ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9460

GOVERNORS NEWSLETTER





FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNORS DESK

Can you believe it? Nine months of the new Rotary Year have gone! Although with two inbound GSE Teams and a District Conference in the month of March, it is not surprising that time rushes by.

It has been a very exciting and enjoyable March. What wonderfully warm and friendly GSE teams from France and Norway! Congratulations to all the Clubs and their host families for supporting this great project and making them so welcome. GSE is one of the more visible aspects of The Rotary Foundation. Without your, and your Club's active financial support of the Rotary Foundation such meaningful projects will wither away.

This has been a traumatic year and Clubs and communities have given generously to a large number of worthwhile causes relating to fires, floods and earthquakes. An effort which is much appreciated. However we all set Club and District targets for donations to The Rotary Foundation and to Polio eradication. Sadly we are markedly down on these target figures of \$US36,000 to The Rotary Foundation at District level and \$US1000 minimum to the End Polio Now campaign at Club level. I know a number of Clubs have raised tens and thousands of dollars for other charitable purposes this year, so please get your organisers and fundraisers into gear and see if we can at the very least meet our planned giving to the Rotary Foundation and the End Polio Now campaign. Remember Polio will not wait and we are so very close to winning the campaign or a devastating defeat. Your Clubs contribution this month, this year, along with all the other contributors will make a huge difference to fulfilling our promise to match the \$200 million of the \$355 million Bill and Melinda Gates donation and an eventual victory over Polio.

WOW! What a Conference? A big thank you to all the Clubs, Club delegates and attendees who actively supported it and through their enthusiasm further enriched the experience of our final D9460 Conference. For those unfortunate enough to have missed it what can I say? The fellowship was fantastic and the enthusiasm on the night of 350+ attendees at the Conference Dinner at Fonty's Pool and the positive responses, if somewhat tired ones, on Sunday morning highlighted how good it was.

Conference Report: There were over 400 attendees at Conference and sadly for a variety of reasons, often family weddings, not all could attend every day. However one of the outstanding features was the very high attendance at every plenary session. This was due to the very professional reporting from Club and District project officers and the stimulating, informative and hilarious presentation of our fabulous keynote speakers who gave us very diverse perspectives on change and creating a better future. PRID Grant Wilkins, RI President John Kenny's Personal Representatives gave a number of inspirational addresses and was an unexpected highlight to Conference. His address on the Friday evening together with a fantastic "return from France" GSE team report had everyone eager to be at the first plenary session on Saturday morning.

Addresses by RDU's Mark Wallace, Paladin's John Borshoff, DEC's Rick Dawson, Wine & Truffle Co's Alan Nelson, Bronzesky's Eric Pearson with "Avartar-like robot plane", Men's Health Julien Krieg and Nightlife's Graham Mabury had everyone concentrating intently between orchestrated humour that had all "rolling in the aisles". D9460 District and Club reports such as Professor Samar Aoun's "Waist Disposal" and PP Steve Cody's on NYSF were very professionally and interestingly presented. Cameo performance by P Genevieve Carr, the Norwegian GSE team helped to provide a seamless transition in and out of Rotary business and to ensure that our derrières did not get too numb.

As great as the RIPPR, keynote speakers and project Speakers were the high degree of success was very much due to the planning, co-ordination and application of the Conference Committee ably led by PP Alan Lush with the enthusiastic support of all the Rotary Club of Manjimup members and their partners. No District Governor could have asked for a better team, or for better support.

Thank you PP Robert Taylor and President Richard and the Rotary Club of Manjimup for agreeing to be the hosting Club and for providing a truly marvellous District 9460 final Conference for us all.



DG Keith Hopkins and Libby

UPCOMING EVENTS

MANDURAH DUCK RACE

April 3rd, 2010
Easter Saturday
Eastern Foreshore
Mandurah
Duck Race 12.30pm
Corporate Duck Race
1.30pm

A combined project of the Rotary Clubs of Mandurah, Mandurah City and Mandurah Districts

DISTRICT 9460 PRESENTATION DINNER

May 29th 2010

Australian Fellowship of Golfing Rotarians

3rd to 8th October 2010

Register now don't delay

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ROTARY CLUB OF ATTADALE HELPS ESTABLISH BICTON MEN'S SHED

The Attadale Rotary Club and the Bicton Uniting Church are joining together to establish a Men's Community Shed in the grounds of the Bicton Uniting Church on the corner of Canning Highway and Carrington Street, in Bicton/Palmyra.

The concept of a Men's Shed is to provide a meeting place for retirees and other men to pursue interests in woodwork and metalwork in a communal place and with some assistance and encouragement from fellow members and friends. There are over 400 Men's Sheds in Australia, but only 20 in WA.

The Shed will be available to all men irrespective of age and anyone interested in the concept is invited to contact the Rotary Club of Attadale. When sufficient space in the new Shed is available, additional activities such as computing, model boat building, mechanical works or a community garden may eventually be developed. As well as a place to socialise, have a coffee and meet friends, it is anticipated that the environment could also provide an opportunity for mentoring of boys missing male figure in their lives.

