

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3670 – 7 July 2009

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Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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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. 3670

Date 7 July 2009

Venue Kooyonga Golf Club

Occasion Change Over Night

Chairman Greg McLeod

Guests Mayor Richard & Jennifer Thorne, PDG Peter & Meredith Ochota, AG Roy & Marilyn Armstrong, Assistant Commissioner Graeme Barton & Faye Barton, Anthea Morriset, Hon Member Tom Tirrell, Hon Member Ken & Pauline Daly, Wayne & Toni Nelsen, Matthew Casburn, Sean Pari, Mark Minuzzo, Jenn Casburn, Linda England, Jill Hill, Rose Howland, Suzanne Middleton, Maria Mills, Genese Mullins, Anne Newall, Margaret Payne, Barbara Russell

Visiting Rotarian David Byrne (Adelaide South)

Apologies DG Dick & Karina Cuttle, David Pisoni MP, Anne Wehr, Anne Zada, Bob Laws, Colin Schirmer, Glenys Ferguson, Janet Plumb, Janet Singh, Lucien Parent, Mark Zada, Martin Cooper, Mavis Martin, Neesha Nandasena, Neville Highett, Reno Elms, Stephen Baker, Darrol Foote, Susan Westgarth

Make Ups Martin Cooper (Darwin Sunrise 26/6), Sheila Evans (27/6 & 1/7)

Birthdays Pauline Daly (9/7), Wayne Nelsen (7/7)

Attendance 65%

Spot Speakers

Hon Member Mayor Richard Thorne & Jennifer Thorne spoke about the work their niece Emma has been doing in Nepal.

Emma Taylor was born and educated in Adelaide at Annesley College, but four years ago gave up a successful corporate career to work amongst the poor in Kathmandu. This came about following a six week stint as an orphanage volunteer during which she was so appalled by the conditions the children were living under that she decided she could do better for them.

She now not only houses and cares for 79 orphaned and abandoned children, but has breakfast every morning with some of the rough, tough, glue addicted street kids, and visits the local river bank slums where she has organised immunisation, health checks, schooling and vocational training for the people who live there. She runs a sponsorship program for her orphanage children, and now wants to buy land and build – accommodation, school and vocational training centre, all of which she hopes will eventually become self-sustainable.

The fundraiser is on Saturday, 25th July - 6:30 for 7 pm start – at Gillingham Hall, Annesley College, Cnr. King William & Greenhill Roads, Wayville – cost \$110, which includes a 3 course meal from award winning restaurant 'Beyond India', live music, dancing and entertainment, with MC Sonya Feldhoff from ABC Radio, and speaker Duncan Chessell, adventurer and mountaineer. Tickets can be purchased through Emma Taylor at emma@scai.org.au, or Jenny Thorne at jenny@thorne.net.au.

View the Sunrise Children's Association brochure online at:

<http://unley.rotaryclub.org.au/Documents/SCAI-Brochure.pdf>

View the invitation to the SCAI "Dining at Sunset" fundraiser online at:

<http://unley.rotaryclub.org.au/Documents/SCAI-Invitation.pdf>

Change Over Night Proceedings

Toast to Rotary International

Past President Geoff Hill proposed the toast to Rotary International and described the way Rotary had changed and adapted over the years since its founding by Paul Harris in Chicago in 1905.

PDG Peter Ochota responded on behalf of Rotary International and outlined recent developments in RI and TRF projects.

Toast to Partners of Rotary

Rotarian Natalie Bowen proposed the toast to the Partners of Rotary and Linda Sellers responded on their behalf.

