



February 2026 Edition

Dear Rotarians and Rotaractors from District 9510,

January seems to have come and gone in a hurry.

We are all back into our routines for this year. Though January is typically a quieter month for Rotary, it has been busy with some special events. Priya and I had the opportunity to attend the Victor Harbor art show on the 17th of January. It is always a happy feeling to revel in the success of fellow Rotarians. The Rotary club of Victor Harbor has done an amazing job, as always, in organising this year's art show. Thank you to art show chair Julie Irwin and all the members of RC Victor Harbor for a record-breaking year. Your club has raised over \$2 million for community projects since the show's inception, with recent annual sales consistently hitting the \$300k mark. Keep up the great service to community through Rotary

From Victor Harbor, I travelled to Port Lincoln to see off our second one and all sailing for the year. On the 18th of January, 24 youth sponsored by several Rotary clubs in the district set sail on the one and all for a remarkable experience. David, Pam, Don and the youth sailing committee do a fabulous job of running this great experience. I had the pleasure of meeting some members of Rotary club of Port Lincoln and the President Robyn Rowsell is doing an amazing job of serving the community through both Rotary and the city council, a great example of Uniting for Good. Walking on the President's walkway of Puckeridge park was a deeply satisfying experience. The Rotary Club of Port Lincoln has been the primary steward of Puckridge Park for over 50 years. What began as a "scrub block" in 1973 has been transformed by the club into one of the city's most significant flora reserves and lookouts.

Two positive announcements greeted me on my arrival back from Port Lincoln, the first one was that Past Rotary International President, Jennifer Jones was appointed as President Francesco Arezzo's representative for the Horsham multi district summit. If you were waiting for that one compelling factor to decide on registering for the summit, this is it. It cannot get bigger than this, having Rotary first woman International president and the incoming Rotary foundation trustees chair Jennifer as the Rotary International President's representative is very exciting. If you have not yet done it, please go ahead and register for our multi district summit/conference in Horsham. It is just 42 days away. <https://events.humanitix.com/multi-district-summit-2026>

The second positive announcement is that my wife Priya has identified her partner project fundraising event. She is bringing in her expertise as the General manager of South Australian Bridge Association to organise a bridge fundraiser for Rotary Foundation with the support and organisational assistance of Rotary Club of Morialta. Let us all support this novel initiative and raise funds for our foundation.

Keep Uniting for Good while serving above self.

Kind regards

Rajeev Kamineni

District Governor 2025-26

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UNITE FOR GOOD

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

TAIPEI, TAIWAN | 13-17 JUNE 2026



Registration category	16 December 2025 to 31 March 2026	1 April to 17 June 2026
Club member, nonmember, or guest, age 31 or over	\$575	\$675
Club member, nonmember, or guest, age 30 or under	\$225	\$275
Guest age 5-18	\$30	\$40
Guest under age 5	Free	Free
Saturday, House of Friendship only	\$60	\$100

Register for Taipei





THE MULTI DISTRICT IMPACT SUMMIT.

HORSHAM TOWN HALL, VICTORIA. 27TH – 29TH MARCH 2026.

**DON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S
EXCITING DISTRICT CONFERENCE**

CONNECT with other Rotarians from across Australia.

SHARE stories of positive social impact, locally and across the world.

LEARN how to enhance your Rotary experience, improve your club and serve your community.

- Inspiring keynote speakers.
- Breakout sessions.
- Hands-on projects.
- Spectacular entertainment.
- Stunning facilities.
- Showcase.
- Gala dinner and events.
- Set in beautiful Horsham.

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District 9510

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District 9800

Beyond Bank
AUSTRALIA

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www.rotaryimpactsummit.org





Falls Among Older Adults: The Silent Daily Crisis



To help call for national action on falls prevention, the Rotary Falls Prevention Project has helped to form the recently launched Falls Prevention Alliance Australia. The Alliance has become a Partner in Service with Rotary South Pacific. In compliment with the Rotary Falls Prevention Project, the Alliance is calling on Rotarians and Rotaractors to become a member of the Alliance and join in its work. Use the QR code below to get more information on how you and your club can contribute.



