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Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

DISTRICT 9520 CHARTERED 17TH APRIL 1935

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MEETINGS: The Club meets every Tuesday at "Tiffins on the Park",

176 Greenhill Road, Parkside (Cnr George Street) at 6.30pm.

Fellowship at 6.00pm

Our Last Meeting

Meeting No.	3649		
Date	10 February 2009		
Venue	Saracen's Head Hotel and SA Police Communications Centre		
Guest Speakers	Superintendant Colin Cornish, STAR Group Officers Jake Stubing and John Riley		
Chairperson	Stephen Baker		
Guests	Genese Mullins, Rohan Singh		
Apologies	Chandra Sluggett		
Attendance	63%		

Pres. Jerry's Announcements

- 1. Only 1 week to go to our 100% Attendance Meeting! Remember, if there's 100% attendance, Pres. Jerry will put a bottle of wine on each table.
- I have received a letter from District Governor Peter Shipp concerning the recent bushfire crisis in Victoria. I have asked Stephen to print it in the Bulletin.
- 3. Rotarians have been enquiring about Peter Shipp's health. A communiqué from DG Peter also appears in the Bulletin.

Sergeant's Session

There was no Sergeant's Session this week due to the Vocational Visit to the SA Police Communications Centre.

Communiqués from Rotary District 9520 Governor Peter Shipp

Victorian Bushfire Crisis

As you are aware, the Victorian bushfire crisis is still ongoing. If you recall, the Port Lincoln bushfire disaster, although not as catastrophic as the



present, has taken some five years in which to effect recovery. Undoubtedly the Victorian bushfire situation will take a lot of time and effort over the next 5 to 10 years in order to reach some normality.

At the present time the Emergency Services and State Governments are the ruling authority and they are supported, in the main, by organisations such as Salvation Army, Red Cross etc. The role of the Australian Rotary Districts not affected by the disaster is to provide support when requested and, as we have done in the past and in particular the Port Lincoln bushfire situation, assist financially and with labour in the <u>recovery process</u>.

As Governor, District 9520 I have been in contact with the District Governor of western Victoria, D9780 (Ted Gaffney). In speaking with Governor Ted, he has requested that we place our efforts in concentrating on the <u>recovery phase</u> of the disaster, that is, as we did in Port Lincoln. To this end, I would request that you give thought and action to the following:-

 Each Club within our District to look at raising (from the general public) or donating \$1,000 plus. Our aim and objective in this would be to raise a minimum of \$100,000 which would then be made available to the five affected Districts in Victoria. These funds would be operated by them through the creation of a single multi-District account. This would then allow appropriate and agreed dispensation of the funds.

- The Club donations to be forwarded through and by the District Treasurer and, in the interim, held within the District 9520 Disaster Fund account. All cheques to be made payable to "Rotary International District 9520 Disaster Fund".
- Agree that the District 9520 Disaster Fund be utilised over and above the monies raised.
- 4. Work through the Assistant Governors and Rtn. Darrell Wickham (Chair Disaster Support Recovery Committee) in the collection and logistics of quality clothing, toiletries etc. Darrell will be available to advise and coordinate on this project.
- 5. In the future, Clubs or groups of Clubs to look at providing working groups as was done at Port Lincoln, in order to assist in re-building, re-fencing, etc.

For your information, Governor Ted (D9780) is attempting, this coming weekend, to have a meeting with the Governors of the other four Victorian Districts affected by the bushfires.

It is my intention to ratify the financial issues at the District Management Committee on the 22nd of February 2009. I will also be requesting the District Management Committee to incorporate the recent District Conference surplus funds in addition to other funds raised and/or available.

It is not my intention to instigate any other District activities, other than this appeal. I would request your earliest and fullest cooperation in assembling the funds.

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My Health Situation

Dear Rotary Friends,

Judy and I would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the 'phone calls, emails and get well cards following my recent surgery. Your best wishes have been a tower of strength to us during this difficult time for our family.

In order to allay any rumours in regards to my health, the following is the situation at the present time.

The surgery on January 22nd did not produce the outcome we were all hoping and praying for. During the operation, the surgeons were unable to remove the tumour, which was located behind body muscle and which had not shown up on the many tests that I had during the months prior to prostate surgery in December.