INVITATION

You are cordially invited to the
Unley Rotary Community Thrift Shop

Volunteers' Morning Tea

at Unley Civic Centre

181 Unley Road (enter off Oxford Terrace)

11 a.m. Sunday 2nd August 2009

RSVP by Tuesday 28th July 2009

to Bob Laws/Glenyss Steedman on 8223 6403 Mobile
0438 865 305 or Email: steedman@senet.com.au

IPP David Middleton: Looking back over the past year

IPP David Middleton introduced his review of the club's past year by saying how a year ago he had stood in the very same location at the end of his year as President, looking forward to one year as Immediate Past President before toddling off into welcome obscurity. That dream will be unfulfilled. David went on to say:

Usually, at the meeting before changeover it is customary for the Immediate Past President to propose a vote of thanks to the outgoing President. But this year we have a different situation.

Jerry Casburn has indeed been an excellent President of the Rotary Club of Unley and as you all know he will continue in that role for a further year. This is a first for this club. In fact, our 75th year will be only the second where we will have a President who has served in that role previously and the first where this has happened in consecutive years.

It is my happy duty tonight to confirm Jerry's appointment to the role of President for 2009/ 2010 and in doing so to reflect on the achievements of our club over the past twelve months.

Jerry has prepared his President's report for the 2008/2009 Rotary Year and it will soon appear on the club's website. In his report Jerry displays the torment that besieges all who have served in the role of president. The speed of the year's passing, the achievements of the club that have been notable, but are offset by the disappointment of ambitions unfulfilled.

In reality, Jerry has a lot to be proud of.

After meeting at the same location for a long, long time, the club has had four homes in as many years. This year we successfully relocated to Tiffins on the Park and the club is operating well in this new environment.

The club has operated efficiently in the course of the year seeking to Make Dreams Real for those in need. With seventy five years of tradition, well established processes along with our committed members, the Rotary Club of Unley continues to make a meaningful contribution to both our local and international communities.

In the past year fund raising has remained strong with good results from our main revenue raiser, the Thrift Shop. This is largely due to the ongoing efforts of the Thrift Shop committee headed by Bob Laws.

Our Service Teams were ably led by Reno Elms (Community), Chandra Sluggett (International) and Stephen Baker (Vocational and New Generations). Traditional events, such as the Carols at

the Rotunda and the Police Officer of the Year were implemented with commendable efficiency. But there are also new initiatives, many of which will come to fruition in the coming year.

Prior to my year, the President of the time, Stephen Westgarth, Jerry and I had a very long three hour meeting in the confines of Stephen's car (Sheila Evans was also there). We decided to implement the new Club Leadership Plan. We were committed to the concept, and in Jerry's first year he has sought to consolidate this change.

The Leadership Plan forces the Board to focus on the future rather than the present. In fact, the present operations of the club are largely left to the talented management of the various club committees. The future is all about finances, membership and public relations and the Directors with these specific roles have worked well in the past year.

Perhaps our greatest success was in the area of membership and the club has increased in size by four members in the past twelve months.

Considerable effort was expended investigating the possibility of broadening our revenue base with a Family Fun Day at the Adelaide Showgrounds. In the end it was a stretch too far for the club and, while this is a disappointment, it is not a failure.

Sometimes the best decision is to not take on more than you can achieve and to continue looking for ways to improve.

The greatest testament to the success of the past year is that the club remains in high spirits. Attendance at club meetings was higher than in the previous year and the weekly meeting program has continued to impress. The club's committees are working hard and all members are contributing in many diverse ways to assist the club achieve success.

Jerry, you have had an excellent year and the members have enjoyed having you as our President. We thank you for your efforts and look forward to the coming year.

IPP David invited all present to toast President Jerry Casburn.

Throughout the year, as Jerry ably fulfilled the role of president, he was, at the same time, working with Jenn in the family business. This has, no doubt, put added pressure on Jenn and her support for Jerry has helped the club immeasurably. The club expressed by acclamation its thanks for Jenn's support in the past year and in anticipation of the year to come. ●

(Re-)Induction of President Jerry

IPP David Middleton conducted the re-induction of our Club President for 2009-2010.

Jerry, the members of the Rotary Club of Unley have chosen to ask you to continue in the role of President for the 2009/2010 Rotary year. This decision was not taken lightly or expediently, it was taken because we honestly believe you are the best person for the job.