Every 2.5 minutes an older person presents to an emergency department because of a fall

The science is clear – many falls are preventable. Just as campaigns for seatbelt use or sun safety have saved lives, simple, proven strategies can make a difference:

- Strength and balance exercises
- Safer home environments (good lighting, removing trip hazards)
- Community awareness and education

Experts believe that with the right investment, including a mass media campaign, a third of falls could be prevented within 12 months. That's a huge potential win for public health.

The Rotary South Pacific Falls Prevention Project has been developed in response to this.

The Project team are preparing a comprehensive toolkit to equip Rotary Clubs and community groups with resources to call for a mass media campaign and to share the falls prevention message in their communities. It will include:

- A dedicated website
- Educational videos and flyers
- Guest speakers for awareness campaigns
- Clear steps for local action

Stay tuned, the project will be shared with Clubs in 2026. For more information email RotaryFallsPrevention@gmail.com.

Michael Caton video- Click the link below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tLul4AXv0d4>



Bookings Now Open

For

DG Partner Priya's fundraising event for Rotary Foundation's End Polio Campaign

Key message: Everyone's voice and dollar matters in this critical final stretch.

We are still in a fight to reach every child with vaccines. Polio is a "zero-sum" game: as long as the virus exists anywhere, it remains a threat everywhere.

The Risk of Inaction: Experts estimate that if eradication efforts stopped today, the world could see a resurgence of up to 200,000 new cases annually within a decade.

A Borderless Threat: Because the virus is highly contagious and spreads through contaminated water or person-to-person contact, a single traveller can reintroduce the disease to a polio-free country.

One in 200 infections leads to irreversible paralysis. By vaccinating over 2.5 billion children, Rotary and its partners have prevented more than 20 million people from being paralysed. If successful, polio will become only the second human disease in history to be eradicated, following smallpox.

Join us for an event to raise funds to eradicate Polio

Every donation helps us obtain the support, transport, and materials needed in the fight against polio. Right now, every \$1 donated is matched 2:1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, tripling your impact!

Event details: Rotary Pairs Congress Sunday 31st May 2026, 10am to 5pm
held at the South Australian Bridge Association, 243 Young St, Unley

Join us for this red masterpoint bridge congress fund raiser, and make it a day of fun & fellowship for a great cause. Non-bridge players can join a mini bridge sampler session and try your hand at the game in a fun and interactive session.

Cost: \$40 per per person including a BBQ lunch and drink.

To register: <http://myabf.com.au/go/RotaryPairsCongress>



Rotary Promotional Ute

Do you need a ute to promote
a Rotary event?



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Contact David Fenton to learn more about opportunities to promote your event.

Christmas parades, annual shows, fundraisers, art shows, the opportunities are endless.

Drive it and promote the work of Rotary.

Email David - promoute@rotary9510.org



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**FOOTY
TIPPING
2026**


ShelterBox
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**THE 2026 AFL FOOTY SEASON
IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER,
SO SIGN UP NOW TO BE PART
OF THE FUN OF FOOTY TIPPING
2026**

Entry for the Rotary Footy Tipping competition is only \$30.00 !

Half is donated to [ShelterBox Australia](#) supporting communities in crisis.

All remaining funds used for prizes. You win both ways!

- Open to anyone - Rotarians, family, friends, alumni, pets etc.
- There are weekly cash prizes plus bragging rights
- Major end-of-season prizes are set once the number of participants is known
- Tipping is super-simple and you don't need to be a footy expert

How To Join The Fun:

- If you participated last year, sign in at [footytips.com.au](#) OR
- If you're new, sign up at [footytips.com.au/comps/D9510](#) (password: Rotary) OR
- Send an email to footy@magillrotary.org.au for full instructions.
- We'll send you payment details when you sign up
- Get your club members, family & friends to join for the ultimate claim to fame



Recruit leaders for a Rotary Peace Fellowship



NOW OPEN

Applications for 2027-28 **Rotary Peace Fellowships** are now open and will be accepted until 15 May 2026.

This year, Rotary will award up to 170 funded fellowships for experienced peacebuilders to study at one of Rotary's eight university-based peace centres around the world.

Click here for the Peace Fellow [Application Form](#)

The Rotary Foundation partners with universities in England, Sweden, Japan, the United States and Queensland to offer master's degrees and with universities in Uganda, Türkiye, and India to provide professional development certificates in disciplines related to peace and development. The Rotary Foundation pays for tuition and fees, housing and meals, round-trip transportation, and internship and field-study expenses.

