



## OCTOBER IS VOCATIONAL SERVICE MONTH

November is Rotary Foundation Month

# District Governor's Newsletter

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## DIARY DATES

**October 9, Tues**  
ACSO Community Service  
Awards Presentation Dinner,  
Adelaide Oval Pavilion, \$35ea.

**October 20, Sat**  
40th Anniversary Cocktail  
Reunion of 'Alumni of the Rotary  
Fndn' (GSE, Ambass Scholars &  
TRF Volunteers)  
Regal Park Motel, Nth Adelaide  
\$20ea.

**November 27, Tues**  
9500 & 9520  
Rotary Foundation Dinner at  
Ming's Palace, Gouger St, City,  
\$22ea. Book early.

**December 1, Sat**  
ARHRF Dinner, Woolshed, West  
Beach.

## ROMAC - Making a difference

Mid August saw two boys from Timor Leste making friends at the Women and Children's Hospital, each delighted to find another child who could speak the same language. Neither can understand English so the loneliness and isolation has been overcome by frequent visits together. Sharing a bowl of rice, lots of giggles and playing a duet on an electronic keyboard has shown an amazing turn around in their spirits.

Zerrio lost his hair with the chemo, Jemito had his shaved off for the operation, so bald is beautiful!

**3 year old Zerrio Soares**, from Dili, was diagnosed with a Wilms tumour, had an operation to remove one kidney and the large tumour, and is currently undergoing chemotherapy. He has now been in Adelaide for 12 weeks.

**6 year old Jemito Mesquita** from Suai, (7 hours drive by bus over rough mountain roads from Dili), had a fall and suffered head injuries and was flown to Darwin for urgent assessment. Scans in Darwin showed a large, previously undetected, brain tumour which had associated bleeding with the fall. As no neurosurgeons were available in Darwin, Rotary arranged for Jemito to be treated



**Jemito and Zerrio, both from Timor Leste, enjoying their time together while recovering from emergency operations at the WCH.**

in Adelaide. Qantas generously flew the child, his father and a medical escort to Adelaide. Jemito was admitted to the WCH and underwent an emergency operation to remove a large brain tumour. Only a few days later he was cheerful and full of energy.

These children were both brought to Adelaide by ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children) as urgent cases, with life threatening conditions.

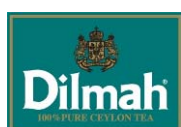
## October is Vocational Service Month by DG Kerry

What better way of starting this most important theme month than with the words of RI President **Wilf Wilkinson**....*"As we enter Vocational Service Month, it's time to remind ourselves that our business, professional and community callings are the foundation of our clubs' organizations. Through serving well in our vocations, we serve well as Rotarians"*...

With only a hand full of Cubs still to visit – all on a Tuesday Night – can I say how rewarding it has been meeting so many committed Rotarians; from Alice Springs in the North, to KI in the South. With half a continent and a huge variation in the scenery and vegetation; the commitment of all Rotarians towards 'doing good in the world' was evident in every Club. It is heart warming to know that even after 103 years of Rotary, our members are just as committed, hard working and fun loving as that group of young men back in 1905.

Membership Chair Warren Hobbs and I visited Roxby Downs and we are very excited at the prospect of a new and vibrant Club being chartered by Christmas. What a great breeding ground for Rotary. With members only staying approx 5 to 7 years before moving on to a new life, and Rotary Club, the long term benefits are enormous.

The Rotary Club of Mawson Lakes has put forward an interesting **Vocational** project that deserves serious consideration by Clubs and District. With the huge push to reinstate Technical Trade Training and Apprenticeships, the project proposes arranging 1 month overseas final year exchanges with like trades. We would need to work with TAFE, Employers and overseas Rotary Clubs. I ask any Club or Rotarian interested in furthering this project to contact Maureen Morton, Secretary of Mawson Lakes Club, or myself. If there is sufficient interest I will endorse it as a District Project for this year and hope it can be adopted by a Conference Resolution in April. **Continued page 2**



**Romeos Retail Group**  
family owned community minded



## Science and Engineering Challenge

This annual national competition for Years 9 and 10 high school students was held in Adelaide, Mount Gambier and Port Pirie during May and June, with 56 teams (1,700 students) taking part over seven days.

