

# Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

DISTRICT 9520  
CHARTERED 17TH APRIL 1935

The Club meets every Tuesday  
at The Old Orphanage Function Centre  
181 Goodwood Road  
Millswood (enter of Mitchell St)  
at 6.30pm. Fellowship at 6.00pm

## THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

2007 – 2008

Meeting 3587 – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 07

### PRESIDENT

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### Our Last Meeting

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| Meeting No.                   | 3587                                               |
| Date                          | 13 <sup>th</sup> November 07                       |
| Venue                         | The Orphanage, Millswood                           |
| Chairperson                   | Stephen Westgarth                                  |
| Guests Speaker                | David McLeod: "The David Hicks Case"               |
| Guests and Visiting Rotarians | Rohan Singh, David McLeod                          |
| Apologies                     | Natalie Bowen, Anne Zada, Mark Zada, Jerry Casburn |
| Make Ups                      | Sheila Evans                                       |
| Attendance                    | 73%                                                |
| Sick List                     | None noted                                         |
| Birthdays                     | Chandra Sluggett 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov              |
| Induction Anniversaries       | Lucien Parent 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov                 |

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### President's Announcements

1. Thankyou to Rotarians who came out to DIK around last Saturday. It was a good day with much achieved, made even better by an excellent lunch provided by Rose Howland and her mates. The club will be sending at least one large container of educational supplies of various types to the Philippines this year.
2. You will hear about this and other interesting things at the club assembly in two week's time. Committee chairs are asked to prepare short and punchy presentations so that we can all find out where the club is up to in achieving this year's programme. This will be a great evening and you really must be here. I missed one earlier this year and ended up being President. If you don't want that to happen to you, make sure you're here.
3. At the Club Assembly we will also be discussing updating our Constitution and Bylaws. My proposal is that we adopt the standard bylaws but this would require some minor adjustments to our current arrangements. Next week I will provide a short paper about the differences for consideration ahead of the Assembly. Please be assured that this will NOT be the formal acceptance of the new Constitution and Bylaws.

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### Spots

**John Peacham:** Thanked members for the good turnout to the Donations in Kind project last Saturday to help with the loading of containers of books, desks, chairs etc to the Philippines. John particularly thanked Rose and Geoff Howland and the Philippine Community Ladies for catering.

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### Guest Speaker - David McLeod

David McLeod, the Brother of Greg, was introduced by Past President Stephen Westgarth. David explained how USA are occupying part of Cuba. In 1898 a war was fought between the Spanish, the then occupiers of Cuba, and the USA. When the war suddenly ended, part of the peace settlement was a leaseback arrangement of 45 square miles by the Spaniards to the USA.

David went on to explain his great difficulty in the initial stages of his appointment to understand the politics of David Hicks's case.

1. Established he was not a prisoner but an unprivileged belligerent (a US invention)
2. Understanding the USA court marshal system
3. Three charges were laid by USA government – conspiracy, attempted murder or aiding the enemy
4. Civil actions in USA in the local courts were laid on behalf of David Hicks
5. David McLeod had to determine what did the USA and Australian Governments agree upon on war torture conventions

6. David McLeod had to understand and deal with "Fair go For David Hicks" pressure group's campaign in Australia
  7. What did the press at large want to know about Hicks?
  8. A huge workload of 25 hours a day.
  9. How were David McLeod and his firm were to be paid; David's firm Lempriere Abbot McLeod wrote of approx \$300,000 in costs.
  10. Convincing Prime Minister Howard, Foreign Minister Downer and Attorney General Ruddock that they must give David Hicks a fair go. The Australian government did not support Hicks as they should have under the Geneva Convention and order a fair trial.
- Well-known international QC's including Geoffrey Robertson were engaged and donated their time to give David Hicks a fair trial.
- Thank you David for giving us your better insight into the situation than was reported through our media.

**Sergeant's Session:** Bob Mullins was our Sergeant for the night. The Wine Raffle was won by President David and the Lucky Square by Joan Reed.

**Diary Dates:**

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| Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec   | Prof Annette Mygrecka Woolshed West Beach; Info Dick Wilson Stirling RC |
| Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec | Christmas Dinner at Kooyonga Golf Club                                  |
| Sun 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | Carols at the Rotunda                                                   |

## Our Next Meetings

| Date     | Venue         | Time              | Occasion                                                     |
|----------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| 20/11/07 | The Orphanage | 6.00pm for 6.30pm | Colin James – "Mike Rann's Law and Order"                    |
| 27/11/07 | The Orphanage | 6.00pm for 6.30pm | Club Assembly                                                |
| 04/12/07 | The Orphanage | 6.00pm for 6.30pm | "International Airlines Aircrew Pilot Training" Tony Harding |
| 11/12/07 | The Orphanage | 6.00pm for 6.30pm | Christmas Dinner Kooyonga Golf Club                          |

## Rostered Rotarians

| Date     | Venue Set-up  | Chairperson  | Sergeant    | Plaque Board    | Attendance Desk                   |
|----------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 20/11/07 | Geoff Dunn    | Ron Schubert | Greg McLeod | Sheila Evans    | Chandra Sluggett and Mavis Martin |
| 27/11/07 | Anne Wehr     | Pres David   | Greg McLeod | Barry Freeman   | Geoff Dunn and Bob Mills          |
| 04/12/07 | John Russell  | Mark Zada    | Greg McLeod | Colin Schirmer  | Reno Elms and Anne Zada           |
| 11/12/07 | Barry Freeman | Pres David   | Greg McLeod | Lindsay England | Bob Mullins and Anne Wehr         |

**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, see Greg McLeod or Glenys Ferguson for the storage location of equipment. Please remember to gather up all items at the end of the meeting and return them to the storage location.

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

## Ladies Auxiliary

**Date:** Christmas Function 12 noon on Mon 26 Nov. **Location:** Café Delore's, John Martins Plaza (arcade off Charles Street)

**Contact:** Pauline or Margaret

**Next Week's Menu:** **Main:** Steak Dianne; **Dessert:** Tiramisu

**Thrift Shop Roster:**

| Date     | Early Shift                | Late Shift                |
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| 03/11/07 | Greg McLeod & Kevin Rogers | Mavis Martin & Ken Haines |

Remember our Rotary  
theme for the year

# ROTARY SHARES