



## JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

February is World Understanding Month

# District Governor's Newsletter

Rotary International District 9500

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## DIARY DATES

26 January  
Australia Day

27 January  
Founder's Day -  
Anniversary of the death of  
Paul Harris

3 February, Sunday  
Free BBQ and working bee at  
Donations In Kind, 9am start



**Evelyn and I wish you all a very happy and successful 2008.**

January is Rotary Awareness Month, so let's all share our knowledge of Rotary with a friend.

As we reach the half way mark of the 2007-08 Rotary year, DGE Roberta Waterman and Geoff Ellershaw are off to the Rotary International Assembly in San Diego and will be away for most of January. This is the final and most important training program prior to taking office as DG on 1 July 2008. On her return, Roberta will be starting her 2008-09 training program full of enthusiasm and great ideas, working in with RI's new yearly theme and future direction.

We're on track to charter two new clubs early in 2008, Makin EDGE Tea Tree Gully and Roxby Downs. I am hopeful that these two clubs will add at least 50 new Rotarians to our District; added to the general club improvement in membership, we could be looking at a net increase of around 60 to 70 members in 2007-08. President Wilf is sending all new Rotarians a personal welcome letter and an informative brochure; for this reason it is vital that all Club Secretaries keep their new member information up to date on the Member Access section of the RI website (refer to page 137 of our District Directory).

Important dates for January are Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Australia Day and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Founder's Day – the anniversary of the death of Paul Harris in 1947.

Applications for District Governor 2010-11 will be sent to all clubs shortly, so please encourage suitable applicants to apply.

Our District Conference is fast approaching so make sure you have booked and check that your options are indicated. Only the Conference, together with morning and afternoon teas, are included in the general Registration. All meals, including lunch on Saturday, are separate. Get into the fun of our Conference; book for the Jazz breakfast and all the other catered meals. Rotarians are encouraged to bring friends to the Saturday night dinner as well as all other parts of the Conference.

## FREE BBQ at DONATIONS IN KIND

Sunday, 3 February - D9520 DG Peter Ochota and I will be hosting a *Super BBQ Working Bee* at DIK! All Rotarians and friends are welcome to join in the fellowship and take part in cleaning up the site. Please bring an old lawn mower, angle grinder, power saw, rake, hammer, pinch bar and the like; if you'd like some timber for your club to cut up and give away or sell, please bring a trailer. The DGs will put on bacon and eggs from 10am, lunch at 1pm, plus morning and afternoon tea and coffee. If you haven't been to DIK before, contact a committee member for direction, or see mud map & pic. Page 5. ( ref: UBD Map 51 J14).

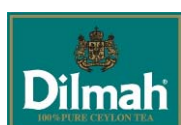


We're hoping for as many workers as possible to make a real impression on the site, to let clubs see the improvements first hand and how they can help in the future. For catering purposes, please advise Norm O'Flaherty if you and your club members can make it, on 81650955, 0417882736 or [norm46@bigpond.com](mailto:norm46@bigpond.com). Let's **Share Rotary** at DIK.

Rotary Clubs willingly support other charities. Can I encourage Presidents and Clubs to consider financially supporting our Rotary District Committees early in the New Year? This way we can guarantee that District 9500 projects will be better funded and able to do better work. The following projects could benefit from your support – RYLA and RYPEN, SA Science and Engineering Challenge, ARHRF, Indigenous Health, Preserve Planet Earth, Rotary Youth Exchange, Concentrated Language Encounter, RAWCS, DIK, RAM, SWSL, ROMAC, The Rotary Foundation, GSE, the Peter Sutton Fund ... and the list goes on. Please remember to put Rotary Projects at the top of your support list in 2008.

Let's all enjoy January by drinking and driving with care and remember to take power naps when driving long distances.