Clubs and members have the power to shape the next generation of peace leaders both by recruiting and recommending peace fellows, and by keeping them engaged during and after their fellowships.

Clubs and districts do not need to provide funding to recommend fellowship candidates. Since the Rotary Peace Centres program began in 2002, more than 1,800 fellows have graduated from our programs to serve as leaders in governments, humanitarian organisations, educational and research institutions, and international organisations such as the United Nations and the World Bank.

Members of your club can help by promoting Rotary Peace Fellowships to **qualified candidates**.

Invite suitable candidates to one of your club meetings and refer them to the District 9510 Peace Fellow Selection Committee, or contact Heidi Unferdorben at Rotary Adelaide at secretary@adelaiderotary.com.au





Global Grant Scholarships

To all Rotarians

Do you know of any post-graduate student who is looking to further their education at an overseas university?

Did you know that each year District 9510 supports at least one person through an application to The Rotary Foundation for a scholarship grant of up to \$US30,000 for study at an overseas university.

Prospective scholars should be planning to pursue a career in one of The Rotary Foundation's seven areas of focus, therefore, the prospective post graduate degree should reflect this.

Applications for study this year in August, September or August are now open and will need to be submitted by mid-May.

Click on the links below to find out more:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/scholarships>

<https://clubrunner.blob.core.windows.net/00000050025/en-ca/files/homepage/rotarys-areas-of-focus-brochure/Rotary-s-Areas-of-Focus-Brochure.pdf>

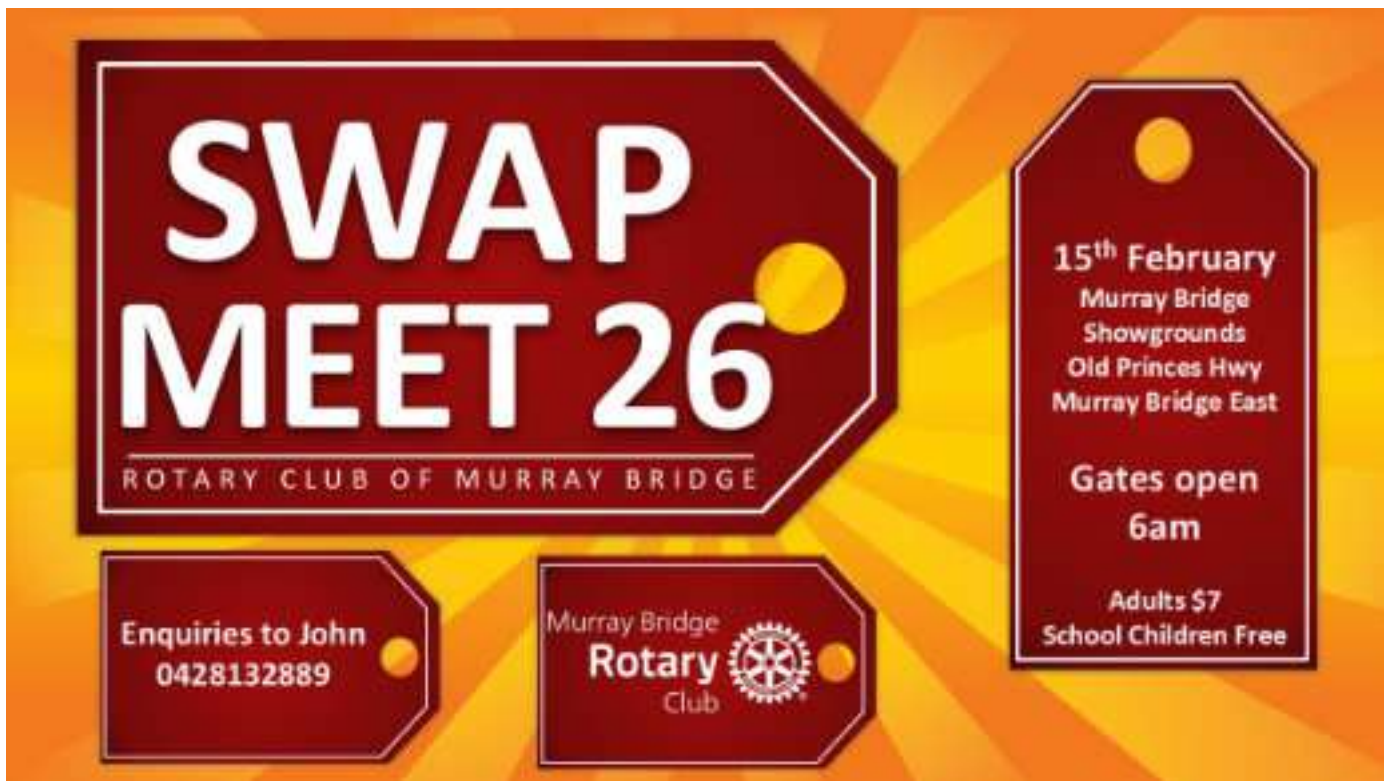
Please spread the word...

