

## NEWS FROM THE TRAVELLERS

### Rotary Program took in UK Anzac Day Service



When MCG tour guide Rod Gurry took on the team leader role for a Rotary International Group Study Exchange visit to the United Kingdom in April, he and his team weren't factoring in an Anzac Day service as part of the group's itinerary.

However, the date had been duly noted by one of their hosts, the Carlisle Rotary Club in UK's Lakes District, among whose membership was a New Zealand-born lady who had been General Cosgrove's press officer in East Timor. She appreciated the significance of Anzac Day and set about researching those interred at the Carlisle cemetery on the off chance that some Australians were buried there.

Sure enough, the cemetery register revealed six Aussies who had perished in the world wars, so Carlisle Rotary members asked the local Legionnaires Club (RSL equivalent) to participate in the staging of Carlisle's first-ever Anzac Day service. It was quite an event, deemed sufficiently



newsworthy by BBC regional radio to interview Rod (pictured front row, left) on the day's proceedings. Rotary's Group Study Exchange is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young professional and business people from various countries. It is designed to develop their leadership skills and to better prepare them to address the needs

of their communities and an increasingly global workplace.

Rod Gurry's Rotary team included four young Australians chosen from 20 applicants to learn more about their vocations in another country. "Gruelling but very worthwhile," reported Rod on his five-week sojourn.