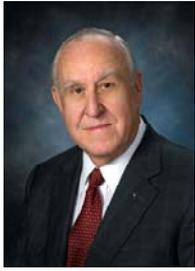




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Greetings to all Rotarians in District 9455

I cannot believe it is now two months since I have taken office as District Governor. It really has been most enjoyable as Trevor and I visit clubs and learn about the various programs and projects being undertaken. The dedication and commitment of Rotarians is simply incredible. During my visits I get the sense of a new energy and vibrancy. It is truly infectious.

You truly are "Rotarians Serving Humanity".

This month has seen me sharing in birthday celebrations with the Rotary Club of Scarborough celebrating 60 years and the Rotary Club of Northam celebrating 70 years. Congratulations and best wishes for many more years.

August is Membership month and I know Clubs are working to gain "more willing hands and caring hearts" to share the joy of "doing good in the world". Please remember that we have an excellent resource in our membership team lead by PDG Angus Buchanan who are willing to assist Clubs.

Please remember that District personnel are here to support you so please let us know if you require any support or resources.

Have fun and continue to spread your Rotary stories.

Rotary Facts:

Since 1905, Rotary has been making a positive impact in the world. Beginning in Chicago before spreading throughout the world, Rotary first touched our shores in Australia in 1921, with the charter of the Rotary Club of Melbourne, closely followed by the charter of a Sydney Club and other Clubs

Did you know?

Rotary's website rotary.org has a special members section which can be accessed by clicking 'My Rotary' on the webpage and signing up. It's a really simple process and once you are signed up you will have access to Exchange Ideas, Rotary's Brand Centre & Learning Documents, News & Media and many more exciting features that you can only access as a Rotary Member.

Welcome New members

Stuart Stone - Karrinyup
Alex Hickman - Scarborough

Vale

PDG John Webster – RC Scarborough

Yours in Rotary Service

Patricia Canning (Trevor)
District Governor 2016 – 2017

RYE NEWS

The Youth Exchange Committee conducted the combined Inbound/Outbound Briefing Weekend 29 – 31 July. This was the first briefing session for 17 applicants who will depart for a 12 month exchange in January 2017. Joining these students on the weekend, were 21 Inbounds who are the reciprocal students for those who departed Australia in January this year.



Thanks to the clubs involved, our inbounds are spread right across the District.

Two students from Finland – Corrigin and Belmont shared. Northam and Cambridge shared.
One from Poland – Broome and Mindarie shared.
Two from Brazil – Quairading and Subiaco shared. Nedlands.
Two from Argentina – Geraldton/Greenough. Kalamunda.
One from France – Geraldton.
Three from Denmark – Ellenbrook, Hillarys, Mosman Park.
Two from Switzerland – Perth, Joondalup.
One from Spain – Matilda Bay.
One from Norway – Wanneroo.
Two from Germany – Karrinyup, Midland.
One from Belgium – Kununurra.
One from Japan – Mt Lawley.
Two from Italy – West Perth, Heirisson.



Fabian (Germany) presenting his club's banner to President Stephan O'Callaghan RC Midland



Antonio (Brazil) giving a presentation to the members RC Nedlands.

RYE NEWS (cont.)



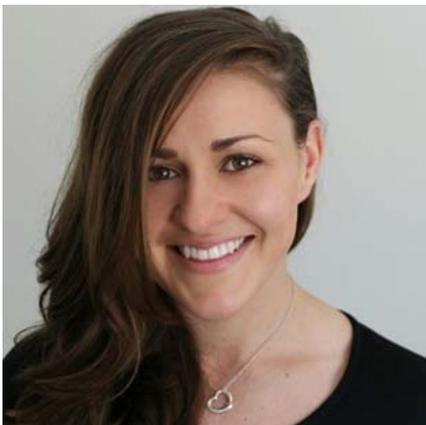
Andreas (Denmark) being introduced to members of RC Ellenbrook by President David Bunney



Five successful applicants for Youth Exchange from Geraldton. Samantha, Mitchell, Rhianna, Adelle and Caris.

(Looking forward to next year when we send five reciprocal inbounds to Geraldton)

The Rotary Foundation News



INTRODUCING JANICE MALCOLM GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLAR

It is fantastic to advise you that Janice Claire MALCOLM has been successful in applying for a Global Grant.

Janice is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cambridge and was given great support by the District to enable her to be awarded a grant to assist her for 2 years study at McGill University in Canada to work for a Master's Degree in Neuroscience specializing in Cell Biology and Anatomy. She will be doing work on the early detection and treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

Her application was outstanding listing her fine undergraduate record at the University of Western Australia and her personal attitude and experience for the project.

Janice will be working with Professor Claudio Cuello, one of the world's leading researchers, doing both clinical and research work.

