



## District 9500

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**Next Meeting: #1634 on Monday  
16 April 2018**

*AREA OF FOCUS APRIL 2018  
"MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH"*

We welcome visitors to our Monday meetings at the Highlander Hotel, Gilles Plains at 8.15am. The 4th meeting of any month may be scheduled as a social meeting without Rotary business. See club website for details of venue/date/time.

The club does not meet on Public Holidays or on the 5th Monday of a month when such occurs except as promoted and advertised for exceptional reasons.

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## Note These Dates

### *Club Diary Highlights*

<b>April 2018</b>	Sat./Sun 14/15 Mon.16	Stratco BBQ Mtg. # 1634 <b>Highlander Hotel</b> 8.00 -8 15 am
	Tue. 24	Mtg. #1635 <b>Sfera's Function Centre</b> Joint Meeting with R.C. Golden Grove
	Mon. 30	6.15 – 6.30 pm Mtg. #1636 Partners Dinner <b>Highlander Hotel.</b> 6.45 – 7.00pm

### *Rotary, District and Group 6 Diary*

<b>April. 2018</b>	Sat.28	Leading Rotary Now
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### *BBQ Schedule Next 3 Months*

Month	Date	Location
<b>April 2018</b>	Sat./Sun. 14/15	Stratco
<b>May 2018</b>	Sat. 5 Sat./Sun. 12/13	Bunnings Mod. Stratco
<b>June 2018</b>	Sat./Sun.9/10 Fri. 29	Stratco Bunnings Mod.

## Recent Meetings

After the heart-stopping excitement at Meetings # 1631 on 19 March and #1632 on 26 March when our attendance were 8 and 13, both of which are Fibonacci numbers the optimists amongst us contemplated another Fibonacci attendance at Meeting # 1633! Well, we did it with, not 21 but 5 turning up at the Highlander for business, coffee and fellowship.

We discussed the importance of our negotiated joint meeting with R.C of Golden Grove on Tuesday 24 April 2018. See column to left. This is the next step in our current joint interest into a future merger of our respective clubs. It is envisaged that if such merger ensues it will involve the formal surrender of each of the separate clubs' warrants and the formation of a new club becoming effective on the charter presentation anniversary of one of the constituent clubs.

The R.C of Modbury was chartered on 10 May 1982 and the R.C. of Golden Grove was chartered on 27 June 1991.

Current thinking is that if such merger proceeds that the new club would meet as an evening club at the current venue of the R.C. of Golden Grove meeting twice-monthly. This in itself makes it easier for some of our members who are currently unable to attend 'dawn' meetings.

There is much work to be done to bring this concept into reality but the advantages of doing so seem to be impelling. For example, both participating clubs would be anxious to preserve their parenthood of established and proven community programmes. It would also surely be to our mutual advantage to expand our combined fundraising member base for regular BBQs and the like.

All members are asked to make special efforts to attend at Sfera's for Meeting #1635 on Tuesday 24 April 2018 to get the feel for what could be in store ahead and to subsequently support the initiative.

## Seemed Like a Good Idea at the Time.

Editor had been hallucinating for some weeks/months/years about upgrading the method of drawing the weekly raffle to determine the lucky winner of the bottle of fine wine. Seemed to him that the established method of manually drawing a piece of folded paper from a box filled with pieces of folded paper was hardly 'state-of-the-art' so he came up with a battery operated contraption with whirring machinery which responds to the pressing of a button by displaying 'this week's winner'.

Modbury Rotarians being predominantly cautious and suspicious individuals demanded a demonstration of impartiality so Keith pressed the button and the name of **Keith** was displayed within a second. Not what he had hoped for!

Pleading innocence Keith repeated the procedure several times and, mercifully, other winners were displayed and the new toy was grudgingly accepted as Rotary Modbury furniture.



## Entertainment Books

Otto will be able to give you your ordered books at \$70 per copy by next week.



A digital version will cost you a further \$0.88.

## Macular Disease Foundation Australia.

The Foundation requests the involvement of Rotary Clubs during Macula Month 2018 (1 – 31 May).



Some opportunities:

- Raise awareness in the community through Macula Month
- Encourage each member to have eyes tested and macula checked and adopted an eye-healthy diet.
- Hold a fundraising event to support the Foundation's national toll-free Helpline.

## National Youth Science Forum 2019

Students to apply via NYSF website by 31 May 2018.

Application must include a completed Rotary Endorsement Form.

Fee for attendance is \$3,150.00 per student.

Three sessions are scheduled in January 2019 as follows:

- A. Wed. 2 – Sun. 13 at ANU, Canberra
- B. Wed. 9 – Sun. 20 at U of Qld., Brisbane
- C. Wed. 16 – Sun. 27 at ANU, Canberra

## District Awards - History

You may have read in District Horizons #34 dated 31 March 2018 that eight District 9500 Awards were announced at the recent joint District Conference at Tanunda.

One of these, The Public Relations Award, was won by The Rotary Club of Modbury.

