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District 9790 Newsletter



Table decoration - Gala Dinner



Houseboat ride on the Edward River in Deniliquin

District 9790 Social weekend Deniliquin 17-19th March 2023

The success of the weekend is as a result of all the hard work put in by committee members over the many months preceding the event led by Chairman Tony Kew. A big thank you to Tony as well as George Maddison, Angela Parker, Doug Parker, Bev Forchi, Di Hand as well as all those Rotarians and Friends of Rotary that helped our before and during the weekend.

It was extremely disappointing to us all as well as a lot of Rotarians across the district to have the conference itself cancelled, however many Rotarians commented that this style of event should also be on the district calendar as it gave everyone a much greater opportunity to socialise and relax as well as see local attractions.

DG David McPherson

Reports and images from the various parts of the weekend are on pages 3-7

DG David

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Ride to Conference



The Ride to Conference had nine riders and eight crew participating. Even though there was a reduced contingent of riders they were still able to raise a phenomenal \$8,500 for Australian Rotary Health, bringing the total raise for the Ride to Conference since its inception to over \$208,000. Congratulations to all riders and crew.

Well done to both George Maddison and Chris Sutton for organising this event.



Ride to Conference participants

Sports Day

Friday was the sports day with participants electing only to play golf. There were about 13 golfers take to the course for what turned out to be a rather warm day.

Winners for the two person Ambrose event were Florence and Brendan Meyer from RC Romsey/Lancefield. They each won a bottle of wine and a pack of golf balls.

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Ruth Koenig Memorial walk

The Ruth Koenig Memorial walk was held on the Saturday with 20 people registering to walk which means there was \$200 able to be donated to the Ruth Koenig charity supported by Yea Rotary club.



Some of the participants on the Ruth Koenig Memorial walk

Houseboat Ride on the Edward River

Saturday also saw around 80 Rotarians take to 10 Houseboats for a ride down the iconic Edward River. The use of these Houseboats were kindly donated by their owners who also gave up their time to skipper the boats (and Rotarians) to their location. We extend a sincere thanks to all those owners for helping make this a spectacular event that I am sure will generate many return visits.

Even though the day was quite warm (39oC) everyone seemed to enjoy themselves as they were kept well fed and watered.



Maybe a bit too much breakfast!



Scones with Jam & cream for morning tea on the River

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Lunch by the Edward River



Tour of the Ute Muster site and Ute Museum

Twenty six Rotarians chose to take a tour of the Ute Muster site where each year more than 10,000 Utes and 20,000 people gather for a weekend of country music and fun.



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Gala Dinner

The Gala dinner was another highlight of the weekend with around 90 people enjoying the evening.

As reported in last months newsletter, Marg Crisp form RC Belvoir-Wodonga was presented with a 'Service Above Self' award which is a great achievement. Once again, congratulations Marg.

Entertainment was provided by a local choir Con spirito Voices as well as local band Ruby Saltbush.

Thanks also to RC Appin Park and RC Milawa-Oxley for loaning their wonderful 3D printed Rotary table centres.



Con Spirito Voices Choir performed 'Imagine'



Ruby Saltbush entertained guests

Sunday Farewell Breakfast



Breakfast at the depot

A Farewell breakfast was provided at The Depot for departing Rotarians. The Depot houses many antique and collectable cars, buses, trucks as well as many other collectables. They are all owned by one man Neville Purtill who has turned it in to a tourist attraction.



Angelina and Tony Salomone with their children Rocco and Eva

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Excellent coverage in the Deniliquin Pastoral Time, the local paper in Deni

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Deni visitation keeps ticking along

We had the Victorian Labour Day weekend and we're gearing up for a big Easter, but in the meantime other events are helping to keep visitation to Deni ticking along.

At the weekend was the Rotary District 9790 conference, which brought about 100 delegates and their partners to Deniliquin for a weekend of social events.

And local organisers say it would have been 300 if Deniliquin's accommodation providers were not already well supported by visitors in the region for other matters.

Those participating could take part in as many or little activities as they wanted, with a charity ride, golf, walks, houseboat rides, museum tours and more on the agenda. The most well supported daytime activity was the river cruise on Saturday, allowing those not used to a very warm day the chance to get out on the water for a slightly cooler experience.

More photos and a wrap of the weekend will appear in Friday's edition.

Weather roulette

It's not really that uncommon for the weather to be a little unpredictable as the seasons change, but it's getting a little hard to keep track.