DG Peter & Judy Shipp

The oncologist has recommended a course of radiotherapy which will commence on the 10th of February for a seven week period. At the end of that period of treatment the doctors will be in a better position to provide a clearer prognosis. I am now home resting.

In the meantime, it is my wish to continue in the role as District Governor until the Change Over on 3th June 2009. I have been assured of the full support of members of the District Management Committee and, together with the many Rotarians and friends who have offered their services, this goal will be achieved.

I will be available to attend Rotary Club functions as of 9th February 2009. I look forward to seeing you all in the near future, so we can continue to "*Make Dreams Real*".

Yours in Rotary.

Peter F. Shipp

Governor, Rotary International District 9520

Vocational Visit: SA Police Communications Centre & STAR Group

This Vocational visit to the SA Police Communications Centre was organised by the Vocational Service Committee chaired by Stephen Baker, who was our chairman and event coordinator for the evening. Rotarians and guests gathered at the Saracen's Head Hotel in Carrington Street for a quick dinner before moving down the street to the Police Communications Centre. We were greeted at the door by Superintendant Colin Cornish, the officer in charge of the Communications Centre.

SA Police Communications Centre

Supt. Cornish began our tour by describing the history and role of the Communications Centre which moved to the present purposebuilt building in 1990. The primary role of the Communications Centre is to receive 000 calls and despatch police responses to South Australia's metropolitan and country areas.

The Communications Centre building was designed to withstand earthquakes (it rests on rollers and the lift is hydraulic) so that this part of the State's critical infrastructure can continue to operate after such events. Also situated in the Centre are the Police Operations Centre and the State Emergency Centre, which had a lot of use with the recent hot weather conditions in January. Fallback facilities are also provided for the Ambulance and Fire services should their own facilities be unavailable.

The whole Centre runs on batteries charged by mains power and with a capacity of up to eight hours running, but a large diesel generator should kick in within three seconds obviating the need for battery backup.

The Police have two call centres in Adelaide; the facility in Carrington Street handles all emergency 000 calls while the facility in Flinders Street handles the calls to 131 444 dealing with police business and police attendances that are not as urgent as 000 calls. Both centres are linked digitally to the police computer aided despatch system (CAD) as are all the police stations in Adelaide. The 000 service is run by Telstra and has two primary call centres located in Brisbane and Melbourne; 000 calls for South Australia are handled by the Melbourne call centre which passes police requests on the SA Police Communications Centre (SAPCC). The two primary centres deal with about 11.5 million calls annually while the SAPCC deals with about 700 calls per day. Caller identification assists with determining which State call centre a call should be transferred to.

For calls from fixed phone lines the call centres know the location of the telephone and the name of the subscriber, for mobile phone calls the subscriber details and the site of the base station handling the call are known. Mobile phones without a SIM card can still call 000 or 112 (the European equivalent), but dialling 911 does not work in Australia! Some difficulties have been

experienced since the advent of VOIP telephones, the technology for which is running ahead of what the present infrastructure can handle.

Each day about 1,300 police attendances are despatched, which range from critically urgent to "cat stuck up a tree" situations.

Each booth operator in the SAPCC can communicate with police stations and mobile units using the Government's secure radio network, which is shared by the State's police, fire and ambulance services and 20 other agencies. An operator can know the precise location of a police patrol at any time through a combination of GPS and online digital mapping, except for Marree which is outside the network's footprint.

When police officers on patrol log onto their computers in their mobile offices (police cars) the availability of that patrol is flagged on the SAPCC operators' screens indicating the status of the patrol and who is on it. As a call comes into the centre the operator is required to fill in some details in a formatted screen, determine the reason why police attendance is required and assign a priority to that event; a patrol is then assigned to that event. At the same time, the address details provided are assessed for any known hazards, such as firearms on the premises, domestic violence chemical hazards: warnings are forwarded online to attending patrols, all in a fraction of a second. All the computers in the SACPP and in police cars have direct access to the police databases with a ten second turnaround on delivering



Stephen Baker dressed for a STAR role

information on motor vehicles and persons of interest.

The SACPP has direct access to over 400 CCTV cameras located in Adelaide CBD streets, in public and private buildings around the city and in major transport and railway hubs. Pictures from these cameras can be selectively displayed on operators' screens for checking on reported situations in the CBD area before police patrols are dispatched to an event. Monitoring of the camera vision is done by the Police Security Division.