Men's health is of vital importance these days and with modern houses being built on ever small block's, men's sheds are the first to go. Having a place to meet friends and participate in a useful pursuit of woodwork or metalwork is of prime consideration for the new generation of retirees.

The new shed will have a motto: SPONSORED BY ROTARY RUN BY THE COMMUNITY FOR MEN OF THE COMMUNITY

A Public Interest Meeting held on 8th March 2010 in the Church Hall at 1 Carrington Street, Palmyra on the site of the proposed new Men's Shed, was attended by 80 people (see photo's below). A committee of 10 was formed to carry the project forward. A grant of \$5000 from the Melville City Council has been awarded to establish the Shed.

Contact Colin Taylor on 9330 3769 to register your interest.



Left: Past President John Bray Speaking at the meeting.



Right: Some of those in the audience



ROTARY FOUNDATION MATTERS

In preparation for "OUR" Rotary Foundation's second century of service to humanity The Future Vision Plan is being developed and trialed by 100 districts worldwide. It is planned to provide better service to Rotarians and more effective, sustainable and long-term projects so that "OUR" Foundation is recognised as an even greater humanitarian organisation.

One aspect of the Rotary Foundation's funding that will remain in place after the Future Vision Plan is rolled out globally in July 2013 will be what we know as SHARE. This is the tangible expression of a concept that the way in which the funds (that have been contributed by Rotarians and their clubs three years earlier) are spent is a decision that is **shared** between the Rotarians and the Foundation's Trustees.

It is understood that the funds that are contributed to the Annual Programs Fund by Rotarians in any district are invested for three years. The interest generated during this time is normally adequate to fund the programs' operational costs and management. At the same time, the officers of the district can decide exactly how the funds will be spent, and where appropriate, candidates can be selected and properly prepared. On completion of the three year investment cycle the sum equivalent to the Annual Programs Fund contributions 3 years earlier (plus any additional interest due to the district from Permanent Fund investments) is divided in 50/50. One half is allocated to the World Fund and the other becomes known as the District's Designated Fund DDF.

The latter is committed to various TRF programs within the district (or it may be donated to a specific appeal, such as PolioPlus or the Peace Fellows Appeal) or, alternatively, donated to another needy district. (One recent example of this was a donation from D1160 (Ireland) of an Ambassadorial Scholarship for use by the fledging Timor L'Este.) Both the District Governor and the District Foundation Committee Chair sign off on this allocation of the District's DDF, and the Foundation staff is advised accordingly.

The other 50% which is added to the World Fund, is spent according to the direction of the Trustees, which is that every district in the world, regardless of wealth or their contributions to The Foundation, will have equal access to these funds. Every district has equal access to a GSE team and to funds for a Matching (or a 3H) Grant as well as to Peace Fellowships. (These candidates are selected entirely on merit by global competition. The \$Us95m. appeal to make the Peace Fellows program self-funding by 2015 is about half filled)

Up to 20% of DDF is available in non-Pilot districts Simplified Grants. Although the calculations are different, the Foundation District Grants under the Future Vision Plan (and so applicable in Pilot Districts from July 2010) are modelled on the District Simplified Grants, giving far greater local control over their application.

For more information go to www.rotary.org/foundation



DISTRICT 9460 LEADERSHIP TEAM 2009 - 10

District Governor:

DG Keith Hopkins

District Governor Elect:

DGE 9465 Marilyn Barton

District Governor Nominee:

DGN 9465 Jodie Sparks

Secretary: PP Bill Russell

Finance Director

PDG John Simmons

Treasurer: PP Kim Passmore

Administration:

DGE Marilyn Barton

Foundation: PDG John Kevan

Membership: PP Bruce Lynch

Public Relations: PP Lex McKay

Projects: PP Mike Jenkins

(Projects Committees)

International: PP Frank Wheel

Vocational: PP Carole Maxwell

Community:

PP Graeme Wheeler

New Generations: PP Barry Butson

Youth Exchange:

PP Bob Cooper

DISTRICT OFFICERS

District Attendance Officer:

PP Lex McKay Ph: 9581 9612

District Insurance Officer:

PDG Jim Trotter Ph: 9332 7823

District Protection Officer:

PP Graeme Gordon Ph: 9535 7455

MANJIMUP CONFERENCE A **BIG SUCCESS**

Hundreds of Rotarians, some from as far away as Denver, Colorado, came together for the District Conference hosted in Manjimup last weekend.

Manjimup Rotary Club President Richard Doust said according to some it was the best conference ever.

"Country conferences are always friendly and from all reports everyone had a good time," he

Six keynote speakers addressed delegates about various issues, with Paladin Energy CEO John Borshoff, originally from Manjimup, speaking about the importance of vision and the importance in achieving goals.

Visiting Rotarian Rotary International's Presidential Representative Grant Wilkins from Denver, Colorado, spoke about Rotary's work with polio and the hopes of eradicating the disease by 2011.

Manjimup President Richard Doust and fellow Rotarian Alan Lush received the Paul Harris award in recognition of long and dedicated service to the community.