While much of NSW were asked to prepare for a heatwave last week, local temperatures stayed relatively mild.

That was until the mercury reached almost 40°C on Saturday.

While not as hot, Sunday's 31.4°C was paired with some equally intense rays which had many seeking the cool of the indoors for a rest. But as we went to print yesterday afternoon the temperature gauge was fighting to even get to 24°C.

The rest of this week is predicted to be mild also, with the highest prediction for this week being 28°C on Thursday.

There are thunderstorms and showers predicted for today, tomorrow and Thursday.

Tuesday Talkback

Tell us what happened on the weekend!

Email: deni@deniliquin.com.au or text 0488 700 222

How far would you stretch your taste buds?

A company in Switzerland, 'Wildwurst', has put forward a different alternative this Easter if chocolate is not quite your thing.

A salami Easter bunny is the option they are offering, and some local readers of a *Biddin* page put forward their thoughts on the idea.

One reader said, "It makes me feel uncomfortable" while another reader said, "I would dip the Salami bunny in chocolate for the best of both worlds."

So the question is would you?



A salami Easter bunny made in Switzerland.



District Rotarians and their guests took to the water on Saturday. It was one of many voluntary activities on offer to showcase Deni and district. Photo by Rotarian David Redman.

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FRESH, MARCH 16, 2023

Deni makes an impression on district Rotarians

By Zoe McNaught

Community fundraising and a few special Rotary events were among the highlights of the Rotary District 9790 conference held in Deniliquin at the weekend.

The pre-event Rally to Conference managed to raise \$1000 for the Deniliquin Rotary. The pre-event Rally to Conference managed to raise \$1000 for the Deniliquin Rotary.

Deniliquin Rotarians and District 9790 District Governor David McPherson and the fourth part of the weekend was held on part of the Deniliquin River and included one day presentation.

"We have 90 people at the gala dinner of the RSL, and I was pleased to award a trophy to the team that won the highest amount of votes, which was a surprise to us."

Rotary International.

"There have only been 100 presented at the end of the year, and only one of them have been in Deniliquin."

"I went to the City of Deniliquin."

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In highlighting these and other events, delegates were offered the chance to play golf, visit the Deniliquin site and museum, enjoy a weekend stay and explore the Deniliquin during the weekend.

Rotarians could also explore other parts of Deniliquin at their own leisure.

McPherson said the district was very well supported.

"We had 10 days ago the offer for a banner, and we had it up in the morning, and we were all very happy to see it."

"We really highlighted the district and the district was very happy to see it."

"There were many positive comments and I think people might come back to make use of the site."

Of the 100 Rotarians who supported the weekend, 40 were from outside Deniliquin.

Deniliquin Rotarians Cheryl Miller and Tony Smith at the weekend breakfast at the Deniliquin.

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Deniliquin Rotarians, which includes Rotary District 9790 Governor David McPherson, performed at the weekend dinner.



Deniliquin Rotarians were in Deni and saw Deni's gardens for a lovely afternoon.



Deniliquin Rotarians Cheryl Miller and Tony Smith at the weekend breakfast at the Deniliquin.



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Year 7 2024 Open Evening

Monday 27 March 2023
5:30 - 7:00pm

Year 7 and 8 students from across the region are invited to our Year 7 Open Evening. Meet key Secondary staff and explore our facilities. Parents and Students will have the opportunity to engage in new sessions coordinated by our dedicated Teaching staff.

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Rotarians at the Gala Dinner at the Deniliquin RSL

Register for a free 3-day House of Friendship pass for the Rotary International Convention



Enjoy a 3-day pass, free of charge, to the House of Friendship, where you'll be able to connect with thousands of fellow Rotary members from around the world and have access to hundreds of Rotary project booths, vendors, food, and entertainment at the 2023 Rotary International Convention in Melbourne, Australia. That's right! A complimentary pass valid Monday-Wednesday, 29-31 May, for the House of Friendship*. No additional purchase is required. Here's how you can redeem this special offer:

Option 1 – Fill out this brief [Qualtrics survey](#) with your information by 26 April 2023. Your pass will be ready for you to pick up at the convention center's registration desk (MCEC Exhibition Centre doors 1 and 2).

Option 2 – Visit the registration desk (MCEC Exhibition Centre doors 1 and 2) at the convention center to fill out a brief form and receive your pass on site.

Friends and family are also eligible to enjoy this special access to the House of Friendship, so bring them along to learn what's special about Rotary!

We look forward to seeing you in the House of Friendship. Contact eventsupport@rotary.org with questions.

