



Dear Rotarians,

August is membership month. It reminds us that not only are we privileged to be members of Rotary but our responsibility is to increase the membership and ensuring Rotary has a future.

Rotary, at its core, consists of like-minded people who come together to do good in our world. In fact we are a very large group of 1.2 million people in 34,000 clubs who have a common purpose and vision. Do you remember how you found out about Rotary? Who was the person who asked you to join their club?

I am always thankful to the person who asked me to be a Rotarian. I have to admire his persistence because it took him three attempts for me to join. The first time I said no; I was too busy as a young father with extensive work commitments. The second time I gave a tentative yes – for some time in the future. The third time I went to the club meeting and very soon after I became a Rotarian. He saw the Rotarian in me before I did. How many people do you know who would be great Rotarians if only we could encourage them...and be persistent!

One thing remains certain – there are not enough Rotarians in the world to do the things that need to be done. Every day Rotarians receive requests to assist people and communities, locally and internationally. As a result I am yet to find a Rotary Club that is not busy! Therefore if we have more Rotarians we can do more good in our world.

I have set a target of growing the District 9455 membership by 20% in 2014/15. This may appear to be a very big target. But is it? For some clubs this means recruiting three new members. Look at it this way: just one in five members in your club needs to introduce a new member. There are many ways to increase your club's membership and the Rotary website offers excellent resources. Make use of the District's resources. Contact PDG Liz Westoby who is always happy to work with clubs on your plans.

The individual and collective challenge for each of us is that we accept membership development as a core responsibility of being a Rotarian. The future of Rotary through membership growth sits in our hands. It is our responsibility.

Rotary International President Gary has recently stated, "People come to Rotary for all kinds of reasons, but they stay because Rotary is fun to be a part of. So I want to remind you to have fun in your clubs and districts. Rotary is based on the idea that our service is more effective when we serve with our friends. So let's enjoy our Rotary service, share it with others and Light up Rotary together."

District Governor 9455 Angus Buchanan

World Polio Day is quickly approaching on October 24th. This is a chance for Rotarians, clubs, and districts across the world to come together to fight polio. There are many ways you could mark the day. Dedicate your club meeting to focus on Rotary's work to end polio that week. Community fundraisers on/around World Polio Day are great a way to raise awareness of our cause in the general public. You could take the opportunity to remind government officials to support the global commitment to a polio free world- Rotary's top priority. On World Polio Day, wear your End Polio Now pin and encourage your friends and family to do the same.

This year, a End Polio Now: Make History Today Livestream event, including a **global update on the current status of polio eradication**, will take place on World Polio Day- 24 October 2014—at 18:30pm CDT and will be streamed live at [endpolionow.org](http://endpolionow.org). I encourage your club/district to have a viewing party of the event, or incorporate it into your existing World Polio Day plans. The archived video will be available following the live program. Additional event details may be found at [endpolionow.org](http://endpolionow.org).

### Resources available

To help you with your planning for World Polio Day events, a toolkit is being developed and will be posted on [endpolionow.org](http://endpolionow.org) by 25 August. A message will be sent to all of you letting you know when it is available.

I encourage you to spread the word about your World Polio Day activities. Please visit <http://www.endpolio.org/storytelling> to submit your stories and photos.

We promised the children of the world that we would eradicate polio, and Rotarians keep their word. We are **this close**, and getting closer every day. Thanks to you, we will **End Polio Now**.

### Dr Angus Buchanan

President's Elect Training Seminar – Mandurah – 10/11/12 April 2015. More details to follow

District Changeover – Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2015 – 6.30 pm – Parmelia Hilton Hotel Perth. More details to follow

Throughout its history, the Rotary Club of Karrinyup Food Van has been a wonderful example of collaboration; with supporters and sponsors as well as customer's, New Gen participants and other Rotary, Rotaract and Inner Wheel Clubs. The Club commenced operating a Food Van in 2005, using a borrowed Chevup Gourmet Sausages' food van; but it was not long before its success led to commissioning our own, purpose built one. Construction started in Dec 2005 at Karls Milk Supplies in Osborne Park, and fit-out commenced in March 2006, at Ivo Cabinets in Balcatta. The Van was completed in May 2006 and operated for the

first time at the Rotary Club of Scarborough Swap Mart on 21st May 2006. Cost of construction was \$8,000, with contributions from 30 sponsors in labour and materials, estimated at \$20,000, for a Van that would otherwise have cost an estimated \$30,000 to build. Since then, the Van has been used on a continuous basis at the Rotary Club of Scarborough's Karrinyup weekly Swap Mart; as well as at the Rotary Club of Karrinyup Annual Fair, the inaugural Rotary Club of Heirisson Duck Derby, the Osborne Park Hospital Carols by Candlelight and Jack the Wagtail Activity Days.

