

# New Horizons



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7th – 13th August, 2013



Speaker PDG Ron & Glenys Geary

# Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2013

The speaker this week was PDG Ron Geary, who has been the Chairman of Rotary Australia World Community Service, Western Region for the past four years. Ron told members present about the recent change to allow projects to receive tax deductibly inside Australia under the name of Rotary Australia Benevolent Society (RABS).

Ron gave an outline of the territory covered by RAWCS Western Region – Africa, India, SE Asia and

Pacific Islands, plus provided a number of examples of projects, along with the growth in project support. It allows tax deductible status for projects which are smaller than those which are carried out by RF Global Grants, however, contributions through RAWCS or RABS do not attract a match, as do larger projects via The Rotary Foundation.

Projects that the RCFB have had listed as RAWCS Projects are:

- 1. RAWCS No 512-2009 Flooring and shelving in a hospital in Sri Lanka
- 2. RAWCS No 514-2010 Books for schools RC of Madurai, India
- 3. RAWCS No 516 2010 Angel Academy School /Orphanage in Kathmandu, Nepal
- 4. RAWCS No WR007-2011 Sponsorship of Koro School in Fiji Scholarship Fund
- 5. RAWCS No WR010-2001 Maiti Foundation in Nepal

An application is being submitted for a Rotary Community Corps in Sri Lanka for local villages to grow fruit / vegetables etc.

Ron also mentioned that there are a number of positions becoming available for nominations for the Committee. Sec. Di has sent the form to all members.

Thank you to PDG Ron and Glenys Geary for your time and the presentation to the RCFB and also for the

invaluable assistance you have provided the club with for the Microscopes in Schools project.

# Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2013

Next Week's meeting is a Club Assembly. It is recommended that Clubs hold a Club Assembly two weeks prior to the visit by the District Governor. This is to provide all Board members and Directors with the opportunity to prepare for the Official visit of the DG and to inform all members what is happening and planned in the Club over the coming year.

# DGs Visit 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2013

A reminder that DG Hank and Ruth de Smit will be making their Official Visit to the Club on 28<sup>th</sup> August.

The Board will meet with Hank at 5.00pm in the Doctor's Lounge for a Club Assembly for an hour. This will be followed by a regular meeting of the Club at 6.15pm.

#### Welcome New Members

It's an absolute delight to welcome into the RCFB, two new members, particularly as August is Membership Month.

Roger Warne will hold the classification Medicine-Geriatrics. His email is rogewarn@hotmail.com M. 0439 657 585. Nancy Warne will hold the classification of Dietician. Her email is nanngkaion@hotmail.com M. 0439 641 937. Nancy and Roger live at 4 Newark Spur, Mt Claremont 6010. They will join the Community/Vocational Committee under the Directorship of Stephanie Rainey-Smith and will be 'Officially' inducted next week, 14th August. It's wonderful to have you both as members and we look forward to enjoying many years of Service and Fellowship with you both.

# **Fundraising Concert**

A reminder of the upcoming Concert, with each member requested to sell at least 10 tickets and to provide a prize for the raffle which will be held on the night. Support from all members is required to make the event a success.

**Details:** 

Concert: Light & Shade

**Performers:** Richard Symons (Tenor) & Isabelle

Freeman (Soprano)

Date: Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2013

**Time:** 7.30pm

Venue: Christ Church Claremont, Cnr

Stirling Hwy & Queenslea Dr, Claremont

Cost: \$25.00 per person, includes light

supper

Raffle: On the night with many prizes

**Bookings:** From Club members or On line at www.trybooking.com/DDMV

## **Interact Changeover**

Reconfirming that the regular meeting of the Club on Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> October is cancelled and will be replaced by the Interact Changeover on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October. It is being held at the Nedlands Golf Club, Melvsta Ave, Nedlands, 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Cost is \$35.00 per person for a two course meal (bar service will be available).

**Prepayment** for the dinner is requested into the Club's Westpac Bank Operating A/c BSB 036034 A/c No. 304015. Special Dietary requirements are to be provided to PE Kate. Remember to invite partners.

