

Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

DISTRICT 9520
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THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

2006 - 2007

Meeting 3560 – Tuesday 8th May 2007

The Club meets every Tuesday
at the Public Schools Club
207 East Terrace, Adelaide
at 6.30pm. Fellowship at 6.00pm

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Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3560
Date	8 th May 2007
Venue	Public Schools Club
Chairperson	Natalie Bowen
Guest Speaker	Club Assembly
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Nil
Apologies	Geoff Howland, Norm Wallace, Neville Highett, Bob Laws, David Middleton, Glenys Ferguson, Geoff Dunn
Make Ups	Norm Wallace (Thrift Shop)
Attendance	62%
Sick List	Nil
Departing Rotarians	Mavis Martin
Birthdays	Geoff Hill (9/5)

Announcements from President Stephen

1. Next Tuesday 15 May at 12.30pm in Rundle Mall the SA Police Officer of the Year for 2006 will be announced. I encourage all members who to attend if at all possible to give your physical support to this highlight of our club's vocational service. Our next meeting will be the POOTY Dinner here at the PSC, which will be attended by the 2006 POOTY and the Police Commissioner Mal Hyde and his wife Marcia. This is a partners' night and I trust that all members of the club will do their best to attend that very significant meeting.
2. The President's announcements in last week's bulletin advised of an upcoming fundraising activity for the ARHRF; in the lead up to the District 9520 Conference, Dick Wilson rode 100 Km to the Barossa Valley on Thursday 3rd May for the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund and I can now report that Dick's ride raised \$2,000 for the ARHRF. The Rotary Club of Stirling and others supported the ride.
3. The Rotary Club of Hindmarsh has invited all Rotarians to join them for a "Supper Dance" at Brighton Secondary School Hall, 305 Brighton Road, Brighton (off Ilfracombe Avenue) on Saturday 19th May 2007 at 7.30pm—11.30pm. The Supper Dance will feature "The Embers" 50's - 60's - 70's music. BYO - supper, drinks & glasses. Cost is \$20 per head. Excellent raffle prizes. Proceeds to support ROMAC projects. Tickets available by phoning 8374 4270.
4. OSSAA has sent an acknowledgement of our club's membership renewal, which notes that members' funds provide logistic support for our volunteer specialist surgical teams working with existing health services and personnel, to correct disability and deformity among the most needy in East Timor and Eastern Indonesia and to provide much needed education and training for the local medical, nursing and allied health staff.
5. The SA Department of Health Aboriginal Health Division has invited Unley members to the 2007 Aboriginal Scholarship Presentation Night. Hon. John Hill MP, Minister for Health, will present awards to the recipients of the South Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People's Scholarship Investment Fund and the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund at 5.30pm on Monday 28th May 2007 at the National Wine Centre of Australia, Corner Botanic and Hackney roads, Adelaide. RSVP essential by 11th May to Anita Pusari on 8226 7062 or email: anita.pusari@helth.sa.gov.au.

Spots

Greg Love advised the club that:

- The District Conference was attended by Kaylene Kranz, Sheila Evans, Janet Singh, Alex Jonson, Ken Haines and himself. It was an exceptional conference, the best that Greg had attended, a full report will be made at our next meeting.
- At the request of RI, the next conference will be held from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th October 2007 in Adelaide, details to follow. Registration will be available from July and the conference will be a more casual event with Rotarians choosing what they wish to attend. Home hosting will be a feature of the conference.
- Sunday 20th May is the District Assembly at Loxton for incoming Board members.
- The Changeover Dinner will be at the Edinburgh Hotel 6.30pm for 7pm on Tuesday 3rd July 2007

Jim Newall reminded the club of vocational meeting has been arranged at the Bureau of Meteorology, 25 College Rd Kent Town, on Tuesday the 22nd May 2007. Our host will be Simon Timcke and his presentation will commence at 6.00pm and last for approx 1.5 hours. Places will be limited to 40 and will be offered to members and then guests. At the completion of our visit it is suggested we adjourn to the Tap Inn, cnr College Rd & Rundle St Kent Town for a meal.