*Passes are valid for the House of Friendship only. Does not apply to convention registration or any affiliated events.

[Click here](#) to learn more
or key in:
<https://bit.ly/40q1VjN>

Volunteering at RICON23.

We are looking for a team of engaging volunteers (Rotarians and Non Rotarians) to assist with Welcoming delegates attending RICON23. In particular, assistance is sought from clubs close to Tullamarine Airport to welcome delegates from the International Terminal. Guidelines are:

Manning the airport is required for the first three days of arrivals - Thursday May 25th to Saturday May 27th with suggested shifts of four hours. We will welcome you for one four hour shift or multiples thereof.

Peak times are the focus - yet to be confirmed but an early morning and evening shift bracket are likely. Confirmation of times to be made available when established.

Volunteers at the airport shall provide welcome and directional information into the city and hotels and provide assistance with direction to transport options.

Suggested locations shall be inside terminal areas, baggage claim and outside terminal areas to direct to transport options.

Suggested that Volunteers work in pairs - so could be a club activity to volunteer as a team - perhaps one club to volunteer to "host " a night each - meaning three clubs would then spread the load and cover one date each.

Volunteers will not be provided with transport - so suggest one member of the volunteer team could be the designated driver and drop off and collect the team after a shift.

Volunteers attending Tullamarine will not need to be a registered delegate but shall need to be a registered volunteer to be covered by insurance.

Volunteers shall be provided with a RICON23 cap and volunteer Hi Vis vest.

All volunteers shall need to complete training via the Volunteer Learning Centre (opens in January 2023)

Volunteers to register at: rotarymelbourne2023.org

The HOC website also provides more information on Volunteering and Events and activities during RICON23. Volunteers are also sought for the main venues - this information is detailed on the HOC website and I recommend everyone takes some time to read this brief.

Stephen Lamont (PDG)

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Whittlesea Garden Expo 2023

Neither Covid nor wild weather could scupper the long-held dream of one of our Rotary members to bring to life a garden expo in Whittlesea, a small, semi-rural township about forty kilometres north of Melbourne. Although Covid delayed our start by twelve months, planning went ahead full steam. So in 2022, the 'Whittlesea Garden Expo' run by the Rotary club of Whittlesea, was added to the list of Garden Expos around the state.

A grant from the City of Whittlesea, sponsorship from a local business and the assistance from the Rotary Club of Yea (who had years of experience in running a garden expo) got us on our way. We were fortunate enough to have Melissa King present for us and there is no doubt she drew a crowd for us. And as we all know, family members get roped-in to these things, one of whom built a really great website and social media pages for us, this being a huge advantage for our marketing.

But what really warmed our hearts was the support we got from so many other local groups as well as the number of people who were willing to give up their time to volunteer at our event. As a Rotary Club and for no charge, we were happy to give other not-for-profits a chance to raise funds for their own projects. The Expo became a real community event for our town. Even our town traders benefitted from the extra visitors to Whittlesea.

So, our first Expo was held in one of the wildest storms in a long time, with severe weather warnings all week in the lead up. We were gifted with a large water feature in the middle of our display area and lots of mud around the edges but no-one seemed to mind too much. Whilst a few stallholders cancelled, most did not. The intrepid garden enthusiasts also braved the weather to add to their garden or to join us in an impressive line-up of presentations on all things garden. Our hopes to break even on our first Expo were far exceeded and gave us the resources to fund our next Expo.



Chloe Thomson
helping children plant
bulbs



Thel Cardwell, our 'Artist in
Residence'

Our second Expo saw several additions and changes and was bigger and better. The forecourt at the Whittlesea Showgrounds looked an absolute picture with a wide variety of stallholder displays, colorful pots, garden sculptures, plants and garden art. Millie Ross from the ABC's 'Gardening Australia' and Chloe Thomson from 'Sprout School' presented for us and happily engaged with stallholders and members of the public. Nathan Stewart our local beekeeper was also a hit. The success of the children's activities held in the previous year, led us to extend them for this year, and it was great to see excited children taking part in activities. Our very own member, Thel, was our 'Artist in Residence' for the weekend and was surprised at the number of people who stopped to ask her about her work. Our local photography club took photos for us around the Expo and ran two presentations on taking good photos with your phone and good landscape photos.

Our Expo will go from strength to strength in the coming years and we are proud to put on such an exciting event that enables our club to raise money for our projects but also benefits so many others in and around our town. We are already planning our next Expo and would love to hear from anyone with ideas or from prospective stallholders. And we can always do with more volunteers, so if you would like to meet our hardworking, friendly group, get in touch.