In doing so we entrust you once more with the leadership of the club, and we ask you to expend your best efforts in guiding us through the coming year.

You are already in possession of the symbols of your office — the President's collar and the President's pin. You also have bound copies of the club's constitution and bylaws and I am sure they will guide you in your duties.

I congratulate you on your appointment for a further twelve months and on behalf of all of those present wish you success in the year ahead.

David then presented the President of the Rotary Club of Unley for 2009-2010: Jerry Casburn. ●



President Jerry & IPP David Middleton



President Jerry: Looking forward to the 2009-10 Rotary Year

Remembrance and Thanks

Pres Jerry began by adding to David's comments about the past year. We did have some sadness in the year, referring to the loss of Ron Schubert. Ron was a great Rotarian and a staunch supporter of the club alongside partner Joan. Pres Jerry proposed a toast to Ron.

This year Pres Jerry had the support of a great Board and committee heads, namely: President Elect Joan Reed, Immediate Past President David Middleton, Anne Wehr – Secretary, Lindsay England – Treasurer, Martin Cooper - Membership, Janet Singh - Public Relations, Mavis Martin Service Committees, Reno Elms – Community, Stephen Baker - Vocational and New Generations, and last but by no means least, Chandra Sluggett - International.

There are many people Pres Jerry could thank but chief among those would be his wife Jenn who not only supported him this year but continues to do so next year.

In closing off the year Pres Jerry introduced a new award which he hopes future Presidents will choose to continue.

You have all heard of the Nobel Prize, this one is the "Noble Prize", established to recognise the unsung heroes of Rotary, those who do not get into the limelight but who are major contributors to our success as a club. Pres Jerry said that in making a choice for this first award it was very difficult and he could have chosen many.

His final choice was a Rotarian who has served as President and has had a long and committed career with Rotary. This last Rotary year this individual was always among the first to volunteer and was always there to help, whether it was refurbishing a District trophy, designing and making our own debating trophy, helping select the new venue, offering to lead the group on refurbishment of the Rotunda (which unfortunately did not eventuate), working in the Thrift Shop or acting as counsel when Pres Jerry needed it, plus much, much more. This of course refers to none other than "How old are you?" Bob Mullins; Pres Jerry then asked Bob to come forward and be recognised as the first recipient of the "Noble Prize".

Pres Jerry also acknowledged the efforts of two Rotarians who are also unsung heroes. The first is arguably the largest donator to the Sergeant's coffers; however, it is not for this that Jerry wanted to recognise him. It is the fact that unfailingly he collects from his home and returns a fellow Rotarian who otherwise would find difficulty in being at our meetings regularly. He is of course John Russell. Second Pres Jerry acknowledged the efforts of two people not present at the dinner. Bob Laws and Glenys Steedman are the driving force behind the success of the Thrift Shop and Pres Jerry wished to publicly recognise their efforts.



Bob Mullins with his Noble Prize



President Jerry & John Russell

Rotary Theme for 2009-2010

John Kenny, Rotary International President 2009-2010 and the first Scottish RI President in 104 years, said at the 2009 convention, "The future of Rotary will not be determined at this convention or by any decision by the Board of Directors of Rotary International. The future of Rotary is being decided every day, in every one of our clubs - by every one of you."

"The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands"

John has not introduced new programs or set any ambitious new goals in the area of membership for the coming Rotary year. He says, "I will simply rely on you as responsible people to see to it that we have more qualified members, true Rotarians, at the end of the year than we had at the beginning. And I will rely on you to do your best to see to the mentoring of our newest members, for retention is no less important than recruitment."

Water, health and hunger, and literacy will be our emphases in the year ahead. They will be our emphases because they are the areas in which we can do the most with our abilities and resources - and because they are the areas in which the world has the greatest need.