Police Operations Centre

The tour then moved upstairs to the Police Operations Centre, a hi-tech facility with rows of desks and banks of computer and video screens. Each person occupying a chair in the Operations Centre has a specific role to play in supporting the decision making of the officer commanding the operation from the front row. Operations managed from the Centre include the annual Christmas Pageant and visits to Adelaide by high profile persons.

State Emergency Centre

Adjacent to the Police Operations Centre is an equally unknown room set up for coordinating emergency services efforts during disastrous events in SA, such as the Eyre Peninsula bush fires. All agencies with a role to play in managing responses to disastrous events have a designated workstation, including the Bureau of Meteorology which provides imagery of prevailing weather conditions. Contributing agencies are connected to their own information systems networks and the State secure radio



Rotarians amid the technology in the Police Operations Centre

STAR Group Demonstration

Supported by an AC/DC-backed, action-packed SA Police Special Tasks and Rescue (STAR) Group recruitment video, two members Group Jake Stubing Riley gave a brief outline of their roles and training and demonstrated the protective equipment of STAR Group members when approaching and apprehending possibly armed offenders.

The demonstration prompted many questions from Rotarians and these were answered as well as operational confidentiality would allow. It appears that STAR Group work, when members are not training, consists of periods of waiting between episodes of high stress and action. Members can be called upon to assist with incidents in several parts of the State in one often long day.

Stephen Baker was elected by acclamation to model the STAR Group equipment, including a (very heavy) ballistic shield. Even with a Bushmaster machine gun in hand, Stephen struggled to appear as awesome as our two friends from STAR Group.



Some Rotarians kept an eye on the cricket scores.



Stephen Baker thanked Supt. Colin Cornish for hosting the Club's visit to the SAPCC

Rotary News

Matching Grant helps leprosy patients in India

By Peter Schmidtke - Rotary International News -- 3 February 2009

Leprosy patients in India have regained the use of previously paralyzed eyelids, fingers, wrists, and ankles through a project funded in part by a US\$21,000 Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary clubs of the Hague-Metropolitan, The Netherlands, and Lucknow, India, partnered to provide reconstructive surgery to 106 leprosy patients in Uttar Pradesh, India.

The surgeries, completed in March, corrected conditions caused by leprosy, a bacterial disease that affects the skin, nerves, and mucous of the upper respiratory tract and eyes.

Although the disease had permanently damaged specific nerve fibers in some of the patients, doctors were able to restore movement by connecting tendons from muscles with healthy nerve tissue to joints in the affected areas.

One of the beneficiaries was 25-year-old Phool Kumari, who received physical therapy as well as surgery. Kumari had been losing the ability to lift her left foot or move her toes, which affected her ability to walk normally. Even though she had received drug treatment to cure the leprosy, she was still stigmatized by villagers. The surgery and therapy improved her situation considerably.

Dispelling myths about leprosy, such as how the disease spreads, was another goal of the project. According to the World Health Organization, leprosy is not highly contagious. The 137,000 new cases in India last year -- more than half of the total global cases in 2007 -- were transmitted through close and frequent contact.

Despite the project's benefits, Rotarians faced challenges finding patients. They worked with a state government health agency to contact leprosy patients and bring them in for surgical screenings hosted by local Rotarians.

"Most of the leprosy-affected persons live in isolation," says Indian-born Dev Chadha, a member of the Dutch club and coordinator for Netherlands Leprosy Relief for Uttar Pradesh. "Convincing them to undergo surgery was a difficult task."

"Initially, the turnout at the camps was low," says Chadha. "But word spread about the surgery from patients whose deformed limbs had become functional."

Lucknow Rotarians coordinated transportation for the patients and assisted with pre- and postoperative care, including providing all meals.

Government officials throughout India have praised the project.



Leprosy patient Phool Kumari (right) consults with a physical therapist prior to receiving surgery to repair her foot. Photo courtesy of Rotary club of Lucknow, India.

"It's the first time I have seen Rotary rendering a service of a permanent nature for leprosy patients and enabling them to earn a livelihood, by correcting their deformed limbs," says Arun K. Mishra, adviser to the National Government Planning Commission. "I want Rotary to continue this project."

