

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3406
Date	13 April 2004
Venue	Unley Community Sports Club
Occasion	Alison Russell – Art in Health
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Trudy and Ken Hocking, Pat McNiff and Barbara Russell, Netta-Riina Salila
Apologies	Don Emmett, Robert Birnie, Paul Howard, John Symons, Helen Richter, Neville Highett, Geoff Dunn, Lou Barteletti, Adrian Sobels
Make Ups	Paul Howard
Percentage	78%
Sick List	None
Returning Rotarians	None
Departing Rotarians	None

From President John

As Lindsay England has advised that he will be unable to take-up a Board position next Rotary year, in accordance with the Club's by laws, the Board has appointed Neville Highett to fill the vacancy.

Following the Board's decision to appoint a Minutes Secretary, Helen Richter has agreed to take on the role. Pres. John felt that this appointment would enable Helen, being a new Rotarian, to learn a great deal about Rotary.

Last week Pres. John attended the Adelaide Rotary Club's 4,000th meeting. The Adelaide club has about 215 members, of whom just over 50% attend the lunchtime meetings (which start at 1:00pm and finish right on 2:00pm).

Geoff Howland has been selling packs of East Timor coffee to help raise funds to pay teachers in East Timor. The coffee sold to date will fund a school teacher in East Timor for nine years. Pres. John will ask Geoff to do a spot to tell members more about this project.

There are a few packs of coffee remaining for sale at \$6.50 each; see Geoff or Pres. John.

With regret Pres. John announced the resignation from the Club of Trudi Wallbridge. With family commitments interstate combined with bouts of illness and being a busy school teacher, Trudi has felt unable to really get into Rotary and so has decided reluctantly to resign.

In association with the Rotary Club of Dili the Club has made an application to the Rotary Foundation for a matching grant to purchase a skin grafting machine to be used in East Timor by the volunteer surgeons from OSSAA. Thanks to Bob Mills for all his efforts in preparing an excellent application.

We have received a brochure from Flinders Medical Centre advising of a free lecture to be given on 12 May on the topic of "Osteoporosis". See Pres. John if you are interested in attending.

On the Spot

Bob Laws: There will be a tree-planting weekend at Wellington on 19 and 20 June. Some members (e.g. Lindsay, Jim, Mavis and Paul) have been growing trees very successfully and others (e.g. Bob Laws) not so successfully. Planters may wish to come for just one day or stay overnight in the caravan park, dine at the pub and dance to wild music. Let Bob know if you are interested in participating in this great weekend.

Next year on 16 April we will be celebrating our Club's 70th anniversary at a venue yet to be decided. Our mother club and all our daughter, granddaughter and great granddaughter clubs will be invited to join us. At this event we plan to raise around \$10,000 to 15,000 dollars for a selected project. Members were previously asked to propose worthy causes and projects that could benefit from the funds raised. Several members proposed projects and gave excellent presentations to the meeting about their proposed projects.

Sheila Evans proposed a mental health project in the Murray-Mallee area, one of the poorest and most deprived areas in South Australia. The proposed project would provide a therapeutic resource centre aimed at preventing isolation and building capacity to contain and reduce the suicide rate in the Murray-Mallee area, and aimed at supporting the carers of mental health consumers.

Tom Tirrell proposed a project to aid the Childhood Diabetes Association with the funding and distribution of a "Starter Kit" designed to explain to newly diagnosed young people 15-18 years and older what Type 1 Diabetes is and what the associated treatment and lifestyle issues are. These Starter Kits would provide much needed access to information, particularly for people in remote and rural areas.

Darrol Foote proposed a commitment of major project funds to further our Club's involvement in the Indigenous Medical Student Scholarship Program to assist indigenous medical, nursing and allied health students to complete their tertiary studies. Currently there are only 35 indigenous doctors in Australia and 60 are now studying at university; there is a need for more to bring culturally aware medical services to our indigenous people, particularly in remote areas. Any contributions by our Club will be matched dollar for dollar by State and Federal Governments.

Ian Pearson and Maeve Swinden proposed a project to support the Unley Citizens' Centre [see the purely coincidental article in last weeks Bulletin – Ed.] and support and recognize the older citizens in the local Unley area. The proposed project would support the Centre's 26 "Enhancing Lifestyle" programs and provide much needed furniture, trestles, painting, computers, etc. and while the Centre is owned by the Unley council, there are no funds in the Council's budget to meet these needs.

