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ROTARY DISTRICT 9790

9790 DISTRICT ROTARY RAMBLINGS

District Governor Neta Kirby
Tatura Rotary

JANUARY 2024

DG Neta

January gone but not forgotten.

Exchange students have come back, come in and some have gone out and come back. The photos from Clubs, on District 9790 tell of the excitement, the joy of being and of receiving. I hope others see the posts on social media and their own Bulletins and marvel at what Rotary are giving to students and their families. Congratulations must go to our superb Youth Exchange Committee.

Sometimes events happen that we do not expect and we need to deal with them as best as possible. Family and friends generally are there to support us and 9 times out of 10 there are Rotarians there as well. Do not bottle things up. Accept the support and kindness shown. It really can help.



HIGHLIGHTS THIS MONTH



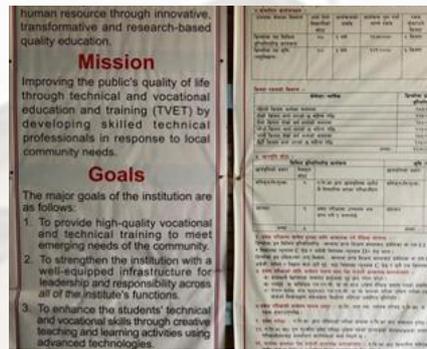
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DG Neta (continued)

Update to Regionalisation. Stephen O’Connell DGE was in the States and whilst at the International Assembly in Orlando, the Zone 8 DGE’s were invited to an early morning meeting with General Secretary John Hewko. There were numerous points of discussion and I have just chosen these two to share. * They got the usual reasons for regionalisation occurring, *It was clear that John believes that the messaging around regionalisation has been inadequate. Stephen was then invited to a meeting with RI President Gordon McInally, Deputy General Secretary Michelle Berg and General Secretary Steve Routburg to specifically discuss the stand we in D9790 are making. Stephen with support from Carol who was allowed to attend, told all. And from correspondence have read Stephen represented us in a most proper and detailed fashion. Stephen suggested that a great way to build trust and show good faith would be for the RI President to address our Committee of Management (CoM). He agreed to do this, as did Deputy General Secretary Michele Berg. So next week the Committee of Management are meeting via zoom to address some very important issues. A great step forward. THANK YOU STEPHEN.

Conference- please get into the swing of it. If you have not booked yet, please look at our agenda and the good times that we can have together. April is the month that we want to see you in Shepparton.

February Theme...Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution

To the Clubs and Individuals thanks for your financial support to LIFE’S LITTLE TREASURES FOUNDATION. You are wonderful.

Love and Peace and Respect to you all - Neta District Governor



**The Rotary
International President
Gordon McNally,
will be in Victoria in
June!**



Join us for lunch with Gordon & Heather

Rarely does the Australian Rotary family have the opportunity to meet the Rotary International President and hear him first hand. Please consider this invitation in context of a fantastic opportunity being afforded to all of us. Think about getting a group together and coming along to show some Aussie support from our Districts.

Where: RACV Cape Schanck Conference Centre

When: Sunday 2nd June, 12:00 pm

**Cost: \$145.00 - 3 course meal,
Including welcome drink, then drinks at bar prices**

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1166596>

Book early to avoid disappointment, strictly limited spaces



Let's talk about Elephants...

A contemporary and practical understanding of current-day mental health conditions and navigating through recognition, understanding, and support of those around us.

A one-day mental health and wellbeing symposium;

Leaders looking after self and others.

Full-day event Frankston Arts Centre

Monday 3 June

Booking through Trybooking

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1166608>

Cost \$85.00 pp

Includes morning, and afternoon teas and Lunch



Special guest:

Rotary International President

Gordon McNally will talk about his personal

story and how Rotary is working to support mental health outcomes.



CALLING ALL PRESIDENTS-ELECT AND CLUB OFFICERS OF DISTRICT 9790



Calling all Presidents-Elect and Club Officers of District 9790,

Prepare for your leadership journey at our exclusive training events!

Mark your calendars for February 17-18 in Shepparton, where formal training meets entertainment, partners are welcome, and a weekend of personal growth awaits.

Picture it: insightful sessions, Saturday's post-lunch training, and a memorable dinner with fellow Presidents-Elect and partners. Sunday morning's learning sets the tone for a future of impactful leadership.

Unite with likeminded club members on March 24 in Benalla at the District Assembly – a day packed with learning, networking, and preparation for the year ahead. Make your mark, seize opportunities, and build lasting connections. Your time is now.

