

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3627 – 2 September 2008

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MEETINGS: The Club meets every Tuesday at The Old Orphanage Function Centre
Corner Goodwood Road & Mitchell Street, Millswood at 6.30pm.
Fellowship at 6.00pm

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3627
Date	2 September 2008
Venue	The Orphanage
Guest Speaker	David Bacchus: "SA Water Police"
Chairperson	Geoff Hill
Apologies	Chandra Sluggett, Bob Mullins, Glenys Ferguson, Kevin Rogers, Lindsay England, Sheila Evans,
Make-ups	David Payne (Thrift Shop 22/08/08)
Attendance	65%
Departing Rotarians	Stephen Baker

President Jerry's Announcements

1. I have distributed copies of the survey mentioned over the last two weeks. I would be grateful if these could be completed and returned to Janet Singh by September 10th. This is an opportunity for the club to improve meetings and activities and we would ask for candour in the responses. Please feel free to add your name if you would like us to talk to you about your response.
2. Thanks again for those who volunteered to work on the stand at the Royal Show. Of the thirty spots that support was needed for, our club provided eight. If you are going to the show please go and take a look at the stand.
3. I am pleased to advise the sale of a further Entertainment book taking the year's total to 80.
4. You will have seen in last week's bulletin my additional challenge for this year. I want one membership referral from each member of the club, it doesn't have to result in a new member but it must be a legitimate referral. The Board have told me I am a tight-fisted SOB; so the ante is upped to I'll buy drinks for the whole evening in the week in which this is achieved.

Spots

Bob Laws reminded members of the Clean-up Working Bee at the Thrift Shop this Sunday 7 September and sought volunteers to assist.

David Middleton gave a plug for The Rotary Foundation Centurion program and reminded Unley Rotarians that we can participate in the program by choosing to contribute \$50 with each half-year payment of Club subs to make up the Centurion's \$100 contribution for the year.

Jerry Casburn: Pres Jerry sought the endorsement of members for the Board's decision to proceed with a project to run a fundraising Family Fun Day event at the Show Grounds on the 2009 Queen's Birthday weekend. Starting at 4.30pm and ending at 9pm the event would provide entertainment in the form of two sessions of fireworks, bands, displays and performing groups. The fundraiser would seek to raise money for the Starlight Foundation and Rotary projects. The Club members present endorsed the project.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Natalie Bowen proved she's earned her stripes by beginning her duty month with a humorously savage fines session. Alex Jonson won the wine and Natalie Bowen won the lucky square.

Guest Speaker – David Bacchus: “SA Water Police”

Chairman for the evening, Geoff Hill, introduced Brevet Sergeant David Bacchus from the South Australia Police STAR Group Water Operations Unit. Now 39 years of age, David Bacchus has been a police officer since 1990 and joined what is now the Water Operations Unit in 1995. He specialises as a “Master 5” and is a Search and Mission Controller, Diving Supervisor and Diving Medical Technician.

David provided a comprehensive description of the roles and responsibilities of the Water Operations Unit, which is responsible for policing the coastal and inland waters of South Australia and provides the capability for search and rescue in those waters. There are five vessels varying from a five metre inflatable dinghy to a 16-metre launch. The vessels are also used as diving platforms for police divers. The divers assist local police in the recovery of bodies or submerged objects from the sea, inland waters and caves. All water responses (sea search and rescue, water policing, diving, and Marine Crime Watch) are conducted by this Unit.

David described the rigorous and constant training that Water Operations Unit members must undergo in order to retain their readiness for operational work. He indicated that diving is a “young man’s game” and that the older members of the Unit tend to be more experienced with boat handling and so focus on that activity.

A special treat for David was the presence in the audience of his mother Pam, who last heard him speak about his work about 10 years ago. Following Pam’s guidance, David was sure to include a number of fascinating, amusing and sometimes disquieting “war stories”. Indeed much of the underwater work of the Water Operations Unit is unpleasant involving searches in zero visibility and operating solely by touch with only a taut rope for a guide.

David gave us some of the history of the Water Operations Unit and showed the changes that have taken place over the years in its name, tasks and equipment. The Unit provides support to the military, Customs and Fisheries for searches and law enforcement in our coastal waters and ports. The Unit also assists local councils with the examination and removal of motor vehicles dumped or crashed in our inland waterways.

PP Geoff thanked David for his most interesting and enjoyable presentation.



Brevet Sergeant David Bacchus
with Chairman PP Geoff Hill

Jerry's Jottings



Again it was another great meeting on Wednesday and a terrific speaker, well done **Ron Schubert** and **Bob Mullins**.

I was also grateful to receive such strong support from the club in underwriting the planned fireworks and family day on the next Queen’s birthday long weekend, in June 2009. On the assumption that we aim for the Sunday, the date to put in the diary is **Sunday 7th June 2009**. I am pleased to advise that **Colin Schirmer** has agreed to chair the committee which will plan the event, he’ll take on the role from November when other commitments reduce, thanks Colin, we are really grateful. Please expect to be involved, this is a large undertaking and an outstanding opportunity to raise funds for the great causes the club supports. It is also an opportunity to do this in perpetuity. I am sure we’ll hear more about the planning very soon. If you want to get involved now, let us know.

