

Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

DISTRICT 9520
CHARTERED 17TH APRIL 1935

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

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

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Meeting 3578 – Tuesday 11 September 2007

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Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3578
Date	11 th September 2007
Venue	Public Schools Club
Chairperson	Colin Schirmer
Guests Speaker	"The Man from Iron Bark" Tony Wight
Guests and Visiting Rotarians	Genese Mullins, Margaret Andrew, Jenny Casburn, Bridgett Youngs - RC Norwich-St Edmonds, George Sinclair - RC Adelaide Park, Steve Gordon
Apologies	Geoff Hill, Anne Zada, Mark Zada, Neville Highett
Make Ups	Geoff Hill Onkaparinga Rotary 11/9 Bob Mills Thrift Shop 7/9
Attendance	85%
Sick List	None
Birthdays	None
Induction Anniversaries	None
Anniversaries	None
Departing Rotarians	None

President's Announcements

1. Have received an invitation from David Pisoni's office for Cheese and wine tasting on Wednesday the 10th October at 372 Unley Road Unley from 6pm onwards. Cost is \$15 per head RSVP by the 5th October phone 83734846
2. Board Meeting on Thursday evening next week at Sheila Evans' home.

Reminder Spots

Bob Laws thanked members who came to the Thrift Shop working bee on Sunday; a great time was had by all. Also, volunteers for the Saturday roster are needed; thanks to Glenys and Anne on the early shift, and Ken and Bob on the late shift. There is a Thrift Shop committee meeting this Saturday 10am at Bob's home.

Jerry Casburn: The Edinburgh Hotel has been booked for a Melbourne Cup Lunch. Indications were taken from the floor for expressions of interest. On the 19th of October our club is having a Quiz night, cost will be approx \$15 which includes finger food and prizes. It will be at the Public Schools Club and members are encouraged to make tables of family and friends.

Martin Cooper: If any member has finished with the RDU magazine Martin has some cards that can be attached and then place in waiting rooms for distribution.

Our Guest Speaker: Tony Wight

Tony was introduced by Colin Schirmer. Tony used to be an accountant at Harris Scarfe before taking up reciting poetry. Tony gave three recitations of poetry, including Roald Dahl's interesting spin on Goldilocks and the Three Bears, and "Rain from Nowhere".

Rain from Nowhere by Murray Hartin

His cattle didn't get a bid; they were fairly bloody poor,
What was he going to do? He couldn't feed them anymore,
The dams were all but dry; hay was thirteen bucks a bale,
Last month's talk of rain was just a fairytale.
His credit had run out, no chance to pay what's owed,
Bad thoughts ran through his head as he drove down Gully Road.
"Geez, great grandad bought the place back in 1898,
"Now I'm such a useless bastard, I'll have to shut the gate.
"Can't support my wife and kids, not like dad and those before,
"Crikey, Grandma kept it going while Pop fought in the war."
With depression now his master, he abandoned what was right,
There's no place in life for failures, he'd end it all tonight.
There were still some things to do, he'd have to shoot the cattle first,
Of all the jobs he'd ever done, that would be the worst.
He'd have a shower, watch the news, then they'd all sit down for tea
Read his kids a bedtime story, watch some more TV,
Kiss his wife goodnight, say he was off to shoot some roos
Then in a paddock far away he'd blow away the blues.
But he drove in the gate and stopped – as he always had
To check the roadside mailbox – and found a letter from his Dad.
Now his dad was not a writer, Mum did all the cards and mail
But he knew the writing from the notebooks that he used at cattle sales.
He sensed the nature of its contents, felt moisture in his eyes,
Just the fact his dad had written was enough to make him cry."
Son, I know it's bloody tough; it's a cruel and twisted game,
"This life upon the land when you're screaming out for rain,
"There's no candle in the darkness, not a single speck of light.
"But don't let the demon get you, you have to do what's right;
"I don't know what's in your head but push the bad thoughts well away.
"See, you'll always have your family at the back end of the day;"
You have to talk to someone, and yes I know I rarely did.
"But you have to think about Fiona and think about the kids."

