



# DG's NEWSLETTER OF ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9455

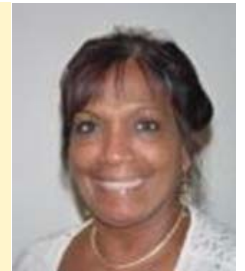
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Greetings to all Rotarians in District 9455

November is The Rotary Foundation month .

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotarians , we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into our priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact.

Strong financial oversight, a stellar charity rating, and a unique funding model mean that we make the very most of your contribution. Give and become a part of Rotary's life-changing work!

"We should not live for ourselves alone, but for the joy in doing good for others."

- Arch Klumph, founder of The Rotary Foundation.
- In my travels to clubs within our District 9455 I have certainly seen Rotarians do such wonderful projects. Which epitomise Arch Klumph's words of our Rotary Foundation in doing good in the world. The Foundation turns 100. That's a century of Rotary members changing lives and improving communities all over the world. And that's definitely something worth celebrating.

Through our Foundation, Rotary members have supported thousands of projects to provide clean water, fight disease, promote peace, provide basic education, and grow local economies. We've also been a leader in the fight to eradicate polio worldwide.

The centennial is the perfect time to share this impressive record with the world. Join us in making sure that every Rotary member and people in every community know about the vital work of Rotary and its Foundation.

This month we celebrate three new Clubs across the programs in Rotary : our newest Rotary Club received its Charter " Elizabeth Quay Rotary". It's so exciting to see the start-up of a new Rotary Club. Congratulations to all members and thank you for your commitment and persistence in bringing it to fruition.

Kalamunda Rotary has received its charter for a new Rotaract club which is being chartered in December and the Rotary Club of Geraldton Greenough has chartered a new Interact Club in Geraldton. Congratulations and wishes from all of us in District 9455 . It's such a joy seeing such enthusiasm and interest in individuals who want to make a difference and make this world a better place.

Please remember that District personnel are here to support you so please let us know if you require any support or resources.

Have fun and continue to spread your Rotary stories.

Patricia Canning  
District Governor  
District 9455

## District 9455

### Rotary Facts:

“DID YOU KNOW?”

Some interesting facts about Rotary

There are more than 1.2 Million Rotarians all over the world in more than 33,000 Rotary Clubs in more than 200 countries in all geographic areas.

The Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships is the world’s largest, privately funded scholarship program.

Providing vitamin A supplements during polio National Immunization Days has averted an estimated 1.5 million childhood deaths since 1998 – testimony to the “plus” in PolioPlus.

The first service project of the first Rotary club of Chicago was installation of public toilets in the city.

The first Rotaract Club was formed in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA.

The first women joined Rotary in 1987. Today, more than 196,000 woman are members of Rotary International.

Rotarians in the United States make up 28% of all Rotarians worldwide

Nauru and formerly known as Pleasant Island, is an island country in Micronesia in the South Pacific. Its nearest neighbour is Banaba Island in Kiribati, 182 miles to the east. It has the least amount of any Rotarians in the world, numbering only 11..

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Since 1978 under the Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Program, 340 projects in 78 countries have been funded from Rotary International totalling US-\$ 87 million.

2006 – Polio was reduced to four countries: Afganistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan.



### District 9455 Welcomes New Members

Joondalup Peter Webster  
Dean Keating

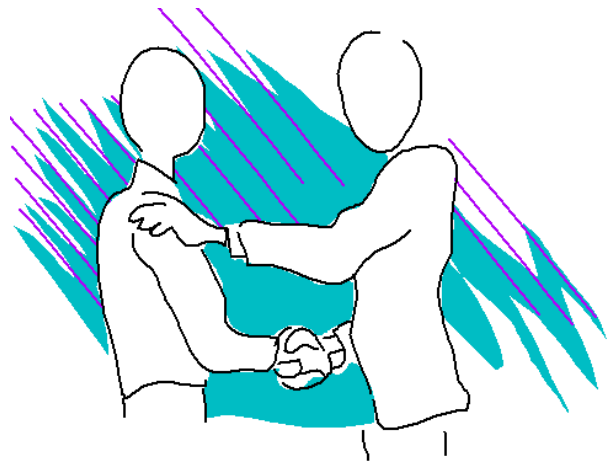
Karrinyup David Donnellan

Matilda Bay Dr Lou Landau,OA  
Dr Paul Sprague

Cambridge Phil Sykes

Ballajura Malaga Michelle Leahy

Perth Michael Lowenhoff



# Rotary Youth Exchange News

The Youth Exchange Committee will be conducting the final Outbound Briefing on Saturday 3 December for 17 students departing in January for a 12 month exchange overseas. Students, countries and sponsor clubs as follows:

Jed - RC Kununurra travelling to Poland.  
Sheridan - RC Kununurra to Argentina.  
Mitchell from Geraldton (sponsored by RC Matilda Bay) to Denmark.  
Caris from Geraldton (sponsored by RC Belmont) to Argentina.  
Adelle from Geraldton (sponsored by RC Ellenbrook) to Brazil.  
Samantha – RC Geraldton to Denmark.  
Rhianna – RC Geraldton-Greenough to Germany.  
Madison – RC Scarborough to Norway.  
Perri – RC Mindarie to Finland.  
Shu-Wei – RC Nedlands to Finland.  
Antonio – RC Mosman Park to Spain.  
Chiara – RC Hillarys to France.  
Connor – RC Kalamunda to Switzerland.  
Emma – RC Perth – Switzerland.  
Sarah – RC West Perth to Italy.  
Eliza - RC Heirisson to Belgium.  
Matthew – RC Karrinyup to Japan.

Many thanks to the participating clubs for supporting these students. They will all benefit from this exchange experience, as will their reciprocal students. So too will those who share the classroom with them. Not to mention the Rotarians, friends and families, both here and overseas who will be involved in one way or another with the exchange program.

Our **Inbound Students** have just returned from the Southern Goldfields Tour. For many, this was their first visit to country WA. Through the wheat belt to Quairading, Corrigin, Esperance. Then to Kalgoorlie and back to Perth. This tour is supported very much by the Rotary Clubs of Quairading and Corrigin with the members there being heavily involved with organising and conducting the various activities arranged for the students. A very serious thanks to these two clubs. Their support is terrific to say the least.

The next tour for the Inbound Students will be Sydney New Years Eve, departing Perth on 28 December.



Quairading

Corrigin







Esperance



Kalgoorlie

# AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH

## CAN YOUR CLUB HELP?

The research committee of Australian Rotary Health, made up of Professors and Associate Professors from the major universities around Australia, met in October and offered grants to 12 applicants – two of whom are from Western Australia. The grants are for 2 years at an approximate cost of \$70,000 per annum.

Whilst I have not been provided with details of one of the successful applicants (due to further information being required) the other successful applicant is Dr Jeneva Ohan from the University of Western Australia. Dr Ohan is to research ways to involve parents of 3-8 year olds with behavioural problems to embrace proven intervention programs. Participation rates in these programs are very low.

Over the years since Australian Rotary Health commenced supporting mental health research into areas such as depression, anxiety, bi polar disorder, schizophrenia, eating disorders, paranoia and many more, some significant findings has resulted.

Research on media reporting of suicides etc found that copy cat activities were occurring. As a result of this research recommendations were made to change the way these happenings were reported and what you see in the media today is as a direct result of this research funded by Australian Rotary Health.

An Australian Rotary Health research grant provided the opportunity for the development of an online therapy intervention program which ultimately led to the development of 'Anxiety Online' by the University of Swinburne. This has subsequently been recognised by the Australian Government and is funded by them.

The Mental Health First Aid Training Course was developed with a grant from Australian Rotary Health. This course is designed to assist the general public who need advice and assistance to help people with mental health crises such as feeling suicidal or out of touch with reality. This course has since been adapted for use in over 23 countries.

These are just three of a large number of successful research projects being funded by Rotary Clubs throughout Australia.

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder is a more recent area of research being supported by Australian Rotary Health and three such grants have been awarded to date. This research is looking at the factors which make this disorder applicable to some and not others and the causes. This is directed towards the armed services and emergency services personnel.

All of the above is reliant on support from Rotary Clubs throughout Australia. Australian Rotary Health is a multi district project meaning it is owned and supported by all districts in Australia. In our district we are fortunate to have many clubs who give regular support and this is appreciated. Regular support is necessary for forward planning.

### **IS YOUR CLUB ONE OF THESE?**

In our district there are, however, 8 clubs who have not made any contribution for the past 5 years and 11 clubs who have not contributed for the past 2 years.

### **IS YOUR CLUB ONE OF THESE?**

The support of all clubs is needed and we thank you in anticipation of your support this Rotary year. Donations can be made by posting a cheque to:

Australian Rotary Health  
PO Box 3455,  
Parramatta. NSW. 2124

Or by direct credit to

Name: Australian Rotary Health  
BSB: 082 330  
Acc No: 027 300 054

Thank you.  
Colin Thorniley  
Director for WA

# District Conference 2017

## District 9455 Conference 2017 Historical Guildford Grammar School



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District 9455



ANNUAL CONFERENCE 24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017  
FROM THE BUSH TO THE BEACH AND BEYOND  
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**Check out the Program at:**

<http://rotarydistrict9455.org.au/event/20112/district-9455-conference-2017>