Further details can be obtained from Maureen Phillips.

maureen.phillips18@gmail.com

0430 405 137





Who Owns Your Club Name & Facebook Page???

Recently there have been enquiries relating to website domain names expiring and being taken over by other people who can then put whatever they like on YOUR old website.

Separately, there have been instances of Clubs losing access to their Facebook page because the person who set it up was the only administrator and for reasons such as death, disinterest or conflict may not be able to continue in that role. This leaves your Club in a dilemma!

PLEASE CHECK

1. WEBSITE –

Who owns & manages your domain name

Ensure renewals where appropriate are directed to the Club

2. FACEBOOK-

Who is the administrator

Ensure there are at least two current Club members who have been assigned as administrators

Contact Robin - webmaster@rotary9510.org if you need help



Service Clubs Association of SA (SCASA) Inc.



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Presentation Awards Sunday 22nd February 2026

We are pleased to announce the details for the SCASA Presentation Awards, will be on Sunday 22nd February 2026 at 11:30 for 12:00 noon – Cost \$50 per person

Registration is essential on the link below

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1499849>

The venue will be Auchendarroch House, 17 Adelaide Rd, Mount Barker





2026 Rotary Leadership Institute courses

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

We, in District 9510 are invited to access the RLI courses offered virtually by District 9685, with the facilitators based in Sydney. Please consider taking up these excellent, cost effective learning opportunities.

RLI courses offer development opportunities for all Rotary members, newcomers to seasoned leaders seeking to refresh their skills to amplify their impact.

LEVEL ONE: RLI New Member Orientation Program

Supporting clubs to help orientate new members to Rotary, we are offering a 4-hour program which will help new members to begin to understand Rotary International with some hands-on tips on how to navigate the vastness that is Rotary.

Cost is only \$15

Level 1 Schedule

- ❖ via Zoom: Wednesday 25th AND Thursday 26th Feb 2026 6pm – 8.30pm
- ❖ via Zoom: Saturday 16th May 2026 9am – 1pm

LEVEL TWO: RLI Cornerstone Program

This program seeks to have Rotary clubs identify members with more than 12 months Rotary experience, who show potential for future club leadership (within their club and beyond, not just as future presidents) so they can be provided a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills, unique to voluntary organisations, and then apply them with confidence.

Cost: is only \$30 via Zoom (multiple sessions, 10 hrs in total)

Level 2 Schedule

- ❖ via Zoom: Sundays 8th & 15th March 2026 9am – 3pm

LEVEL THREE: Graduate Program

Experienced Rotarians taking their leadership to the next level with advanced knowledge. By bringing real opportunities to the workshop, participants can enhance their impact, through insights from the program and the peer coaching & mentoring from facilitators and fellow Rotary members.

Cost: only \$15 via Zoom (Standalone 6 Hour workshop format)

Level 3 Schedule

- ❖ via Zoom: Wed 22nd & Thurs 23rd April 2026 6pm – 9pm

These courses are delivered by a team of district 9685 facilitators with all support materials provided.

visit -<https://rotarydistrict9685.org.au/sitepage/rotary-leadership-institute> or connect with me.

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(m) 0412305660

Learning and Development Director





**AN EVENING WITH
RENOWNED CRICKETER
HENRY OLONGA**

SPONSORED BY PARADISE MAZDA

**ENJOY HENRY'S
ENTERTAINMENT WHICH
INCLUDES HIS LIFE'S STORY**

Saturday 28th February 2026

6.00pm for 6.30pm start

South Adelaide Football Club

Peter Darley Room

1 Lovelock Dr, Noarlunga Downs

Cost \$45.00 pp

includes 2 Course meal

Alternate drop

Drinks available from the bar



An evening with Henry Olonga

Join us for an exceptional dinner event at the South Adelaide Football Club, where we are honoured to welcome the renowned cricketer and...