The top 16 teams went on to compete in the SA Super Challenge at the Adelaide Super-Drome in August, with the successful schools - Immanuel College, Loxton High School & Mount Gambier High School – receiving invitations to compete in the national Grand Challenge in Toowoomba in October.

The competition, developed by the University of Newcastle, involves hands-on, science-based team activities that are both challenging and fun, with the aim of encouraging more girls and boys to continue with their science and maths studies to Year 12 and beyond.

The event would not have been possible without the support of numerous sponsor organizations and over 100 volunteers, drawn largely from the Rotary Clubs of Adelaide, Adelaide Light, Playford, Burnside, Port Pirie and Mount Gambier.

John Agnew (RC Adelaide), SA Regional Chair



Warren Wilson (RCA), Bob Hecker (RCA), Di Casey (RCAL), Ken Jones (RCA), John Agnew (RCA) and Mike Stevens (RCP)



John Banfield (RCP) with students at Pt Pirie preparing to 'Escape from the Lost World'

## Paul Harris Sapphire

Ray Alm, a foundation member of the Rotary Club of Clare, received one of our organization's highest accolades in August, The Rotary Foundation "Sapphire Paul Harris Fellow", the first ever presented by the Clare club, to acknowledge and recognize Ray's outstanding service. Ray has been a member of the club for all of its 43-year history, where his duties included editing and producing the club's newsletter for 30 years.

Ray has been a quiet achiever in the community. He was a lay reader at the Lutheran Church for 56 years, and edited their newsletter for 20 years. He has also chaired the Carinya Aged Care Home Board. Ray's wife, Grace, and members of his family attended the special Rotary meeting to witness the presentation.



Ray Alm is congratulated by his wife Grace and Clare Club President, Prue Maitland

## Matching Grants are available with the following local clubs:

**Largs Bay:** refurbishment of a school in South Africa

**Barossa Valley:** refurbishment of a school in the Solomon Islands

**Kidman Park:** library project for several schools in the Philippines

## My exchange to Denmark

It's been 7 months since my arrival in Denmark and I've done so much in that time. The first three months here weren't so good. There were times when I wished I'd never come on this exchange, but on reflection, that would have been the biggest mistake!

I've just completed my summer holidays and it was amazing. Firstly, my host family took me to Croatia for a week. All we did was swim, eat, sleep, and walk around the streets. It was a very relaxing week.

I then went to visit Kaisa Eisanen in Turku, Finland. I was Kaisa's host sister when she was on exchange in Pt Lincoln during 2006/07. It was great to meet all her friends

and family. I almost felt like I knew them all, as she had spoken about them while in Australia.

After my trip to Finland my parents came to visit me. It was really good to see them and show them around. Everything here is going really well now, but I'm not looking forward to coming home! I really hope I can settle down in Lincoln again on my return...after being in Vejle, a town of 50,000 people. I'm just very excited about what the next 5 months will bring.

Jasmine Boyce, hosted by the RC of Give, D1450 Denmark



## Vocational Service Month ...continued from page 1

All District Committees that manage funds **must** submit to the District Management Committee, audited financial statements for the Rotary year 2006-07, to allow IPDG John Rowe to complete his annual report. Please do this immediately, if you haven't already done so.

Finally, can any Club interested in taking part in a Foundation Matching Grant either check the list in this issue or contact IPDG John Rowe or myself. Remember, by joining together and using Foundation Funds we can make a much bigger difference in the world. **Have a great October!**

## The Centurion Club

We welcome, with thanks, both our newest and on-going Centurions of The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust, for September. Your gift to our own charity is acknowledged with gratitude.