Bob Mills reminded the club that the presentation for Police Officer of the Year will be on Tuesday 15th May with the Rundle Mall ceremony at 12.30pm and the evening dinner at the Public Schools Club, 7pm for 7.30pm. Dinner will be three courses and cost \$30 per head. Entertainment will be as last year. A list requesting advice as to whether you are attending will be circulated next week and monies will also be collected. Dress will be lounge suit/evening dress.

Ron Schubert requested feedback from the club as to whether a coach should be arranged for the trip to Parliament House. Ron also advised the club of our special guest Professor Lowitja O'Donoghue, the evening will be different in that it will take the form of a fireside chat.

John Russell reminded the club that the **OSSAA** (Overseas Specialist Surgical Association of Australia Inc.) film night at the Chelsea Theatre on Sunday 27th May. The film is Pirates of the Caribbean at World's End. Tickets are \$15. Raffle tickets were also available for sale.

Diary Dates

Tues 15 May Police Officer of the Year Awards. Rundle Mall ceremony 12.30pm, dinner 7pm for 7.30pm, Public Schools Club.
Sat 19-20 May Red Shield Appeal – Volunteers needed
Sun 20 May: District 9520 Assembly (For All Club Officers 2007/2008) – Loxton High School, Bookpurnong Road, Loxton. Commencing at 9.30am.
Tues 22 May: Vocational Visit – Australian Weather Bureau
Sun 27 May: Pirates of the Caribbean 3 at Worlds End, Chelsea Theatre.
Wed 6 June Visit to Parliament House
Tues 3 July Changeover Dinner (6.30pm for 7pm), Edinburgh Hotel.
Tues 6 Nov: Melbourne Cup Day Lunch – Edinburgh Hotel

Sergeant's Session

Fleeced again, our sergeant the blonde bombshell, **Natalie Bowen** tittle-tattled on most attending Rotarians, obtaining many dollars for the swelling coffers.

The **wine raffle** was won by **President Stephen** and the **lucky squares** were won by **Mavis Martin**.

Club Assembly

Club Service Committee – Greg McLeod

This Committee has met on one occasion in the two months since the last Club Assembly, with a further meeting to take place tonight following this meeting.

There is little to report to this Assembly other than to say that the Committee remains open to hearing any concerns from members of the Club as to the functioning of the Club and welcomes any constructive criticism.

The Committee remains of the view that a Secretary's report on matters of interest to members flowing from Board meetings should be given as a spot as soon as reasonably practicable following each month's Board meeting. This is important for good and effective communication within the Club on matters of importance to all members.

There is an ongoing need for rosters to be kept up to date and circulated for the information of members so that timely notice can be given of Club activities. The Bulletin is just one means of distributing information and it will be of tremendous help to the Bulletin Editor if roster details are provided several weeks in advance to that person.

Bob Mullins as the Committee's representative on the Thrift Shop Committee continues to watch over this Committee's obligations to the Thrift Shop Committee.

As previously advised, a review is still within contemplation of the existing Manual of Committee Responsibilities prepared in the previous decade with a view to assisting incoming Chairpersons of committees and sub-committees to better understand the obligations and responsibilities attaching to those offices within the Club. This may now however be a task to be taken up by next year's Committee.

The review of the Club's By-laws is still close to finalisation and will be addressed when Bob Laws returns from overseas.

Community Service – Jerry Casburn

Carols at the Rotunda

Final accounts have now been accepted and as previously reported bookings have been made for 2007. Most bookings have been made for the 2007 Carols.

Murray Bridge "Our Wellbeing Place"

Work is progressing on the patio which will be funded by the club. The intent is to have a Rotary Wheel mosaic in the centre made from tiles. The club, along with Mobilong promoted the activity through a display at the district conference and is seeking to sell one paver to each club in 9520 for \$200. Proceeds will pay for shade covering and outdoor furniture.

