

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3417
Date	29 June 2004
Venue	Unley Community Sports Club
Guest Speaker	Natalie Potter – Her RYPEN Experience
Guests &	Diane Potter, Natalie Potter
Visiting Rotarians	
Apologies	Lou Barteletti, Don Emmett, Mavis Martin, Greg Love, David Payne, Kaylene Kranz
Make Ups	None
Percentage	74%
Sick List	Don Emmett has been seen out and about
Returning Rotarians	Ichiro Tanaka, Neville Highett, Adrian Sobels
Departing Rotarians	Helen Richter

From President John

At a small ceremony in the Unley Library at 4.45 pm this evening, the **Ric Maurovic painting** was formally handed over to Mayor Michael Keenan for hanging in the Library.

A letter has been received from Alison Russell, a recent speaker to our Club, concerning an **Arts In Health** event at the Flinders Medical Centre. Alison is seeking help from Rotarians at the hospital on Sunday 1 August from around 5pm. On that day they will be launching a significant public artwork *Yitpi Parrundaiendi (The Dancing Spirits)*, by Kurna artists Karl Winda Telfer and Gavin Malone. Alison is enquiring whether the Rotary Club of Unley would be in a position to sponsor the catering (a bread, sausages, onions - or "vegie" - barbeque) and/or provide a few people to staff the barbeque. She also extends an invitation to all interested Club members and their families to join them on the day, which will include Kurna dancers and ceremony.

A reminder that Ken Haines is collecting money (\$40 per head) for the **Changeover Dinner**.

Pres. John has distributed draft copies of his **President's Report** for the year to Committee Chairs for comment.

On the Spot

Ron Schubert: Following the request from the Adelaide City Council to assist a constituent with the cleaning up of his house in exchange for the donation of some goods to the Thrift Shop, and the occupant of the house having been located, the **"Busy Bee"** to undertake the work has been rescheduled to this Saturday 2 July at 9.00 am. The house is at 24 Vinrace Street (off Wilcox Street), Adelaide. Most of the original plus additional volunteers are available.

Ron moved a motion (seconded by Ken Haines) that **Paul Howard be nominated by this Club to be District Governor** for D9520 for the year 2006-07. Speaking to the motion Ron said that it is 20 years since this Club had a District Governor from amongst its ranks (Geoff Nankivell) and it is good that we at last have another. Ron expressed the view that Paul is well credentialed and meets all the criteria laid down by Rotary International for District Governors in terms of attendance, length of service and experience etc. and went on to outline Paul's experience in business and in Rotary. Ron explained that supporting Paul in this endeavour would mean a huge commitment from this Club, in terms of arranging a District Conference, Assemblies and other events. After comments from the floor by several members, Wayne Ross moved (seconded by Joan Reed) that the motion be amended such that any decision on Paul's nomination be deferred until Tuesday 13 July to allow members time to consider the proposal. The amendment and amended motion were passed.

Ken Haines referred to the Prospective Member Referral forms handed out last week. The Membership Committee has asked that these referrals be handed to Greg Love or Kaylene Kranz ASAP.

Lindsay England reported that significant inroads have been made into the sorting and pricing of the current stock of books for the Book Sale, but that at least one more session is needed to complete the task before the next inflow of books arrives. Lindsay sought and obtained volunteers for this Saturday at 9.00 am for three hours at Maeve and Dean Swinden's house. The books that have been sorted will be stored in a shed at Ron and Michael's motel.

Tom Tirrell: Following donations made by our members to the Walk for the Cure campaign for diabetes, Tom had received a shoe bag, caps and T-shirts for distribution to donors. Assisted by Sgt. David Middleton, Tom conducted a raffle draw to decide the recipient of each of the items.

Bob Laws reported that there are still 200 trees to be planted at Wellington. He estimates that it will take about half a day to complete. Bob sought and obtained volunteers to help with the planting on Sunday 11 July. Anyone else who would like to be involved should please see Bob.

Sergeant's Session

The Sergeant for the evening was David Middleton. Don Emmett won the Wine Raffle and guest Diane Potter won the Lucky Squares. By way of a contrast with last week's Sergeant's session, instead of fining members and guests FOR doing something, Sgt. David preferred to fine members for NOT doing something, and did so with ruthless yet amusing efficiency.

Guest Speaker – Natalie Potter

Chairperson Joan Reed introduced our guest speaker Natalie Potter whom our Club sponsored to attend a RYPEN seminar at Woodhouse. Natalie is a Year 11 student at Annesley College who has held student leadership positions and enjoys playing sports.

Natalie began by thanking everyone who had a role in sending her to the RYPEN Seminar. She then went on to describe her feelings and experiences during the seminar and how she enjoyed meeting students from a wide variety of cultures, including an exchange student from Germany.

Natalie found the seminar to be far more varied, stimulating and instructive than she had expected. She believes that the seminar will form part of a firm foundation for her future.