The New Board and Committees "Dream Team"

Board:

President	Jerry Casburn
President Elect & Fundraising	Joan Reed
Vice President & Club Service	Mavis Martin
IPP & The Rotary Foundation	David Middleton
Secretary	Martin Cooper
Treasurer	Lindsay England
Service Programs Director	Greg McLeod
Membership Director	Janet Singh
Public Relations Director	Sheila Evans

Committees:

Community Service	Reno Elms
International Service	Chandra Sluggett
Vocational & Youth Service	Stephen Baker
Sergeant at Arms	David Middleton
Thrift Shop	Bob Laws
Program Team	Stephen Baker, Heather Kilsby & Martin Cooper

Key Programs for the Coming Year

The Board has already met and developed the key components of our vision and strategy for the next three years. We will present this at a meeting in the near future. Key programs are:

- Have fun.
- Membership, membership and membership we still need to grow and add talent to the club's ranks.
- Find a local community project to allow us to mark the 75th anniversary of the club.
- Continue to support and improve the Thrift Shop.
- Seek new means of fund raising.
- Find new community programs to provide local support.
- Continue and increase our involvement with Trade Schools of the Future.
- Continue Matching Grant projects in International and other International programs.
- Host a long term Youth Exchange Student again.
- Host the Colorado GSE team.
- Increase the profile of Public Relations within the club and partner with local publications.
- Seek a sponsor/partner for Police Officer of the Year to significantly lift its profile.
- Starting next week we will change the structure of our meetings, such that the business part and speaker are conducted first with the meal at the end of the meeting. This will give appropriate attention, without interruption, to the business component and allow us to enjoy fellowship over the meal. We will also be changing our introduction and some components of the meeting. We ask that you try this for a period and that we then consider its success at a future assembly. So be prepared for some changes.

In closing, Pres Jerry thanked the Kooyonga staff for their excellent service and food. ●

Message from RI President John Kenny

The Rotarian – July 2009

It is traditional in Rotary that each Rotary International president is given the opportunity every month to write a message to all Rotarians in the pages of this magazine. I am grateful for this tradition, which gives me the opportunity to communicate with every one of you directly, for it is my firm belief that *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*.

It is a great honor to have been chosen as the first RI president from Scotland in the 104 years of this organization, and to have the privilege of serving the Rotarians of the world. Because there is no RI – no Board of Directors or president, no world headquarters or Rotary convention – without the ordinary weekly meeting of Rotarians in our own home clubs.

In Rotary, everything we are, and everything we aspire to become, lies in the hands of Rotarians in their clubs. If our clubs are congenial and our meetings well run, if our service is carefully planned and competently carried out, if our members are qualified, honest, and respected in their vocations and



RI President
John Kenny

communities, then all of Rotary will thrive. This is why I say *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*.

Water, health and hunger, and literacy will be our emphases in the year ahead. In this Rotary year, I ask Rotarians everywhere to continue to learn from our experiences and to build upon our successes. I ask you all to continue to work for the health and well-being of not only children but their families and people everywhere. I ask you particularly to focus on water and sanitation, as the scarcity of clean water is an increasingly serious issue in many parts of the world.

In Scotland, we have a saying that I'm fond of quoting: "We must look beyond our own parish pump." It means that we must look beyond our own home and our own community. We must be aware that ours is only one community, of one country, of the many communities and countries in this world.

In every one of those communities, there is work to be done. As Rotarians, we will not stand idly by. As Rotarians, we will accept our responsibility. We can, and we must. For we know that Rotary is only as great as its clubs – and our clubs are only as great as the members within them.

Message from Foundation Trustees Chair – Glenn E. Estess Sr.

Rotary International News – July 2009

As we begin our new Rotary year, we look out upon a landscape of challenges and possibilities. We are at the beginning of a new journey together – and, as with every journey, it is a good idea to begin with a map. This is why, every year, we set goals for our Rotary Foundation. They help us stay focused on where we're going, and they keep us all traveling in the same direction, on the same Rotary path.