DGE Stephen O'Connell



3000 km tandem 'End Polio' bike ride

Dear DG Neta,

My wife, Joyce, and I are Rotarians (Rotary Club of South Launceston) who plan to undertake a 3000km tandem 'End Polio' unsupported bike ride from Adelaide to Sydney via Melbourne, commencing after Easter. We undertook a similar 3000km ride across the Nullarbor in 2022, which raised about \$38,000.

We have a new itinerary planned which will pass through your district and, following the pattern of our previous ride, we would like to visit, do a presentation and solicit End Polio donations in as many clubs as we can manage along the route. We would very much appreciate your endorsement of our ride and would be grateful for any support you can give us by alerting the clubs in your district. The ride will take about seven weeks and is both unsupported and self funded, so that we would also very much appreciate any offers of Rotary hospitality on the nights that we visit. With your permission we will contact the following clubs with our schedule and a request to make a presentation and solicit a club donation.

Shepparton May 1

Benalla May 2

Wangaratta May 6

Milawa Oxley May 7

Myrtleford May 8

Bright May 9

Either Albury or Talangatta (their meetings seem a little 'fluid' so we will have to firm this up nearer to the event)

May 13

Albury North May 14

Corowa May 15

You will appreciate both our physical limitations (we're both in our mid seventies) in cycling between clubs and difficulties presented by meeting nights which seem to be predominantly on Wednesdays, so our progress through your district may appear a little haphazard but was dictated by the need to maximise the number of clubs we can visit.

Additionally, our previous experience of a fund raising ride made it quite clear that, despite numerous appeals in the media (TV, radio and press) along the way, our donations came almost exclusively from Rotarians in the form of a club donation – a donation which might well have come as a regular annual donation without our visit. We are still grappling with how we can expand the pool of donors and our thoughts, at present, are that we should try to harness the power of social media by getting Rotarians to ask all their social media contacts to make a very small donation to the cause, \$6, under the banner of 'hitting polio for six'. A donation portal is being set up and we will contact you again later with more details in the hope that you might persuade all Rotarians in your district to push this idea amongst their social media contacts.

Regards,

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EDUCATION in NEPAL



In March, this year a RAWCS team returned to Sindhuli, Nepal to continue construction of the Sindhuli Community Technical Institute – SCTI after a covid pause.

Working in partnership with the Rotary Club of Kathmandu, SCTI provides higher education opportunities, equivalent to our TAFE system for the youth of the Sindhuli valley. One of the key drivers to establish the local educational facility was to reverse the trend of young ones leaving the area by providing trade and diploma courses.

From humble beginnings the expansion of the school has been remarkable, credit to Principal Ambar Deep Devkota, his foresight to offer a variety of courses in civil engineering, survey, science, veterinary and basic building trades will have long term benefits. The RAWCS connection includes free sewing classes and a primary school student sponsorship program to supply uniforms, shoes, books, bags, and a meal to needy students coordinated by the local Rotaract Club.

The RAWCS teams have been helping with the construction of classrooms - installing

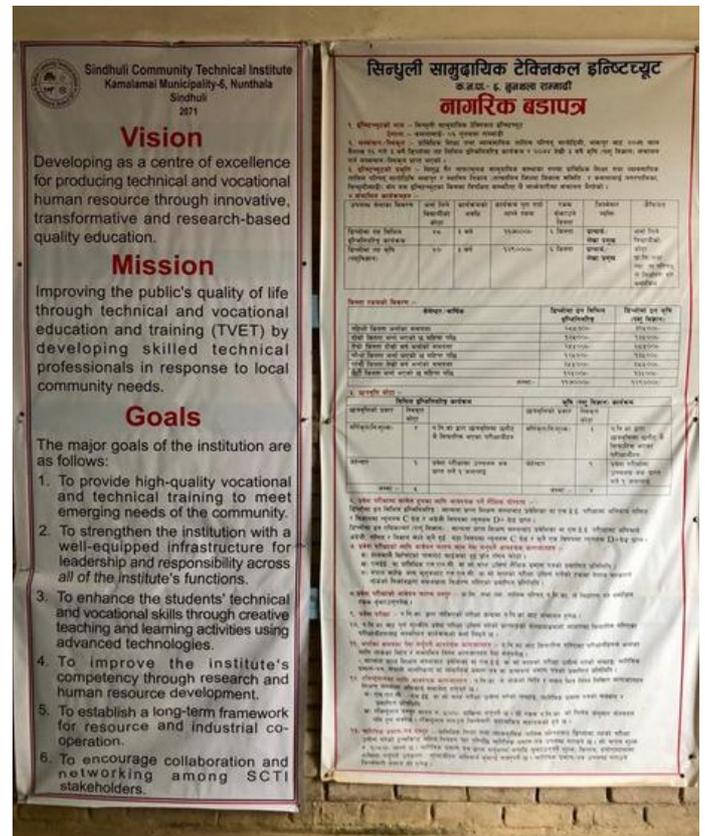
suspended ceilings, wiring and painting. Now with the introduction of a training course for nursing to commence shortly a dormitory, canteen and dining hall are under construction, so more work in the pipeline.