<https://www.eventbrite.com>, Feb 26, 2026

Bookings close 20th Feb

**DON'T MISS THE OPPORTUNITY
TO MEET A SPORTING LEGEND**



An Evening with Peter Teahan



FLIGHT TO END POLIO

The **Rotary Club of Barossa Valley** is delighted to invite you to a very special evening as we welcome **Peter Teahan**, international aviator and Rotarian, joining us **live via Zoom** to share his extraordinary **Flight to End Polio** adventure.

Peter has flown thousands of miles across the globe in a single-engine aircraft, using the power of aviation to raise awareness and vital funds in Rotary's global mission to **eradicate polio forever**.

This is a unique opportunity to hear his story **first-hand**, the challenges, the triumphs, and the impact Rotary continues to make worldwide.

Venue: The Hangar, Koch Rd, Krondorf

Home of the **Barossa Airshow**

Date: Monday, 2 March 2026

Time: 6:00 pm

Cost: Free to attend

Catering: Provided by the Rotary Club of Barossa Valley

RSVP: 5.00pm Thursday, 26 February 2026

While the event is free, we **encourage donations on the night**, with **all funds raised going directly to Rotary's End Polio Now campaign**, helping ensure that Polio becomes only the second human disease in history to be eradicated.

Whether you are a Rotarian, aviation enthusiast, or simply passionate about making a difference, this promises to be an inspiring and memorable evening.

Join us, bring a friend, and be part of a global Rotary story.

*Together, we can **End Polio** — forever.*

Free entry tickets are available via the QR code below

OR click on this link to Ticketebo: <https://www.ticketebo.com.au/flight-to-end-polio>

If you cannot attend but would like to donate, there is a donation link on the Ticketebo page.

For more information about Peter Teahan and the Flight to End Polio, click on this link:

<https://www.flighttoendpolio.com/>



Rotary
Club of Barossa Valley





Celebrating
International Women's
Day

Rotary

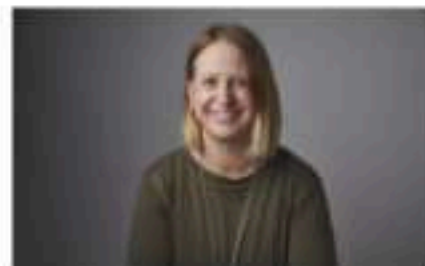


Women In Rotary
SA Chapter

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. In 2026 the theme will be *Give to Gain*.

Wednesday 4th March 2026
7.00am – 9.00am, Top Room at the Arkaba Hotel

Kate Croser
CEO SA Film Corporation



Kate Croser is the Chief Executive Officer of the South Australian Film Corporation (SAFC) following two decades in film and television including as an Emmy Award winning producer. As CEO of the SAFC Kate is responsible for developing South Australia's renowned screen industry and connecting South Australia's voice and identity with audiences globally.

With a strong commitment to progressing gender equity in the workplace, Kate serves as the SA Chapter Chair for Chief Executive Women (CEW) and a member of SA Leaders for Gender Equity.

Kate serves on the SA State Advisory Council for the Committee for Economic Development Australia (CEDA) and has previously served as a board member of Ausfilm, the South Australian Film Corporation, a councillor for Screen Producers Australia and on the University of Adelaide's Creativity and Culture Industry Advisory Board.

All proceeds from the breakfast will support the Zahra Foundation.

Tickets are \$50.00 per person (Plus booking fee) with maximum table groups of 10.

Bookings now open - <https://www.trybooking.com/DGIAL>

Or use the QR code



Please bring your business cards for a door prize. There will be raffle tickets available for purchase at \$5 per ticket.



Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley

GIANT PLANT SALE

WAITE STREET RESERVE BLACKWOOD

SATURDAY 14TH MARCH 8.30 – 1.30

HUGE VARIETY, GREAT PRICES, FROM \$5.00



Our next plant sale will be 2nd May 2026



CLASSICS on the park



Sunday 15 March 2026
10am – 2pm



Thorndon Park Oval, Hamilton Tce, Paradise.
(Food and drinks available for purchase)

(To Register vide TryBooking simply Scan or Click the QR Code, or visit <https://www.trybooking.com/DECJH>)

CAR ENTRY: All Classic Cars must be registered in advance at \$10 per Car vide TRYBOOKING to enter the Show.

