



Corona Virus Forces Closure of Calperum Station to Visitors

Notice to all Clubs and those with associations with Calperum Station

A statement from Julie Robertson, Associate Director, Business Development & Education, ALT reads:

"The management team have decided to cease access to Calperum Station until further notice due to the Covid 19 restrictions. We believe this decision supports the governments messaging around non-essential travel and is in the best interest of staff, volunteers and visitors alike.

We will monitor the situation closely and advise you as soon as things change. In the meantime, we sincerely thank Rotarians for their support and wish you all the best during this challenging time."



Don Will

Chairman Don's Report

This issue of CATE News was originally intended to be a four page printed newsletter and distributed at the two District Conferences. As we know, the Corona virus stopped these events from happening and since then, there has been the announcement from Julie

Robertson regarding the closure of Calperum until further notice. As a consequence, this issue has been delayed and no longer the four page printed version as was originally planned. Now, to my original report.

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Increased Rotary Focus for the Environment

In just three months the community landscape within Australia with respect to the ENVIRONMENT has changed forever. And it is an opportunity like never before for Rotarians to

- ◆ Engage with their community as Leaders of Change,
- ◆ Create a Public Image as innovators,
- ◆ Demonstrate to the Millennials that we care about the same things they do, and
- ◆ Work in cooperation with Local Government to achieve good.

This change will be achieved at all levels of Rotary. Let's just see what is happening.

Past Australian President of Rotary International, Ian Riseley has been given the task of investigating adding "ENVIRONMENT" to our six areas of Focus. This was the vision of our 1990/91 RI President, but we have lost some of the opportunities in the intervening years.

At the 1990 Rotary International Convention in Portland, Oregon, then President-elect Paulo Costa told the gathered Rotarians, "The hour has come for Rotary to raise its voice, to claim its leadership, and to rouse all Rotarians to an honourable crusade to protect our natural resources." He declared a Rotary initiative to "Preserve Planet Earth," asking Rotarians to make environmental issues part of their service agenda: to plant trees, to work to keep our air and water clean, and to protect the planet for future generations.

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Whilst many Rotary Clubs have during the last three decades done a lot of work on practical and sustainable environmental projects, now is the time for us to get back onto the front foot. And this time it will have wider benefits.

The recent bushfires in many areas of Australia have given rise to the media changing their messages in a huge way. And the Royal Commission will keep the issues alive for the next few months. It is however important, in my opinion, that we choose our words carefully to bring along the entire community. 'Climate Change' has attached to it an emotional overtone that often prevents informed debate and positive cooperative solutions. It also has a spectrum of views. For this reason, might I suggest that we talk about ENVIRONMENTAL projects to improve the way humans manage the planet. Much can be achieved with this focus.

Here is the challenge for D9510 and all its 90 Clubs.

- ◆ At the **2021** Conference every Club will be invited to display an ENVIRONMENT project, generally, but not necessarily in their local community. Clubs won't be restricted to displaying just one project.
- ◆ These projects will be done with the knowledge, and hopefully financial support of the local government in the area. Let's partner with them so our available dollars go further.
- ◆ We will have asked for volunteers from the community to do much of the hands-on work; maybe school kids, millennials, or whoever. We might well get some younger members who, for the first time, see Rotary's work aligning with their values.
- ◆ And the Public Image of your Club shines brighter in your town or suburb.

At a future date each Club will be asked to sign up to **THE ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE**. Someone from your club will then talk with your Mayor and ask what they want done, and how Rotary can help make it happen. It was hoped that by July 2020 the project will have started taking shape. Presumably by Christmas the project would have been completed, and ready for recognition as "Rotary Opening Opportunities". But this timetable is now in doubt because of the Corona virus.

ROTARY HOUSE GARDEN

Recent visitors to Calperum would have seen that planning work has happened towards the creation of a 'show-piece' garden for an arid environment, featuring some bush-tucker plants amongst other natives. Over the years we have had a variety of 'initiatives' taken by various Rotary groups on what they thought the garden around Rotary House should look like. But we have had instances of plantings by one group only to be removed or changed by another.

All Rotarians are hereby advised that a Master Plan has been drawn up for the garden at Rotary House, as well as for other sites around the Calperum Headquarters. This plan has been adopted by A.L.T. (Australian Landscape Trust) management and volunteers may be sought in coming months to assist with planting and upgrading irrigation. However, there is no room for variation from the plan, nor subsequent changes to the area. Any work within the redeveloped gardens needs **PRIOR A.L.T. APPROVAL**. Rotary does not own the property; we are there to assist as directed.

Di Keach from RC Goolwa is taking a major role in this garden work, and should be contacted at d.keach@hotmail.com if you are keen to help.