In an earlier phase of the Matching Grant project, Lucknow Rotarians recruited 19 other clubs and numerous health workers in 2004 to distribute kitchen utensils with insulated handles to patients who had suffered irreversible sensory loss. Those who had developed ulcers from related injuries received ulcer care kits.

Group Study Exchange

The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program of The Rotary Foundation is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for young business and professional men and women between the ages of 25 and 40 and in the early years of their professional lives.

The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits between paired areas in different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's institutions and ways of life, observe their own vocations as practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

For each team member, The Rotary Foundation provides the most economical round-trip air ticket between the home and host countries.

Local Rotarians in the host area provide for meals, lodging, and group travel within their district. The best candidates for GSE are rising leaders who meet the qualifications above and who have an interest in people of other cultures. GSE can be an excellent way to recognize top-performing staff or provide exposure for potential young leaders with limited international experience.

Some "Frequently Asked Questions" may help potential applicants with some of their enquiries. Click here.

GSE Team Member Applications

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED FOR GSE TEAM MEMBERS for the Group Study Exchange(s) with District 5470, Colorado, USA and/or District 4630, Brazil.

The Group Study Exchange with Colorado will occur from 15th August to 18th September 2009, and the exchange with Brazil will occur from 28th April to 2nd June 2010.



Criteria for team Members

- Must live and/or work within District 9520 territorial boundaries
- Must be an Australian Citizen and be 25 to 40 years of age
- Not be a Rotarian, the lineal descendant or spouse of a Rotarian or former Rotarian who has left within the

last 3 years or spouse of another team member

- Be currently employed full time for at least two years and intend to remain in the workforce immediately on their return from the exchange
- Be of sound educational background, well qualified and clearly enthusiastic about their vocation and possess outstanding vocational skills
- Have some knowledge of Host District and industry within district.
- Have some proficiency in the major language of the host district or be willing to undertake intensive language study prior to departure.

Sponsor Clubs are requested to ensure that all applicants have:

- Been interviewed by your club.
- Read carefully the application form before signing and being signed by the Club President.
- Attached a prepared Essay of Intent as outlined on page 3 of the application form
- Include no more than two additional pages of personal information
- Been invited to attend at least one Club meeting before the District interviews, briefed on the structure of

Rotary, the Foundation and GSE and informed about your own club's activities.

Applications for Team Members will close on Friday, 27th March 2009. Clubs may forward more than one application if they feel they have more than one worthy applicant.

It is possible to be considered for only one or both teams. Please indicate your preference(s) on the application.

Interviews by the District G.S.E. Committee, of the recommended applicants, will be held on **Saturday**, 4th **April 2009** at a venue to be advised. Short-listed applicants **MUST** be available for possible further interview and/or briefing on Sunday, 5th April 2009.

Post completed application forms to:

Rotarian David Mellen, Chairman, D9520 GSE District Committee, 2 Stonyfell Drive, Murray Bridge SA 5253.

Application forms can be down loaded from the RI website www.rotary.org (go to Foundation, then Educational Programs, then GSE).

Any queries should be directed to David Mellen on: Ph: 08 8532 1810

Fx: 08 8532 1810 M: 0429 321 810

GSE Team Leader Applications

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED FOR ROTARIAN GSE TEAM LEADERS for the Group Study Exchanges with District 5470 Colorado, USA and/or District 4630 Brazil

It is proposed that the Group Study Exchange with District 5470 will be a five weeks' exchange involving Vocational Activities, Cultural Experiences and Fellowship Opportunities.

The proposed dates for the exchange are: 15th August to 19th September 2009.

Applications for Team Leader will close on Friday, 20th March 2009.

It is proposed that the Group Study Exchange with District 4630 will also be a 5 weeks exchange involving the same activities and will be held from 28th April to 2nd June 2010.

Applications for Team Leader will also close on Friday, 20th March 2009.

Interviews by the District G.S.E. committee for both teams will be held on Saturday, 28st March 2009 at a venue to be advised and the successful applicants must be available for an orientation morning to be held on Sunday 29th, March 2009.

It is possible to be considered for Team Leader for **one or both** teams. Please include the attached sheet to indicate your preference.

The Team Leader(s) **MUST** be experienced Rotarians – especially in International Service, well informed on our Rotary District and Australia plus an understanding of where the host District is and its economy – no previous District Committee experience necessary.

