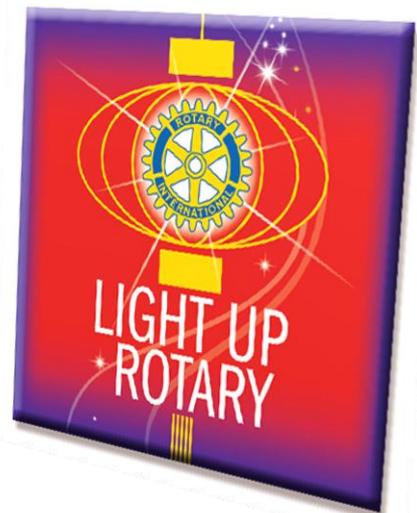
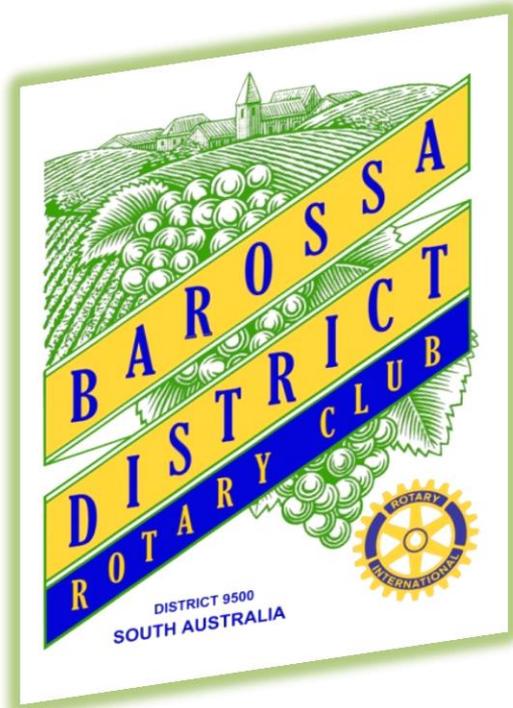


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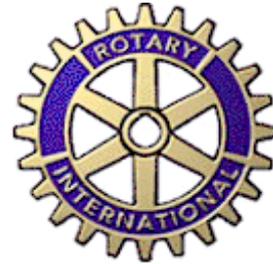
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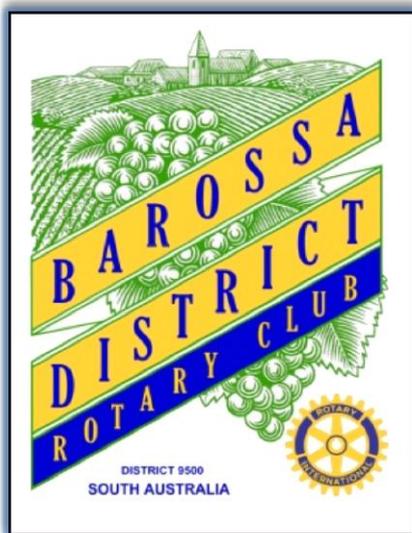


# ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9500



DISTRICT GOVERNOR: John Campbell

ASSISTANT GOVERNOR for GROUP 9: Ro Forgan



## ROTARY CLUB of BAROSSA DISTRICT

CHARTERED 23<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 1985

### CLUB BOARD MEMBERS – 2014/2015

**BRIAN ECKERMANN** - PRESIDENT

**COLIN THORN** - IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

**FRITS VAN EMDEN** - PRESIDENT ELECT

**IAN COLLINS** - SECRETARY & Club Webmaster

**TONY RANDELL** - TREASURER & Public Officer

### OTHER CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

RO FORGAN - Child Protection Officer

RAY DUANCE - Attendance Officer

**ALL MEMBERS** - Club projects and activities management

**VENUE:** VINE INN HOTEL/MOTEL, NURIOOTPA

**MEETINGS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> MONDAY, 6.20 PM FOR 6.45 PM

# 2014-2015 ROTARY CLUB of BAROSSA DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On Monday June 23, 2014, the official Change-over for the Rotary Club of Barossa District took place at the Vine Inn, Nuriootpa. Immediate Past President, Colin Thorn, handed over the reins to me as your President for the coming twelve months.



