



# Rotary District 9455

## District Governors

### Newsletter



#### DG Newsletter – June 2015

*This will be the last Newsletter for the 2015-2016 Rotary year – I can almost hear the sighs of relief!!!*

*Firstly I would like to thank sincerely every single Rotarian and your partner for not only being an important part of this wonderful organisation, but also for the dedication, expertise and love that you put into making other's lives better.*

#### Rotaract & Interact

*The interest in starting new Clubs is really gaining momentum, which I am truly delighted about. After Hillarys and Kalamunda Rotaract Clubs are chartered there will be more to follow. The Rotary Club of Hillarys will soon charter 2 new Interact Clubs. Karratha Rotary Club are also working with their Senior High School – an Interact Club there would be a fabulous achievement. Again this is how we can build our own future – start our own Succession Planning.*

#### Rotary Leadership Institute

*The recent Rotary Leadership Institute was a great success with 18 Rotarians graduating. The 3 parts of the program are highly interactive and a lot of fun. We all learn from each other. This program is full of Rotary Information as well as talking about leadership. It does not matter if you have been a Rotarian for 30 minutes or 30 years, we can all learn, and every-one of you has value to add to this program. We are hoping to run the next program in October, so – stay tuned.*

#### Rotary Team Challenge

*This is run by the RC of Osborne Park and is a great fun fundraiser for their Club, whilst helping people keep fit. This last year 3 Youth Exchange Students took part – Riina (RC Scarborough), Nieve (RC Matilda Bay) and Mia (RC Midland) took part and raised nearly \$ 1000 between them. Maybe more students could take part next year.*

#### Rotary Youth Exchange

*I would like to thank the District Youth Exchange Committee under the wonderful leadership of PP Norm de Grussa for once again doing an outstanding job this year. Not only do they coordinate this fabulous program for all the outbound students, they also help Clubs with the hosting of the inbound students.*

*This year we have had 22 inbound students and they have been an absolute delight to host. To see them enjoying being a part of your Club, and being together is a joy to watch. I would like to encourage all your Clubs to consider being a part of this program. There are new options and ideas relating to hosting a Student – just talk to Norm and his team. These students truly are building world peace and understanding – I know of no better way of doing this.*

#### Club Projects

*I would like to congratulate you and your clubs on ALL that you do. However there are several highlights that I'd like to mention .....*

- *Kununurra RC have recently opened, after a long time of planning, a reflection Chapel at the local Hospital*
- *Karrinyup RC are finally in the building and commissioning stage of an Ear-bus for the Kimberley*
- *Western Endeavour RC continue to support their Earlyact Club (Interact at a Primary School) at Rosalie Primary School – if you or your Club are interested – please contact AG Jane O'Leary at Western Endeavour – the young children are absolutely inspiring*
- *The Rotary WA Driver Education program continues to grow and develop. I would like to thank PDG Phillip Skelton on the work that he has done to put the Booklet together on this program, as well as getting the program up and running. PP's Lindsey Francis (Matilda Bay) and Di Gilleland in Geraldton have also played a major role in getting this program going, along with many others. For those Clubs who have not yet been involved – I would encourage you to consider being a part of this great program. The Booklet is being sent to all your Clubs shortly.*

- *The Science and Engineering Challenge recently held in Midland is also an initiative well worth considering to promote to your Club's link school. I loved watching the students making things like a working catapult (used in Roman times), and wished that I'd had the opportunity at school to do something like that.*

*Every Club has many, many projects that you complete and programs that you are involved in. That is what Kerry and I have found so inspiring. This year has been a real eye-opener for us. It seems too trite to simply say thank you to all of you, but I don't know what else to say.*

*We are also very appreciative of the hospitality and friendship that we have been shown – by all of you. From guided tours in and around Kununurra, sunset over Cable Beach, a great night in Carnarvon, home hosting and really enjoyable times in Geraldton, relaxed and enjoyable evenings throughout the Wheatbelt, to the huge variety of welcomes in and around the City. Everyone has been incredibly friendly, considerate and kind. We are grateful to each and every-one of you.*

*Our sincere best wishes to you all – we hope that you have another great year next year under DG Patricia and Trevor Canning. We both look forward to catching up with you in the future –*

*Jerry & Kerry Pilcher.*