Peter Elias – RAWCS - SCTI Project Manager, from the Rotary Club of Albury, joined by Bruce Duffy RC South Wagga had a quick visit to Sindhuli in November to scope out the works for the upcoming RAWCS team in March / April 2024 to complete. Electricity supply and sewer disposal at the school is under control but a reliable water supply is the problem.

The team plan to help address the water issue as the highest priority, then progress other construction works if time, resources and funds allow.

Anyone interested in a RAWCS trip to Nepal can contact Peter Elias on 0419603024 for more details

Peter Elias
Rotary Club of Albury



House of Friendship -Showcase

Celebrate your Special Projects in our 'Showcase' display area
District Conference Shepparton is excited to announce that a very large area – two large rooms and entrance display area available for House of Friendship, at Conference. This area once housed the Greater Shepparton Art Gallery. So there is plenty of room.

Riverlinks Eastbank Conference auditorium, catering and House of Friendship – all in the same facility.

Rotary Clubs -consider being a part of our exciting
House of Friendship -Showcase display over the Conference weekend.

- Standard site 3X3m , a table and 2 chairs provided. (Larger sites available upon request)
- Wall space available to display posters & promotion materials. Blu-tac usage.
- Rotary sites no cost.
- Non-Rotarian sites most welcome \$50.00 fee applies
- All day Conference televised within the Showroom.
- Power is available upon request. More details available.
- Set-up begins on the Friday, at the Eastbank facility.

Registration for Conference House of Friendship – Showcase
Register now.

Indicate your project and any specific requirements.

(register by February 29th)

Contact: Margaret Oldfield
oldfield.margaret.a@gmail.com

Confirmation and further information available upon registering.

Yours in Rotary,
Margaret Oldfield
District 9790 Conference Committee

CONFERENCE UPDATE FOR JANUARY 2024

Conference Dates April 19, 20 and 21, 2024

Conference Registration open and choices include:

- Conference participation Saturday 9 am – 5 pm, Sunday 9 am – 12.30 pm
- Friday Activity program 10am – 3.30pm

§ Golf, bowls, fish research program, Shepparton Art Museum (SAM) , cycling, Museum of Motor vehicle Evolution (MOVE), Painting/photography and/or an indigenous walk *Contact Laurie Fagan:*

laurie.fagan@bigpond.com for more information

- Friday Opening Ceremony 5.30pm -7pm
- Saturday Night Dinner Dance 6.30

To register, go to trybooking.com.au/CLHOZ or scan the QR code



OUR EXCITING PROGRAM INCLUDES

- **Four Keynote Speakers:** Comedian Shane Jacobson, Yorta Yorta Elder Pam Pedersen, 3D Hand inventor Matt Bowtell and Para Olympian Don Eglin,
- **Plus presentations covering a wide variety of topics, including:**
- Responses to Natural Disasters from a RAWKS and a more localized perspective
- Robotics in Orchard management
- Arcadia Fish research program
- Canine Support Program in Courts
- Community Policing in a multicultural environment
- Safe Families Rotary Project
- **Plus the continuing Rotary initiatives:** Rotary Exchange Students, Rotaract, Foundation awards, Peter Toomey Police Awards, Ride to Conference and Rotary Health.





Classics 60's, 70's, 80's

DISTRICT 9790 CONFERENCE 2024 DINNER DANCE

Venue:

The GV Hotel
223 High St
Shepparton. Vic. 3630
Ph: 58 219 822

Date:

Saturday, 20th April, 2024

Time:

6:30pm - Fellowship
7:00pm - Seated/main meal served

Drinks:

Drinks at bar prices
An extensive selection of wine/spirits/beer and soft drinks available

Meal:

Two course, alternate drop
Main and Dessert
Dietary requirements catered for - request at booking

Cost:

\$70.00 per person

Band:

'Under The Radar'

Attire:

Dress to the 'Classics Theme, 60's,70's, 80's
Dance the night away!
or -Semi-formal dinner attire

Rotary Youth Exchange Welcome Home - Outbound Exchange Students!