Community Service hosted a BBQ and pool party on Sunday April 15th at the home of Kevin Rogers. Mobilong attended and it was a good afternoon of fellowship.

We have received an invitation to the official opening on Friday 11th May 2006, 4pm to 6pm.

Major Project - The Men's Shed

After much discussion within the committee it was agreed that we would promote use of the Edwardstown shed but only following a survey with local homes and groups dealing with the local seniors to see what use will be made of the facility. The committee arranged a meeting at the shed on Tuesday May 1st and will be seeking club views on where to from here.

Council's senior citizen's committee and many of the local retirement homes have been approached and give strong support to the proposal.

General

Through the committee the club supported the provision of Christmas puddings for Meals on Wheels, the Unley Senior citizen's concert and will be working with Reno Elms to support the Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal.

Vocational and Youth Service Committee – Alex Jonson on behalf of Bob Laws

VOCATIONAL VISITS: The Weather Bureau is organised for 6.00 to 7.30 pm on Tuesday 22nd May and afterwards at the Tap Inn for dinner. Jim Newell is organising.

POOTY: 31 nominations received; top 3 ranked and sent to Police Commissioner for vetting. Invitation to dinner (Public Schools Club) on 15/5/07 sent to D.G., 2005 POOTY and Commissioner. Venue Booked.

RYLA/RYPEN: Forfana Moisemah, an 18 year old refugee from Guinea/Liberia, a student at Thebarton Senior College, was interviewed. He is articulate, polite and confident. A cheque for \$450 was sent to RYLA to support him to the seminar

.INDIGENOUS MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS: Carrie-Anne McKenzie, our latest scholarship awardee, Dr. Sage (the major donor), and Geoff Bailey (District Chair of the Committee) were guests at the Club's 72nd birthday dinner on 17.4.07.

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM: Penelope Nugent gave a well presented report on the NYSF to the Club on 3 April. She has been selected to attend the South African equivalent forum.

Thrift Shop – John Russell on behalf of Bob Laws

A Suggestion Box has been installed and 7 suggestions to date:

- Advertise and hold a \$2 clothing sale (we will hold a sale on 21/4/07)
- Don't sell cancelled library books (we will only retain the very best).
- The emergency list needs updating (Glenys/Sheila are attending to this).
- Fix the carpet sweeper or get a new one (we will).
- Ensure adequate supplies of tea/coffee/biscuits/sugar (we will).
- Put Mitcham Rotary Bookshop contact details by the phone (we will).
- Remove empty jewellery boxes from display case after sales (we'll ask).

Rent Increase. The landlady has agreed to our CPI calculation and the monthly rent from February is \$2230.22 (not \$2405.84)

OH&S. The landlady asked for estimated costs for fixing the emergency access and a letter has been sent advising her (it's about \$320).

Gross Income for March was \$4 483, and the year to date \$42 317 (compared to \$40 109 last year and \$55 225 in 2003/04).

The shop front picket fence has been repaired by Bob Mullins.

Mavis has produced a clearing duty list for the Saturday Rotarians.

Natalie will locate goods pick up volunteers.

Three responses to the ad for volunteers which Sheila us following up. The volunteer charter is complete and on the shop noticeboard. Glenys/Sheila will update the roster and create a spreadsheet database by contacting all volunteers to ask:

- for their comments and concerns
- to confirm their time slots
- emphasise their importance to the shop
- availability as emergency replacements
- confirm their contact details (inc. email addresses)
- ask if they could recommend any new volunteers
- when they started as a volunteer with us.

A morning tea for volunteers will be held on 3.6.07 (Ken & Sheila will organise), hopefully in the Council facilities. Framed appreciation certificates will be presented to volunteers with 5+ year's service.

The new roster will include both Saturday and weekday volunteers. The rosters on the Club website are very out of date. Stephen will be requested to allow access to the website so Sheila can keep the rosters up to date.