April Kidgell
Whittlesea Rotary



Nicky from 'Bob's
Beekeeping Supplies'
brought a hive.



Whittlesea Garden Expo
2023



Millie Ross, from the ABC,
presenting at the Expo

Jack Sterkenburg celebrates 50 years Rotary Service.



Yarrawonga Mulwala Rotary Club held a celebratory Dinner at Club Mulwala on 3rd April Celebrating Jack Sterkenburg's 50 years of Rotary service, which was attended By District Governor David McPherson and Assistant Governor Paul Miegel and wife Meredith. In a congratulatory letter, World President, Jennifer Jones wrote "Your continued passion for Rotary inspires us all and I hope you will continue to inspire your fellow Rotary members to think big".

The Maffra Rotary Club Bulletin of 8th March 1973 records that the President inducted Jack into RC Maffra and wished him "Many happy years in Rotary, Jack"

Jack addressed the gathering with reminiscences of the past 50 years.

Born in 1938 in the Netherlands, Jack Migrated with his Parents and Sister, moving to Moe. He repeated some primary school, to develop his English, then attended Yallourn Technical College, graduating with a Diploma of Civil Engineering, and became a Member of the Institution of Engineers of Australia.

He was deeply involved in Rotary International Service which gave him a great insight into the workings of Rotary and its avenues of service.

Moving to Yarrawonga in 1980, he was appointed Shire Engineer and Building Surveyor, transferring his Rotary Membership to the Yarrawonga Mulwala Club. "The Club was very active and involved in many community activities. I remember some early projects such as delivering Garbage bins to the whole Yarrawonga community on behalf of the council, tree planting on Chinaman's Island, constructing a toilet block at the Open-Air Theatre and operating the early markets at the old drive-in theatre".

In these early years, Jack and wife Jan hosted a number of Foreign Exchange students and, in the 1988/89 year they were selected as District Team Leaders to the first Ladies Group Study team to Texas USA.

As well as attending many Rotary Club meetings, a real highlight was the District Conference at San Antonio. Rotarians were always keen to learn about Australia, as many had spent R&R in Australia during the 2nd World War.

As an engineer he made a point of looking at the oil industries in Texas; exploration, refineries, and the massive canal which ran 80 km to the sea. At the same time Jan, as a nurse, checked out the local health system through visits to hospitals, childcare and ambulance services. And the team members they were leading learned a great deal through their experiences over the five-week period.

In 1990, Jack was elect President of the Club, and continued on The District Committee.

In 2004, a six-man team from our club travelled to Wewak, PNG, and built a residence for the Head of Campus. "At an earlier time, in 1963 in fact, I was part of a CMF Reservist team, that visited Wewak, to build a three-span timber bridge. This we did, very successfully" he said "On the 2004 trip we discovered that it had been bowled over during a massive storm and washed out to sea. Much ribbing from my mates!" Jack is particularly proud of the work done by our Club, supporting our youth; Portsea camps for children, Science Forums in Canberra, Overseas Youth Exchange and support for both P12 and Sacred Heart Colleges.

Local Government amalgamations resulted in his redundancy in 1994/95. "This gave me an opportunity to accept an invitation to become employed as part of a UNHCR team in Tanzania" he said "I spent three exciting and fruitful months in Tanzania, supporting the resettlement of 458,000 refugees from Rwanda, having fled genocide and civil unrest. The urgent need for leadership was richly rewarded by my involvement with the 25 NGOs at our Base in Ngara, 1200 km inland from Dar Es Salaam and my years involved in the Rotary International Portfolio gave me a head start " In recent years he has been a strong supporter of the monthly Markets and has served in several portfolios on the Club's board. The District Governor presented Jack with a Special Certificate of Recognition of his 50 years of Service.



DG David McPherson,
President Cate and
long-time Rotarian,
Jack Sterkenburg



Jan
Sterkenburg



AG Paul Miegel and his
wife Meredith from
Corowa RC



Jack with our
club's elder
statesman, Noel
Loughnan

LUNCH WITH HOLGER AND SUSANNE: *Saturday 3 June*

District 9790 is pleased to have Past RI President Holger Knaack and Susanne as guests at a District Lunch on **Saturday 3 June** at Ella Goose Function Room in Benalla (enter via Denny St carpark). President of Rotary International in 2020-21, Holger is the first German to hold the position. Holger and Susanne have a strong interest in youth especially the Youth Exchange Program. He is currently a Trustee of the Rotary Foundation and we will get an update on the Foundation and it's work during his address.