On a lighter note, Manjimup won the First Timers award, with the most first-time conference attendees, while the Rockingham club took out the conference Travel award, calculated by multiplying the number of attendees by the distance travelled.

The gala conference banquet on Saturday night was held in a marquee at Fonty's Pool, with guests also receiving a showbag containing samples of local produce like cheese, fruit and vegetables.

President Richard Doust acknowledged the enormous effort the organising committee put in to stage the conference.

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ATTENDANCE FIGURES

	Club	Mtgs	Members	Month %	Mthly Rank	Prog %	Prog Rank
	Albany East	0	0	0.00	11	531.57	20
ı	Albany Port	3	25	79.00	10	584.74	14
ı	Applecross	4	39	84.00	24	519.00	23
ı	Attadale	0	0	0.00	19	422.18	29
	Booragoon	4	27	81.50	16	640.10	5
ı	Bridgetown	4	11	73.30	5	521.99	22
ı	Bunbury	4	45	77.10	22	631.00	7
ı	Bunbury Central	0	0	0.00	13	340.00	31
ı	Bunbury Leschenault	4	28	56.00	25	509.12	25
ı	Busselton G'Bay	4	34	64.18	34	319.30	32
ı	Cockburn	4	26	86.50	15	573.41	16
ı	Collie	0	0	0.00	2	573.21	17
ı	Esperance	4	43	79.00	18	630.46	8
	Esperance Bay	4	33	73.20	14	153.70	34
	Fremantle	4	32	61.50	21	577.00	15
ı	Fremantle City	0	0	0.00	36	37.34	36
ı	Fremantle Port	4	8	90.00	7	666.33	3
ı	Gnowangerup	4	11	77.00	30	519.00	23
	Harvey	4	25	86.00	6	589.60	12
ı	Katanning	0	0	0.00	20	148.80	35
ı	Kojonup	4	32	88.00	3	700.00	2
ı	Kwinana	4	27	84.08	1	621.63	9
ı	Mandurah	0	0	0.00	33	431.15	28
	Mandurah City	4	26	80.00	8	655.06	4
ı	Mandurah Districts	4	24	77.35	9	632.48	6
ı	Manjimup	4	40	66.00	28	534.00	19
ı	Margaret River	0	0	0.00	35	342.65	30
ı	Melville	0	0	0.00	27	278.76	33
	Mosman Park	0	0	0.00	32	447.00	27
ı	Mt. Barker	2	14	82.14	12	524.82	21
ı	Narrogin	4	15	85.00	26	487.99	26
	Palm Beach	4	31	95.94	3	760.35	1
	Pinjarra	4	36	78.00	17	585.80	13
	Rockingham	4	32	87.50	31	619.58	10
	South Bunbury	4	63	58.75	23	565.07	18
	Wagin	4	15	81.60	29	594.56	11
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PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT CLUBS SHOWING ZERO'S INDICATES NON-RECEIVAL OF DATA AT TIME OF PRINTING.

NEWSFLASH!

Clubs are advised to send their monthly attendance figures to Attendance Officer PP Lex McKay at lexmckay@westnet.com.au by 7th of the month.

DISTRICT 9460 DINNER

The Board has confirmed that a PRESENTATION DINNER will be held on Saturday 29 May 2010 at the Garry Holland Community Centre, Rockingham. Since the three Districts will be holding a combined "change over" to become two Districts on 3rd July 2010, a separate special event will now be held to make presentations to Clubs and Rotarians in District 9460.

This will be the opportunity for the District and Clubs to say thank you to those Rotarians, and others, who have made a significant contribution to the District in its thirty eight year history. Significant projects that have been completed, major international projects that have been supported and some individual achievements will also be honoured during the evening.

Clubs are invited to attend and make up tables of 10. A notice to Clubs to participate in this final District 9460 special event will be sent out soon. Club members will be asked to assist in the planning by presenting ideas for projects and names and stories of outstanding Rotarians for recognition.

Seating is limited to 350 people, so make an effort to book early and join in the final event of District 9460. See you there!

The District PR trailer and District Flags trailer are available at Harvey and can be booked by phoning John Lowe on 9729 1014.

AUSTRALIAN FELLOWSHIP OF GOLFING ROTARIANS 32nd ANNUAL TOURNAMENT

Australian Fellowship of Golfing Rotarians, 32nd Annual Tournament, Hosted by the Rotary Club of Ascot.

Registrations for the above tournament to be played at the Western Australian Golf Club Yokine, from the 3rd to the 8th October 2010 are coming in at a steady rate from our Eastern States Rotarians.

Queenslanders lead the way with over 40% of entries received.

Western Australian Rotarians are at this time conspicuous by their absence and are advised not to leave it too late to register as only 144 golfers can be accommodated.

A variety of activities are arranged for non-golfing partners.

Registration forms and other information can be down loaded from the AGFR website www.agfr.org or from Gren Courtland phone 9277 3420 fax 9277 4973 or email crgcourtland@optusnet.com

Do not delay ACT NOW!

CRG Courtland Tournament Chairman