**New:** Colin Davies, Helen Davies (Peterborough), Ivar Izols (Charles Sturt-Grange), Margaret White (Tea Tree Gully)

**On-going:** Brian Lucas (Pt Adelaide)

## Districts 9500 and 9520 'The Rotary Foundation Dinner'

Tuesday 27 November, 2007

Ming's Palace Restaurant,  
157-159 Gouger Street, Adelaide

Guest speaker: Rolf Horndler, Trustee of The Rotary Foundation 2004/2008 and a past RI Director.

Cost will be \$22 per head

Limited seating - so please book early when invitations are sent out.



DISTRICT 9500 Inc.  
2008 CONFERENCE  
BAROSSA VALLEY  
18 - 20 April 2008

## CONFERENCE CORNER

Your 2008 Conference has been arranged to be very economical, providing plenty of options, according to what you are prepared to pay for. In addition to the several **Sport & Tours** options available for you on the Friday (see last month's 'Corner') there are:-

**Fri evening:** – \$12.50 for Light Dinner Reception and Official Mayoral Welcome – before joining everyone else for the Opening Ceremony and first Plenary Session;

**Sat Morning:** – join us at the Faith College for entertainment and a great Aussie breakfast (catered for by **RC Barossa Districts**) for \$15.00, with table groupings up to you;

**Sat Lunch:** – \$15.00, catered by the Convention Centre, between the morning and afternoon plenary sessions;

**Conference Dinner:** – at the renowned Showgrounds Hall in Tanunda - \$49.50 for a special **German Feast** of Grilled Kassler & Chicken Breast plus Apfel Strudel & cream all to traditional German Oompah Music - **Come dressed for the occasion, if you wish!**

**Sun Lunch:** – Farewell old and new Rotary friends, \$14.50 for BBQ incl. steak & bratwurst (catered for by **RC Barossa Valley**).

We will soon be sending Registration confirmations and will give you the opportunity to select which of these options you wish to include to make your conference experience one of the best that you've ever had!

## Water and sanitation

An excellent DVD is now available which shows various aspects of RI President Wilf's emphasis of water projects this Rotary year. DG Kerry urges all Clubs to obtain this disc. The cost is \$5 and orders can be placed with me either by phone or by email on [pee.kays@bigpond.com](mailto:pee.kays@bigpond.com).

As both Zone 7 and D9500 District Water Resource Coordinator, I wish to keep a register for future use or reference by any Clubs in D9500 and other Districts in Zone 7, so would any Club that is currently involved in a water project (or is planning either a water or sanitation project) let me have full details and information promptly.

Safe Water Saves Lives committee is promoting a range of products which can be used either separately or in conjunction with the solar water purifiers. All products can assist in supplying clean healthy drinking water to needy people in developing countries.

If Club Programme Directors are looking for a Guest Speaker on water projects, please contact either myself or President-Elect Graham Fussen, Chairman of Safe Water Saves Lives committee, whose details are shown in the District Directory.

**PDG Peter Rostron, Water Resources Coordinator**

## What's happening in youth exchange

A briefing weekend was held recently, in conjunction with District 9520. It was a weekend of great excitement and anticipation as everyone gathered to learn more about the adventures ahead.

Outbound students heard from recently returned students about the adventures they had while away. They had an opportunity to meet and talk with Alexander Downer, who was a guest speaker. They were given lots of information from the travel agent, including the dates they are leaving in January 2008. This seemed to make it all so real, and you could sense the excitement!

The inbound students had a morning of ten pin bowling, which provided a great opportunity to meet up, as they have only recently arrived in Australia. A few returned students accompanied them and you could sense their excitement as well, as they could once again speak their second language.

I stood and noted how this amazing program brought together Rotarians,

parents and excited inbound and outbound exchange students and it reminded me of why I am involved with Youth Exchange.

