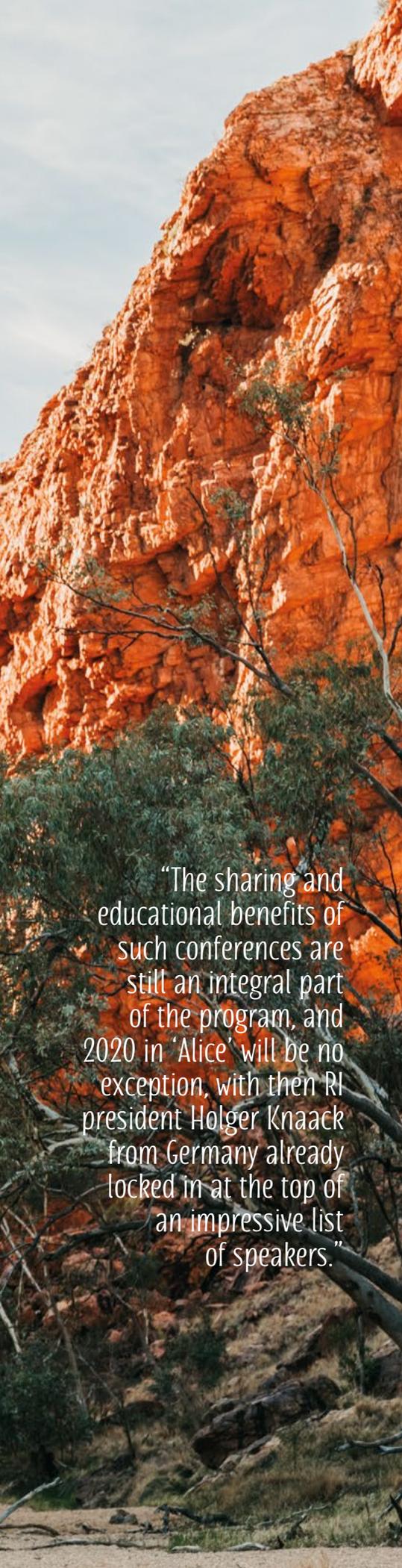


A town like **ALICE**

Anticipation is building for next year's Zone 8
Rotary Conference in Alice Springs, NT.

 **PICTURED:** Simpson's Gap is one of the most prominent gaps in the West MacDonnell Ranges. Located 18 kilometres from Alice Springs, it features the towering cliffs of Simpsons Range, a permanent waterhole, and opportunities to spot resident wildlife. (Photo: Tourism NT/Jarrad Seng)



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PICTURED: Alice Springs Conference co-chairs PDG Dick and Liz Wilson with RI past director Noel Trevaskis in the Alice Springs promotional booth at this year’s Christchurch Conference in September.

FLANKED by the magnificent MacDonnell Ranges and showcasing the warm, dry sand of the beautiful Todd River, Alice Springs in September is one of Australia’s most sought-after tourist destinations.

Historical sites abound north, south, east and west – and the Indigenous heritage of the Australian outback maintains a fascination for all visitors.

Rotarians throughout New Zealand and Australia are already booking accommodation, and conference co-chairs PDG Dick and Liz Wilson will produce a three-day program of speakers guaranteed to enthuse the most demanding members.

Senior leaders are locking in September 18-20 now, and have been requested to encourage Rotarians of all ages and interests to attend.

Under the leadership of past RI director Noel Trevaskis in recent years, Zone 8 Institutes have been converted to Zone 8 Conferences open to *all* Rotarians, regardless of rank, age or gender.

Rotarians have grasped the concept and conferences/institutes at Penrith (2016), Darwin (2017), Hobart (2018) and this year in Christchurch, NZ, have all been very successful and well-attended.

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Noel is the official convenor of the conference and is delighted with the progress already made by co-chairs Liz and Dick from the Rotary Club of Stirling, SA.

“We are building on the attractions of the Red Centre, and the Saturday night dinner will be one very special event in the shape of a spectacular dinner out of town in an old movie set, Ooraminna,” Noel said. “Transport will be provided, and guests will be treated to first-class music from the acclaimed Bowden Brothers.”

Rotarians and their families can visit the now famous Purple House indigenous dialysis headquarters and meet the organisation’s inspirational leader and much-decorated Sarah Brown.

Liz has guaranteed perfect, warm weather conditions and the added attraction of economically priced accommodation at quality motels, while Dick sang the praises of the Alice Springs Convention Centre – spacious, comfortable and all on one level.

They also pointed to the attraction of a splendid golf course within a pitching wedge of two hotels!

“A special claim to fame is the Todd River – the only major river in Australia one can walk across with no fear of getting your feet wet!” Dick said. •