The Team Leader(s) will be expected to be available on the weekend of Saturday April 4th and Sunday April 5th for Team Member interviews.

Post completed application form to:

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Our Upcoming Meetings

* The full 2008-09 Meeting Program can be seen on the club's website at: http://unley.rotaryclub.org.au/MeetingProgram.htm

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Venue Set-up Plaque Board		Attendance Desk
17/02/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	International Night; Hieu Van Le, Saiful Ismail & Bangladeshi dancing; Partners Event	Chandra Sluggett	Bob Mullins	John Peacham & Janet Plumb
24/02/09	Murray Bridge Golf Club on Ritter St, Murray Bridge	7 for 7.30pm	Interclub Meeting with RCs of Murray Bridge & Mount Barker; Prof. David Paton: "The Environment of Lower Lakes and the Coorong"	Anne Wehr	Bob Mullins	Joan Reed & John Russell
03/03/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Akhtar Esmail-Zadeh: "My Life in Iran"	Norm Wallace	Greg McLeod	Colin Schirmer & Janet Singh
10/03/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Helen Bulis: "The History of Australian Customs"	Mark Zada	Greg McLeod	Chandra Sluggett & Norm Wallace
17/03/09	Sturt Bowling Club	6 for 6.30pm	Annual RC Unley vs RC Mitcham Bowls Match	Anne Zada	Greg McLeod	Anne Wehr & Mark Zada

Apologies To: Anne Wehr on 8357 0486; e-mail: unley.secretary@rotaryclub.org.au.

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

Sergeant-At-Arms: Bob Laws: 8223 6403; (M) 0438 865 305; e-mail: unley.sergeant@rotaryclub.org.au

Venue Set-up or Plaque Board: Bob Laws: 8223 6403; (M) 0438 865 305; e-mail: unley.sergeant@rotaryclub.org.au

Attendance Desk: Martin Cooper on 0403 910 161 or e-mail unley.membership@rotaryclub.org.au.

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

Members rostered on Venue Set-up and Plaque Board should see Tiffins on the Park staff to gain access to the club's meeting paraphernalia. Please remember to gather up all items at the end of the meeting and return them to the storeroom.

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
February	Tuesday	17/02/09	International Night; Hieu Van Le, Chairman of the SA Multicultural & Ethnic Affairs Commission and Saiful Ismail, President of the SA Bangladesh Association; this is a Partners Event	Tiffins on the Park	Chandra Sluggett
	Saturday	21/02/09	World Rotary Day Celebration (Foundation Day 23/2/1905)	Unley Shopping Centre	Martin Cooper
	Friday	27/02/09	Ten Pin Bowling at 6pm followed by dinner Bowling: \$21.50 (two games, plus shoes) Meal: \$30 (2 courses - entrée and main)	Cross Road Bowl Hyde Park Tavern	Jerry Casburn
March	Friday night to Sunday afternoon	13/03/09 to 15/03/09	Rotary District 9520 Youth Program of Enrichment (formerly RYPEN). BBQ on Friday evening to be provided by RCU - all Members welcome	Woodside Scout Camp, Piccadilly	Stephen Baker
	Sunday	15/03/09	Beach Fish and Chip Party Fish and Chips: \$10. BYOG	Brighton Beach	Jerry Casburn
April	Sunday	26/04/09	Botanical Gardens Visit and BBQ Admission: Free, BBQ: \$10-\$15, BYOG	Adelaide Botanical Gardens	Jerry Casburn
June	Sunday	07/06/09	Fireworks and Fun Day from 3pm to 8:30pm	Wayville Showgrounds	Andy Hill

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: February-March 2009

Week No.	Dates This Month	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11am to 1.30pm
2	14/02/09	Stephen Baker, Greg McLeod & Kevin Rogers	Ken Haines & David Middleton
3	21/02/09	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Bob Laws & TBA
4	28/02/09	Sheila Evans, Chandra Sluggett & Kevin Rogers	Martin Cooper & John Peacham
5	NA	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Ken Haines
1	07/03/09	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth

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Interesting Things You Find Out When You Have Sons