The cost is \$45 a head for a two-course lunch. A cash bar will also operate at the event.

Bookings for the Lunch will open on 12 April. Don't leave it too late to book.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CHMRK>

Or scan this QR Code for bookings

The event will also see the culmination (by auction) of the limited edition print *"Imagine One's Dream"* from RI President Jones's brother, Darren, with all proceeds going to The Rotary Foundation. Details of this have been previously provided in the District Bulletin and are also on the Try Booking page for the Lunch.



See you at Lunch in Benalla – after the Convention

FOUNDATION MOMENTS

Quick insights into *your* charity—The Rotary Foundation

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- innovative projects that address both **local and global** goals
- outcomes about which members are **passionate**
- results that enhance our **public image** and attract new members.



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The
Rotary
Foundation



Help Rotary recruit peace and development leaders

Applications for the 2024 [Rotary Peace Fellowships](#) are now open!

Each year, Rotary awards fully funded fellowships for dedicated leaders from around the world to study at one of our Peace Centers. Club Presidents and Secretaries have been sent details of the fellowships and urging them and their Clubs to help find suitable candidates.

Through academic training, practice, and global networking opportunities, the **Rotary Peace Centers** program develops the capacity of peace and development professionals to become effective catalysts for peace. The fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and internship and field-study expenses.

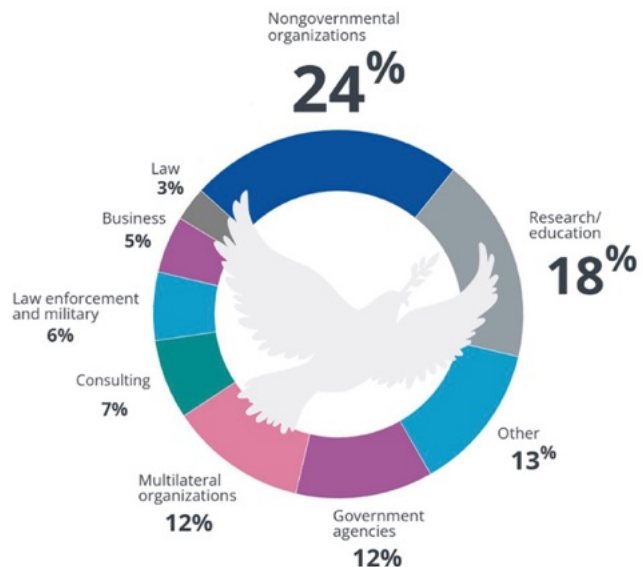
Since the program began in 2002, the **Rotary Peace Centers** have trained more than 1,600 fellows who now work in over 140 countries. Many serve as leaders in governments; NGOs; education and research institutions; peacekeeping and law enforcement agencies; and international organizations like the United Nations and the World Bank.

The Rotary Peace Fellowship is designed for leaders with work experience in peace and development. Our fellows are committed to community and international service and the pursuit of peace. Each year, **The Rotary Foundation** awards up to 50 fellowships for master's degrees and up to 40 for certificate studies at premier universities.

Rotary Peace Fellows use their training to amplify their work at the local, regional, or global level.

Further information is available from Robert Iles (Sunbury), the District Peace Fellows Chair on 0434 245 101 or email: robertil@tpg.com.au OR on this link: [Peace Fellowships | Rotary International](#)

Applications CLOSE on 15 May



WHERE OUR PEACE FELLOWS WORK



THE ART OF ROTARY

BIDDING IS NOW OPEN:

Let's hear from you and support
YOUR Rotary Foundation

"Imagine One's Dream" is the limited-edition print, signed and dated by Darren Jones, a Chicago artist and brother to RI President Jennifer Jones. And your chance to own it is **NOW OPEN**

The "Imagine One's Dream" original painting was a combination of acrylic paints, industrial staples, shredded studio paperwork, plaster and beach sand painted on wooden panel. For this piece, Jones used beach sand from their family cottage in Ontario, and paper he shredded and used from the Rotary website to include the "Objects of Rotary and the Four Way Test." The colour palette was inspired by the colours of Rotary and the 2022-23 Presidential theme.

The numbered print includes a signed Certificate of Authenticity and is valued at USD \$800.