#### **Annual Dues**

A further reminder that all Club Dues are due and payable. They can be paid into the RCFB Westpac Operating Account BSB 036034 A/c No. 304015

A number of members have still not paid dues. Would you please treat the matter with priority and urgency and remit ASAP.

### **Upcoming Meeting**

Club Service Cttee Meeting –Date and venue TBA

**Board Meeting** – Tues. 13<sup>th</sup> August – O'Hara's, 22 Otram Way, Churchlands, 5.30pm

**International Serv. Cttee Meeting** – Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> August, Senathirajah's, 57 Mountjoy Rd, Nedlands, 10.00am

**Youth Service Cttee Meeting** – Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> August – Hollingdale's, 27 Congdon St, Cottesloe. 5.30pm

#### **Updating of RCFB Club Constitution**

The Council on Legislation took place earlier this year (held every three years). After a COL Clubs are required to officially update their Club Constitution. It is a formality and is set down to be done at a Special Meeting on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, which will form part of the regular weekly meeting.

A Notice of a Special Meeting will be sent out in the coming week. Kristen Meagher has kindly offered to be acting Secretary in the absence of Di (and Ken) who will be overseas for two months. Kristen will see to the formalities of lodging the documents with the Department of Commerce after the Special Meeting.

#### **Audit of Accounts**

Once the accounts are audited by Hon. Auditor Jeff Trudgian, Kristen will send these off to the Department of Commerce for lodgement. Copies are also kept in the Club files.

#### **RF District Simplified Grant for ESL books**

The District Rotary Foundation Committee have advised that a District Simplified Grant for A\$1,500 has been approved for our ESL (English as a Second Language) books. A local rule brought in this year is that the Club must put an equal amount into the project. At the Community Voc. Committee meeting last Tuesday, it was agreed to purchase \$3,000 worth or ESL books, with two thirds going to schools and one third to refugee families. Laura will order appropriate books and Dir. Stephanie will have more stickers printed up to be put in books prior to presentation. The stickers have the Rotary emblem with the wording 'Donated by the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay'.

#### **Passport Project and Manna Industries**

Dir. Stephanie will meet with Supa IGA Nedlands staff to see if the Club can have tubs left in the store so that shoppers can purchase items whilst shopping to out in the tubs for these two extremely worthy causes. It has also been agreed at the Committee meeting this week to donate \$500 to Manna for their work with the children and adults in necessitous circumstances in the metropolitan area.

#### **Check I Project**

Laura has arranged with the Education Dept for Yogi's Check I project to be implemented in schools who are willing to work with the project. She has been in contact with Yogi to implement the computer program in Warriapendi PS.

# **Rotary Foundation Report for 2013-14**

From PDG Geoff Simpson, TRF Chair, D9455

"Welcome to the new Rotary Year and the challenges ahead as we come to grips with the new grants model introduced as part of the Future Vision Plan. I hope to produce this update on a quarterly basis to keep you informed of the various exciting programs within our Foundation.

#### LAST YEAR

**District Simplified Grants** – Just over \$17,000 of our District Designated Funds (DDF) were spent on 11 club projects varying from bilingual books, to mosquito nets, to school uniforms and shade sails. The DSG has only just been closed due to a number of late project reports.

**Annual Programs Fund** – <u>CONGRATULATIONS</u> – after a very slow start we managed to contribute over \$150,000 in the last 3 months to record our largest ever total of **\$228,537**!!

A large improvement over last year (\$170,775). This was the 4<sup>th</sup> highest total in Australia and we were also the 4<sup>th</sup> highest in per capita donations at **\$163.71** (\$117 last year). Unfortunately we still have a very few clubs who continue to not contribute to our great Foundation.

Contributions from the RCFB totalled \$4,242. The Club ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the District as this worked out at \$249.54 per capita.

#### Possible RFGG

Dir. Rajah is talking with the RC of Madurai, India and other sources are a possible Global Grant project to renovate a school building.