DG Kerry



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## The Rotary Foundation of RI

### 'Every Rotarian Every Year'



Thank you to all who have supported The Centurion Club for the first six months of 2007-08. A total of \$11,509 has been donated through TCC to the Annual Programs Fund of the Rotary Foundation. These donations support the humanitarian work of 'OUR FOUNDATION' here and overseas. Indications are that we will exceed \$30,000 (via The Centurion Club) in personal donations by the end of June 2008, which would be an excellent result. Remember, for a minimum of \$100 per year you can become a Centurion and, for as little as the same amount, continue your membership. All monies are deposited into The Australian Rotary Foundation Trust and are tax deductible.

It is good to know that The Rotary Foundation is seen by many supporters as 'the charity that gets things done'. The recent support by 'The Gates Foundation' of US\$100 million towards the final thrust to eradicate polio is testament to this statement. Bill Gates has stated that no other charity has taken up the challenge with world health issues like Rotary has. The Bill and Melinda Gates

Foundation has given much more towards our polio program than this recent gift.

I've heard some interesting comments regarding Paul Harris Fellows (not Fellowships). Whether they are presented by a club, as an award, or received as the result of a personal donation, their status is equal and so it should be. There is no need to have two different 'awards' as many have advocated. You cannot purchase a PHF as some have said. The Rotary Foundation is a charity, not a seller of goods. You can only donate monies to TRF – whether given personally or by a club, the result is the same. The real award to the recipient or the real reward to the giver is in knowing how others will benefit as a result of the donation.

Welcome to another new member from The Rotary Club of Port Pirie in President Elect Neville Ferme. Foundation directors in clubs are encouraging donations to 'OUR FOUNDATION' and I thank them for their efforts.

Please continue to send all donations to the undersigned.

PDG Robert Brookes – District 9500 Foundation Chair

### Called to Higher Service

Sadly we report the passing of Rotary Club of Elizabeth long standing member, **Wes Robinson**. President 1991-92, PHF 1997, Wes commenced his Rotary life in Naracoorte in 1970 before moving to Elizabeth where he was active in local government and Town Clerk of Elizabeth for 9½ years. His humour and knowledge of Rotary will be sadly missed.

The Rotary Club of Northern Yorke Peninsula reports the passing of Rotarian and Past President **Keith Rodda** after a long battle with cancer. He will be sadly missed by all Rotarians who knew him.

Rotarian **Karch Ram Bawn**, member of the RC of Adelaide West, passed away 28 December after a long illness. Her body was unable to keep up the fight.

### The Voice of Rotary January Program

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

- Jan 1 Malcolm S Elliott (Adelaide)  
*A roundup of Rotary*
- Jan 8 Rtn Geoffrey Ashton (Glenelg)  
*Rotary, Apex, the Adelaide Rep, and more*
- Jan 15 Rtn Joy Thorn (Largs Bay)  
*Learning Assistance Program*
- Jan 22 Rtn Robert Elliott (Burnside)  
*The Rotary Club of Burnside*
- Jan 29 PP Bob James (Thebarton)  
*Mentoring – for Young Achievement Australia*

### 'FREE' magazine advertises Rotary

Greg Denton is an interesting man. During recovery from a serious injury he came up with the concept of a magazine that listed all the free activities available in Adelaide. Of course, it had to be as free to the public as the places and services it listed. With a great deal of enthusiasm Greg successfully set about finding advertising to pay for his

dream. He spoke to everyone – including the Rotary Club of Adelaide Parks. Greg returned to "Parks" a week later to listen to a talk about The Rotary Foundation and insisted that everyone should know about Rotary. Greg generously donated the centre two pages of the December 140,000 print run to advertise Rotary. Copies of 'FREE' magazine can be obtained from Bank SA, Libraries, local councils and Hungry Jacks.



Greg Denton at the 'FREE' Magazine launch

### Toy Boys bring Christmas cheer



There's a warehouse in our western suburbs that looks like Santa's workshop. It's called The Toy Factory and is inhabited by a group of volunteers from the RC of Charles Sturt Grange and their friends; they call themselves the Toy Boys. These volunteers come together to make wooden toys that are distributed through the various charities at Christmas time, so that underprivileged children need not go without at this magical time of the year.