DG David and each of the 530 plus District Governors have been provided with one of the limited-edition prints as a tool to raise money for The Rotary Foundation. The goal is that the prints will help raise anywhere from USD \$500,000 to one million US dollars for the Foundation by the end of June 2023. It's all up to us – and you.

The sale of this limited-edition will be a combination of online which is **now open** and will culminate in a live auction at the Rotary Foundation Dinner on 4 June 2023. The opening bid at the auction will be the highest bid received during the online bidding up to the start of the auction.

HOW TO BID ONLINE:

Email foundation@rotary9790.org.au OR ando.in.yea@bigpond.com with your name, Club and amount. Each bid will be updated on the District social media pages and the current highest bid will be announced in the DG monthly newsletter throughout 2023 until and including the May edition. All bids are in Australian dollars and a bid on your email address is accepted as a valid bid from the 'owner' of that email address.

Youth News

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN) 2023



Friday 30th of March a group of students aged between 14-17 all took the leap by arriving at Kinglake Forest Adventure Campsite to take part in our weekend. We were excited to be back helping young people discover more about themselves and develop important soft skills.

The weekend started off as it always does, a group of 20 or so timid individuals everyone barely saying a peep. By Friday night they were chatty and friendly and wanted to stay awake to not lose time getting to know one another.

Saturday started early much to the dismay of our young participants however after a few group activities our group of young people were bonded and working well together.

We had a fantastic formal dinner organised, created and ran by our 23 participants! We had some entertainment from a few participants who played a variety of instruments and sang vocals.

Sunday was spent challenging the group with some of their newfound skills. During the team debrief we confirmed, as we had hoped, that the weekend had impacted and challenged our future leaders and members of our communities.

Thank our fantastic supporter team for truly making the weekend a joy and in helping with the smooth running.

Till next year!

Nathan Stuart
RYPEN Program Director

A quote from Sally West, team member:
"I get such a high out of doing this, it needs to go for longer. Such a good weekend with such a great group people!"



RYPEN Participants



Sally West, Skye Lacy, Mal Watt,
Alesha Harmer, Duncan Silcock,
Nathan Stuart, RYPEN 2023



Skye Lacy, Alesha Harmer, Nathan
Stuart, Duncan Silcock, Sally West,
Mal Watt

Inaugural Rotary Youth Challenge Sailing Program

Invitation to Victorian District Clubs on the One & All

South Australia's ship the One & All will be in Melbourne in May/June 2023 following her official selection by Rotary International to participate in the Melbourne World Convention.

There are two opportunities to sail aboard a tall ship-training vessel for young people:

- The first longer 7-day special Sailing Challenge will be voyaging around the rugged SA/Vic coastline when the One & All departs Adelaide on Friday 26th May 2023 bound for Melbourne
- The second special 7-day Sailing challenge will be voyaging back to Adelaide from Melbourne departing Sunday 4th June 2023
- Victorian and South Australian young people will be involved in both of these special voyages.

The expansion of the program into Victoria where a Youth Challenge Sail Committee has just been formed offers the opportunity to commence the program into Victoria.

How to participate? Firstly, explore the resources provided on the website and the video, see below. Secondly, have a conversation with your club and decide to be a financial sponsor and thirdly, seek a young person between 15 – 18 years of age to participate.

Website

<https://youthsailing.com.au/>

For further information contact, Youth Challenge Sail Committee Members:

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watt.malc@gmail.com



Inbound River to Sea Adventure

We, the thirteen Inbound Exchange students of D9790, left Corowa for a nine-day adventure after the Rebound weekend in February.

Some highlights of our trip along the Murray River and to Kangaroo Island were:

- Echuca Wharf
- Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement Murray Laser Spectacular – a very cool light show about the Murray River.
- Cleland Wildlife Adventure Park where we were able to wander through native Australian animal enclosures and watch the dingos being fed.
- Seal bay, where we had a private tour. The guide told us about sea lions, and we were able to stand within 10 meters from them 🐾 As we were taking photos of the seals, we suddenly noticed dolphins in the ocean. The guide told us that it only happens about four times a year, so that was a really special moment.
- Raptor Domain Park. There we went to a bird show where we saw many new birds. Some of us were able to hold the birds and take photos with them.
- Vivonne Bay, where we played in the waves.
- Stokes Bay. The number one beach in Australia. To go there, we had to go through caves and rocks; it was really pretty. The beach was beautiful with white sand and crystal-clear water.
- Kangaroo Island Wildlife Park where we saw kangaroos, wombats and many other animals. We were also able to hold a koala, which was amazing!!
- Flinders Chase National Park where we saw some more seals. On our way back we stopped at Remarkable Rocks.
- Kangaroo Island Marine Safari! We had the opportunity to snorkel with dolphins and sea lions. We were pulled behind the boat, with the dolphins swimming past us. We also snorkelled close to a sea lion bay. We were all freezing after getting out of the cold water so to warm up again, we climbed Prospect Hill on the way back, which is the highest point on the island.