Other awardee clubs this year were:

Adelaide, Maitland, Port Pirie (2), Prospect, Regency Park and Salisbury.

Looking through available District History records it appears that District Awards were first presented in 1978 following the formation of district 950 on 1 July 1977 under the governorship of Jack Turner of the Rotary Club of Adelaide West. At that time there were 32 clubs in the new District with a total of 1505 members.

Since that time it appears that there have been 532 Award presentations to clubs although the 'disappearance' of some of the pre – 2010 trophies could mean that some presentations have not been documented for posterity.

Of these known presentations the ten leading clubs, in terms of individual presentations received, are:

Adelaide (46), Gawler (40), Port Pirie (28), Prospect (21), Henley Beach (20), Modbury (18), Port Lincoln (18), Tea Tree Gully (18), Kidman Park (16) and Walkerville (16).

There are still some trophies that we have yet to win so what are we waiting for?

Have a look at the 2017-18 District Directory pages 66-68 where you will find the range of awards that are available.

## There's Always a Blank Column at the End!

It doesn't matter how well you plan your Newsletter you will invariably find that when the various component parts are assembled into the final draft document there is gaping white space at the end.

Any self-respecting editor will use his or her best endeavours to fill such space with relevant comment or, if all else fails, by font size manipulation and/or paragraph spacing in the hope that the readers will not notice. Great chunks of white space can bring discredit to a conscientious editor!

My technique is different.

As Club Historian I have reasonable access to a vast library of reports, events and occasions going back more than 35 years so it's just a matter of 'plug and play' carefully chosen material

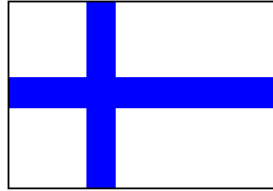
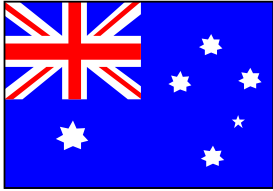
Take it or leave it!



Exchange student Cynthia Sidarta from Surabaya, Indonesia leads Rotarians in a traditional Indonesian song at Meeting #234 on 1st June 1987 at the Modbury Hotel.

Problem of white space solved for this copy.

# Rotary Youth Exchange



Isaac continues to provide great coverage of the highlights of his travels and adventures in Finland.

Rob and I remember that he expressed an interest in journalism when being interviewed as a candidate in May 2017. Here's an extract from his latest communique – great reading.

*On the Thursday prior to Easter, I went to a mass with my host parents at the Lutheran cathedral in Turku.*

*The stone cathedral was built on the site of an old wooden church in the late 13 century. It was originally a Catholic cathedral and was consecrated as the church of the blessed virgin Mary and St Henry. Throughout the 14th century and middle ages multiple extensions were made to the cathedral and during the 15th century side chapels were added along the northern and southern faces. The cathedral tower was one of the later additions but was destroyed by fire many times the worst being in the great fire of Turku in 1827.*

*The side chapels originally held altars dedicated to various saints but in the 16th century they were converted into funeral vaults which now hold many of the great names in Finnish history including several bishops, military commanders and the wife of King Erik XIV of Sweden.*

*It was a great experience to attend a service in such a grand old building with hundreds of people.*

*On Friday my family took me skiing one last time before spring set in which was lots of fun. We then drove from the ski resort near Tampa to a place called Rauma which is about an hour and twenty-minute drive up the coast from Turku.*

*Rauma is where my host dad grew up on the family farm. The family farm is around 200 acres much of which is forest. It has been in the family since the 1700's and has roughly 90 structures on it. We spent three days in Rauma with my host father's parents. On the Friday night we ate a Finnish dessert called Mämmi. It's a fermented baked rye pudding that is eaten with milk and sugar. Not all Finns like it but if you get the chance to try it you definitely should!*

*We spent Easter Saturday exploring the town of Rauma. The town is split into two parts, a new and an old. The modern side is pretty standard but the old part is unlike anything I have ever seen. Imagine your idea of a traditional small old European town with narrow streets and stone buildings. Now take those stone buildings and replace them with bright coloured wooden ones with detail finishing and lots of character. I think Rauma would have to be one of my favourite places in Finland so far.*

*Easter Sunday was rather quiet. We went for a walk in the morning to the frozen sea to walk on it one last time. Instead of walking I rode a traditional Finnish sled. It's basically a small chair with two long blades attached to each side. You start behind the little seat with one foot on a blade and propel yourself forward with the other leg. You can put another person or some luggage on the little seat. They are particularly popular with older people in Finland as they make traveling short distances over the ice and snow much easier. We had lunch and a Finnish Easter egg which is a real chicken egg that has been employed washed and filled with hazelnut chocolate mixer which has the consistency of a truffle.*

*We drove back to Turku in the afternoon thus concluding my first Finnish Easter.*

# Pictures from Finland

Turku Cathedral



Rauma



Sun rises over frozen sea at Rauma