.Kevin Rogers has negotiated a special 'one-off' price to include a shop flyer in the Eastern Courier. Bob Laws will get a quote for printing 25000 A5 size to be done up in bundles of 200. A more complete wording flyer has been prepared for shop use (for tucking into customer bags).

Electrical goods testing. Martin Cooper is very keen for the Club to purchase an electrical equipment tester (at a cost of \$600 approx.) instead of being charged \$3/item by Ivesons for no more than 5 tests per week. The committee decided to defer a decision while seeing how many appliances are donated and we have some sales experience on which to base a cost/benefit decision. The very cheap price of new Chinese appliances will now be affecting the second hand market price and saleability.

Summer Sale. The ½ price sale of summer clothing was held on Saturday 21/4/07). Summer stock will be sorted, the best retained and the remainder disposed of and the winter stock brought out.

A request is made to have members' names, phone numbers and email addresses included in the weekly Bulletin (but not addresses for security reasons).

Treasurer – David Payne

Copies of figures for the 9-month period to 31/03/07 were distributed at the meeting.

These figures were tabled at the last Board meeting and show total assets at the end of March of \$120287.67. If we ignore the funds that have gone into the Charitable Trust Fund our assets have decreased by about \$4500 so far this year.

Details of income and expenditure for the various committees can be obtained from the Project Transaction Listing Sheets.

Tonight I want to focus our attention on the Thrift Shop with some updated figures.

At the last Club Assembly I indicated that the nett profit for this year should be similar or slightly higher than last year (say \$23,000 –

\$25,000).

During April we received some rather substantial bills from our Landlord and it turns out that last year we were not invoiced for 2 quarters of water rates or any building insurance. These costs plus some costs for the Volunteers' morning tea have been carried over from last year adding about \$2000 to this year's figures.

Last year the nett profit for the 10 months to the end of April was approx. \$17700.

This year for the same period our Income has increased by about \$2300 but our Costs have increased by about \$5000 – a nett profit decrease of about \$2700.

This means the nett profit for the 10 months to 30/04/07 is around \$15000.

Last May and June were both good months lifting our profit by about \$5500 to show around \$23000 for the year (inflated by \$2000 as shown earlier).

If we can continue at our current rate the likely nett profit for this year will be in the \$18000 to \$19000 range (deflated by the above \$2000).

In other words, if we consider like for like, we are virtually covering our cost increases and returning a nett profit of around \$20000 to \$21000 per year.

General Business

Club Raffle. **Joan Reed** raised concern over the administration of the recent club raffle particularly in relation to the Lotteries act. A number of requirements were omitted and her own tickets were not included in the raffle. Following discussion it was agreed that all future such fund raising events which may depart from our normal activities would be passed to the audit committee for scrutiny.

Men's Shed Project. **Jerry Casburn** requested feedback from the club on the planned project to provide, via the Baptist Church Edwardstown Bloke's Shed, services for Unley residents. The club endorsed further work on evaluating the costs and benefits of the project for later presentation to the club. Requests were made to extend the project to include all age groups. This will now be referred to the Community Service Committee (2006/7 and 2007/8) for consideration.

The reports from International Service – John Peacham, Fund Raising – Greg Love, Rotary Foundation – Mavis Martin will be included in next week's bulletin.

Council on Legislation

Detailed below are the comments made by President Stephen. Note, these have to be ratified by the RI Board. If you would like to see further details go to: http://www.rotary.org/newsroom/events/070501_col_wrapup.html.

