

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3636 – 3 November 2008

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Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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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.	3636
Date	3 November 2008
Venue	The Old Orphanage
Occasion	Melbourne Cup Sweepstakes
Sergeant-at-Arms	Bob Mullins
Chairperson	Joan Reed
Apologies	Stephen Westgarth, Chandra Sluggett
Guests & Visiting Rotarians	Rohan Singh, Beverley Baker, Linda Sellars, Pauline Daly, Hon Member Ken Daly
Makeups	Stephen Westgarth & Chandra Sluggett, both at the Thrift Shop
Sick List	Ron Schubert, Margaret Payne
Attendance	62%

President Jerry's Announcements

1. You will all be sorry to hear that Ron Schubert was admitted to the Royal Adelaide Hospital this weekend. Ron has been suffering from abdominal pains. Nothing is known at this stage and tests are being conducted. Our best wishes go to Ron and Joan and hoping that Ron recovers soon.
2. I have also spoken to Margaret Payne this week and she has returned home after a back operation following problems with Sciatica, the operation was entirely successful but Margaret will be immobile for a while. Husband David is looking after her and has taken leave of absence for a couple of months. Get well soon Margaret.
3. A further reminder that we have the BBQ and Tennis Day being organised by Anne Wehr to be held on Sunday 9 November. Cost is only \$10 per head including all food; be there or be square. Family and friends invited.

Spots

Bob Laws: The Thrift Shop badly needs bric-a-brac and books for sale, if you have any items taking up unwanted space they would be grateful for donation.

The Lions Club of Edwardstown and Rotary are staging a showing of the new Baz Luhrmann film "Australia" starring Nicole Kidman and Hugo Jackman. Held on Sunday 30th November at 4.30pm for 5.15pm at the Chelsea Cinema, Kensington Road, Kensington, cost is \$15 per head and includes a light supper and champagne. Proceeds go to OSSA and the provision of a walker for a disabled child. Tickets are available through **Bob Laws**.

Sergeant's Session

Bob Mullins, our new Sergeant for November, took the whip to Rotarians and no excuses were accepted, so his "Melbourne Cup" runneth over. The fines even continued into the Quiz, so Bob probably had enough loot to fill the trainer and jockey's cups too.

Melbourne Cup Sweepstakes

Jerry Casburn Reports

All the drama of the Melbourne Cup, a chance to win big, and the excitement of a quiz night to get the brain engaged.

Due to **Ron Schubert's** unexpected stay in the Royal Adelaide Hospital we were unable to run the expected Calcutta, partner and President Elect **Joan Reed** stepped into the breach and organised a club sweepstake. Many tickets were sold early in the evening and after a few false starts we moved into the draw and allocated the horses to those participating. Ably assisted by **Mark** and **Anne Zada** as bookkeepers and **Linda Sellars** keeping us on track with the gee gees, all the horses were allocated, some several times. Winners will be advised next week and I am sure the Sergeant will assist in spending the winnings. Good luck to everyone.

To add to the entertainment **Bob Mullins** put together a very engaging quiz. Despite instructions many could not resist calling out the answers and were duly penalised financially by **Bob**. The prize for a correct answer was a Mintie and I am sure that local Dentists will benefit from the generosity. While no tally was taken it seemed to me that our Irish genius **Sheila Evans** got most of the Minties.

It was a good evening entertainment and gave an opportunity for some bonding between club members.

The Melbourne Cup

The Melbourne Cup was born following the quest of the Victoria Turf Club to put on a "good handicap" which would rival its counterpart, the Victoria Jockey Club. While 1860s racing administrators were enthusiastic and visionary in many ways, not in their wildest dreams would they have thought the Cup would become what we know it today - the greatest 3200 metre handicap horse-race in the world.

The race created considerable interest from its inception in 1861 and in front of an estimated crowd of 4000; Archer won the first Melbourne Cup. Archer's victory was the first of two for the horse and the first of five for aspiring young trainer Etienne de Mestre who would quickly gain a reputation as a fine horseman from Nowra, located in central New South Wales.

The Cup is run at Flemington which in 1861 was a recognised venue for race-meetings conducted by the Victoria Turf Club. It is located on former river flats adjacent to the Maribyrnong River, 15 minutes by road from the central business district. Flemington was fairly rough and ready in the early days with no running rails or recognised course proper, however the Melbourne Cup quickly caught on as the race on the Australian Racing Calendar and a carnival boasting garden parties, gaiety and ladies showing off their latest finery. Cup Day was renowned for its carnival atmosphere with shooting galleries, lawn parties and social engagements predominantly engaged at the Flemington Racecourse.