We all had a great time and would especially like to thank those who organised the tour and Brian Murphy, Colin and Lorraine Foster and Lauren Murphy for accompanying us.

Thank you, Rotary!!

Inbound Students of D9790 2022-23



A pair of hands, palms facing each other, holding a world map. The map is colorful, showing continents and oceans. The hands are positioned as if they are presenting the map. The background is a cloudy sky.

10 REASONS TO PUT YOUR HAND UP TO HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

1- THE EXPERIENCE

You get to experience another culture without needing a passport. Hosting opens your minds to the world - everything from school to meals and seeing your town through the student's eyes provides opportunities to discover and appreciate diversity, lifestyles and attitudes in a different light.

2. SUPPORT

Rotary take the safety and security of our students very seriously. You will undertake a referee and character check along with a home visit to ensure you and your family environment is suitable to host. Further to this a club councillor will check in on both your family and the student and address any issues or concerns.

3. THE LENGTH

Every RYE student gets 3-4 host families meaning you will only be required to host for 3-4 months.

4. SHARING A CULTURE

From food to music, sport to interests - every exchange student brings their own culture and in turn allows you to share our Australian culture

5. THE NETWORK

Rotary is the most recognised and the only gold standard exchange program in the world. This brings with it a large network of volunteers that assist with ensuring your and the student's journey and experience is the best it can possibly be. On the flipside if it just isn't working, we have the systems in place to act and move quickly - you are never alone.

6. THE FAMILY

Many host families say that opening up the house up to an exchange student is one of the most rewarding things they have ever done. Some say it brought their families closer together others say they now have sons and daughters all over the world. Regardless many walk away much the richer. We just need more families willing to put their hands up and give it go

7. SUITABILITY

Just like it takes all types to be a Rotarian the same applies for host families. Single, full house, empty nesters, same-sex or blended families - as long as you can care for a student, give them love and security then you will be considered - you just need to ask!

A pair of hands, palms facing each other, holding a world map. The map is spread across the fingers and palms, with the word 'WORLD' visible at the bottom left. The background is a cloudy sky.

10 REASONS TO PUT YOUR HAND UP TO HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

8. THE BOND

From getting a school uniform (most often for the first time) to learning to speak English (including understanding our slang!) and trying new things these activities are often entertaining and very engaging.

By treating them as one of your own you are giving them the opportunity to grow into a fantastic global citizen.

9. YOU BECOME PART OF A BIGGER FAMILY

Supported by the Rotary network you will be assisted through your journey. You will get opportunities to meet with other host families. Most of the Rotarians who you come into contact with are previous host families and can share much wisdom and advice on how to navigate the ins & outs of hosting.

10. THE COST

You are not required to assist with personal finances. RYE students are given a monthly allowance and their sponsor Rotary club will cover all associated school fees. You will only be responsible for the costs associated with having them in your home.

One of the most valuable lessons learned when you host an exchange student is that we have far more in common than we realise. Your daily routine becomes theirs and you find that at our core regardless of language or culture we are fundamentally alike and capable of building genuine, meaningful relationships with one another.

The Rotary wheel ensures you are given a student an opportunity to become the best version of themselves to become leaders, innovators and motivators

WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO CONSIDER BEING A HOST FAMILY - TO FIND OUT MORE PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL ROTARY CLUB OR EMAIL chairperson@rye9790.org.au

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**Rotary Youth Program of
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rypen@rotary9790.org.au

Rotex – Contact Rotex by email:
rotex9790@gmail.com, see the
Rotex District 9790 Facebook page.