The international Rotary theme of “Light up Rotary” was suitably introduced with small LED candles around the room lighting up the darkness in the room filled with around 50 Rotarians, partners, Friends of Rotary, visitors from other Service clubs and dignitaries including the MP for Schubert, Stephan Knoll, and the

Editor of the local Leader newspaper, Tony Robinson.

Prior to the official Changeover proceedings, Frits van Emden's untiring work for Rotary over many years was recognised by being presented with a Paul Harris Fellowship.



## BOARD MEMBERS:

The incoming Board was introduced with Ian Collins as Secretary, Tony Randell as Treasurer and Colin Thorn as immediate Past President. Later in the Rotary year Frits van Emden was elected President Elect. All of these members have given freely of their time and talents to ensure the smooth running of our club. I especially wish to thank Ian Collins and Tony Randell who are relinquishing their roles as Secretary and Treasurer respectively after many years of faithful and effective service.

## MEETINGS:

From Meeting #1101, the Club's Changeover night, through to Meeting #1124 on Monday June 8, 2015, the club has met regularly and without fail on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Member attendances have been lower than in past years through two main reasons. The first has been the ill health of a significant number of people this year, and the second reason is the increasing trend of our ageing membership to indulge in travel around Australia and overseas.

Nevertheless, guest speakers and occasional Vocational visits were arranged for the benefit of Rotarians, partners and a growing number of Rotary Friends, as can be seen from the following list.

#1102 July 14 Club Assembly

#1103 July 28 Travis Schiller – local Pharmacist ----->



#1104 August 11 DG visit – John Campbell, and his wife Julie ->



#1105 August 25 Alex Keynes – our RYLA sponsored student ----->



#1106 September 8 Visit to Rusden Wines – Dennis Canute ----->



#1107 September 22 Frits van Emden – PICSE Science student judging ->



#1108 October 13 Ian Collins – Vietnam and National Service ----->



#1109 October 27 VET Student of the Year awards night



#1110 November 10 Emily Neldner – current Vintage Festival Young Ambassador ----->

#1111 November 24 Malcolm Whyatt – Barons of the Barossa ----->



#1112 December 8 AGM and Club Assembly

#1113 December 22 Christmas, and Induction of new  
Rotary Friends, Peter and Sherryl Whitehead



#1114 January 12 Sally McKenzie – Riding for the Disabled ---->

#1115 January 22 & 26 Australia Day Breakfast – Tanunda Show Hall

#1116 February 9 Higher Technology winners

- Jake Lane, NHS & Harrison Schuster, Faith ---->



#1117 February 23 30th Anniversary of our Club, and 110th Birthday of Rotary International

#1118 March 9 Club Assembly

#1119 March 23 Visit to Linke's Butcher Shop and SmokeHouse – Graham Linke ----->



#1120 April 13 Shaun Lovell – Branch Manager of BankSA Nuriootpa

#1121 April 27 Club Assembly

#1122 May 11 Madeline Hegarty – RYPEN student sponsored by our club ----->



#1123 May 25 Reports from members on Projects and Service throughout the year

#1124 June 8 Induction of new member – Shaun Lovell ----->



#1125 June 22 Changover to new President Frits van Emden.

I thank the Vine Inn and its staff for looking after our meal needs in a very professional manner, as well as cheerfully helping us have large numbers of attendees catered for on the occasion of our annual VET High School Awards night and our Club's 30th Birthday celebrations.

Despite the previously mentioned illness and travel being significant factors in limiting attendances, it has been a real joy to serve you as President through the fantastic way you have volunteered for Rotary activities and raised a possible record amount of money over the past twelve months. For a Rotary group with a membership of 16, rising to 17 in recent weeks, to raise sufficient funds in one year so that donations to local and overseas projects total over \$17000 is quite amazing!