When Janice has completed her degree she wishes to return to Australia and work in the field of Alzheimer's disease research hoping to gain better understanding of the disease to assist in facilitating prevention and treatment of it.

We wish her the greatest of success with her work and know that she is helping to make the world a better place.

There are so many ways that The Rotary Foundation does 'Good in the World' and this is just another of them. Does your Club know of an exceptionally talented Graduate who would benefit from a similar experience, or would you like to know more about Global Grant Scholarships? If so, please contact our Scholarship Chair, Ian Murray either by phone on 0414 927 679 or email iwmurray@iprimus.com.au



THE ROTARY FOUNDATION *Centennial Celebration*

NOVEMBER is FOUNDATION MONTH - Let's make this Centennial year something special.

At the World Convention 100 years ago RI President Arch Klumph launched what was to become The Rotary Foundation. It took a few months before the first donation was received when the Rotary Club of Kansas City contributed \$26.50.

I challenge all Rotarians to join with me in celebrating that occasion from 100 ago by matching it with a personal contribution of \$26.50 over and above your usual contribution during the week starting Monday 7th November.

While thinking about FOUNDATION Month, why do we always wait until May or June to donate?

The Rotary Foundation invests our donations for three years and uses the earnings to fund its operations. By waiting until June we deny it a whole year of earning.

Please consider passing on at least part of your Club's annual donation in November. You can always top it up in May when you know how much you have left in the coffers.

POLIO UPDATE

The World Health Organization has confirmed two cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) in Nigeria, the first cases in the country since July 2014. Rotary remains steadfast and fully committed to fighting polio anywhere children remain at risk, including Nigeria and Africa. Rotary members in Nigeria are already hard at work to support the outbreak response, and our network will also be tapped to quickly protect children in surrounding countries.

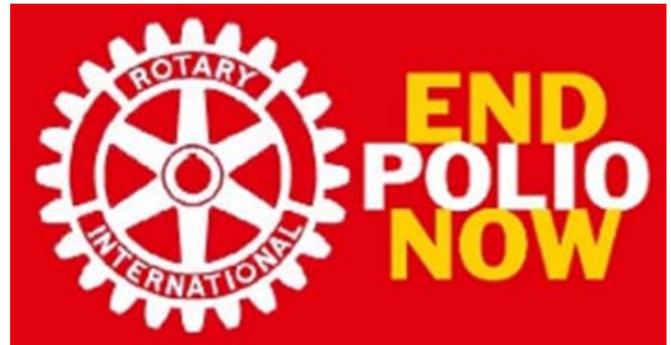
This is a sad state of affairs and emphasizes the importance of continuing immunization of more than 90% of children in every country in the world.

We are not told whether the children have been immunized but thankfully they were picked up and mass immunization of surrounding areas will take place to ensure there is not a massive outbreak.

It is a setback but only a minor one provided all the children of the world are immunized.

Never has it been more important than now to continue our funding to End Polio Now.

Dr Ken Collins is our District Polio Chairman and would welcome an invitation to enlighten your Club on the road ahead and can be emailed at collinsk@bigpond.net.au



Council on Legislation

Clubs gain flexibility from COL

Every three years, members from around the world gather in Chicago to consider proposed changes to the policies that govern Rotary International and its member clubs.

The Council On Legislation (COL) is an essential element of Rotary's governance. This year, the COL was held in April and resolved to give Clubs greater flexibility regarding meeting times and membership rules and requirements, with the aim of making Rotary more attractive to new members and assuring the continued growth and relevance of the organisation.

Some of the major changes which were adopted are:

- clubs allowed to decide to vary their meeting times, whether to meet online or in person, and when to cancel a meeting, provided they meet at least twice a month
- now a simple membership requirement that a member be a person of good character who has a good reputation in their business or community and is willing to serve the community
- a \$4 per year dues increase for next three years to allow RI to improve My Rotary, develop resources so clubs can offer a better membership experience, simplify club and district reporting, improve website access for Rotaractors, and update systems to keep Rotary in compliance with changing global regulations.
- a Council on Resolutions will meet annually online to consider resolutions
- Rotaractors will be allowed to become members of Rotary clubs while they are still in Rotaract
- the distinction between e-clubs and traditional clubs will be eliminated.
- a standing committee on membership to be established
- polio eradication remains a goal of the highest order

These changes are effective from 1st July.



Council on Legislation—2015-16 President Ravi giving the closing address

Trainee gong 'humbling'

Local business Cramer and Neill Refrigeration was recognised for its dedication to apprentice and trainee development when it was presented with the Industry Training Award at the WA Air Conditioning and Mechanical Contractors Association awards recently.

The award, judged by South Metropolitan TAFE in conjunction with ACMAWA and the Alan Robert Memorial Fund, was based on a consistent and long-standing commitment to training excellence in the refrigeration and air-conditioning industry.