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Program of ENrichment (RYPEN)** –
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Youth Volunteer Management -
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If you would like further information please contact **Linda Gidlund**
on **0418 173 279** or lleegidlund@gmail.com





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**Rotary International Southern Districts
SHINE ON RECOGNITION EVENT
2022-23**

**will be held on
Saturday, 13th May, 2023
from 1pm to 4pm**

**to recognise and celebrate the volunteer
community work of anyone with a disability**

**VENUE: The Templestowe Baptist Church Hall,
Anderson Creek Rd, Doncaster East, 3109**

Send Completed Forms & Documents Via Email to

EMAIL: lara.barrett.secretary@gmail.com

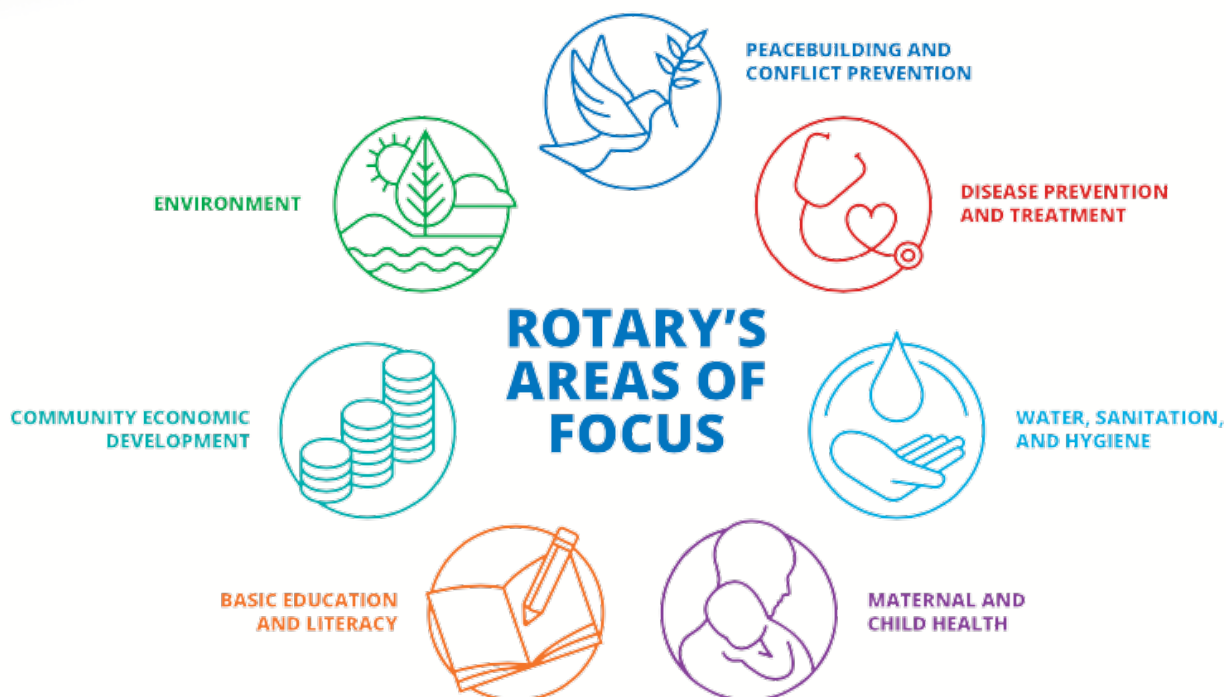
ENQUIRIES: to the Secretary, Lara Barrett

MOBILE: 0416 262 615

CLOSING DATE for Nominations: 1st January 2023



Event	Location	Date(s)	Contact
Shine On Recognition Event (page 25)	The Templestowe Baptist Hall, Anderson Road, Doncaster East, 3109	Event: 1.00 pm, 13 May 2023	Enquiries and nominations to: Lara Barrett M: 0416 262 615 E: lara.barrett.secretary@gmail.com
District Assembly	Benalla	23 April 2023	DGE Neta Kirby
Inaugural Rotary Youth Challenge Sailing Program	Melbourne/Adelaide	26 May 2023	Youth Challenge Sail Committee Members: Linda Gidlund M 0418 173 279 llegidlund@gmail.com Malcolm Watt M 0439 158 274 watt.malc@gmail.com
Rotary Youth Leadership Award 2023	TBA	Sunday, 19 November through & Saturday, 25 November 2023	Kerry Jones, Secretary M 0414 861 557, Email: info@ryla9790.org.au



ROTARY CALENDAR

Visit this calendar throughout the year to find award nomination due dates and convention and event information. Develop meeting agendas, projects, or public image campaigns based on these special occasions. All dates are subject to change.

April 2023

Maternal and Child Health Month

30 April – Rotary International Convention registrations and ticket cancellations are due

June 2023

Rotary Fellowships Month

30 June – Rotary Citation for Rotary Clubs Award nominations are due

May 2023

Youth Service Month

27-31 May – Rotary International Convention, Melbourne, Australia

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