It should be no surprise to any Rotarian that our first goal in 2009-10 will be the eradication of polio. This is Rotary's primary goal as an organization and will remain so until it is achieved. The direct role of The Rotary Foundation in supporting this goal is to help meet Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge and to raise awareness that the fight against polio is not yet over.

Our second goal is to work through our Foundation to achieve a better world through the six areas of focus of the Future Vision Plan. They are:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy
- Economic and community development

Our third goal is to implement the Future Vision Plan, which will help revitalize and strengthen our Foundation so it can adequately support another century of Rotary service. And our fourth goal is to support the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative and the Permanent Fund so all of our Foundation's good work may continue.

I am glad to be embarking on this new Rotary journey with you. *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands* – and the future of our Foundation is as well.

INVITATION

SILVER JUBILEE

Celebration

of the **Bangladesh Australia Society of South Australia Inc.**

**Come and enjoy a magnificent cultural show
with delicious Bangladeshi cuisine.**

Date & Time: Saturday, August 1, 2009 at 5.00pm

Venue: Burnside Community Centre

Corner of Greenhill and Portrush Roads, Tusmore, SA 5065

PROGRAM

6.00pm Cultural Show
8.00pm Dinner
9.00pm Tea, Coffee & Dessert
Soft drinks will be on sale
BYO alcoholic drinks

ENTRANCE

\$15 per person (12 years and over)
\$7 per person (under 12 years)
Free (under 5 years)
Price includes meals (except drinks) &
attendance to cultural Show

CONTACT: Mahbub Rahman at mahbub.rahman@adelaide.edu.au

Back to 'THE BALLROOM'

Showcasing our Big Band orchestra

Featuring Mark Oates & 'The Ballroom' Big Band

Glenn Miller to Michael Bublé

17 October 2009

7:30pm – 11:30pm at the DOM POLSKI CENTRE

232 Angas Street, Adelaide

Ticket price: \$35 each; Option to pre-book tables of 10

Presented by The Rotary Club of Morialta Inc.

All proceeds to Rotary projects:

- Community Workshop
- Maternal Health in East Timor (IMOG)
- Indigenous Medical Scholarship
- Disco for People with Disabilities

For full details:

- Go to our website: www.rotarnet.com.au/morialta, or
- Text or phone 'The Ballroom' on 0430 862 244, or
- Email us at morialta@rotarnet.com.au or brianandsophia@three.com.au

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
14/07/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Mike Hawkins: Eastside Business Enterprise Centre	Neesha Nandasena	David Middleton	Joan Reed & John Russell
21/07/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Birendra Bhandari: "My RYLA Experience"	David Payne	David Middleton	John Russell & Lindsay England
28/07/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	David Pisoni MP: "The State of State Education"	John Peacham	David Middleton	Lindsay England & Mavis Martin
04/08/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Matt Grant: Unley Traders	Janet Plumb	David Middleton	Mavis Martin & Mark Zada

Apologies To: Andy Hill by e-mail to unley.attendance@rotaryclub.org.au or on 8271 5028.

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

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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
August	Sunday	02/08/09	Thrift Shop Volunteers Morning Tea 11.00am	Unley Civic Centre	Bob Laws

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: July-August 2009

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
2	11/07/09	Stephen Baker Lindsay England, Greg McLeod & Kevin Rogers	Janet Plumb & David Middleton
3	18/07/09	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	25/07/09	John Peacham, Chandra Sluggett & Kevin Rogers	Martin Cooper & Sheila Evans
5	NA	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed
1	01/08/09	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth

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The Back Page

My One Day of Employment

So after landing my new job as a Bunnings greeter, a good find for many retirees, I lasted less than a day.

About two hours into my first day on the job a very loud, unattractive, mean-acting woman walked into the store with her two kids, yelling obscenities at them all the way through the entrance.

As I had been instructed, I said pleasantly, 'Good morning and welcome to Bunnings.'

Nice children you have there. Are they twins?

The ugly woman stopped yelling long enough to say, 'Heck no, they ain't twins. The oldest one's 9, and the other one's 7. Why the heck would you think they're twins? Are you blind, or just stupid?'

