



# Rotary District 9455

## District Governors

### Newsletter



#### DG Newsletter – May 2015

**District Conference** – Kerry and I want to sincerely thank all those who donated to Australian Rotary Health at the Conference Dinner, whether that was in the envelopes on the table, or in the Auctions. You helped raise over \$ 1100 for Australian Rotary Health, a brilliant result.

**The All Abilities Play-space** – This great initiative of providing to the general public of Perth a play area for all abilities and for all age groups is a wonderful example of Clubs working together and of the value of partnerships. The Rotary Clubs of Matilda Bay, Nedlands, Subiaco and West Perth, have driven this project so far and are to be congratulated on getting this off the ground. Partnerships have been formed with the Lotteries Commission, Local Governments, Architects, Engineers and many more. The official launch was on the 6<sup>th</sup> May – a very well run event. This raised over \$ 50,000 on the night to add to the \$1.5 million raised so far. The overall budget I around the \$4 million mark, so I know that PDG Angus Buchanan and his team would welcome any support that you may like to give. This could well be another iconic gift to the people of WA, like the Rotary WA Cord Blood Bank, which we hope will receive the final accreditation in June. If you would like to see the video that has been produced – here's the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fo-YZmELH0o&feature=youtu.be>

**Rotaract and Interact** – I'm absolutely delighted to announce that The Rotary Club of Hillarys have successfully chartered a new Rotaract Club. The Rotary Club of Kalamunda are very close to applying for a charter for the Rotaract Club that they are building up. This is great news and we should congratulate all of you who have been involved in the process of building these Clubs successfully. The Rotary Club of Hillarys is also in the process of working with 2 schools to charter 2 new Interact Clubs – building for our future – as future leaders and for Rotary. Well done again to all involved.

**The Rotary Foundation Gala Dinner** – was held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Many thanks to PDG Ron Geary and his team for the work put into the organisation of the event. Past RI President Bill Boyd from New Zealand was inspirational in his address to the Rotarians there. We are hoping that there will be a dvd available of his speech as this really highlighted the fabulous work that our Foundation does in the World. I would like to congratulate Past District Governor Peter McKerracher for his wonderful achievement in being presented a Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award from Bill Boyd.

If you or your Club are thinking of donating to our Foundation – this month is timely as the RI Exchange Rate goes up from 1.30 to 1.35 in June.

**Rotary Leadership Institute** – District Leadership and Training Officer PDG Ian Hutton is running another course of the **FREE** Rotary Leadership Institute. There was a very successful part 1 last Sunday with parts 2 and 3 being run on June 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> respectively. These sessions are absolutely full of Rotary Information and well as talking about leadership. They are open to ALL Rotarians no matter how long you have been a Rotarian.

**Rotary Global Grant Scholarship** – Our sincere congratulations go to Janice Malcolm who has been awarded one of these prestigious scholarships through the Rotary Foundation. Janice is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cambridge here, and the Rotary Club of Montreal in Canada – where she will study at McGill University, working in the field of Alzheimer Research. She will be studying in Canada for two years before returning to Perth to work here, benefitting Australians.

**Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment** – The Rotary Club of Mindarie ran another very successful Camp again this year at Point Walter. There were over 50 young participants including some of our inbound Youth Exchange Students. They all benefited greatly from the experience and we thank all of you in the Mindarie Club for a fantastic weekend and a great effort all round.

The year is very nearly over – the changeover season is looming fast, and I hope that all of you have enjoyed the year as much as Kerry and I have. Your welcome, friendship and hospitality has been wonderful. We are both very grateful to every single one of you – **thank you.**

Our sincere best wishes to you all – Jerry & Kerry Pilcher.