first of its kind for the respective Clubs and the hope is that it may be the start of a more regular event. In four years' time, over 2023-24, the clubs will celebrate their sixtieth, thirtieth and tenth birthdays respectively.

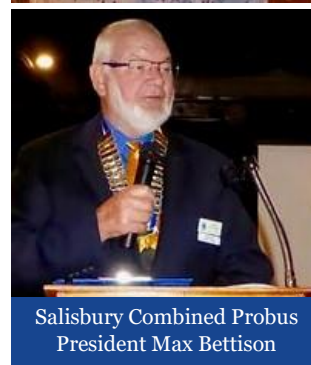
Paul Harris Fellowship Recognition

DG David spoke about the Rotary family and the value of mentoring. He paid homage to and acknowledged **Rick Henke** for his mentoring, presenting Rick with a **Paul Harris Double Sapphire** recognition. In accepting, Rick said he “... is inspired by my Rotary journey and family, which started with an exchange to Korea.”

Rotary, Probus & Rotaract are kicking goals and Rick reminded us to be grateful for family, friends and Rotary.



President Cathy with new Friend of Rotary Maria Blackmore



Salisbury Combined Probus President Max Bettison



Salisbury City Rotaract Club President Damien Walker



Rick Henke receiving congratulations from DG David

Jeff & Julie Stanley with their PHF Recognitions



Closing the Gap / End Trachoma Conference, Alice Springs

As a Rotary End Trachoma Champion, Kerre Wilsher of Whyalla Rotary was very excited to attend the Closing the Gap Conference, held in Alice Springs from 12-16 March.

Kerre commented: “It makes one realise how big and diverse is D9500. The health promotion visit to Santa Teresa with Rotarians from Victoria, New South Wales and Alice Springs provided a wonderful opportunity to observe and be involved with Rotary, The Fred Hollows Foundation, the Northern Territory Health Department and the Community in a health promotion collaboration. A new community laundry initiated by Rotary was opened. It was 40 degrees C that day and flies were a nuisance at times, but the Rotary Water Cart provided much relief and fun for all. Santa Teresa looks like a model Aboriginal Community, a vast improvement since I visited there as a community nurse based at Finke, an Aboriginal Community in the Northern Territory in the 1980s.

Conference speakers came from all over Australia, including John Paterson of Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory, the Hon Ken Wyatt, MP Minister for Indigenous Health, Donna Ah Chee, CEO of Central Australian Aboriginal Congress, and Dr Kristopher Rallah-Baker, Ophthalmologist and Australian Indigenous Doctors Association. Several prominent members of Aboriginal communities also addressed the Conference. The presentations were excellent and demonstrated the need to **work with** Aboriginal communities using a culturally appropriate, holistic approach. Sir Michael Jeffery, former Governor-General, now Chairman of the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust which is also heavily involved in the campaign to End Trachoma., commented to Kerre “... it is a disgrace that Australia is the only developed country to have not eliminated Trachoma. Rotary’s ballast is required.”

The Conference concluded with a panel discussion, **Workforce — What needs to be done**, the outcome of which is the Declaration of Alice Springs, which highlights the need to address social determinants of health such as housing and the environment. There is so much to do, but **so**



Chris Orchard and Kerre Wilsher finding shelter thanks to the water truck on a hot, hot day

many opportunities as well. There are many organisations and people involved, all can collaborate.

Special thanks go to Ms Sandi Fulcher, Coordinator, Ms Lien Trinh, End Trachoma Project Developer (Melbourne University), Ms Kerry Kornhauser, End Trachoma Director (Rotary Club of Melbourne), Professor Hugh Taylor, Ophthalmologist (Melbourne University), Russell Marnock (Rotary Club of Emerald, Victoria) and the Alice Springs Rotary Clubs for getting us around and making us welcome. It was also good to put names to faces that have been at the End Trachoma zoom meetings.”

To learn more about End Trachoma, contact Kerre at Email: kerre.wilsher@bigpond.com or click the link to the [Closing The Gap website](#).

Ocean to Outback: Lifting the Lid



An initiative of the Rotary Club of Victor Harbor, the Ocean to Outback bike ride was a prelude to the District 9520 Conference, covering a distance of over six hundred and thirty kilometres from Victor Harbor to the conference in Broken Hill.