PUBLIC ADMISSION: Gold Coin Donation.

⚙️ *Proceeds to benefit Local Country Fire Services* ⚙️



Major Sponsor



The Mazda People



For more information E: classiconthepark@gmail.com
Mob: Sam – 0415 695 888 or Jeff – 0418 807 040





Next Sailing Challenge: **12th - 16th April 2026**



Do you, or someone connected to your club know a young person aged 15 to 18 years that would benefit from facing the life-changing challenges experienced from learning to safely sail a tall ship at sea? Would your club sponsor them?

Cost to club : \$1290

**For more information visit www.youthsailing.com.au
or contact:**

David Binks 0438 221 937 or Don Will 0414 645 402

Check out our video at <https://vimeo.com/828257288>



Rotary  presents
Club of Murray Bridge

2026 - 2 PERSON AMBROSE COMPETITION



(NEW PAR 70 COURSE LAYOUT IN PLAY)

MURRAY BRIDGE GOLF CLUB

**!!!! ADVANCE NOTICE !!!!
PUT IN YOUR DIARY**

THURSDAY, 16th. APRIL 2026

SHOT GUN START : 8.45 am

CONTACT JENNY (0407 239 845) or ROB (0429 678 579) FOR DETAILS

GOOD PRIZES FOR MEN'S "A", "B" & "C" GRADE & LADIES TEAMS



**PROCEEDS TO
"LIFT THE LID"
ON MENTAL ILLNESS**



ENTRY FEE : \$ 55.00 (non M.B.G.C. members) \$40.00 (M.B.G.C. members)

(BARBEQUE LUNCH PROVIDED BY THE ROTARY CLUB of MURRAY BRIDGE INCLUDED IN THE ENTRY FEE - NON PLAYING GOLFERS - \$10.00)

(COMPLIMENTARY TEA/COFFEE BEFORE HIT OFF - EGG & BACON ROLL BREAKFAST - \$6.00)



Scan QR code for more information relating to the need for entrants to sign an insurance waiver & entry details or visit <https://www.murraybridgerotary.org.au/page/2026-ambrose-golf-competition>



Murray Bridge
Rotary
Art Show



April 26th - May 24th 2026

Murray Bridge Regional Gallery

Entries Now Open

Three Categories

2D – Painting

3D – Ceramic / Sculpture

Photography

Visit

www.murraybridgeartshow.com.au

or scan this QR code



DISTRICT LEARNING SEMINARS IN MAY 2026

come and join in

	PELS A	PELS B	DISTRICT ASSEMBLY	
	3rd	30th	31st	

PELS A: 9.30-3.30 - ONLINE VIA ZOOM
PELS B: AFTERNOON - IN PERSON AT = VENUE TBA
DISTRICT ASSEMBLY: ALL DAY - AT ST MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

more details published soon

for urgent information please contact Learning and Development Director, Di Clements
diclements@rotary9510.org or (m) 0412305660



become a Hay Hero

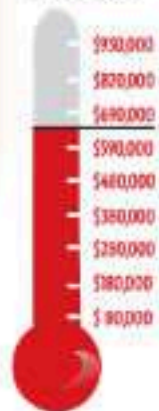
Donate to Help Rotary continue to get Fodder to S.A. Farm Animals well into 2026!

Tax Deductible Donations (VISA / Mastercard / EFT) can be made through our Rotary Australia World Community Service South Australian Drought Relief project



<https://Donations.RAWCS.com.au/42-2024-25>

as at 12 Dec 2025



Towitta S.A. Farmer Mark (in green) is with Hay Truck Delivery Driver Kym (4th Dec 2025) receiving 22 Tonne of Hay for his 650 sheep. 3 Years of drought have taken its toll on farmers' mental health and bank accounts. Farmland in so many areas is still very dry. Rotary will continue to help well into 2026



the Rotary Club of Adelaide Central Inc. are custodians of this S.A. Drought Relief project on behalf of all Rotary Clubs across South Australia and beyond, partnered with Farmers Relief Agency



get involved with Pioneer Adventure Day

Sunday 3 May 2026

Old Tailem Town - Tailem Bend

- Live Entertainment
- Rides for the Kids
- Haircuts
- Physical and Mental Health Checks
- Food & Bevies
- Old Tailem Town Attractions
- Prizes



A Shout Out ... Looking For Compassionate Sponsors

Entertainers • Food & Bevvie Vendors

to help Rotary offer hundreds of farming families and their support communities a day of old fashioned fun to remember again what it's like to relax and smile!