During that time, it has been manned by a continuous Roster of Rotary Club of Karrinyup Volunteers, who have also been joined by Inner Wheel Members (from both Karrinyup Inner Wheel and the District) and more recently, participants in our Club's New Generations programmes. Indeed, just prior to handover to the Rotary Club of Cunderdin, our Food Van roster had stretched out from about 3 1/2 months to 6 months by adding Rotary Youth Exchange, John Curtin Leadership Academy and RYLA participants to the Roster.

Total profits to end of Sept 2012 are estimated to be \$180,000, with beneficiaries including Camp Quality, Asthma Foundation, Australian Rotary Health Research Fund and the Cord Blood Bank. Two Paul Harris fellowships have been awarded to sponsors Colin Constantine and Michael Iulich. With establishment of our Stirling Farmers Market, the operation of the Food Van at the Karrinyup Swap Mart (run by the Rotary Club of Scarborough) was handed over to the Rotary Club of Cunderdin, who also collaborate with the Rotaract Club of Subiaco and use proceeds for their Cambodia Project. The Food Van is still used by the Rotary Club of Karrinyup at their Annual Fair.

Thanks to a wonderful liaison between WA Police, the RAC and Rotary District 9455 Youth Services, RC Karrinyup was recently able to facilitate a Rotary WA Driver Education workshop. This ran as an interactive one-day experience for 126 girls from St Mary's Anglican Girls' School.

The students, from Year 11, experienced braking at different speeds, learned of travel strategies that will work for them in the real world and got tips from road safety experts on how to protect themselves, their friends and family once they become drivers.

Our two inbound Rotary Youth Exchange Students and a past Outbound student assisted Club members who volunteered on the day. Club members stated that even though they had been driving for years, they also learned a great deal from the experience.

Our Club's most recent project, the Stirling Farmers Market, is uniquely positioned to engage the Community, and in particular those who already have a community-minded bent. It involves them in a positive Rotary experience which promotes both healthy eating and good community living, embraces the growing trend towards reducing food miles, and at the same time gives a positive feeling towards our Club.

The market aims to provide farm fresh produce and other food products direct from the grower or producer to local residents. While fresh fruit and vegetables are the cornerstone of the market, it is supplemented with other products which for various reasons do not make it to supermarket shelves and therefore to the general public. Popular other products include meat, cheese, olives and olive oils, fresh juice, artisan bread, eggs, spices, honey and many more.

We are pleased the Markets have become more than just a place to buy produce as, while our customers enjoy access to quality produce in a pleasant environment, we enhance their experience by providing seating where they can enjoy a fresh coffee and maybe an organic crepe; and where they can catch up with friends and neighbours who perhaps they don't get time to see during their busy week.

We also provide an opportunity to young buskers who entertain the crowd while gaining valuable experience performing in public. We provide a free "Community" stall to charities and various "not for profit" groups each week where they can increase awareness of their cause, provide information or raise funds. Apart from various charity groups our Community stall has been used by other Rotary Clubs, Rotaract, RYE, City of Stirling and the Mens' Shed.

Of course, this is also a fundraiser, but almost coincidentally, because we aim for our Farmers Market to be recognised and appreciated first and foremost as a community service to the people of Stirling (and it's surrounds), while also raising the profile of Rotary in our community. A whole of club project, the Stirling Farmers Market touches all avenues of service for our Rotary Club.

The event was opened by DG Angus Buchanan who braved the early start to launch the students into three exercises which tested their public speaking skills, teamwork ability and interview technique.

NYSF District Chair Greg Thurston thanked the 23 volunteer Rotarians and friends who sacrificed their Sunday morning to participate in the assessing panels. He also acknowledged the generous involvement of the many Rotary Clubs in 9455 who had pledged support for the individual students from their local schools.

The successful students will join over 300 others from across Australia to participate in the 12 day events which are based at ANU in Canberra. The students will be introduced to researchers and experience many examples of

science in industry. They will also participate in discussion on major national and global topics.

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