So I replied, 'I'm neither blind nor stupid, Ma'am, I just couldn't believe someone slept with you twice.'

Have a good day and thank you for shopping at Bunnings.'

My supervisor said I probably wasn't cut out for this line of work.



Smelly Cat

One December day we found an old straggly cat at our door. She was a sorry sight, starving, dirty, smelled terrible, skinny, and hair all matted down. We felt sorry for her so we put her in a carrier and took her to the vet. We didn't know what to call her so we named her 'Pussycat.'



The vet decided to keep her for a day or so. He said he would let us know when we could come and get her. My husband (the complainer) said, 'OK, but don't forget to wash her, she stinks.'

He reminded the vet that it was his WIFE (me) that wanted the dirty cat, not him.

My husband and my Vet don't see eye to eye. The vet calls my husband 'El-Cheap-O', and my husband calls the vet 'El-Charge-O'. They love to hate each other and constantly 'snipe' at one another, with my husband getting in the last word on this particular occasion.

The next day my husband had an appointment with his doctor, who is located in the same building. The MD's waiting room and office was full of people waiting to see the doctor. A side door opened and the vet leaned in; he had obviously seen my husband arrive.

He looked straight at my husband and very loudly said, 'Your wife's Pussy doesn't stink any more. We washed and shaved it, and now she smells like a rose. Oh, and by the way, I think she's pregnant. God only knows who the father is!' Then he closed the door. Now THAT, my friends, is getting even.

Little Johnny

Little Johnny watched, fascinated, as his mother smoothed cold cream on her face. 'Why do you do that, mommy?' he asked.

'To make myself beautiful,' said his mother, who then began removing the cream with a tissue.

'What's the matter?' asked Little Johnny. 'Giving up?'

A Well Planned Retirement (From the London Times)

Outside the Bristol Zoo, in England, there is a car park for 150 cars and eight coaches, or buses.

It was manned by a very pleasant attendant with a ticket machine charging cars £1 (about \$2.00) and coaches £5 (about \$10). This parking attendant worked there solidly for all of 25 years.

Then, one day, he just didn't turn up for work.

"Oh well" said Bristol Zoo Management, "We'd better phone up the City Council and get them to send a new parking attendant..."

"Er, no!" said the Council, "that car park is your responsibility."

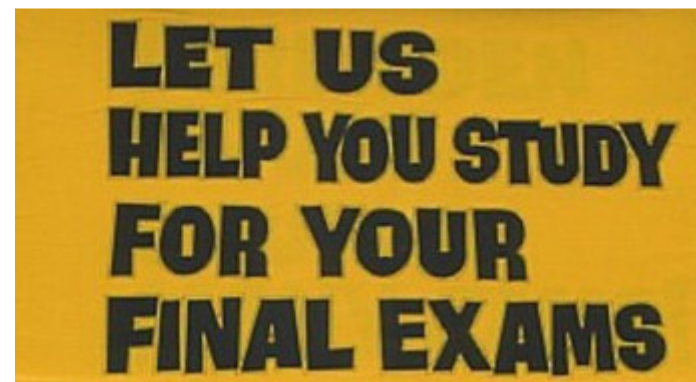
"Er, no!" said Bristol Zoo Management, "the attendant was employed by the City Council, wasn't he?"

"Er, no!" insisted the Council.

Probably sitting in his villa somewhere on the coast of Spain is a bloke who had been taking the car parking fees, estimated at £400 (about A\$800) per day at Bristol Zoo for the last 25 years; assuming 7 days a week, this amounts to just over £3.6 million (A\$7.2 million) and no one even knows his name.



Sign on a Church



News Headline

ABC News Website – 7 July 2009

700yo child's skull washes up in Sydney

"Police are looking for the owner of a 700-year-old human skull found washed up on Sydney's Northern Beaches".



Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

**THE FUTURE OF ROTARY
IS IN YOUR HANDS**