Chandra Sluggett proposed a project to support Rotary's Polio Plus campaign to eradicate polio from the face of the earth. This project has a goal of reaching this target within a few short years and needs further funding to reach children in remote villages and areas in those few countries where polio remains endemic. The funds needed are not great but would deliver great benefits.

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance	Apologies
20/04/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Colin Pitman – Director Salisbury Council: Wetlands and Water Catchment	TBA	Greg Love	TBA	Joan Reed	Ken Daly	To Ken Daly 8179 5650
27/04/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Bendigo Bank Representative	Robert Birnie	Joan Reed	TBA	Wayne Ross		
04/05/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Committee Meetings	John Russell	Ken Haines	TBA	Ron Schubert		
11/05/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Police Officer of the Year Dinner	Wayne Ross	N/A	TBA	Chandra Sluggett		

More on the Spot . . .

Following these presentations a secret ballot of members present was taken to determine the members' preferred 70th Birthday Major Project. The proposed Unley Citizens' Centre project was selected to receive major project funding.

Ron Schubert announced that for the next Rotary year Neville Highett will be the Chair of the Vocational Committee and Lindsay England the Deputy Chair of the New Generation Committee. Ron welcomed the appointment of Helen Richter as Assistant Secretary to the Board.

The Thrift Shop Committee will meet at 9:30am on Saturday 17 April at Mama Carmela's Café.

At the dinner for the visiting Canadian Group Study Exchange Team at the Eagle on the Hill Hotel on Wednesday night 14 April the Club will be represented by Ichiro and Hideko Tanaka, Greg Love, Kaylene Kranz, Netta-Riina Salila, Joan Reed and Ron Schubert.

Ron now has available the suggested assignments for Club Standing Committees and Club Service Sub-committees for the coming Rotary year. Ron has already spoken to most members about their assignments, but please see Ron to confirm what you will be doing next year. [The composition of next year's committees will soon be available on the Club's web site in the Members' Area – Ed].

Sergeant's Session

The Sergeant for the evening was Natalie Bowen. Kaylene Kranz won the Lucky Squares Draw and Norm Wallace won the Wine Raffle.

Guest Speaker – Alison Russell

John Nowland introduced our guest speaker Alison Russell, daughter of our esteemed President John, to speak on The Selection Process and the Employment of the Visual and Performing Arts in the Flinders Medical Centre. As well as being a very attractive chip off the old block, Alison was well qualified to give this presentation, being the Program Manager for the Flinders University Art Museum, Arts Coordinator for the Flinders Medical Centre and currently completing her Master of Arts Degree.

Alison began by describing the clinical functionality and austerity of most hospitals that have little space for privacy

and contemplation; they are places where most of us don't want to be. The reality is that many of us will spend time in hospital, either as patients or visiting family and friends. "Arts in Health" within the Flinders Medical Centre (FMC) exists to try and change the built and human environments to help lessen the stresses that are an inevitable part of hospitalisation and to create spaces, both physical and mental, in which people can find respite. It is the first program of its type in a major hospital in South Australia.

The Arts in Health program at FMC runs both visual and performing arts programs engaging patients, staff and visitors at the hospital. Arts in Health began in the mid 90s when programs were developed in three discrete areas; one was a photographer in residence whose photographs of the hospital environment are now displayed there, another a community artist program where the artist worked with patients and staff on participatory projects, and thirdly the employment of a sculptor to create a work especially for the hospital environment.

The goals of the Arts in Health project are to use the arts in all their forms to change the environment and to create less clinical spaces within the hospital and to bring people into the hospital at times when they are not ill so that they can have pleasant memories of the hospital and positive experiences of being within the space.

Programs like this elsewhere have shown anecdotally that improving the hospital experience for patients through the arts helps reduce length of patient stays and assist in recovery from emotional illnesses; clinical analysis of the success of these programs is difficult.

The program has regularly changing exhibitions in two permanent galleries, a mobile exhibition program, a permanent collection of art works (under development) to be rotated throughout the hospital, a performance program and a public art program.

Funding of the Arts in Health program depends on grants, sponsors and donations.

Thrift Shop Duty

Date	Rotarians
17/04/04	Ken Haines and Tom Tirrell
24/04/04	David Middleton and Lindsay England
01/05/04	Helen Richter and Ken Haines
08/05/04	John Russell and Greg McLeod

Ladies Auxiliary

The next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held at the home of Eunice Pascoe, Unit 38 Victoria Grove, 254 Greenhill Road, Glenside, on Monday 24th May at 11am. Enter Victoria Grove off Greenhill Road through Gate 3.

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