It all started in 1992 when retired cabinet maker Ron Bettison invited a few Rotarians around to his shed to make some toys for charity. But the Wednesday morning sessions became so popular that within two years they couldn't all fit in the shed. When a friend offered them the use of his old warehouse, the operation moved to another level. The Ellis family still generously allows the use of the workshop by the Toy Boys, without which the venture would not be possible. It is very much appreciated by the Rotary Club and District 9500.

Every Christmas these Rotarians distribute hundreds of toys, all of which are given free to the underprivileged. The toys range from wooden animals and trucks through to CD holders and jewellery boxes, suitable for toddlers through to mid-primary aged children.

Our recent TRF Trustee, Rolf Horndler, was very impressed at the marvelous array of handmade toys and the manner in which they were distributed to needy families for Christmas. Hopefully the children who receive these toys get the same pleasure from them as the volunteers who made them. Now that the 2007 batch has been distributed, it won't be long before these Toy Boys will be back at work industriously producing toys for Christmas 2008.

## Huge crowds thunderstruck

Almost 5000 people packed the Gawler Paceway on Saturday, 10 November, for the inaugural Gawler Barossa Tractor Pull.

With overall profits exceeding \$90,000, the event was a huge success for the Rotary Clubs of Gawler and Gawler Light. "It was not beyond our hopes, but it was beyond our expectations," Gawler Rotary Club President Wayne Murphy said. "It will definitely be on the calendar for Gawler next year, hopefully at the same venue."

Around 120 volunteers helped run the day and did their best to cater for a crowd that was almost



This V12 Rolls Royce 'Riverina Screamer' was a highlight.

double what they expected. There were lots of families; a lot of people were quite amazed at what a tractor pull event was really all about. The grandstand was full and people were lined up three or four deep along the track itself, in the dust and the smoke and getting really close to the action.

"If we can keep an annual, successful event going, we'll be able to keep putting lots more money back into the community," Wayne said. The money will be divided between the two clubs and put towards local and overseas projects.

*Edited from The Gawler Bunyip Newspaper article*

## Youth Exchange 'Outgoing 2008'

Early December saw the annual Exchange Student briefing at Pt Pirie with the outgoing students meeting discuss and finalise arrangements before leaving in January on their year long exchange. Current Inbound students Peter Boytler, from Denmark, sponsored by Port Augusta, and Alex Hick, from Belgium, sponsored by Pt Pirie, came along to help answer questions.

The program included talks from current host Mum, Gerry Chivell, Sue Humphrys, whose daughter is currently an exchange student in France, current exchange students, Peter and Alex, and seminars on luggage, insurance and other necessary sur-

vival skills. The lunch provided by the Rotary Club of Port Pirie was splendid and, during this break, time was spent discussing some ideas about what to expect on the exchange.

The following students have made it through the process and were at Port Pirie for the briefing:

Jerren Heng	RC Adelaide	Switzerland
Lachlan Haynes	RC Port Lincoln	Belgium
Caitlin Martin	RC Gawler Light	Denmark
Kath Grace	RC Kidman Park	France
Madeline Johnson	RC Port Augusta	Brazil
Kate Ramsay	RC Largs Bay	Germany

The program has reached a low ebb and, with only 6 students leaving on exchange this year, this is one of the lowest counts of students sent away by this District.



Back (l to r): Jerren Heng, Lachlan Haynes, Caitlin Martin  
Front (l to r): Kath Grace, Madeline Johnson, Kate Ramsay

If your club would like to be involved in this program in any way, please contact one of the committee members listed in the District Directory.

*John Clements, D9500 Youth Exchange Committee*



## Historical Gold

Amongst a box of historical material from the RC of Gawler was a bound copy of Dist Governor newsletters from March 1954 to May 1960.

This find is pure historical gold. The 1950s was a period of great growth for Rotary. In March of 1954 there were 26 clubs forming District 33. By May 1960, the new District 250 had grown to 51 clubs. This growth is very impressive, but so, too, were the high attendance averages which continually reached the low 80s. One report spoke of a President

who was disappointed that his club's average for a month had dropped below 85%! On further reading, one becomes aware of the enthusiasm of clubs to perform Rotary Service in their communities and the close sense of belonging to a Rotary family, displayed by the older clubs helping the new clubs. Rotary was on the move.

