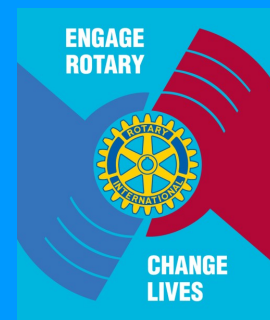


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From Governor Ken's Desk

Last month, we celebrated literacy. This month, we put our reading skills to the test. Everything in our lives depends on consistent, accurate and constant communication. We receive Rotary communications regularly; through weekly meetings, emails, websites, both club and district and Rotary International.

As part of your membership, you have a choice of receiving the monthly magazine, *The Rotarian* or *Rotary Down Under*. These publications offer many insightful stories about Rotary projects and clubs throughout the world.

Please take the time each month to read through your issue. I'm confident you will be impressed with the many activities our fellow Rotarians are involved in, as well as how we are able to assist people who do not have the same resources we have available. If we want to promote Rotary to others, we need to be well informed! We have a fantastic magazine (*Rotary Down Under*) and the following is an extract from the member services section on the website:

"Get your Rotary Down Under subscription online

If you are a non-Rotary member and you would like to sign up to

receive promotional copies of RDU please visit: <http://www.isubscribe.com.au/Rotary-Down-Under-Digital-Magazine-Subscription.cfm>. For members of Rotary, *Rotary Down Under* has over 2,000 subscribers receiving the electronic edition of *Rotary Down Under* each month.

For convenience, and to demonstrate Rotary's ongoing commitment to environmental sustainability, *Rotary Down Under* subscriptions can now be ordered and delivered to your inbox directly.

Feedback has been extremely positive and it costs no more. Why not order the electronic edition and give a hard copy edition to your guest speaker, or to your local doctor's surgery or solicitor's waiting room? Some clubs have already taken the decision to take their subscriptions completely online, while maintaining delivery of half a dozen hard copies to give away for public relations purposes.

It is still a condition of your Rotary Membership that you subscribe to an approved Rotary Magazine. However, if you and your life partner/wife/husband/

APRIL 2014 MAGAZINE MONTH



**DG KEN MCINERNEY
AND SANDRA**

NEXT MONTH IS AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH MONTH

From Governor Ken's Desk cont.

de-facto/significant other or even your Rotarian son or daughter or Rotarian brother or sister live at the same address, you are no longer required to take two or multiple subscriptions."

There are conditions that must be met and can be sourced from the Rotary Down Under website.

Irrespective of what form your magazine takes, in days gone by, the only part of the RDU magazine that seemed to be mentioned in discussions was the jokes. They are gone and I truly hope that Rotarians throughout our many clubs now read the stories and articles that highlight our activities locally and worldwide together with recognition of outstanding individual achievements. And don't forget to forward newsworthy stories to RDU for publication. That does not necessarily mean that they will be published but the story might be just what they are looking

for at the time.

Let's increase our own knowledge of Rotary, showcase our magazines and make our community aware of our great work as we Engage Rotary Change lives.

Ken McInerney
District Governor 2013/2014

Footnote: We have just experienced an outstanding 9780 District Conference in Bordertown and to share all the details for those who did not attend and those who did, we will put out a special DG Newsletter in the next few weeks.

Photo:

PDG Ken Linkhorn (RI President's Representative) presenting his club banner to DG Ken at the Conference.



Global Grant Approved

The first Global Grant sponsored by a club in our district has just been approved. PP Neville Gilbertson of the Rotary Club of Mount Gambier West developed a project to provide a GeneXpert machine to Klibur Domin, the Ryder-Cheshire home in Timor Leste.

The machine will test for Multi-drug resistant Tuberculosis (MDR-TB). Tests can be carried out in



about 2 hours instead of having to wait for sputum samples to be tested in Adelaide. This will reduce the chances of administering the wrong drugs.

The project will cost US \$36480 and has been supported by six clubs; Mount Gambier West, Casterton, Hamilton North, Millicent, Mount Gambier and Mount Gambier Lakes, as well as the D9780 District Designated Fund.

Jerry Leech - District Grants Subcommittee Chair

If you want more information then have a look at:

www.ryder-cheshire.org/Klibur%20Domin/kd_main.html or www.kliburdomin.org/

Donations In Kind

Donations in Kind URGENTLY requires the help of our District Clubs to continue it's worthwhile work in sending desks, chairs, books, and other educational materials, medical equipment and supplies, clothing, sporting and musical equipment etc to our Third World neighbours

Fiji, Tonga, Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, Solomon's etc.

The demand for the donated goods we have in our store outstrips what we can send due to shortage of money for SHIPPING.

Approximate cost of freight \$59,000 value of goods shipped \$785,000!

3 containers are ready for Mt Hagen, Kompiam & Port Vila – subject to finance.

We also welcome any Rotary Club, Rotarian or friend to visit us at our depot in Swinburne Street, North Geelong any Tuesday or Wednesday morning.

Your support is much appreciated by villagers who are desperately in need of your donated goods.

Please help

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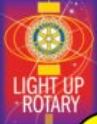

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Get illuminated!