Whether we send and receive 6 or 60 young people to experience this program, it's worth every bit of effort to make a difference to the lives of these students and their families.

**Angela Close, Chair D9500 Youth Exchange Program**



**D9500 2008 Outbound students (left to right): Jerren (Switzerland), Kate (Germany), Lachlan (Belgium), Caitlin (Denmark), Kath (France), and Madeline (Brazil)**

## Excitement at Roxby

DG Kerry and I had the delightful experience of visiting Roxby Downs on 14-15 September, 2007, to canvas the possibility of Roxby chartering a Rotary Club or setting up as a satellite club. Port Augusta Rotary Club has enthusiastically embraced the challenge of sponsoring the rising Roxby Club.

Roxby is a unique town with a growing population. The average age is 29 years young and the equivalence of the total population turns over each 5-7 years. There are 65 clubs in Roxby, of which 59 are sporting clubs. Hence, Rotary will have to fit this unique Roxby environment for Rotary to be sustainable into the future. After our visit, we believe this to be achievable.

The core group is outstanding, with considerable influence in the town and in-depth knowledge of the needs of its residents, and where Rotary may be able to help. Roxby is a town of youth, and youth needs are a key.

A date for an interest/launch meeting has been set for Monday, 22 October 6.30 for 7.00pm. It is hoped that this meeting will pave the way for this prospective club, either in its own right or as a satellite of Port Augusta.

If YOU have contacts in Roxby or you know people that will be interested in this Rotary path, please contact me.

**Warren Hobbs,  
D9500 Membership Chair,  
[whobbs@shd.com.au](mailto:whobbs@shd.com.au)**

**Membership Chairman -  
not membership in the wilderness!**



## District 9500 Attendance Report August 2007, by [Colin Pudney](#)

Club	Members		Rank
	31.8.07	%	
Adelaide	181	51.54%	42
Adelaide East	43	66.18%	34
Adelaide EDGE	37	NR	
Adelaide Light	50	67.51%	32
Adelaide Parks	19	63.20%	37
Adelaide South	31	64.00%	36
Adelaide West	27	75.65%	24
Alice Springs	49	74.80%	25
Alice Springs Mbantua	22	77.67%	20
Barossa District	18	80.55%	15
Barossa Valley	62	83.67%	10
Charles Sturt-Grange	20	73.19%	27
Clare	46	80.29%	16
Elizabeth	18	NR	
Enfield	10	82.50%	11
Flinders Park	9	76.00%	24
Gawler	54	96.51%	2
Gawler Light	33	76.75%	23
Golden Grove	12	83.75%	9
Henley Beach	32	69.20%	30
Hindmarsh	11	72.73%	28
Kangaroo Island	15	NR	
Kapunda	13	70.83%	29
Kidman Park	43	68.50%	31
Largs Bay	32	82.00%	12
Maitland	29	58.88%	40
Mawson Lakes	16	69.23%	29
Modbury	19	65.10%	35
Munno Para	12	92.50%	3
North Adelaide	33	62.52%	39
Nthn Yorke Peninsula	21	77.50%	21
Peterborough	23	80.26%	17
Playford	14	98.46%	1
Port Adelaide	32	NR	
Port Augusta	26	84.36%	8
Port Lincoln	61	63.00%	38
Port Pirie	56	79.59%	19
Prospect	42	67.40%	33
Prospect Sunrise	20	81.60%	13
Regency Park	17	87.50%	6
Salisbury	17	92.50%	3
Stuart-Alice Springs	22	NR	
Tea Tree Gully	23	80.20%	18
Thebarton	24	88.60%	5
Two Wells	9	NR	
Walkerville	21	55.24%	41
West Lakes	30	86.12%	7
West Torrens	13	NR	
Whyalla	25	81.00%	14
Whyalla Norrie	7	79.00%	20
Woodville	25	NR	

**DISTRICT TOTAL 1524**

### WEBSITE UPDATE

Some members have already accessed our new website site to view the District Governor's Newsletter and other information. The site is hosted and run by Clubrunner, a Canadian company. Many Rotary Clubs worldwide are using the Clubrunner format and we suggest that clubs interested in organizing their own site, take a look too! You can access a link to Clubrunner through our District website [rotary9500.org](http://rotary9500.org)

## The straw that broke the camel's back!

Early September saw about 30 Rotarians and partners nominated to raise funds for their clubs by personal exertion at the Royal Adelaide Show.