Outside of the expected, it is a real opportunity to have some hands on fun with a great bunch of mates. There will be a lot to do whether it is liaison with sponsors, assisting the programme planning, marketing, arranging events and stalls, the list goes on. I am sure it will create many opportunities to work together.

In closing jottings for this week I also want to say what a great Bulletin we have and thank **Stephen Westgarth** for the work he puts in to this. It’s easy to read with lots of Rotary information and a great advertisement for the club’s activities.

See you next week and don’t forget the survey

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry

Some images from the Rotary Club of St Ives Fireworks Event in 2004



Rotary News

September - Youth Activity Month: A Bit About RYLA

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is Rotary's leadership training program for young people. RYLA participants can be ages 14-30, but most clubs and districts choose to focus on a narrower age range, such as 14-18 or 17-25.

RYLA emphasizes leadership, citizenship, and personal growth, and aims to:

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth
- Recognise publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities

Although each RYLA event is tailored to participants' ages and interests, the RI Board recommends a core curriculum that covers the following topics:

- Fundamentals of leadership
- Ethics of positive leadership
- Importance of communication skills in effective leadership
- Problem solving and conflict management
- What Rotary is and what it does for the community
- Building self-confidence and self-esteem
- Elements of community and global citizenship

RYLA programs consist mainly of presentations, activities, and workshops. These three components are supplemented by group work, which can enhance presentations and facilitate team building.

Australian Rotary Health Research Fund: Working towards a cure for a debilitating disease

A scholarship from the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund and the Rotary Club of Bendigo South will help 25-year-old medical researcher, Rebecca Sheean, complete her PhD research into motor neuron disease (MND) at the Howard Florey Institute in Melbourne. The Rotary Club of Bendigo South raised the money for Rebecca's scholarship.

At a special dinner held recently by the Rotary club, Rebecca delivered a presentation on her research. She said it was the first time she had met someone with MND and it made her feel that her hard work was worthwhile. "Being a PhD student is really demanding and it takes over your life," she said. "But seeing how my research can help people suffering from the debilitating disease makes the long hours seem worth it. Without the scholarship, I certainly wouldn't be able to afford to do it."

Donations to ARHRF are tax deductible and can be sent to: ARHRF, PO Box 3455, Parramatta, NSW, 2124.

Telephone (02) 8837 1900 Email arhrf@arhrf.org.au.

Jokes for the Week

A Marriage Made in Heaven

On their way to get married, a young couple died in a fatal car accident. The couple find themselves sitting outside the Pearly Gates waiting for St. Peter to process them into Heaven.

While waiting, they begin to wonder: "Could they possibly get married in Heaven?"

When St. Peter showed up, they decided to ask him.

St. Peter says, "I don't know. This is the first time anyone has asked. Let me go find out."

The couple sat and waited for an answer, for a couple of months, and they began to worry; if they were allowed to get married, what if things didn't work out? Were they stuck together forever?

After yet another month, St. Peter finally returns, looking somewhat annoyed.

"Yes," he informs the couple, "you CAN get married in Heaven."

Great!" said the couple, "But we were just wondering, what if things don't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?"

St. Peter, red-faced, slams his clipboard onto the ground.

"What's wrong?" asked the frightened couple.

"OH, COME ON!" St. Peter shouts, "It took me three months to find a priest up here!

Do you have ANY idea how long it'll take me to find a lawyer?!"



An engineer, doctor, and pastor golfing

A pastor, a doctor and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers.

Engineer: What's with these guys? We must have been waiting for 15 minutes!

Doctor: I don't know, but I've never seen such ineptitude!

Pastor: Hey, here comes the greens keeper. Let's have a word with him. [Dramatic pause] Hi George. Say, what's with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?

George: Oh, yes, that's a group of blind fire fighters. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime.

The group was silent for a moment.

Pastor: That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight.

Doctor: Good idea. And I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist buddy and see if there's anything he can do for them.

Engineer: Why can't these guys play at night?

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
09/09/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Gerry McGinly: "Coins and Collectibles"	Ron Schubert	Natalie Bowen	John Peacham & Joan Reed
16/09/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Natalie Moore & Lauren Sperring: Indigenous Health Scholarship Students	Janet Singh	Natalie Bowen	John Russell & Ron Schubert
23/09/08	ABC Studios, Collinswood	6 for 6.30pm	Visit to the ABC Studios + Dinner Nearby	NA	NA	Janet Singh & Chandra Sluggett
30/09/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Guest Speaker	John Peacham	Natalie Bowen	Anne Wehr & Stephen Westgarth

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

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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 servery area of the Function Centre. Please remember to gather up all items at the end of the meeting and return them to the top of the cupboard.

Apologies To: Anne Wehr on 8357 0486.

Diary Dates

16 – 19 Oct District Conference in Mt Gambier
9 Dec Christmas Dinner at Mt Osmond Golf Club

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: September - October 2008

Week No.	Dates This Month	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11am to 1.30pm
1	06/09/08	Lindsay England, Rohan Singh & Kevin Rogers	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	13/09/08	Stephen Baker, Greg McLeod & Kevin Rogers	Ken Haines & David Middleton
3	20/09/08	Glenys Ferguson, Chandra Sluggett & Kevin Rogers	Joan Reed & Ron Schubert
4	29/09/08	Colin Schirmer, Chandra Sluggett & Kevin Rogers	Martin Cooper & John Peacham

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Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Make Dreams Real