- A king size waterbed holds enough water to fill a 185m² house 100mm deep.
- 2. If you spray hair spray on dust bunnies and run over them with roller blades, they can ignite.
- A 3-year old boy's voice is louder than 200 adults in a crowded restaurant.
- 4. If you hook a dog lead over a ceiling fan, the motor is not strong enough to rotate a 20 kilo boy wearing Batman underwear and a Superman cape. It is strong enough, however, if tied to a paint can, to spread paint on all four walls of a 6m x 6m room.
- You should not throw cricket balls up when the ceiling fan is on. When using a ceiling fan as a bat, you have to throw the ball up a few times before you get a hit. A ceiling fan can hit a cricket ball a long way.
- The glass in windows (even laminated) doesn't stop a cricket ball hit by a ceiling fan.
- 7. When you hear the toilet flush and the words 'uh oh', it's already too late.
- Brake fluid mixed with White King makes smoke, lots of it.
- A six-year old boy can start a fire with a flint rock even though a 56 year-old man says they can only do it in the movies.
- Certain Lego pieces will pass through the digestive tract of a 4-year old boy.
- Play dough and microwave should not be used in the same sentence.
- 12. Super glue is forever.
- No matter how many packets of Aeroplane Jelly crystals you put in a swimming pool you still can't walk on water.
- 14. Pool filters do not like Aeroplane Jelly.
- 15. VCR's do not eject jam sandwiches even though TV advertisements show they do.
- 16. Garbage bags do not make good parachutes.
- 17. Marbles in petrol tanks make lots of noise when driving.
- 18. You probably DO NOT want to know what that odour is.
- Always look in the oven before you turn it on; plastic toys do not like ovens.
- The SA Metropolitan Fire Service has a 5-minute response time.
- 21. The spin cycle on the washing machine does not make earthworms dizzy.
- 22. It will, however, make cats dizzy.
- 23. Cats throw up twice their body weight when dizzy.
- 24. 80% of women who read this will show it to almost all of their friends, with or without sons.
- 80% of men who read this will try mixing the White King and brake fluid.

Gardening Rule

When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

Who said that AFL footballers aren't bright?



I owe a lot to my parents, especially my mother and father." (Shane Wakelin)

"Nobody in football should be called a genius. A genius is a guy like Norman Einstein." (Mick Malthouse – Coach of Collingwood)

"I'm going to graduate on time, no matter how long it takes." (Peter Bell - Fremantle - on his University Law studies)

"You guys line up alphabetically by height and you guys pair up in groups of three then line up in a circle." (Barry Hall - Sydney Captain at training)

Brock Maclean (Melbourne) on whether he had visited the pyramids during his visit to Egypt: "I can't really remember the names of the clubs that we went to."

"He's a guy who gets up at six o'clock in the morning regardless of what time it is." (Kevin Sheedy on James Hird)

Jonathan Brown, on night Grand Finals vs Day Games: "It's basically the same, just darker."

Ron Barassi talking about Gary Cowton: "I told him, 'Son, what is it with you. Is it ignorance or apathy?' He said, 'Barass, I don't know and I don't care.'"



Barry Hall (Sydney) when asked about the upcoming season: "I want to

Ron Barassi

kick 70 or 80 goals this season, whichever comes first."

"Luke Hodge, the 21 year old, who turned 22 a few weeks ago..." (Dermott Brereton)

"Chad had done a bit of mental arithmetic with a calculator." (Mark Williams)

"He scored that goal after only 22 seconds - totally against the run of play." (Dermott Brereton)



"We actually got the winning goal three minutes from the end but then they scored." (Ben Cousins, West Coast Eagles)

"I've never had major knee surgery on any other part of my body." (Luke Darcy)

"That kick was absolutely unique, except for the one before it which was identical." (Dermott Brereton)

"Sure there have been injuries and deaths in football - but none of them serious." (Adrian Anderson)

"If history repeats itself, I should think we can expect the same thing again." (Andrew Demetriou)

"I wouldn't say he (Chris Judd) is the best centreman in the AFL, but there are none better." (Dermott Brereton)

"I never comment on umpires and I'm not going to break the habit of a lifetime for that prat." (Terry Wallace)

Garry Lyon: "Have you ever thought of writing your autobiography?"

David Swartz: "On what?"

"Well, either side could win it, or it could be a draw." (Dermott Brereton)

"Strangely, in slow motion replay, the ball seemed to hang in the air for even longer." (Dermott Brereton)



Dermott Brereton

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Make Dreams Real