### RI PROJECTS:

We have met the challenge issued by our DG, John Campbell, to donate \$1500 to **End Polio Now**, the ongoing RI project that sees Polio eradicated throughout the world except for three small pockets.



In addition, we have passed on \$2000 to the Rotary Foundation



as well as

\$3500 to cover the costs for two **ShelterBoxes**



and two **Aqua Boxes**.



### AUSTRALIAN ROTARY PROJECTS:



\$1200 was sent to the **Australian Rotary Health Research fund**. This was from the proceeds of a delightful Bush BBQ held at the Forgan home and garden at Dutton just over 12 months ago. A similar function is planned for the coming Spring season.

\$240 was paid to Rotary Down Under for their latest **Humanity in Motion books** that we are using as gifts to guest speakers, as well as placing copies in local rooms and offices, like Medical rooms.



Again, \$220 was donated to the Rotary Overseas Aid Fund to help two students in the Gawler Light's organization of the **Educated Smiles program** in Indonesia.

Sponsored students



Budi Merta and



Agus Subawa Putra

Although we are unaware at this time whether she has been successful, Julia Edwards from Faith Lutheran College has been nominated by us for the next **National Youth Science Forum** in Canberra.



## DISTRICT ROTARY PROJECTS:

Our Club Members responded to Julie Campbell's DG Partner Project **SOLES@SOULS** by collecting many pairs of suitable shoes to distribute to those in need in countries neighbouring us and also within Australia.



We sponsored two local students to attend and benefit from District 9500 organized **RYLA** (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) and **RYPEN** (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) camps this year. This combined sponsorship of over \$1000 enabled Alex Keynes and



Maddi Hegarty respectively to grow in their leadership potential and enjoy the company of like-minded young students. Both spoke at one of our regular meetings to thank us for this opportunity and express how the days away have helped them in their lives ahead.



Several years ago Barossa District combined with other Group 9 Rotary Clubs to sponsor a worthy person in the **Indigenous Health Scholarship Project**.

This year on our own we donated \$1500 to assist another Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander graduate with skills and abilities as an Indigenous health worker.



## LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

One of our largest and most significant events for the year continues to be the organization and sponsorship of the annual **Student VET (Vocational Education and Training) Awards** evening. Upper secondary students from Eudunda Area School, Kapunda High School, Nuriootpa High School and Faith Lutheran College were invited to enter this prestigious competition if they have participated with distinction in VET courses at school, in the work-place, and/or with government or public training providers.

Prize-money totalling \$1350 was distributed to each of the nine students who entered the VET Student of the Year in 2014. The overall winner was Zoe Thompson from Nuriootpa HS who completed Certificate III in Rural Operations (Animal Care & Husbandry) through Regional Skills Training, McEvoy Racing and Gilles Plains TAFE. Naomi Henderson and Bianca Mullins, both from Nuriootpa HS, came equal second, Joel Griffiths (Faith) and Danny Robertson (Kapunda HS) received Certificates of Achievement, while Taylor Brown (Kapunda HS), Jake Bugeja (Eudunda AS), Tiffany O'Brien (Kapunda HS) and Solomon Voigt (Nuriootpa HS) won Special Commendation awards.



Standing at front in the middle is Zoe Thompson, winner.

At back are: Tiffany O'Brien, Naomi Henderson, Bianca Mullins, Solomon Voigt, Taylor Brown, Danny Robertson, Joel Griffiths and Jake Bugeja.

Over 60 people came to the Awards presentations held at the Vine Inn, Nuriootpa in place of one of our normal Rotary meetings. As well as Rotarians, Partners and Friends, a large number of family members, teachers, principals, training providers and lecturers supported the nine students with their attendance.