May I also add my congratulations to **Caitlin Pollock** for receiving her Vocational Education Award from the Riverland community. Caitlin is a highly regarded member of the Calperum staff and is a major contributor in many of the Rotary education programs operated by Rotary at Calperum. **Congratulations Caitlin.**

None of us quite know for how long these restrictions which we are now all facing will last. In the meantime keep well and safe.

Don

Chair C.A.T.E. Committee

Caitlin Pollock, Receives Vocational Education Award

The Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards are the largest of their kind in regional Australia which is a fantastic achievement and underscores the hard work not only of apprentices, trainees and students, but also the dedication of the Rotary Club of Berri members and the generous and continuing support of both employers and sponsors.

The awards give recognition to the success, endeavour and enthusiasm of young outstanding members of our community.

Each year over thirty apprentices and trainees nominate for various industry and training categories and the winner of the 2019 Vocational Educational Training (Post School) category was Caitlin Pollock of Calperum Station.

Caitlin is the Educational Ecologist at Calperum Station and leads Education programs in her role. With a passion and talent for training others, Caitlin completed a Certificate IV in Training and Education in 2019 to further develop her training skills and support the growing education programs at Calperum. and has much input with Rotary’s youth projects at Calperum such as Health of the River and Camp Calperum.



Caitlin Pollock receiving her award

Task Categories and designated Captains

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| Fencing Captain: | Dick Cuttle | Onkaparinga |
| Trees / Revegetation Captain: | David Gooley | Mitcham |
| Mapping & Signage Captain: | David Fenton | Campbelltown |
| Handyman Projects Captain: | Russell Camens | Onkaparinga |
| Plastics Pollution: | Di Keach | Goolwa |
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New RTV (Rough Terrain Vehicle) proposed for Calperum

David Gooley, RC Mitcham

The Rotary Club of Mitcham has initiated a project to provide a Rough Terrain Vehicle (RTV) to the Australian Landscape Trust (A.L.T.) at Calperum and is looking for your club's help.

This equipment will be used by the A.L.T.'s employees in their daily tasks and Rotarians in their projects when they visit Calperum. Currently a Quad Bike is used. Quad Bikes have been used world wide for many years and a number of people have been killed and a larger number injured as a result of the bike's poor stability due to its narrow track and poor steering design. There is neither a seat belt nor any roll-over protection. The design of this RTV overcomes these problems, making it a much safer vehicle.

The Kubota X900 is solid, well engineered and well made (in the USA) providing longevity. It has two front seats, both with seat belts and roll-over protection. A tray is fitted at the rear, capable of carrying up to 700kgs, which is 700 litres of water.

Having a higher load capacity, the RTV can carry almost double the quantity of water compared to the old quad bike which will increase the efficiency when Rotarians go to top up the water bladders currently being trialled.

For other Rotary programs, the RTV will be available for such things as Tree Health Monitoring, Sub-surface water testing and River Murray water testing.



Proposed new RTV for Calperum



Photo showing currently used quad bike and trailer

YOUR CLUB IS INVITED TO ASSIST WITH THIS PROJECT
Contact

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Rotary Club of Goolwa Excels again in Environmental Projects

Di Keach, RC Goolwa



In 2017 the Rotary Club of Goolwa began a campaign to encourage people to use less plastic especially single use plastic items. A display comprising graphic photos and videos, handouts and alternative items that can be used was created and taken to 10 schools on the Fleurieu Peninsular and beyond, plus various council and other community functions.

This was followed in 2019 with a project to provide cloth bags as an alternative to plastic bags for fruit and vegetables on a self serve stand in the Goolwa shopping Mall with Rotarians making the bags. However, the demand indicated that we would need to source ready made bags in order for the project to be sustainable.

This has been achieved and we now obtain our supply online and they are very popular. The price we pay varies, as they have them "on special" at times, resulting in an approximate variation between \$1.00 and \$1.50 in cost. The bags are stencilled by Rotarians with our club's name and sell on our stand for \$2.00 each. The club is showing a small but steady profit whilst benefitting the environment and projecting our club within the community. Clubs interested in adopting this project for their own area are welcome to email Di Keach for further information from R.C. of Goolwa.

Please email d.keach@hotmail.com for further information.



'HEALTH OF THE RIVER' 2020 ROTARY YOUTH FORUM

MONDAY 21st – Friday 25th September, 2020

Applications open June 1st 2020

(Dependant on Corona virus restrictions)

CALPERUM STATION, Renmark, South Australia

Look for further Announcements

Cost: \$590 (paid by your local Rotary Club)

Contact Bruce Cole: brucecole@gmail.com for more details