Over the last few weeks the parents, friends and Rotary Youth Exchange Committee has welcomed 19 outbound students. Here are reflections of their year in the words of a few of them.

Lyndsey Hill - Argentina
Sponsor, Rotary Club of Benalla
December 2023

The last month of my exchange has been one of the busiest of the whole year. We had the end of school/graduation celebrations, Christmas, New Years and much more. I feel really weird that my exchange is coming to an end. I'm both excited to see everyone in Australia again and be back in my home but also incredibly sad to leave the new home I've made here in Argentina.

I mostly just feel grateful for the amazing year I've had. I've met the most incredible people that now have such a special place in my heart, seen some of the most beautiful views and places (I would say) in the world, had amazing experiences such as going in a boat under the Iguazú Falls and countless other once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. This year has been better than I ever dreamed and I'm endlessly grateful to my Rotary club Benalla and everyone for making it possible.

Freya Foster Germany
Sponsored by Rotary Club of Kinglake Ranges and Mansfield Rotary
October 2023

It's pretty hard to summarise any normal year in words, let alone an exchange year. I've been in Germany for almost 9 months now and it's surreal to look back on everything I've achieved in that time, and the opportunities I still have. In the last few months I've had the opportunity to travel far and wide through Germany. The highlight for me has been the Deutschland tour in March/April. We (18 other exchange students and myself) spent close to 3 weeks travelling across Germany and learning about the cities we visited. It was an incredible opportunity to learn more about German culture and practise our language skills. The 2022/23 inbounds have become some of my closest friends, and saying goodbye was definitely difficult, though it made me a lot more grateful for the time I still have left.

I'm living in Nassenbeuren right now, a small town a few km outside of Mindelheim (my host town). I moved in with my 3rd host family about a month ago, and school has resumed in that time. I'm surprisingly happy to be back, as school gives me a good chance to work on my language skills and meet people. I've been enrolled in classes in both the 5th and 11th grade, which gives me opportunities to learn what I'm passionate about (Art, English, German and History) and I've been introduced to a much wider group of people in those few months.

Each of my host families have lived in different towns, which has been one of my favourite parts of my day-to-day life. I've had chances to meet 3 different sets of people and live in 3 different environments, and I feel that it's given me a better perspective on life here as a whole, instead of just as a specific experience.

I just want to absorb as much of Germany and my life here as I can before January.

Of course none of this would have been possible without the combined support of Mindelheim Rotary, the Rotary Club of Kinglake Ranges and Mansfield Rotary, and I owe them more than they can imagine, and hope that sharing my experiences will encourage others to pursue an exchange in the future. I've kept this short, sharp and (hopefully) sweet but hopefully I've given you an idea of what this incredible experience has been like so far 🍷❤️🇩🇪

Harri Silvester Italy
Sponsored by Mt Beauty Rotary Club
September 2023

I am now more than halfway through my exchange year and I have already done so much. I am living in Mantova in northern Italy with my new host family. My host brother Filippo came back from his exchange in Canada and him and I have been getting along well. My new host parents have a house by the beach where I spent a week with my host brother and his friends.

I have done so much this summer; I visited Florence with my last host dad, and went to Sardinia for a few days with my last host mum where we went snorkelling and swimming. At the start of July I went to Spain with my parish group and we did the 'Way of St James' (Camino de Santiago). After I came back I went to Torino with my host brothers parish group we worked a place that provides help for the homeless. I also did a walk with my scout group before I headed off to Sicily for 4 days with both my current host parents and my last host parents. We travelled a lot, saw many cool places and ate lots of good food.

Thanks to Mount Beauty Rotary Club, Rotary Youth Exchange 9790, Rotary eClub Victorinus Feltrensis & Rotary District 2050 for making this exchange possible!

Tanner Kirwin Chile
Sponsored by Rotary Club of Albury
Saludos from Chile!! 🇨🇱❤️

First a massive thankyou to my amazing sponsor club Rotary Club of Albury NSW, Rotary Club of Mostazal, my host club, and everyone involved in the RYE program.

I have been in Chile for 7 and a half months now. Although I'm not really counting, the time is just going by so quickly. I still have so much to do here in this incredible place and I honestly don't even want to think about leaving my life behind here.