On February 23, 2015, our club celebrated its **30th Anniversary since charter**. A wonderful audience of 110 accepted the invitation to meet and reminisce on this significant occasion, the number 110 being even more memorable since February 23 was the **110th Birthday of Rotary International** starting in Chicago, USA. Past members of our club, visiting Rotarians from fellow Group 9 clubs (several of which cancelled their weekly meetings that week to attend), DG John Campbell and his wife Julie, DGE Doug Layng and his wife Lynne, and local guests joined our current members, their partners and Friends of our club.



The six Charter members in attendance were invited to share their experiences of the early days of the Club. Jim Mitchell, Bill Sibley and Leon Wilksch are still members, while Milton Helbig, David Pitt

and Malcolm Whyatt returned for this special occasion. Jim, Bill and Leon cut the special 30th Birthday cake that everyone enjoyed as their Dessert for the evening. The female members had decorated the room in colours



appropriate to the theme “Light up Rotary”, while most members had donated goods for the Raffle that raised \$500 for local project “Father’s Farm” (an initiative to help disadvantaged local youth by helping them grow in skills and confidence and which is a passion for charter member Leon Wilksch).

On this occasion, as with numerous other activities throughout the year, the Editor of The Leader newspaper, Tony Robinson, attended to gather information and photographs to publicise our Club and its programs. A fantastic two-page spread in The Leader a week after our 30th Anniversary was a wonderful tribute to Rotary and the Barossa District Club. It gave readers an excellent summary on what makes a Rotary Club so special and appreciated throughout the world today.



Two opportunities were given to our club to raise significant funds through an involvement in producing and/or distributing local information. 7500 **Local Contact Directories** were printed, wrapped for postage, and finally posted throughout the Barossa region in July.

Thanks to the generosity of 37 local Barossa businesses a profit approaching \$5000 was attained, due to the hard work of all members and Friends of our club, together with help from the Barossa Valley club.



For the first time we hand-delivered copies of the **Barossa Link (a local phone book)** to all private homes and businesses within the town areas. As well as keeping our members and Friends fit as we walked around the streets, a delightful profit in excess of \$2500 enabled us to make the significant donations written about earlier.



Although we are in competition in some areas with our mother club (the Barossa Valley RC) we also work together with them in several key ways. This year we were asked to cater for the **Barossa Council Australia Day Breakfast** in the Tanunda Show Hall. We shared the work and the profits with the Barossa Valley Rotarians, enabling both of us to have an extra \$3300 available to donate to worthy local projects.

### **AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST - 1000 Breakfasts in an hour!!!!**



**A BIG thanks**  
to all Rotarians, Partners  
and Friends of Rotary  
who worked hard to make  
this a successful and  
enjoyable fundraiser



**RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness)** continues to thrive with the four local secondary schools now involved each year. Members readily give of their time and expertise to organize the program and prepare the lunch food for the 400 Year 11 students. This most worthwhile activity, held at the Nuriootpa Sports Rooms and the Nuriootpa TAFE, is a joint initiative of the three local Rotary Clubs (Kapunda, Barossa Valley and Barossa District). This year there was a smaller than usual \$500 donation from our club to cover the cost of guest speakers.

**ROTARY YOUTH  
DRIVER  
AWARENESS  
PROGRAMME**  
23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015



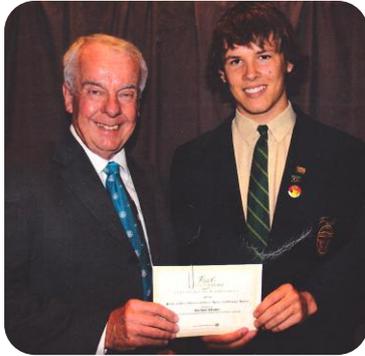
The Rotary Clubs of Barossa District, Barossa Valley & Kapunda provided this valuable programme to Year 11 Students from Eudunda Area School, Faith Lutheran College, Kapunda High School and Nuriootpa High School

This year the normal joint project to sell **Bowel Scan** kits in the CO-OP Mall at Nuriootpa proved to be very challenging. The main problem was to find a willing company to undertake the pathology tests for the new kits collected from members of the public. Unbudgeted costs, for the pathology testing, even when a willing partner was found, caused anguish for all concerned. All accounts have now been paid. Hopefully next year we can continue this very worthwhile Rotary project with new methodology to complete the whole process with less work and worry for everyone.