The All New (sort of)
District Training Assembly 2014
Sunday May 4th - Stawell Secondary College

DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2016-2017 - Stephen Lamont (Gaye)

Stephen was born and raised in Geelong and attended The Geelong College before moving to Melbourne to study for his Bachelor of Pharmacy degree. He returned to Geelong to commence work at Grovedale Pharmacy which he later managed , then purchased in 1989. Stephen spent two years on the Young Members Committee of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (Vic) whose role it was to advise the full board of the Society on matters pertaining to young pharmacists.

It was a request from a customer in late 1992 to attend a meeting of a new Rotary breakfast club that began his interest in Rotary and he joined the Rotary Club of Highton Kardinia in early 1993.

During his time in Rotary he has held nearly every position in the Club including President in 1998-99, Secretary 1994-96 and 2007-09 and Fundraising Chairman which resulted in providing funds with the Homeless Foundation to build a home for homeless youth in the Highton area. The home is still active today and provides a secure environment to live in whilst they complete their secondary education.

Stephen has been recognised by his Club as a Paul Harris Fellow (Sapphire) and with an Avenues of Service Citation. At District level he has served as an Assistant Governor - Clubs , Conference Chairman and MC , Future Vision Co-ordinator , Chair of the Alumni Committee (Rotary Foundation) and an invited attendee at the Future Leaders seminar at the Zone Institute.



Outside of Rotary , Stephen is follower of the AFL and passionate supporter of the Geelong Football Club . He particularly enjoys catching up with family and friends for a day at the MCG. Other interests include motor sport — although he would prefer to be able to drive a formula one car rather than watch them! His interest in automobiles extends to his love of Jaguar cars and he has owned a number of Jaguars over the years. A workshop at home also allows him to do woodwork projects including furniture making.

He met his wife, Gaye, while at University where Gaye studied nursing. Gaye pursued her nursing career until their children began school and then joined Stephen working at the pharmacy.

Stephen and Gaye have two adult children who are currently studying at University. Recently they have moved to their "dream build" and live at Aireys Inlet on the Surfcoast. They enjoy the coastal lifestyle and are keen walkers of the bush tracks or beaches around their home. They both share a love of theatre, in particular musical theatre , an interest that extends to their two children.

Rotary must be about having fun while providing a better lifestyle to both local and international communities. Stephen joined Rotary for the service but stays for the friendships. He has a keen sense of humour and aims to bring this to the role of District Governor and, in particular, looks forward to meeting Rotarians in parts of the District that he and Gaye have yet to visit.

Horsham Aerodrome aeromedical transfer station

Three Wimmera service groups are raising money to build an aeromedical transfer station at Horsham Aerodrome.

Ambulance Victoria Horsham Auxiliary, **Horsham East Rotary Club** and Freemasons Victoria Wimmera Lodge want to raise \$160,000 in the next six months for a purpose-built transfer station.

The structure would encompass two ambulance bays, with ample space.

Ambulance Victoria Horsham Auxiliary member and Horsham Ambulance Victoria team manager Paul Burton said it would be a safe, climate-controlled, well-lit environment for patients to be transferred from ambulances to aircraft, away from the challenges of weather and darkness. "The beds in the back of our ambulances and the beds on most aircraft are configured differently," he said.

Patients had to be manually transferred from one bed to another. Air ambulances landed at Horsham Aerodrome 425 times in the past 12 months. Patients and paramedics were exposed to the elements during the transfers. "We've

done it this way forever and just accepted it," Mr Burton said.

But he said the development was urgently needed. "It will give paramedics and specialist medical evacuation services people a point of patient care while waiting for helicopters and planes," he said. He said it was especially important when patients were in a fragile or deteriorating condition.

Nhill Ambulance Patient Transfer Station inspired moves for a similar facility in Horsham. A Victorian first, Nhill's patient transfer station opened in July last year. It was paid for by com-

munity donations, amounting to almost \$80,000.

Ambulance Victoria Nhill team leader Gemma McMahon said the idea arose due to the number of people transferred by air ambulance in the 2009-10 financial year. "When we first came up with the project, 36 patients had been transferred via air ambulance," she said. On average, Horsham Aerodrome sees more than one aeromedical attendance each day. Last year, there were 55 occasions when more than one patient was transported at one time. Mr Burton anticipated the frequency would increase.

Horsham East Rotary Club president Jenny Reid said she and Freemasons Victoria Wimmera Lodge co-ordinator Philip Nicks were equally convinced of the need for a Horsham aeromedical transfer station. "We think six months is an achievable goal," Ms Reid said.

She said people could support the initiative via a fundraising account at Westpac Bank, with the customer reference Horsham Auxiliary Donation. She said people could call her on 0418146846 for more information.

Mr Nicks encouraged trades and services suppliers to consider in-kind support. "The sooner it can be built, the better," he said.

(taken from The Wimmera Mail Times—edited)

Photo: Ambulance Victoria Horsham Auxiliary member Paul Burton, Horsham East Rotary Club president Jenny Reid and Freemasons Victoria Wimmera Lodge co-ordinator Philip Nicks with plans for a patient transfer station at Horsham Aerodrome. Ambulance Victoria paramedics Anna Brown, Kylie Yapp and Zoe Welsh chat in the background. Picture: PAUL CARRACHER



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Next Deadline: 16th May

75-150 words (in a word document) & a photo or 2.

WEB SITE LINKS

District: www.rotary9780.org

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Photo above: Enjoying the speakers and entertainment at D9780 Conference, Friday Night

Photo right: Exchange Students all dressed up in their western gear Saturday Night.