I have been so lucky to get to travel to see more of this country and learn so much from it. Some places I've been are the Atacama Desert, Santiago the capital, Chiloe Island, Puerto Montt, Puerto Varas and other places in the south, Pichilemu and El Quisco at the beach. In October I am also going to Puerto Arenas and Torres Del Paine in Patagonia, which is the thing I have been looking forward to the most.

As well as school and some travelling, I also have spent the last 7 months learning as much as I can about Chile and it's culture. There is still so much I can learn and take away from the culture that has already taught me so much, that I will use now and in the future.

I have created a new family and life here. I am so grateful and proud to be a part of a whole new community here and I feel so loved and welcomed. I have really adapted, and I know it will be so hard to leave, but I have so many houses and families to visit when I come back.

There was a question on my last monthly report that I was very stuck on for a good few days. "What has been the highlight of your exchange?" As if I can just sum it up into one single highlight.

I have so many highlights I can't count them on all my fingers and toes. Obviously it's not like every single day is always amazing but the good parts seriously outweigh the bad ones. I genuinely couldn't answer the question and just pick one highlight. Maybe arriving and starting this journey. Every day that I wake up in this amazing country is a highlight for the fact that I have all day to make new memories and even more new highlights. But to just pick one?! Impossible!



Rotary Youth Exchange Welcome Home - Outbound Exchange Students!

Abbey McLaughlin France

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Milawa Oxley

September 2023

When people told me that time on exchange would fly quick I don't think I realised it was going to be this quick. 7 months here has felt like a life time and only a few months at the same time. I love my life here so much and am so sad that we are nearing the time that we have to return.

Highlight of the exchange has definitely been all the other exchange students I've met. The 22/23 people in my district will always be my favourite group of people I made so many memories and life long friendships. It was quite emotional having to say goodbye to everyone as they left. With my district we did a tour of France in April and got to visit big cities and sites throughout the country and lots of attractions in the area.

I play netball here and train with my old host sisters basketball team and through the sports and school I have made so many friends too. Now that the new 23/24 people in my district have arrived it doesn't feel the same but I'm sure we will make great memories anyway. My host families here have been amazing and I am onto my last host family. I love the connections I have made with the family, especially my host sister and I love spending time with their extended family and many family friends.

This exchange has truly been amazing so thank you so much to the Rotary Club of Milawa Oxley for sponsoring me, the District 9790 and my family. Only 5 more months!



Neeve McGown Denmark

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Albury Hume

Update from Denmark 🇩🇰❤️

Where do I even start, I still can't believe I've been in Denmark for almost 8 months now it's crazy how time has flown by way too fast.

These past months have been the most amazing time of my life I can't believe how lucky I am to be experiencing all of this. This year I have already learned so much about Denmark and the world.

I have made the most amazing memories that will be with me for the rest of my life, I've travelled and seen bits of Denmark and had many weekends in the beautiful capital city Copenhagen which has become my favourite city. I was extremely lucky to go on Euro tour and travel Europe, Euro tour has definitely been a highlight of the year.

One of the best parts of this year I think is meeting so many new amazing people, making lifelong friends from all over the world is amazing.

Every day I think about how lucky I am to have two lives, I have an amazing life I love at home and I'm lucky enough I have a second home in Denmark.

Words can't describe how grateful and thankful I am for this one in a life opportunity I have. Thanks heaps to Rotary Club of Albury Hume and Rotary Youth Exchange 9790 My family and everyone else involved.

I'm very sad I don't have much long left but I'm still excited to see what these last months have left for me.



Christian Heeps - Czech Republic ANZAC DAY Poland

Sponsor, Rotary Club of Belvoir Wodonga

Photo with Ruby Kadaoui (Rotary club of Albury Hume) Isabella Howe (Rotary Club of Albury West) and Abbey Conallin (Rotary Club of Albury)

April 2023

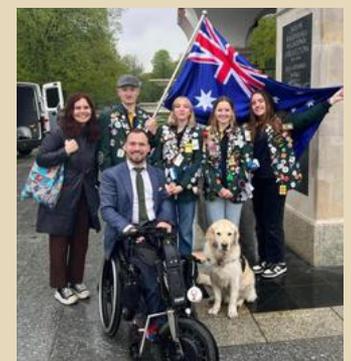
This year's ANZAC day was a huge privilege for my self and the other Aussies. Invited by the Australian ambassador to Warsaw, Poland for the annual ANZAC day ceremony, it was such an amazing opportunity. The ceremony was held at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in the center of the city.

Poland, Australia and New Zealand all share the one location to honour and remember the lives of the soldiers who fought, and their ultimate sacrifice for our peace and freedom. It was truly remarkable to see the important relationship between the three countries and their continued effort to support each other.