The ongoing **collection and sale of Scrap Metal** proves to be an excellent fund-raiser for our Club. Many hours of hard work are expended in collecting, sorting and organizing the sending of filled skips to the Scrap Metal yard. Approximately \$3000 was raised this Rotary year, even though the price we obtain for our metal has fallen dramatically of late. The project again keeps members fit, as well as being of positive environmental value to the Barossa community.

We strongly support outstanding students in **local schools with Higher Technology awards** this year to Jake Lane (Nuriootpa HS) and Harrison Schuster (Faith).



### Barossa District Rotary Higher Technology Awards

Winners for 2014

← **Harrison Schuster**  
from Faith Lutheran College

**Jake Lane** →  
from Nuriootpa High School



Harrison's tertiary studies will help him achieve his aims related to improving farming technology and the use of robotics to help with farming efficiencies.



Jake's tertiary studies relate to his passion for computer programming development and electronics.

The Rotary Club of Barossa District wish them well for their future.

At Good Shepherd Lutheran **Primary School a class prize** is donated, while the **Australian Business Week sponsorship**, involving the High Schools at Eudunda, Kapunda and Nuriootpa, was again supported. Close to \$1000 in total is given to these talented student individuals or teams.

The **Angaston Show** provides another opportunity for the Club finances to grow. Although it required lots of time and effort, we successfully collected entrance money from those attending and received a cheque for \$850 for our work. We passed some of this on to other Rotary Clubs that helped us fill the roster of helpers.

Not that all our work is done for financial profit. We provide sufficient volunteers to give refreshments (and encouragement!) to riders in the annual **Ride for Juvenile Diabetes** held in January around the Barossa near the date of the cycling Tour Down Under.



Together with other Service Clubs we provide helpers to give coffee and biscuits to drivers travelling on Public holidays along the Sturt Highway near Nuriootpa. This is known as the **Driver Reviver program**.

A most successful collection of donations to the **Royal Flying Doctor Service** was held in May outside the Tanunda Foodland. Close to \$1000 was raised for their use from members of the general public. Another service we provide is to clean and maintain the gardens at the front of **Luhrs Cottage at Light Pass**. This occurs several times each year. We also are responsible for the cleanliness of part of the main road between Nuriootpa and Tanunda and at the Driver Reviver site under the **KESAB** umbrella.

For many years we have helped the **Barossa Bushgardens** at Nuriootpa with a variety of activities including seed planting. This year we held a normal meeting, including a BBQ meal, at the Bushgardens prior to which we collected seed from many of the trees on their property. As a result of our ongoing relationship, and at their request, we have donated \$3000 to the Barossa Bushgardens that will cover the cost of materials, installation and landscaping materials for a rest area.



#### **IN CONCLUSION:**

The Rotary Club of Barossa District has had a wonderful year enacting the theme to “Light up Rotary”. I have deliberately not mentioned the names of people involved in each phase of our work as I certainly would leave out some names of those who freely contributed. Yet each and every member has worked tirelessly, whenever they were able, to help people in need and raise funds to be distributed back into local, Australian and international communities. I thank you all for your dedicated support and willingness to be involved.

We welcome Shaun Lovell as a new member, giving our club an increase of 6.25% in membership for the 204/2015 Rotary year.



Likewise we welcome Peter and Sherryl Whitehead as Friends of Rotary, giving the Friends of Rotary a 20% increase.

Best wishes to President Frits van Emden and his team for the coming Rotary year.

**President Brian Eckermann**

# TREASURERS REPORT – Tony Randell



[last one for Tony!]