The Melbourne Cup has long been lauded as the race that stops a nation and the race which has become ingrained in the Australian culture. It is a race built on dreams, on hard luck and triumph. It is a race which is also survived by tragedy. But while the Cup continues to evolve it will remain the greatest 3200 metre horse race anywhere in the world and, by the nature of the conditions, arguably the most challenging to win. The Cup continues to capture the imagination of an adoring public. It continues to become the one race which every jockey, trainer and owner wants to win. It is a race built on aspiration and inadvertently provides inspiration to so many who feel the challenges of life are grand. It started off as a "good handicapper's" race yet quickly evolved to be one of the most sought after horse races in the world. It is the race that stops the nation and the jewel in the crown on the Australian racing calendar.

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Jerry's Jottings

We are coming up to some heavy activity with the club and we will need all the help we can get to make the events their usual raging success.

December 14th is our first major event for the year, the Carols. **Reno Elms** has been working very hard with the Army Band, the Girl's Choir and other participants. He has asked for our assistance by repeating the support we gave last year and in the same areas we were previously involved in. Please get back to him if you want to change the activity you were engaged in.

This weekend provides another opportunity for some fun and I hope as many as possible will join us at the Orphanage on Sunday for some light sporting activities and good food. On that note there is a change and the meal will be roast chicken, salads and a dessert, all for the princely sum of \$10. Let **Anne Wehr** know if you will be attending and haven't advised her

My thanks to **Bob Mullins** and **Joan Reed** for organising the quiz and the Melbourne Cup Sweep respectively, it was great fun.

Finally, our thoughts go to **Ron Schubert** and we hope to see him back at the club very soon.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry

Diary Dates

Sun 9 Nov	Games Day at Orphanage Tennis court: Noon to 4pm, BYOE
Tue 25 Nov	White Ribbon Breakfast
Tue 25 Nov	Quiz Night at The Old Orphanage
Tue 16 Dec	Christmas Dinner at Mt Osmond Golf Club
Wed 24 Dec	Joint Breakfast Meeting with Hyde Park and Eastwood Clubs at the Sturt Club; 7 for 7.30am

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
11/11/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Bob Such MP: "Food Labelling in Supermarkets"	David Middleton	Bob Mullins	Mavis Martin & Greg McLeod
18/11/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Simon Cameron: "The Kokoda Track Pilgrimage"	Greg McLeod	Bob Mullins	David Middleton & Bob Mills
25/11/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Quiz Night: Partners Event	Mavis Martin	Bob Mullins	Janet Plumb & Jim Newall
02/12/08	Old Orphanage	6 for 6.30pm	Annual General Meeting	Heather Kilsby	Bob Laws	Neesha Nandasena & Joan Reed

Apologies To: Anne Wehr on 8357 0486.

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.

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: November 2008

Week No.	Dates This Month	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11am to 1.30pm
2	08/11/08	Stephen Baker, Greg McLeod & Kevin Rogers	Ken Haines & David Middleton
3	15/11/08	Glenys Ferguson & Anne Wehr	Joan Reed, Ron Schubert
4	22/11/08	Sheila Evans, Chandra Sluggett & Kevin Rogers	Martin Cooper & John Peacham
5	29/11/08	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Ken Haines
1	06/12/08	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth

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Australian Rotary Health Research Fund

The concept of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund ("ARHRF") is that the capital of the Fund will be held as a permanent investment and the income earned will be allocated to research projects. It is anticipated that major projects may be funded by grants over several years to ensure continuity.



Following discussions with a key figure in "Cot Death" research at the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, it was decided that after initial and major grants to "Cot Death" projects, the Fund would support a wider concept of health research. There are many aspects of community health that urgently require research and the Rotary Fund was in a position to perform a valuable service to the community by sponsoring research into otherwise neglected areas.

Likewise "Health", as envisaged in the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund, should encompass a wider vision and include all aspects of community health. Our intentions are to be a catalyst for projects that will improve the quality of life for those least able to assist themselves.

It is also hoped that Rotary Research projects will contain a strong element of applied research. Thus, it should be possible to demonstrate practical strategies for the enhancement of community health in a way that individual Rotary Clubs may apply in their own communities. The circle will then be complete - donations from Rotary Clubs funding research projects, the benefit of which can be applied back in the community that provided the initial gifts.

The ARHRF relies upon donations and bequests to continue supporting medical research in Australia. All donations over \$2 to the ARHRF are tax deductible. Approved by the Board of Rotary International as a multi-district project, the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund is registered under the Corporations Act and operates through a Memorandum & Articles of Association. ◇

What is Probus?

Probus is an association of retired and semi-retired people who join together in clubs, the basic purpose of which is to provide regular opportunities for them to keep their minds active, expand their interests and to enjoy the fellowship of new friends.