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Queries, offers of help, sponsorship pledges welcome

please contact Project Manager, Rotarian Bill Marles
0410 523 106 - Hay@RotaryAdelaideCentral.org.au





2025 First Prize Winner
Second and Third Prize Monitors
by Gillie Sower

**9-16 May
2026**

CAMPBELLTOWN ART SHOW AND SALE

Entries Now Open

Painting | Pottery | Porcelain
Photography | Youth
Aboriginal and Islander Peoples' Art

Entries Close: 23 March 2026

www.campbelltown.sa.gov.au/artshow



Rotary Peace Education Series (ROPES)

26-28 June 2026

Delivered by the Rotary Peace Centre, School of Political Science and International Studies at The University of Queensland, St Lucia (Australia)



You are invited to join the inaugural Rotary Peace Education Series at The University of Queensland, from 26-28 June 2026. This three-day, in-person program is tailored for Rotarians, their families, friends, and staff interested in enhancing their understanding of conflict resolution and peacebuilding.

Led by experts from the Rotary Peace Centre and Rotary International, participants will explore current research on global conflicts, emerging peace challenges, and the role of gender and youth in these areas.

For more details, visit: [Rotary Peace Education Series | UQ Short Courses](#)





January Classifieds

End Polio - Zone/International update

POLIO IN NUMBERS

<u>Year – Global totals</u>	<u>2025 ytd</u>	<u>2024</u>
Wild Polio Virus (WPV) Pakistan: 30 (last recorded case, 19 September 2025) Afghanistan: 9 (last recorded case, 3 October 2025)	39	99
circulating Vaccine Derived Polio Virus (cVDPV, all variants)	202	463

Data as of 22 December 2025

Insight

The unintended consequences of the PolioPlus program have fundamentally changed approaches to vaccination and led to general improvements in child health across the world.

The focus remains on:

- strengthening disease surveillance (you don't know what you don't measure)
- maintaining political will and neutrality through advocacy (especially in Afghanistan)
- ensuring reliable funding and technical support

We are still in a fight to reach every child with vaccines.

Key message: Every Rotarian's voice and dollar matters in this critical final stretch.

News

Global Leaders pledge US\$ 1.9 billion in Abu Dhabi to accelerate efforts to End Polio and protect children worldwide.

Global leaders, governments, philanthropists, and health partners announced the funding will support vaccination campaigns reaching around 370 million children each year and help strengthen health systems.

Major contributions came from the Gates Foundation, Rotary International, and national governments, significantly closing the funding gap and reinforcing global commitment to achieving a polio-free world.

Read the [news feature](#).





DISTRIBUTION PARTNERS

This year we pay special homage to the incredible teams of Rotary clubs based in Australia and New Zealand.

The relationship with Sheltersuit SA has grown from strength to strength.

The support for Sheltersuit SA has been phenomenal and Rotary club members in Australia and New Zealand have gone to extraordinary lengths to promote awareness of rough sleepers in their respective countries.

We express our sincere thanks to the Leadership teams of the various clubs in Australia and New Zealand and appreciate the media coverage and awareness campaigns that have endorsed Sheltersuit SA Foundation.



Dec2025News

SHELTERSUIT SOUTH AFRICA FOUNDATION

Realisation and Revitalisation

Our partners and collaboration teams have been our best asset, and we acknowledge them with gratitude.

The suppliers who share their expertise and knowledge guide us on the best textiles and accessories for our shelterbags are essential and ensure that every product is perfectly produced, raw materials are reliable and the supply chain is efficient and constant. This ensures that we can delight our customers and that shelterbags are delivered on time, wherever they are needed, around the globe.

To all our supporters, near and far, we have read your emails, loved your gifts and contribution whether in the form of donation of art, waste material and products that can be upcycled, encouragement to keep going, despite the odds, making sure we have the perfect studio space where the team can enjoy daily engagement that inspires and uplifts their spirits – it has all counted and we are blessed!



HOMES FOR HOPE - BEGINS!