Natalie presented chocolates [to share] to Vocational and Youth Committee Chairman Wayne Ross and flowers to Joan Reed who drove Natalie to the seminar. Wayne Ross then presented Natalie with her Certificate of Participation.

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance	Apologies
06/07/04	Stables Ballroom Morphettville Junction, 472 Anzac Highway, Camden Park	6.30 for 7.00pm	Changeover Dinner	John Russell & Ron Schubert	N/A	David Middleton	Robert Birnie	Ken Daly	Ken Daly 8179 5650
13/07/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Kaylene Kranz	TBA	Geoff Howland	TBA	Natalie Bowen		
20/07/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly	Ron Schubert	Lucien Parent	TBA	Ken Daly		
27/07/04	U.C.S.C.	6.00 for 6.30pm	Information Night for Prospective Members	TBA	Joan Reed	TBA	Geoff Dunn		

Items from the District 9520 DG's May 2004 Newsletter

Australian Rotary Health Research Fund - ARHRF

While Rotary International did not designate May for any particular Rotary Activity, here in Australia many of our Districts dedicated May to the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund – our very own Fund; a Fund that we can justifiably be very proud of.

The Fund had its birth at the Rotary Club of Mornington, Victoria in 1981 and in its first year some \$100,000 was raised. The ARHRF was quickly adopted by all districts and so became our first National Rotary Fund.

Since 1981 in excess of \$15 million has been raised from all Rotary Districts. It is the interest from the investments of the Fund [and in the past couple of years because of low investment rates some of the new income] that has been used for the Research Grants made. Here in D9520 we have raised a total of \$790,000 – the fifth highest.

Grants commenced in 1986 [\$100,000] and for the current year grants totalled \$791,000. In total some \$8.8 million has been allocated to over 100 researchers. Outside of governments, the ARHRF has been the greatest provider of research grants for various medical research projects.

In the early days grants were awarded for investigation into Cot Deaths, then this was followed by research into the Health of the Elderly and Adolescents. In more recent times we have had an emphasis on Dementia and now, for a five year period, Mental Illness.

Currently the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund Board is responsible for an ever-increasing range of activities.

Mental Illness Forums – a most successful venture supported here in D9520. Just starting are Probus Club Forums – “Coping with Depression and Mental Illness”. These problems unfortunately increase in our more senior years. This is done in a one-hour session followed by questions. All Rotary clubs are encouraged to liaise with their Probus clubs and encourage and assist them to hold such a forum. The first is to be held in Partridge House on July 22nd by the Probus Club of Holdfast Bay.

Work Place Forums are also planned in the corporate sector – the reason being that mental illness causes considerable absenteeism and work impairment [inefficiency]. Here the sessions are planned to take one hour with two speakers provided by the ARHRF.

Indigenous Health Scholarships are administered by the ARHRF through an Australian Government grant – each State has its own District committee and raises its own scholarship funds.

Funding Partners is a new venture by the ARHRF. Some \$150,000 pa has been set aside for Research Grants to be funded jointly by the ARHRF, the local Rotary club or District, and maybe the Tertiary Institution. This is proving popular as such grants can be spent on any approved Research Project.

Lastly, the ARHRF is looking after the **Bowelscan Project**. The National Bowelscan Committee has developed a comprehensive screening program that can be undertaken by a local Rotary club. Long-term statistical records show that if a bowel polyp or bowel cancer can be detected early, it can usually be treated successfully. Cost is around \$6.

Giving to the ARHRF: Last year D9520 contributed in excess of \$30,000 to the Fund – an average of \$500 per club. District Governor Graeme Dodsworth suggests a minimum of \$500 and where possible around \$1,000 for the very important work that is being undertaken. “Remember we will all grow old and maybe benefit from some of OUR research dollars”. Personal donations are welcome – in fact they are tax deductible.

Foodbank

In May D9520 was recognised for its work with this Food-Relief Charity with a presentation made at Government House. Much of this credit is due to the work undertaken by Rotarian Paul Hoskins who is our representative on the joint Rotary/Foodbank Committee. Well done Paul!

It is interesting to see that Rotary Districts 9520 and 9500 have provided a tonne of rice for Foodbank per month for the past 33 months – each tonne costing a little over \$750.

Thrift Shop Duty

Date	Rotarians
03/07/04	Ken Haines & Stephen Westgarth
10/07/04	Lindsay England & Sheila Evans
17/07/04	Greg Love & Kaylene Kranz
24/07/04	Greg McLeod & Bob Laws

Ladies Auxiliary

The next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held at 11am on Monday 26th July at the home of Margaret Payne at 14 Trevelyan Street, Wayville.

The Unley Rotarian 2003/2004

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Rotary Club of Unley Inc

Chartered 17th April 1935 – District 9520

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at 6.30 pm. Fellowship at 6.15 pm**

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