#### **Young Asylum Seekers**

Sunday evening, 4<sup>th</sup> August, Jessie Brennan from the Red Cross, PRID Ken and Di attended the Rotaract Club of Gosnells meeting. Ken and Jessie told the members about the young Asylum seekers who live in their area. The intention is if possible to link the two groups together in some capacity, if the Rotaractors are interested in helping the Asylum Seekers to assimilate. They could be helped with mentoring and with improving their English. Jim, a member of the Rotaract Club comes from Chennai and is Tamil speaking.

The Club had at least 24 in attendance and was abuzz with discussion on projects, fundraising and activities.



**Rotaract Club of Gosneels meeting** 

#### Avoidable Blindness in India

Binod Khaitan says "India is home to the world's largest number of blind people. Of the 37 million people across the globe who are blind, over 15 million are from India. 75% of these are cases of avoidable blindness. Eastern India accounts for about 2 million victims of blindness. However about 1.7 million sightless people can be cured by a simple Intra Ocular Lens implant surgery. Rural people suffer and are helpless. Cataract IOL surgeries will Restore Sight to

the previously blind person. Those who suffer due to BLINDNESS which was PREVENTABLE will be able to go back to work and earn their living to feed, clothe and shelter their family for the rest of their life ...."

#### **Interact**

This week's meeting was attended by Dir. Liz, PRID Ken and Di. Due to an infiltration of an older group, the planned Thrift Shop Event on 23<sup>rd</sup> August has been cancelled. In its place, the Interactors are looking at holding a sausage sizzle or cake stall at a schools (possibly North Cottesloe PS) on Election day.

#### **National Youth Science Forum**

Our applicant Megan Baxter who lives in Mt Claremont and attends St Hilda's, has been successful in attaining a place and will be attending the NYSF in January, 2014. Congratulations Megan.

# Microscopes – Letter of Thanks from Principal Laura O'Hara

Dear Dr and Mrs Collins

Thank you and the Rotary Club of Freshwater Bay for your generous donation of a class set of microscopes to Warriapendi Primary School.

Many children in this school are from disadvantaged backgrounds and do not have access to educational resources outside of school. The students are very excited to have the microscopes to supplement the hands-on learning they do in the science program.

We will send you photographs of the students to keep you updated on the use of microscopes in the school.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

*Sincerely* 

Laura O'Hara

Principal,

Warriapendi Primary School

Kausa OHara

#### **Movement of Microscopes**

Dir. Liz is awaiting delivery of the new shipment.

There has been some movement with Project Coordinator going away for a couple of months. The RCs of Mandurah Districts and Cockburn have each paid for and collected sets of microscopes for three schools plus the RC Victoria park as paid and collected 70 units for two schools. Awaiting payment and collection from the RCs of Applecross (30), Melville (60) and Mill Point (20). Mill Point are going to the country on 31<sup>st</sup> August for a wildflower event and have decided to sponsor a set of units to the local Perenjori Primary school There are still a number of requests in the pipeline, however, if they are unable to be processed in the coming week, they will have to wait until after Di's return from overseas in October.

The following feedback has been received from the RC of Cockburn from their meeting this week.

"Winterfold's Associate Principal, Brendan Hodge spoke glowingly about the difference the Microscopes continue to make for their students in engaging them in 'real science' he also said that they are very robust – a great testament to your hard work!!

Chris Leed, Principal from Spearwood also joined us and has very clear plans as a Waste Wise school how he will use the microscopes in their program."

### **Rotary WA Driver Education Day - photos**



Jenny Day & students attending Rotary WA Driver Ed. day



Teachers from Shenton College Deaf. Ed. Centre



Pres. Mike presenting Certificate to Teacher Marita Backes from Newman



Presenters – Crash Survivor Dan Harrison & RAC trainer Elaine Police

### **Rotary WA Driver Education Day**

RWADE was held on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2013 at the RAC Training Centre, 46 Grogan Road, Perth International Airport. Attended by 120 students from Newman College, plus 9 students from Shenton College Deaf Education Centre, 12 teachers and a number of presenters. Rotary volunteers were Jenny Day, Pres. Mike and Laura O'Hara, PRID Ken and Di Collins, AG Lindsey Francis, Judy Dinnigin, Jane O'Leary, PDG Phillip Skelton plus Rob Webster and his Service Manager Chris Lickfold from Premier Motors. Sincere thanks to all who volunteered and helped to make the day a success.