An initiative of President-Elect Graham Fussen, (Tea Tree Gully Club), it was put to Group 6 clubs to provide the opportunity for members and partners to work a nominal 5½ hour shift cleaning sheep pens in the Sheep Pavilion in readiness for the imminent arrival of the next contingent of sheep.

Tools, gloves and masks would be provided. What had not generally been appreciated was that there are about 600 individual pens in the Sheep Pavilion. This statistic is now well understood!

Members and partners from the Rotary Clubs of Tea Tree Gully, Golden Grove, Modbury, Adelaide Parks and the proposed club of Makin EDGE accepted the challenge. A chartered bus was used to ferry the workers to and from the showgrounds.

It has to be said that the return trip was a subdued affair with many nursing aching bodies, and few would have needed to count sheep in order to drop off to sleep that night, after their shift.

It is anticipated that when funds are disbursed each club will receive almost \$100 per participating member.

*Keith Rendell, Assistant Governor - Group 6*



**The task is completed! PDG Trevor Grasko shows elation and Maxine exhaustion.**

## Developing a club history .... part 1



*From time to time I am asked what clubs should do about recording their history, so I thought a few notes might be of help to some clubs.*

Firstly, appoint a Club Historian. This Rotarian needs to have an interest in club history and be prepared to remain in the position for some years. He or she should also be able to co-opt other members when help is required.

The most valuable sources for club history are the weekly Club Bulletins, Board Meeting Minutes, photographs, local papers, talking to senior members, District Governor newsletters and Club Committee minutes or reports. Many clubs have problems with storage of material. This could be overcome by having a filing cabinet at a member's premises or by using modern technology storage. Ensure that all material is dated, with any important details highlighted. Photographs need to have details noted on the back. Devise a simple, practical filing system. It may be necessary to make a selection of what is kept which requires a careful, thoughtful culling system.

Club History can be used very effectively in adding to programmes and the general life of a Club. Historical material can be inserted as regular items in Club Bulletins; used to celebrate club anniversaries; display portions of the historical collection at meetings; develop a short history spot in the Meeting Agenda; publish a club history; conduct an interview with a long-standing

member at a meeting. These are but a few ideas on how to use club history in the life of your club.

There are a number of clubs in our District who are doing excellent work in the preservation of their history. Should you want to make contact with any of these, get in touch with me and I can direct you to an appropriate source. Please note that my correct e-mail address is [pcbri@esc.net.au](mailto:pcbri@esc.net.au) and not that in the District Directory.

*Colin Brideson OAM, District Historian*

## The Voice of Rotary - October

Broadcast on 1197am RPH Adelaide from 7.30 to 8pm each Tuesday and presented by Malcolm S Elliott (RC Adelaide).

- Oct 2 Rtn Wally Young, RC West Torrens Rotary – Hands on helping The Advertiser Sunday Mail Blanket Appeal
- Oct 9 Rtn Stephen Yarwood, RC Adelaide Edge From Group Study Exchange participant to Rotarian
- Oct 16 Bill Boyd - Immediate PP, Rotary International "Rotary!"
- Oct 23 DG Kerry Brandt-Wilson with Jenny Bates (Unitingcare Wesley) White Ribbon Day - to eliminate violence against women
- Oct 30 Rtn Ian Brett, RC St Peters Rotary Rummage

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