## Balance Sheet as of 12/06/2015

### Assets

BankSA Nuriootpa			
Club Account		\$1,265.47	
Service Account			
Projects Account		-\$122.76	
Local Contact Directory		\$5,684.78	
Club Projects Account		\$6,595.45	
Bowel Scan Projects Account		\$774.55	
RYDA Project Account		\$1,000.00	
Term Deposit Account		\$3,000.00	
Total Service Account		\$16,932.02	
Current Debtors		\$5,025.00	
Total BankSA Nuriootpa			\$23,222.49
Total Assets			\$23,222.49
Liabilities			
Net Assets			\$23,222.49

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### Projects Account

Donations:	Fathers Farm		\$500.00
		<b><u>Local Contact Directory</u></b>	
Donations:	Nuriootpa High School award		\$250.00
	Faith Lutheran College		\$250.00
	Good Shepherd Lutheran Primary School award		\$140.00
	VET awards (9 recipients)		\$1350.00
	Australian Business Week sponsorship		\$200.00
	Barossa Bushgardens – Rest area project		\$3000.00
		<b><u>Club Projects Account</u></b>	
Donations:	ARHRF donation – Bush barbecue	\$1200.00	
	RDU Humanity in Motion booklets		\$220.00
	RYLA sponsorship		\$750.00
	Rotary Foundation - Polio Plus		\$1500.00
	Rotary Foundation Annual Fund		\$2000.00
	Shelterbox Australia (2 units)		\$2000.00
	Aquabox (2 units)		\$1500.00
	Rotary Overseas Aid Fund – Educated Smiles sponsorship		\$220.00
	RYPEN sponsorship		\$310.00
Fundraising:	Scrap metal sales		\$2646.14
	Australia Day Breakfast		\$3327.05
	Phone book delivery		\$2578.00
	Angaston Showgates		\$850.00
		<b><u>BowelScan Project Account</u></b>	
	BowelScan kit sales		\$1295.00
		<b><u>RYDA Project Account</u></b>	
Funds to Barossa/Kapunda RYDA Group			\$500.00

**Rotary Club of Barossa District Inc.- RI Club # 22351 District 9500**  
**Membership Summary (at 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015)**

The following are <b>Active Members:</b> (17 members)	
Name	Partner
Brian Barnett	Janet
Ian Collins	Sharyn
Ray Duance	Lesley
Brian Eckermann	Elizabeth
Brian Forgan	Ro
Ro Forgan	Brian
John Henderson	Mary
Shaun Lovell	Joyce
Jim Mitchell	Karen
Joanne Perkins	Peter
Tony Randell	Wendy
Veronica Semmler	John
Bill Sibley	Elizabeth
Colin Thorn	Joy
Joy Thorn	Colin
Frits van Emden	Eunice
Leon Wilksch	Loris

The following are <b>Honorary Members:</b>
Thora Love
Colin Reuter

The following are <b>Friends of Rotary:</b>
Ken Dadds
Rose Dadds
Max Krause
Janet Krause
Mike Sims
Sue Sims
Kevin Werner
Ann Werner
Peter Whitehead
Sherryl Whitehead

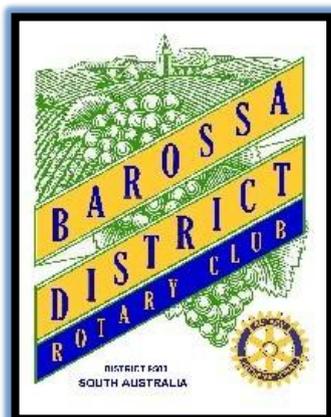
**2015/2016 BOARD MEMBERS**

PRESIDENT: Frits van Emden  
 PRESIDENT ELECT: Joanne Perkins  
 SECRETARY: Ray Duance  
 TREASURER: Colin Thorn  
 IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT: Brian Eckermann

**OTHER CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES**

LEON WILKSCH - Attendance Officer  
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**The Rotary Club of Barossa District Inc. looks forward to continued service in the  
 2015-16 ROTARY YEAR.**



Working to help Rotary International make the World a better and fairer place for all peoples