### **Rotary Leadership Institute**

Rotary District 9455 is kicking off its new year of Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) seminars commencing on 25 August 2013. Registrations are sought for this PART 1 of the 3 part RLI series.

Details are:

Date:25th August 2013

Timings: 830 Registration, 0850 Session begins 1500

or earlier - Session concluded

Venue: Mount Lawley Senior High School, 65

Woodsome St, Mt Lawley WA 6050

Registrations:

District Website: Login at

http://www.rotaryd9455.wa.inaust.org

Click on Tab on Left "My Registrations"

Click on RLI 25 August to register.

By Email to: <u>ian.hutton@jilspl.com</u>

Provide name, Club and contact phone number for each registrant

Members are encouraged to register. This is suitable for new Rotarians, members of Club Boards, Club Presidents, and experienced Rotarians who need a refresher on what Rotary is about.

#### **District 9455 Conference**

The District Conference this year will be held at the Perth Convention Centre, 28-30<sup>th</sup> March, 2013.

#### Message from the RF Chair PRIP DK Lee

In Korea we have a proverb: "After hardships comes happiness". Work hard in the face of adversity.

Polio eradication is long, hard work, but when we have finished this job, we will have achieved something wonderful – and lasting.

Since PolioPlus was launched, we have immunised over two billion children and have seen a 99 percent decreased in polio cases. These past few years, we have made enormous progress. But this last effort – the home stretch – is the hardest. It costs approx. US\$1 billion every year to maintain our fight against polio. Even once we see no cases of polio, we are committed to supporting eradication until the world is certified polio-free – a full three years after the last case is recorded.

Until that historic moment we must continue the fight, keep up the momentum, keep up the energy and keep up the awareness. Every Rotarian needs to understand what polio is, and why we are committed to its eradication. If we were to stop our fight against polio now, we would lose everything we have worked for over so many years. We would quickly see a resurgence back to the levels of 30 years ago when more than 1,000 children were paralysed every day. Polio would again be an epidemic – and we would have lost the opportunity of a lifetime.

This is something we cannot and will not consider. We are in it until the end – and the end is truly *This Close*. Polio is a global health emergency not because the is so distant – but because it is in sight.

#### **Birthdays**

Sivo Narendranathan has a birthday on 13<sup>th</sup> and Hamish Mackie has one on 19<sup>th</sup> August. A very happy day to both of you.

# **Program for August/September**

Date	Program	Attendance	Introduction and Thanks
13 <sup>th</sup> August	Board Meeting – O'Hara's, 22 Otram Way, Chuchlands	5.30pm	
14 <sup>th</sup> August	Club Assembly – in Prep. For DGs Visit	Jenny Day	Conducted by Pres. Mike
16 <sup>th</sup> August	Paint Your Pinkie – Churchlands PS	9.00am	
18 <sup>th</sup> August	International Service Meeting – Senathirajah's 57 Mountjoy Rd, Nedlands	10.00am	
20 <sup>th</sup> August	Youth Service Committee- Hollingdale's, 27 Congdon St, Cottesloe	Time TBA	
21 <sup>st</sup> August	Max Hipkins – My role as Mayor of Nedlands	Graciela Rhodes	PE Kate Trinajstic
28 <sup>th</sup> August	DG Hank de Smit	Rajah Senathirajah	Laura O'Hara
4th September	Prita Asih – Life and times	Jenny Day	Anne-Sophie Lesteven

### Board

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Ken Collins – Membership Director (& VP) membership@rotaryfreshwaterbay.org.au

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