I thought I would bring you and your readers up to date with where we stand just before our departure to Cambodia as volunteers to build a small house for a deserving family.

We are almost at the start of our journey to build a house for an underprivileged family near Siem Reap, Cambodia.

After a lot of **Ups and Downs** and false starts it's almost time for our group of 11 volunteers representing 5 different Rotary Clubs in the Adelaide area to leave on the 19th January for the much anticipated start of our building program.

It's been a long time in the planning going way back to last March when the seed of an idea first started to develop in my mind. With the help and encouragement of so many people it's all now coming to fruition.

It's been a long haul getting people interested and engaged with the project and then needing to raise the \$15,000 required to cover the cost of the building.

I have to acknowledge that without the generous support of so many Rotary clubs and individuals this would not have been possible, I know this is what Rotarians do when they come together, but I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

I also must thank the people at the NGO '**New Hope Cambodia**' in Siem Reap for making all the arrangements for the building project, liaising with us regarding our itinerary and making all our hotel bookings and tour arrangements.

The building is a part of an ongoing program they have developed to build desperately needed homes for underprivileged families trying to get ahead and underpinning education for their children and work opportunities for themselves. Not a '**Hand Out**', but a '**Leg Up**' to become self-sufficient.

After we arrive in Cambodia we will have a day or two to acclimatize ourselves and get our bearings before embarking on the building of this modest but much needed home for a family worthy of our support.

We will be working with local builders who will take the lead, but our input will be just as valuable as might be done by an '**Owner-Builder**' and will certainly be '**Hand-on**' with power and hand tools, painting, framing and cladding.

After completion there will be an official handover of the house, household goods, cooking utensils and food to the family. There will be a blessing by Buddhist monks all attended by local government dignitaries.

Once the house build project is complete we will spend about a week enjoying the tourist sights, open markets, foods and cultural experiences that Cambodia has to offer in abundance, along with the friendship and kindness of the local people.

This will be my 3rd volunteer experience to Cambodia but the first to build a home for a family.

We depart from Cambodia on the 4th February arriving back in Adelaide on the 5th a lot humbler and a great deal more appreciative of how lucky we are to live in Australia and what it has to offer I'm sure.

Kind Regards
Mark Carter
Rotary Club of Regency Park.
Chair of 'Homes for Hope, Cambodia Committee'.





The Central RAWCS Region now has a brand new Australians Against Malaria (ARAM) banner.

The Banner which is both colourful and effective, features a mother and child receiving rapid diagnostic testing from a health worker. Millions of cases of malaria have been averted. However, in 2024, there was an increase in the number of cases to 282 million and the number of deaths increased from 597,000 to 610,000, the majority in Africa (World Health Organization, 2025, Malaria Report).

The Banner features a QR code to efficiently donate to ARAM. This is important as underfunding presents a significant barrier to achieving the goal of elimination of malaria .

ARAM has a major role in the elimination of malaria in the South-west Pacific, for example, facilitating dialogue between West Timor and Timor Leste. Timor Leste has eliminated malaria but West Timor has not, every effort is being made to preserve achievements and to improve life for all. A program to apply high quality fly wire to the windows and doors of schools in Vanuatu is about to commence.

My garden has a lot of citrus and mint, which are known mosquito deterrents. You will also notice the rosemary bush. Rosemary oil makes an excellent mosquito repellent according to Pratiwi and Purwati (2021). There is no stagnant water.

Now that I have your attention, would your Rotary Club like a presentation on malaria and the role of ARAM? Mutually convenient times can be arranged.

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Over the next three years, Ngawang endured countless hospital visits, but what she desperately needed was specialist reconstructive surgery, that wasn't available in her small region of Bhutan.

The trauma of the event took a toll on the little girl's mental health, too. Ngawang withdrew from her friends and struggled to keep up with her schoolwork. She felt different from her friends.

Thankfully, an Interplast surgical team arrived in Bhutan and were able to assess Ngawang's injuries. They immediately scheduled her for surgery.

In Bhutan, when a child experiences a burns injury, it can be fatal. The rate of survival is significantly lower than that of a child in Australia. This is simply because they don't have the same medical resources and specialist care and that is why we need your help.

After her surgery, and some ongoing hand therapy Ngawang saw her mobility improve! She was able to rejoin her soccer team, and her family noticed her mood lift and her smile return.

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