The lot of a DG was fairly onerous, for his District covered all of SA, Darwin and all of Victoria, from the SA border to Ballarat. At the time there were 24 South Australian clubs (including Darwin) and 27 Victorian.

District Conferences were well attended. For

Unley), was hosted by the Broken Hill Club, which had 34 members and only in its third year of existence. Registrations had to be limited because of accommodation problems.

Thanks to the foresight of those early Gawler Rotarians this historical gold enables one to gain a very clear picture of the history of Rotary during a period of great expansion. Sixty years on there are many instances of projects, planning and the 'Spirit of Rotary' that could help clubs today. As we now preserve our history we too are saving historical gold for the future.

*PP Colin Brideson OAM, District Historian*

## Rotary Club Constitution and Bylaws

The new **Standard Rotary Club Constitution and Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws** are included in the new "Manual of Procedure" one copy of which has been sent to each Club by RI. For additional copies of the MOP for your Club, pre-paid orders (by c/card or cheque at US\$8.00each - put "exchange rates" in the search box on the RI website) can be sent to Michelle Fuller: PO Box 1415, Parramatta NSW 2124, 02 9635 3537 or [Michelle.Fuller@rotary.org](mailto:Michelle.Fuller@rotary.org)

Anyone else wishing to review the new MOP, can check the "Link to RI Policy Documents" on the District website at [www.rotary9500.org](http://www.rotary9500.org) - check the "News" column on the RHS. This gives you access to all RI Constitutional documents, including Rotary Code of Policies, and the Manual of Procedure.

**The Manual of Procedure** (a 1.9Mb PDF file) helps Rotary clubs and district leaders understand Rotary by providing concise, easy-to-understand descriptions of RI policies and procedures that are most relevant to their service. The Link above also provides the Manual in eight parts if you only require information on one area.

To answer concerns of Clubs regarding an appropriate Constitution to meet Rotary and SA requirements, we have produced a version that is now available on the District website - check the "News" column on the RHS. There is also a copy of the Recommended Rotary Club Bylaws for Clubs to amend and use.

*Reg Hutchinson, Club Administration Chair*

## District 9500 Attendance Report November 2007

Club	Members	Members	%	Rank
	30.6.07	30.11.07		
Adelaide	179	185	49.45	41
Adelaide East	40	46	66.11	34
Adelaide EDGE	37		NR	
Adelaide Light	49	31	70.44	31
Adelaide Parks	19	19	77.4	19
Adelaide South	33	31	64	37
Adelaide West	27	28	73.48	24
Alice Springs	48		NR	
Alice Springs Mbantua	22		NR	
Barossa District	17	18	86.1	9
Barossa Valley	63	62	71.42	29
Charles Sturt Grange	21	18	75.95	20
Clare	46	47	78.21	17
Elizabeth	18		NR	
Enfield	12	11	87.88	7
Flinders Park	10	9	72	28
Gawler	59	56	93.44	2
Gawler Light	34	32	86.5	8
Golden Grove	11	12	82	12
Henley Beach	34	33	71	30
Hindmarsh	11	11	79.55	15
Kangaroo Island	15		NR	
Kapunda	13	13	81.25	14
Kidman Park	43	44	77.75	18
Largs Bay	33	29	88.2	6
Maitland	31	34	73.8	23
Mawson Lakes	14		NR	
Modbury	17	18	57.35	39
Munno Para	11	12	92.5	3
North Adelaide	35	37	58	38
Nthn Yorke Peninsula	16	22	70.25	32
Peterborough	23	23	74.73	22
Playford	16	15	92.31	4
Port Adelaide	32		NR	
Port Augusta	24	24	79.17	16
Port Lincoln	61	60	73	25
Port Pirie	57	57	84.43	11
Prospect	41	44	69.7	33
Prospect Sunrise	21	21	95	1
Regency Park	17	20	81.8	13
Salisbury	23	21	85.7	10
Stuart-Alice Springs	22	22	64.5	36
Tea Tree Gully	23	24	72.5	27
Thebarton	24		NR	
Two Wells	9		NR	
Walkerville	20	20	73	26
West Lakes	32	31	75.89	21
West Torrens	13	12	89.53	5
Whyalla	25	22	65.5	35
Whyalla Norrie	7		NR	
Woodville	26	26	52.52	40