I was pleased to see so many Aussies there as well, it was a weird feeling talking and understanding someone so far from home.

We also met with the Ambassador from the Australian Embassy who invited us for afternoon tea once the ceremony had finished.

To represent Australia on ANZAC day was a proud moment for myself and the girls and I would like to put fourth my appreciation to Patrik Prochazka and Tereza Petra Holubekova for chaperoning us, and a huge thankyou to Kellie Kadaoui and Meredith Miegel for organising and making it all happen.



Niamh Lavis Italy

September 2023

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Corowa

Update from my exchange in Italy + Sardinia 🇮🇹❤️

It's unbelievable to say that almost 8 months have passed already. This year has flown by, especially these last few months!!

I have been so lucky to do as much travel as I have these past three months thanks to my host families. At the start of July I was also able to go on euro tour which was AMAZING. I met amazing people, saw 11 different cities and made so many memories that I will never forget. Definitely a highlight.

After I got back from euro tour (which was so sad) I changed host families and they are so kind and we get along really well. They also took me to their holiday house for a week in a town called Costa Rei (Sardinia) and the next week they took me to Paris with some family friends which was amazing.

These past months have been some of the best months of my life and I am forever grateful for all the people that got me here today. I am having the best time here making amazing friends, learning the language very well, built a close bond with my host families, seen amazing places and experienced the amazing Italian/sardo culture.

Thank you to The Rotary Club of Corowa and Rotary District 9790 2080 and just Rotary all up! Most of all thank you to my family. I am in love with this place, Niamh Lavis 🇮🇹🇮🇹

District 9790 - 2023 RYLA - Thanks and Results!



Gratitude, from the 2023 RYLArrians for the support of the Rotary Youth Leadership Award by the following clubs!

- Albury North • Kinglake Ranges
- Rotary e-Club of 9790 • Belvoir-Wodonga
 - Southern Mitchell • Yea
 - Preston • Diamond Creek
- Heidelberg • Moreland & Coburg
- Wodonga West • Pascoe Vale
- Benalla

A few results from the final feedback...

As an experience for learning about leadership...

- I was able to experience different aspects of leadership and expose areas that if I need to continue to improve.
- Very useful because it got me out of my comfort zone.
- There are so many things I didn't know about myself.
- Using all the values and behaviours information.

What worked well during the week?

- Equal opportunity for everyone to get to know each other.
- Everything, the support, communication and activities have taught me so much to the point that I'm going to miss everyone.
- Entertaining and engaging speakers, great content and support from Supporters.
- Getting to know other people and learning about their strengths and weaknesses and mine too. I felt like I actively tried to test my weaknesses and to enhance them.
- Everything was perfectly planned and thought out.

How would you describe the conference to someone who wasn't familiar with RYLA?

- 10 times out of 10 you will not regret the opportunity.
- It teaches you things you never thought you were capable of; everyone is supportive and encouraging of the challenges and the goals you have.
- A conference which helps to develop leadership / communication and a deeper connection with yourself.
- A weeklong stay to challenge yourself, find your values and enhance your strengths and weaknesses.
- Life changing
- Life changing experience that gives life direction and leadership skills.

Linda Gidlund
RYLA Chair & Supporter

RYDA WORKSHOPS

At the end of November, the Rotary Club of Albury hosted 2 days of RYDA workshops. What another Rotary acronym – yes RYDA – Rotary Youth Driver Awareness a road safety education program developed by RSE – Road Safety Education limited and delivered across Australia and New Zealand for just over 20 years.

Since 2001, RYDA has been supporting youth development in a number of areas including social resilience and anticipating and managing risk. This provides students a unique opportunity to set road safety goals and build strategies alongside their friends, who they will most likely be riding with as drivers or passengers. RYDA is an Australian program that draws on an international expert Advisory Council to ensure it meets best-practice in road safety education.

Australia has seen significant improvements in road safety over the past 2 decades, however the number of fatalities on our roads is failing to decline fast enough to meet the target of zero deaths by 2050. Young drivers and their passengers are over-represented, making up 22% of fatalities despite making up less than 10% of the population. This makes road trauma the second highest cause of death for Australians aged 17-25. The need is even more acute in regional and remote Australia. 3 in 4 youth driver and passenger fatalities occur on regional or remote roads. But only 1 in 4 Australia youths live in regional or remote areas, making them 8 times more likely to die on our roads than youths in major cities.