I'm worried about you, son, you haven't rung for quite a while,
"I know the road you're on 'cause I've walked every bloody mile.
"The date? December 7 back in 1983,
"Behind the shed I had the shotgun rested in the bristolow tree.
"See, I'd borrowed way too much to buy the Johnson place;
"Then it didn't rain for years and we got bombed by interest rates.
"The bank was at the door; I didn't think I had a choice,
"I began to squeeze the trigger – that's when I heard your voice.
"You said 'Where are you Daddy? It's time to play our game'
"I've got Squatter all set up, we might get General Rain.
"It really was that close, you're the one that stopped me son,
"And you're the one that taught me there's no answer in a gun.
"Just remember people love you, good friends won't let you down.
"Look, you might have to swallow pride and take that job in town,
"Just 'til things come good, son, you've always got a choice.
"And when you get this letter ring me, 'cause I'd love to hear your voice.
"Well he cried and laughed and shook his head, then put the truck in gear,
Shut his eyes and hugged his dad in a vision that was clear.
Dropped the cattle at the yards, put the truck away,
Filled the troughs the best he could and fed his last ten bales of hay.
Then he strode towards the homestead, shoulders back and head held high,
He still knew the road was tough but there was purpose in his eye.
He called his wife and children, who'd lived through all his pain,
Hugs said more than words – he'd come back to them again.
They talked of silver linings, how good times always follow bad,
Then he walked towards the phone, picked it up and rang his Dad.
And while the kids set up the Squatter, he hugged his wife again,
Then they heard the roll of thunder and they smelt the smell of rain.

Diary Dates

Tue 2 Oct: Terry McCrann BELAIR Country Club Speaking on "Living in a World Made in China" \$20 per head
Fri 19 Oct: Trivia Night at the Public Schools Club. More details later
Fri 12 Oct: District 9520 Conference, Westminster School, Alison Avenue, Marion
Fri 19 Oct: Quiz Night Public Schools Club
Tue 6 Nov: Melbourne Cup Day Lunch – Edinburgh Hotel
Tue 11 Dec: Christmas Dinner at Kooyonga Golf Club

Our Next Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion
18/09/07	Public School's Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Serving Youth Through the Court Robert Croser
25/09/07	Keswick Army Barracks	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Visit to Keswick Army Barracks
02/10/07	Public School Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	My Life in Politics Alan Ferguson
09/10/07	Public Schools Club	6.00pm for 6.30pm	Report from support students RYLA and NSYF

Rostered Rotarians

Date	Venue Set-up	Chairperson	Sergeant	Plaque Board	Attendance Desk
18/09/07	Martin Cooper	Sheila Evans	John Russell	Glenys Ferguson	Jerry Casburn & David Payne
25/09/07	Geoff Howland	TBA	Greg McLeod	Jerry Casburn	Natalie Bowen & Lindsay England
02/10/07	Reno Elms	TBA	Greg McLeod	Lindsay England	Janet Singh & Ron Schubert
09/10/07	John Russell	TBA	Greg McLeod	Chandra Sluggett	Bob Laws & Greg McLeod

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

Sergeant-At-Arms: Greg McLeod: (W) 8223 3999; (M) 0417 811 838; e-mail: gmcLeod@lam.com.au

Venue Set-up or Plaque Board: Greg McLeod: (W) 8223 3999; (M) 0417 811 838; e-mail: gmcLeod@lam.com.au

Attendance Desk: Glenys Ferguson (H) 8379 8821

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 in the vestibule of the rear conference room at East Terrace. Greg McLeod and Glenys Ferguson have keys to the cupboard. Please remember to gather up all items at the end of the meeting and return them to the cupboard.

Apologies

To: **Glenys Ferguson** on 8379 8821 **OR Anne Wehr** on 8357 0486

Ladies Auxiliary

Date	Location
Sep	TBA
22 nd Oct	Home of Shirley Emmett 11am

JOKE OF THE WEEK

A woman goes to the doctor for her yearly physical.

The nurse asks, "How much do you weigh?"

"120" the woman says.

The nurse puts her on the scales. It actually weighs 155.

The nurse asks, "What is your height?"

"5 feet, 8 inches" she says.

The nurse checks and sees that she actually measures 5 feet 5 inches.

The nurse then takes the woman's blood pressure and tells the woman that it is very high.

"Of course it 's high! " she screams, "When I came in here I was tall and slender. Now I am short and fat.

Thrift Shop Roster

September 2007

Wed 12	G Hill / J James	R & G Howland
Thu 13	J Leedham / J Slee	J. Calder / J Highett
Fri 14	M. Wallace/M. Bosisto	L. Kunst / M Bosisto
Sat 15	A Wehr / G Ferguson	K Haines / B Laws
Mon 17	J Job / C Marcos	J Job / C Marcos
Tue 18	J Russell / H Lithgow	E & R Birnie
Wed 19	M & D Payne	J & D Noske
Thu 20	P Richards / K Daly	J. Calder / F Nettelbeck
Fri 21	P Bohnsack / S Shard	J. Arthur / B Mullins
Sat 22	Rotarians TBA	

Remember our Rotary
theme for the year

ROTARY SHARES