At the recent Council on Legislation in April some 336 proposals were considered, of these 96 were accepted, 14 were referred to the RI Board, 71 were withdrawn and 155 were rejected; and from my recollections, this year's 29% acceptance rate is high compared to previous Councils on Legislation. The following proposals were among those accepted:

- A requirement for members to attend 50% of regular meetings in each half of the Rotary year.
- Amendments to the provisions for calculating attendance records.
- Inclusion of the Four Avenues of Service in the Standard Rotary Club Constitution.
- Authorising the RI Board to suspend or terminate a club that fails to investigate an allegation that a member violated youth protection laws.
- Clarification of the terms of the president-nominee and president-elect.
- A provision that the president shall continue to serve until a successor who has attended the presidents-elect training seminar and district assembly has been elected.
- An amendment to the provisions for qualification for membership.
- Allowing Rotary Foundation alumni to be active members.
- An amendment to the classification provision for termination of membership.
- An amendment to the provisions for termination for non-attendance.
- Allowing clubs to temporarily suspend membership during termination proceedings.
- The endorsement and affirmation that the eradication of polio is a goal of the highest order of Rotary International.
- A request to the RI Board to consider focusing on safe drinking water and endorsing the Blue Planet Run Foundation's Blue Planet Run and Water Project Activities.
- A request to the RI Board to consider proposing legislation to the next Council on Legislation to mention the Rotary Emblem and Service Above Self in the RI Constitution.
- A request to the RI Board to consider amending the RI secondary motto.
- A request to the RI Board to consider organizing a world contest to compose a new Rotary anthem.
- Endorsement of the mission, motto, and priorities of the Future Vision Plan for The Rotary Foundation.
- A request to The Rotary Foundation Trustees to consider allowing districts to access up to 30% of their District Designated Funds to be used for District Simplified Grants, reducing the minimum amount for Matching Grants to US\$2,500, and authorizing the construction of buildings using Matching Grants.
- A provision for settlement of disputes between Rotarians.
- A request to the RI Board to consider finding more efficient and less expensive ways to communicate with Rotary clubs.
- To provide that club and district websites shall include a link to the Rotary Worldwide Web.
- To request the RI Board to consider providing Internet software and platforms to be used by clubs.
- Revision of the qualifications for governor-nominee, the date by which a district must select the governor-nominee, and amendment to the provisions regarding the selection of the governor-nominee and special elections for governor.

- An increase in per capita dues.
- Authoring the RI Board to suspend a club that fails to pay its financial obligation to RI or the district fund.
- A requirement that the RI Board announce the results for deliberations on adopted resolutions.
- Clarification of voting procedures at district conferences.

Many of these legislated changes affect clubs directly and so will need to be included in our club's constitution when in due course we adopt the revised standard Rotary constitution as all clubs are required to do.

Rotary Information

The answer to last night's questions arising from the "Council on Legislation":

Rotary's Secondary Motto: "They Profit Most Who Serve Best," in the "1923 Statement on Community Service"

Rotary Anthem: A special arrangement of the march from Beethoven's Overture to "Egmont" was confirmed as the Rotary anthem. RI is commissioning an original recording of the anthem so that it can be made available for sale to Rotarians. (Extract from Highlights of Actions Taken by the Board of Directors of Rotary International - The third meeting of the 2003-04 RI Board of Directors was held at One Rotary Centre in Evanston, Illinois, USA, from 23-28 February 2004.

Joke for the Week

Craig drove his brand new BMW Z3 convertible out of the car salesroom. Taking off down the motorway, he floored it to 90 kph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left.

"Amazing!" he thought as he flew down the M4, enjoying pushing the pedal to the metal even more. Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw a police car behind him, blue lights flashing and siren blaring.

"I can get away from him - no problem!" thought Craig as he floored it to 110kph, then 120, then 130kph. Suddenly, he thought, "What on earth am I doing? I'm too honest for this nonsense!" So he pulled over to the side of the road and waited for the police car to catch up with him.

Pulling in behind him, the police officer walked up to the driver's side of the BMW, looked at his watch and said, "Sir, my shift ends in 10 minutes. Today is Friday and I'm taking off for the weekend. If you can give me a reason why you were speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go."

Craig looked very seriously at the policeman, and replied, "Years ago, my wife ran off with a policeman. I thought you were bringing her back."