The challenge of road trauma is much bigger. For every young driver or passenger who dies in regional or remote Australia, 12 are seriously injured, requiring hospitalisation. Nearly all of these deaths and injuries are preventable, with human error being a factor in over 90% of crashes. RYDA is designed to reduce the margin of human error.



A number of Clubs have been running the RYDA workshops across our District for some time, now we can include Albury to that list. Over 200 Year 10 students from Albury High, Murray High and James Fallon attended the workshops and the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. The sessions explore - decision making and the choices you make, peer pressure, analysis of risky situations and the ability to speak up, understanding the relationship between speed and stopping distance, developing strategies to recognise and change harmful mindsets and plan ahead to avoid risk.

PCYC and the Albury Highway patrol along with several local businesses representing the national sponsors – Boral, Bridgestone, Toyota, and BOC supported the RYDA workshops. We found a genuine concern amongst the community for the number of tragic youth driver fatalities and serious accidents which reinforced the need to provide the driver safety education program. Club members, volunteers, facilitators and support from – Martins buses, Border Traffic Control, Joss Construction, ACC, DIK West Footscray and the Purple Chicken ensured the workshops were a great success.

Having identified a few minor differences between NSW and Vic in regard to running a RYDA workshop we plan to continue hosting workshops for Albury schools in 2024 and beyond.

Peter Elias
 Rotary Club of Albury
 RYDA Coordinator 23/24
 0419603024



Sailing Challenges

This is Hudson Maloney. Hudson sailed out of North Wharf on Saturday, 20 January on the Enterprize. This is the second of three events planned by the Rotary Youth Sailing Challenge Victoria Committee.

The program is being run by District 9800, Rotary Footscray and is available to any Victorian District. For more information see the details below presented at this website.

<https://youthsailing.com.au/this-years-voyages/>



Participants are between the ages of 15 to 18 years old and can be funded by clubs, a combination of funding from different sources and self-funded. Hudson is a self-funded participant.

Hudson lives in Kangaroo Ground and attends Luther College in Croydon Hills. A friend told Hudson to check out the Enterprize and away he went.

Hudson will be a guest speaker at Diamond Creek Rotary as he needs to speak to a club and we are on his doorstep.

Nakita Stevenson, Holbrook, joined the crew on Saturday. Nakita sailed on the One & All from Adelaide to Melbourne and is hooked on sailing tall ships. The District 9510 program coincided with the RI Convention. It will be interesting to find out what direction Nakita follows.

Would you like a social event for your club? Check out what is on offer, as you too can sail on the Enterprize! No, financial benefit to me...

<https://www1.enterprize.org.au/>

Linda Gidlund
Rotary Diamond Creek
Membership Director





YOUTH NEWS

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Rotary Youth Program of
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email sallywestrotary@gmail.com
or rypen@rotary9790.org.au

Rotex - Contact Rotex by email:
rotex9790@gmail.com, see the
Rotex District 9790 Facebook page.

Albury North - Rotary Youth
Program of ENrichment (RYPEN) -
Contact Albury North Rotary Email:
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Youth Volunteer Management -
Contact Bruce McIntyre, M 0427
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If you would like further information please contact Youth Programs Chair
Nathan Stuart on 0412707770 or msgnathans@gmail.com



Dates for RESCA Awards 2024

Nominations will commence **1st March** and close **30th April 2024**.

Judging will occur with announcements made in **June 2024**

The RESCA Victoria Awards Dinner will be held in **August 2024**- (*date TBC*)

The RESCA National event will be held in **October 2024**.

For further information, go to:
<https://www.vic.rescawards.org.au/>



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PAYMENT in advance appreciated via
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Or credit card on 0400 622 540

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or call Peter Holland 0400 622 540

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HISTORY WALKS OF CENTRAL COBURG

First Saturday of every month from February to June 2024



Come explore the history of Central Coburg with a guided tour led by the Coburg Historical Society, supported by the Central Coburg Business Association. The tours are funded by the Moreland and Coburg Rotary Clubs.

Tours are held on the first Saturday of the month from February to June 2024 (inclusive). The tours start outside the church on the north east corner of Sydney Road and Bell Street at 11.00am, and end in a cafe at 12.30pm with a complimentary coffee provided. In between, you will gain a whole new appreciation of the Coburg shopping centre and its history.

For one lucky attendee, there will be a \$100 gift voucher to spend in the Coburg shopping strip.

Sensible shoes and water bottle recommended.