DISTRICT TOTAL 1534 1300

### Meeting Amendments

The Rotary Club of Gawler now meets at *The Gawler Rotary Room*, Gawler Sport and Community Centre, Nixon Terrace, Gawler.

The District Governor's February issue may a few days late as the Editor is going on holidays at the end of January. Yay!



## ARHRF Dinner

The dinner held at the Shores Convention centre on 1 December was the first time that we were able to enjoy this event in Adelaide. The object was to bring about awareness of the importance of the significant contribution made to the health of Australians through the various programs of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund.

Past Chairman, Ian Oliver was recognized for his past service on the district committee and for his achievements as Director and Chairman of the Fund over a period of 7 years. Ian was presented with a gold companion award. District chairman Dr Dick Wilson, now Regional Coordinator, was presented with a companion award for his significant work done in supporting the fund and as an enthusiastic cyclist, having raised several thousand dollars in leading bike rides to district conferences. The presentations were made by the recently appointed Director for the Central Region, PDG Allan Wilson.

During the evening guests heard from recent PhD and Indigenous Scholars who provided

an insight into their work and research. International speaker, Professor Annette LaGreca, has made a substantial contribution to building knowledge about child and adolescent reactions to natural disasters and terrorism including research following the 2005 Eyre Peninsula Bushfire in South Australia. Her knowledge has been gained in part from involvement in major international disasters and her talk was testament to the need for the continuation of efforts in mental health, particularly with respect to children.

A silent auction generated much interest. The auction raised \$1936 and a table raffle contributed another \$538 with every table winning a prize. The evening was enjoyed by 130 guests, including representation from Emergency Management and Disaster Recovery and the Medical Profession.



Prof. Annette LaGreca with District 9520 PDG Ian Oliver

### Leader in waiting!

A very successful 42<sup>nd</sup> Institute and GETS training was held in Ballarat recently. The Institute was fortunate to have Incoming Rotary International President DK Lee participate and meet and greet the delegates, in particular his incoming batch of 23 District Governors from RI Zones 7a and 8 in Australia and the near Pacific Islands.

The incoming president was greeted and addressed affectionately as "DK" (certainly sounds better to our ears than "Dong Lung") and he spent a great deal of time with his incoming Governors at a private dinner inside Sovereign Hill where he relaxed and wore the group's yet to be seen new International Shirt which was to have had its first airing in San Diego; and at a breakfast where he adeptly fielded in-depth questions on many interesting areas.

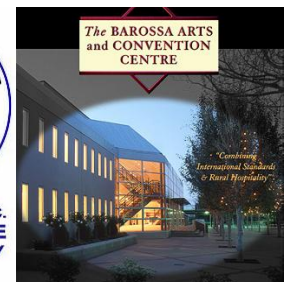
DK is from Korea, and has worked hard (and succeeded) for two years to bring his grasp of English to a high conversational level. In this photo DGE Roberta is seen sitting on his immediate right with DGE Sue Rowell (D9450) on his left.



### Conference Corner



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



Conference Information Flyers have been sent out to every Rotarian in the District.

- *Did you get yours?*

Oh, you did, but you couldn't find the date of the Conference? It was in the 'fine print' under the logo - 18 to 20 April 2008.