Adding significance to the achievement is the fact it is the first time the award has been given to a regional business in its seven-year history.

In his acceptance speech, Cramer and Neill manager Tony Emmott said he was humbled and honoured to be recognised by the industry, and he also highlighted the work put in by everyone at the organisation.

"It's just so gratifying to be able to take a young person and train them all the way through to a qualification that allows them to go out and carve a rewarding future for themselves," he said.

AMCA is a nationwide trade association that serves companies



Cramer and Neill manager Tony Emmott.

operating in the commercial and industrial sectors of the industry, and has been in existence since 1961.

Its members, which currently employ more than 8000 people across Australia, are responsible for the installation of \$1.2 billion worth of new plants each year, and also carry out \$500 million of equipment service and maintenance work.

Cramer and Neill was established in Geraldton in 1982.



Federal MP for the seat of Swan Steve Irons with Cramer and Neill manager Tony Emmott. Pictures: The Scene Team

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM.

Rotary has a host of youth programs, each in its own way, a “life changing experience” as we hear from the participants.

However, to my mind, and yes I am biased, I believe the National Youth Science Forum is arguably the best of Rotary’s youth programs in Australia and we are seeing a constant but steady involvement in clubs in this program.

So, what is the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) and why is it so good? In simple terms it was founded in 1983 and is an [Australian](#) program dedicated to exposing year eleven students who are heading into year twelve and are thinking about a career in [science](#), [engineering](#) and related disciplines to major scientific institutions and researchers, so that they may make more informed choices for their future endeavours. They are also given training in time management, interview skills and public speaking.

The Forum is a two-week, fully residential program and takes place during January in [Canberra](#). All activities are fully supervised by specially selected and trained past student staff and resident [Rotary](#) counsellors. The program is extremely intensive with little time for outside activities except for meeting those people already in the program.

The most important aspect coming from the NYSF is a network of friends, colleagues and support groups throughout [Australia](#) , which will be of value to participants for the whole of their lives.

The NYSF continues after January, first in the form of university seminars and industry site visits in March and April and afterwards the opportunity for some to attend international Science forums. It is also a long-term personal network of people with common aims.

So that the nuts and bolts of the program, here’s what makes it so exciting;

One of the things that makes the program so good is that the students don’t really have any idea of what they’re in for;- a fortnight of magnificent surprises. To achieve this, many of the “activities” of the forum are kept as secrets, (e.g. learning their chants and travel songs as soon as they get on the busses to Canberra from Melbourne, Sydney & Brisbane .)

Students all comment of an environment of connectedness;- *“It was amazing, I was no longer the science nerd, all the other students had similar interests and aspirations as me.” “ I felt I belonged from the very beginning.”*

– Each student is allocated a “buddy” and they are required to make contact prior to the forum. The “buddies” look after each other during the Forum.

400 students from across Australia, and some internationally, attend one of two 2 week forums in January in Canberra. Our district send 15 students, 7 to one, and 8 to the other.

This year, in our district, 59 students, (48 female and 11 male,) completed an Expression of Interest to attend. Of these, 40 students, supported by 32 Rotary Clubs, participated in the selection process to determine the 15 students who will attend, (as a matter of interest, 1 student is the 4th member of the family to attend, the first the mother in about 1984, and now the third of her children selected to attend.)

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM. (cont.)

The “Forum” has recently received funding as part of the Federal Government’s Innovation programs which will likely result in a third session being run, at least for the next few years. This will be held in a capital city besides Canberra.

The “Forum” has also received some additional funding that will provide a fund to support disadvantaged students to attend the forum.

The past NYSF Student staff, who effectively run the Forum, are amazing. Specially selected, they receive intensive training and their enthusiasm and energy are something to behold. They are a very important part of the success of the program.

The NYSF program is probably the highest Rotary supported & funded youth program in Australia. At a cost of \$3,097.00 per student, (a heavily subsidized cost, real cost estimated to be \$10,000+, and value inestimable,) usually subsidized to 50% by Rotary Clubs, this equated to an annual contribution of some \$600,000.00 by Australian Rotary Clubs.

There is so much more to tell but space does not permit. The National Youth Science Forum has a very comprehensive website and I encourage members to visit the site to get a better understanding of the program. There is also a Club manual that can be downloaded which will guide clubs in their participation in this program.

I thank all clubs for their participation and support of this program, I assure you your time and funds have been applied in a manner that will provide amazing opportunities for the students participating not only in the Forums, but also in the selection process.

Please visit nysf.edu.au for more information.

Allan McLean
District Chair, NYSF 9455



What is Rotary?

▣ Official Answer

- Rotary is an organization of business, professional and community leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. In more than 160 countries worldwide, approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 33,000 Rotary clubs.

▣ Another Answer

- A network of inspired individuals who translate their passions into relevant social causes to change lives in Communities