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Contact

District Conference, Shepparton
19-21 April, 2024
Eastbank, 70 Welsford Street, Shepparton

Rotary Club of Mooroopna
Contact: PP Laurie Fagan
E: laurie.fagan@bigpond.com

Lunch with RI President Grodon McNally
and Heather McNally, 12.00 pm, 2 June
2024, RACV Cape Schanck Conference
Centre

Go to page 4 for information
and booking details

Let's talk about Elephants mental health
and wellbeing symposium with Gordon
McNally, 3 June 2024, Frankston Arts
Centre

Go to page 5 for information
and booking details

Deadlines

Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards
(RESCA)
Nominations open 1 March 2024 and close 30 April
2024 (see page 4)

www.vic.rescaawards.org.au
or email Lorraine Greenwood
on
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ROTARY CALENDAR

Visit this calendar throughout the year to find award nomination due dates and convention and event information. Develop meeting agendas, projects, or public image campaigns based on these special occasions. All dates are subject to change.

January 2024

Vocational Service Month

7-11 January – Rotary International Assembly, Orlando, Florida, USA

February 2024

Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention Month

23 February – Rotary's anniversary

March 2024

Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Month

11-17 March – World Rotaract Week

31 March – Preregistration discount ends for the Rotary International Convention

April 2024

Environmental Month

30 April – Rotary International Convention registrations and ticket cancellations are due

May 2024

Youth Service Month

25-29 May – Rotary International Convention, Singapore

June 2024

Rotary Fellowships Month

30 June – Rotary Citation for Rotary Clubs Award nominations are due

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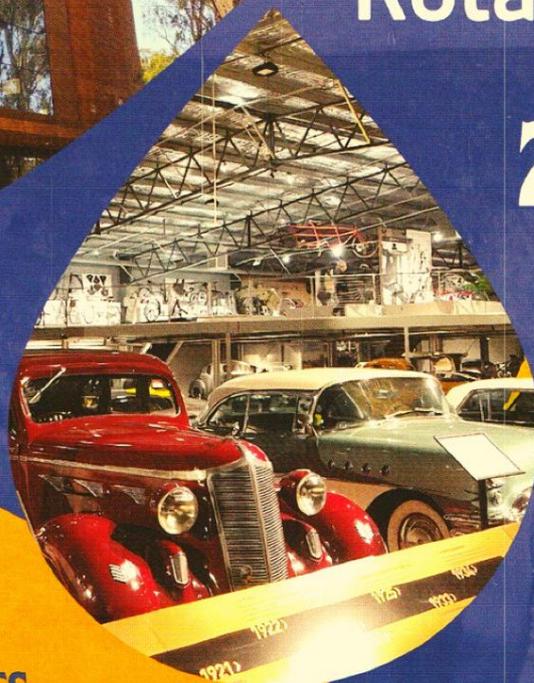
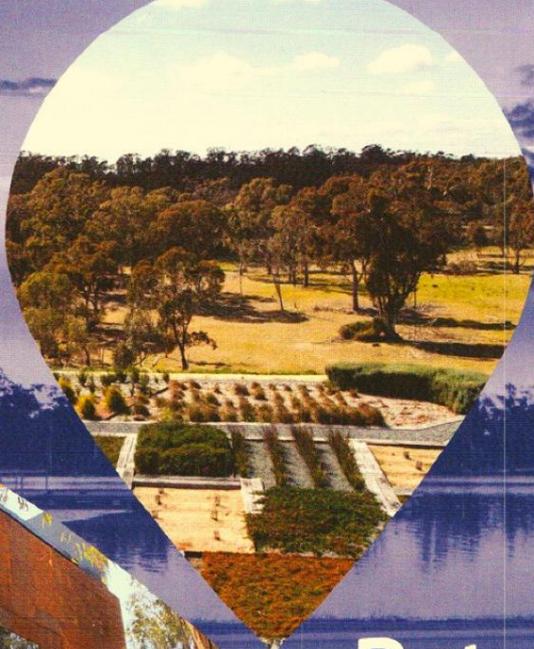
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FRIDAY ACTIVITIES

- Golf and Lawn Bowls
- Shepparton Art Museum tour
- Museum of Vehicle Evolution tour
- Painting/Drawing/Photography beside the Goulburn River
- Indigenous Heritage walk and cycling

FRIDAY EVENING

- Opening Ceremony and Cocktail Party at the Woolshed

SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER DANCE THEME

- "CLASSICS THEME - 60s, 70s, 80s" - Goulburn Valley Hotel



APRIL 19, 20 & 21

VENUE: Eastbank, 70 Welsford Street, Shepparton