Averaging ninety kilometres a day, the twenty or so intrepid cyclists and their twelve support crew used the ride to Lift the Lid on Mental Health and raise funds for medical research through Australian Rotary Health.

“The ride has more significance now that our drought affected rural friends and families are struggling through such a difficult time. It is not only farmers who need help, but communities,” said President Mark Cox prior to departure.

From start to finish, communities obviously agreed, with the ride realising almost \$70,000.

Pictured: From Victor Harbor, the riders took an overnight rest at Hahndorf on the eve of the D9500 Conference. DG David Egan started them on their way the next morning. Then it was 'bikes' raised in joy as they crossed the finishing line.



District Grant for Sama Sama Rainbow School, Vanuatu

Over the last four years Lesley Sparkes, member of **Adelaide Parks Rotary**, developed a relationship with the staff of Sama Sama Rainbow School of Ermus, Vanuatu.

Realising the school's need for repairs and upgrading, she turned to her club for assistance. A District Grant resulted. Building materials and all other necessary supplies were sourced in Vanuatu, with local Rotarians offering to help with the project.

Before Christmas, the outside of the building was rendered, a plywood ceiling affixed in one classroom and the verandah timbers tied down to make them cyclone-proof. Foundations were commenced for the extension.

In March Lesley returned to audit the work and oversaw the tiling of one classroom and the fixture of plywood to the underside of the verandah. Again, she locally sourced building equipment. Work remains but cannot be completed in the current Rotary year so the balance of funds was returned for use elsewhere.



Matching Grant for Literacy in Nepal

The **Rotary club of Stuart-Alice Springs** was successful in their application for a Rotary International matching grant in literacy in Nepal. Since the approval, a two-room school including a girls' and boys' toilet has been built in the earthquake affected village of Patle, a remote settlement south of Mt Everest. The literacy grant also provided for teacher training of approximately eighty teachers scattered throughout this isolated valley. Education, particularly of females, is crucial to elevating the next generation out of poverty. We partnered with the RC of Madhyapur in Kathmandu and the well respected NGO "REED Nepal" facilitates the project.

We are very pleased for the children who will now benefit.



Dentist Joanne Richardson of the RC of Stuart Alice Springs, has been volunteering her vocational services in the area for some time and recognised the need after the devastating earthquake.

The Gift of Health

Kashin-Beck disease (KBD) is a chronic disabling disease, endemic in some areas of eastern Siberia, Korea, China and Tibet.

Seven clubs from seven countries partnered with the Rotary Club of Shanghai, Chongqing to fund fifteen greenhouses, tools, seeds, training and field assistants for the farmers and resettled nomadic communities in Qinghai's Hainan and Heidong prefectures.



By educating and creating sustainable nutrition sources for two hundred and fifty families, and emphasizing the importance of nutrition in children, Rotary Club of Shanghai hopes to eliminate KBD completely.

The six partnering clubs are: Adelaide Australia, Mayenne France, Golden Mile Hongkong, Bonn-Rheinbach Germany, Spa-Francochamps Belgium, and Okd Montreal Canada.

This is a great example of clubs around the world collaborating above political concerns to change lives, build international understanding and goodwill and hopefully, contribute to peace.

The disease

Kashin-Beck disease (KBD) is a permanent disabling osteoarticular disease which attacks the growth cartilage and the joint development

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| <p>MAIN CONSEQUENCES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shortened limbs & enlarged joints - Chronical joint pain - Restriction of motion - Dwarfism | | <p>MULTIFACTORIAL ORIGIN LINKED WITH THE ENVIRONMENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lack of minerals and vitamins - Mycotoxins in cereals (barley) - Others |
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Our research suggests that a combined micro-nutrition supplementation:

- Slows down the evolution of KBD
- May prevent evolution to severe KBD stage
- Shows less new cases (incidence), but a limit of significance
- May help to prevent KBD, but still not enough...

DG David says he is most appreciative of his club, the Rotary Club of Adelaide, for supporting this worthy project to the tune of A\$7,000 as well as several other international projects they have on the go.

He added, "...this amount is in addition to the Club's outstanding contribution in excess of A\$40,000 to the Rotary Foundation this Rotary year."