**STOP PRESS:** DG Kerry has approved the extension of the Early Bird Discount rate until 14th January.

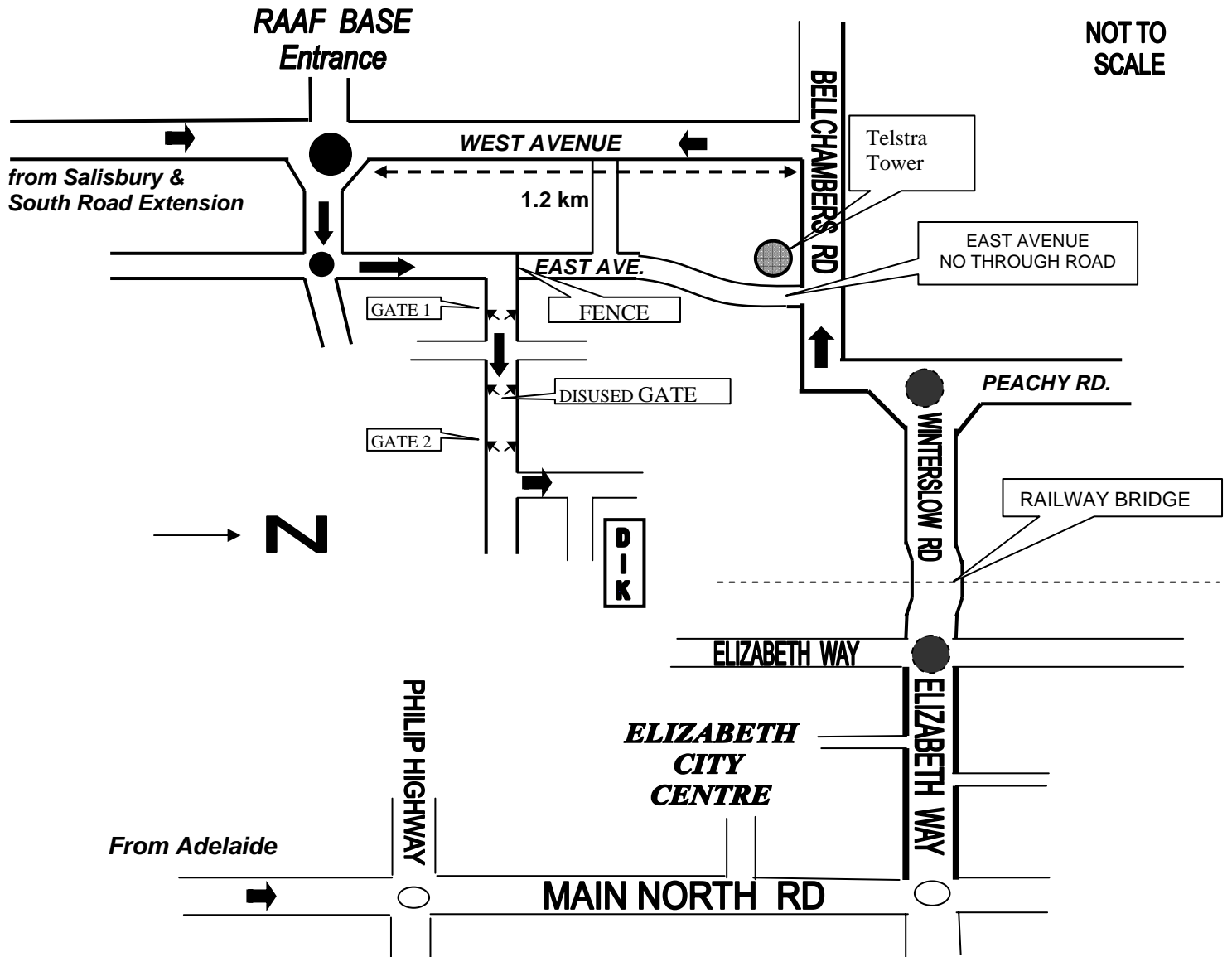
For anything else, check out the District website at [www.rotary9500.org](http://www.rotary9500.org) for all of the latest information!

Registrations need to be received early to indicate your attendance. Selection of your 'options' can be made later - preferably by the end of February. We will be providing details about the 'options' in a few weeks to assist you in your selections.

If you still have any questions don't hesitate to contact me or any member of the Conference Committee as listed in the District Directory.

Reg Hutchinson,  
2008 District 9500 Conference Chairman

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