"Have a good day, Sir," said the policeman.

Quote of the Week

"The difference between fiction and reality? Fiction has to make sense. " *Tom Clancy*

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
15/5/07	Public School's Club	7.00pm for 7.30pm	Policeman of the Year Awards
22/5/07	Kent Town	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Vocational Visit to the Weather Bureau – Host Mr. Timke
29/5/07	Public School's Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	"The Power of the Mind over Stuttering"- Wendy O'Hagen
6/6/07	Parliament House	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Visit to Parliament House NB This is a Wednesday, there is no meeting on Tuesday

Rostered Rotarians

Date	Chairperson	Venue Set-up	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance Desk
15/5/07	Bob Mills	Anne Wehr	Ken Haines	Alex Jonson	John Peacham & Martin Cooper
22/5/07	Martin Cooper	Norm Wallace	John Russell	Greg Love	Not Required
29/5/07		Chandra Sluggett	Natalie Bowen	Rex Martin	Mavis Martin & Reno Elms
5/6/07		Janet Singh	Ken Haines	Greg McLeod	Greg Love & Sheila Evans

To Rotarians who are unable to attend as rostered, please arrange a swap or contact:

Sergeant-At-Arms: John Russell on (h) 8271 7178 or e-mail: barbjohn@chariot.net.au

Venue Set-up or Plaque Board: Greg McLeod (w) 8223 3999, (m) 0417 811 838 or e-mail: gmcleod@lam.com.au

Attendance Desk: Janet Singh (w) 8226 4131, (m) 0421 052 893 or e-mail: singh.janet@saugov.sa.gov.au

Members are urged to diarise when they are required to serve and then they will be unlikely to overlook their rostered service duty.

For those members rostered on Venue Set-up and Plaque Board, the relevant paraphernalia can be found in the cupboard behind the Ladies toilets at East Terrace. John Russell and Greg McLeod have keys to the cupboard. Venue Set-up materials can be found in a large plastic box and immediately in the vicinity of that box (eg. the flag and the Rotary wheel). The box is marked with the Club's name. Please remember to gather up all items at the end of the meeting and return them to the cupboard.

Apologies

To: **Sheila Evans** OR **Janet Singh**
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Thrift Shop Duty Roster

Please note the roster now shows the full week

ROTARY CLUB OF UNLEY - THRIFT SHOP ROSTER

DATE	FULL DAY	10.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.	1.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.
May-07			
WED 16		G & N Dunn /Jenny Noske	
THUR 17		P Richards / M Schaefer	J Calder / F Nettelbeck
FRI 18		P Bohnsack / J Ring	J Arthur /B Mullins
SAT 19		K Rogers, G McLeod,G Ferguson	K Haines, K Kranz, R Singh
MON 21	J Job/C Marcos		
TUES 22		H Lithgow/B Russel	G Howland/J Russel
WED 23	J Job / C Marcos	Jenny Noske	
THUR 24		A Jonson / H Weston	J Calder / N Highett
FRI 25		D & M Payne	E & R Birnie
SAT 26		K Rogers, K Haines after 10.30, R Singh	S Westgarth, M Martin
MON 28	J Moore / D Menkins		
TUES 28		S Tirrell / L Hanna	H Lithgow / M Wallace
WED 30		P Goodgame / M Hancock	
THUR 31		B Russell / P Hollway	J Calder / F Nettelbeck

Club Website

Members are again reminded that a wealth of local, national and international Rotary information is available to them by visiting the club's website at <http://unley.rotaryclub.org.au>. A list of members and roster details can also be found. Please contact Stephen Westgarth with any comments about the website or if difficulty is experienced in accessing it. Updates to information on the website will be made progressively by Webmaster Stephen as time permits. Those members preparing and maintaining rosters are requested to provide soft copy information to Stephen for posting on the website for the benefit and information of all members.

Remember our Rotary
theme for the year

LEAD THE WAY