Probus originated in the UK in 1965. The first Probus Clubs were formed in New Zealand in 1974 and in Australia in 1976. Probus has filled a need for today's active retirees, so much so that the growth has been phenomenal. It is now a world-wide movement.

The Probus Centre - South Pacific Inc., is dedicated to promoting the development of friendship and acquaintance and the advancement of intellectual interests of its membership throughout Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, Papua New Guinea and the South Pacific Islands.

Current Statistics as at September 2008:

Clubs in Australia	1,798	Members in Australia	140,998
Clubs in New Zealand	457	Members in New Zealand	47,813

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Who Joins Rotary?

To become a Rotarian, you must be invited to join a Rotary club by a member of that club. A qualified candidate for Rotary club membership is an adult of good character and good business, professional, or community reputation. The candidate fits one of the following criteria:

- Holds or has held an executive position with discretionary authority in any worthy and recognized business or profession
- Serves or has served as a community leader
- Is a Rotary Foundation alumnus



Horsing Around During Cup Week

Chief Steward

It was a typical bush race meeting, the difference was that there was a new Chief Steward on the job, a man who'd officiated at major city tracks and everyone was waiting to see what would happen at his first race meeting.

One of the local trainers was in the mounting yard and the steward saw him slip something into his horse's mouth so he rushed over and demanded to know what it was.

The trainer replied, in his best outback drawl, "Well, yer see, 'e likes 'is bit a sugar, so I always give him a cube just before 'e races. 'Ere, I'll 'ave one just to show there's nothin' in it," and he swallowed one.

The Steward wasn't convinced so demanded that he be given one so that he could see if there was anything amiss with the supposedly innocent sugar cube. He swallowed it and walked away muttering to himself, "Bloody bush bandits, thinking that they could put one over me."

As the trainer is legging the jockey up he gave him very clear instructions: "Ride 'im in about fourth spot to the turn then let 'im go, and if anything passes you, don't worry, it'll only be me or the Chief Steward!"

The Priest's Horse

A Priest wanted to raise money for his church and, being told there were fortunes in race horses, he decided to purchase one and enter it in the races. However, at the local auction, the going price for horses was so steep he ended up buying a donkey instead. He figured that since he had it, he might as well go ahead and enter it in the races, and to his surprise the donkey came in third.

The next day the racing sheets carried the headlines, "Priest's Ass shows."

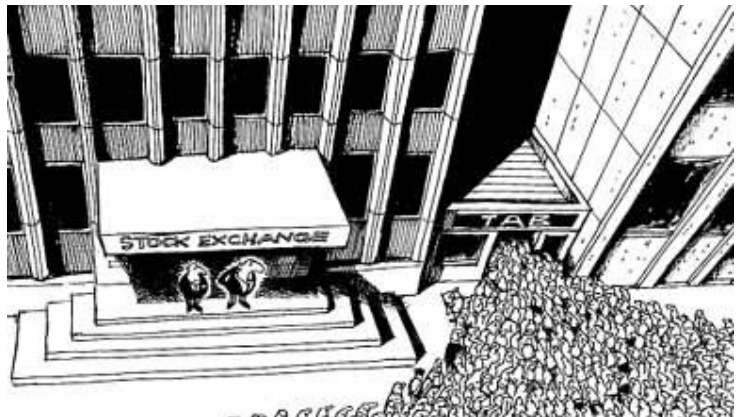
The Priest was so pleased with the donkey that he entered it in the races again and this time he won! The papers said, "Priest's Ass out in Front."

The Bishop was so upset with this kind of publicity that he ordered the Priest not to enter the donkey in another race. The newspaper printed this headline, "Bishop Scratches Priest's Ass."

This was just too much for the Bishop and he ordered the Priest to get rid of the animal. The Priest decided to give it to a Nun in a nearby convent. The headlines the next day read, "Nun has the Best Ass in Town."

The Bishop fainted. He informed the Nun that she would have to dispose of the donkey and she finally found a farmer who was willing to buy it for \$10. The paper states, "Nun Peddles Ass for Ten Bucks."

They buried the Bishop the next day.



"Unley Rotary must have had their sweepstakes last night."

Marylou

This man was sitting quietly reading his paper one morning, peacefully enjoying himself when his wife sneaks up behind him and whacks him on the back of his head with a huge frying pan.

He asks, "What was that for?"

She replies, "What was that piece of paper in your pants pocket with the name Marylou written on it?"

He says, "Oh honey, remember two weeks ago when I went to the horse races? Marylou was the name of one of the horses I bet on."

She is appeased and goes off to work around the house. Three days later he is once again sitting in his chair reading and she repeats the frying pan swatting. He says, "What's that for this time?"

She answered, "Your horse phoned."

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:
Make Dreams Real