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Meeting 3675 – 11 August 2009

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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.	3675
Date	11 August 2009
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Occasion	Club Assembly
Sergeant	David Middleton
Chairman	President Jerry
Guests	Nil
Visiting Rotarians	Nil
Apologies	Andy Hill, Anne Wehr, Bob Mills, Heather Kilsby, Janet Plumb, Janet Singh, Joan Reed, John Russell, Ken Haines,
Returning Rotarians	Nil
Make Ups	Anne Wehr
Sick List	Geoff Howland
Anniversaries	Birthday: John Peacham (14/8) Induction: Bob Mullins (11/8, Kevin Rogers (14/8), Geoff Howland (14/8) Wedding: Glenys Ferguson (12/8)
Attendance	57%
Departing Rotarians	Nil

President's Announcements

1. I mentioned last week that Ian Carmen of the Magill Sunrise club was organising a forum to speak on and discuss climate change. Details have since been published in the Bulletin. I will tonight circulate a form to allow members to express an interest in attending.
2. It is with considerable regret that I have to advise that I received a call from Mark Zada this week that he and Anne would be tendering their resignation from the club.
3. Lastly, given our inability to find a Bulletin Editor to replace Stephen I have made the decision to add another duty to the list for the Chairman for each meeting, that of Scribe. It will be the responsibility of the scribe to record, or have recorded, each of the following: spots, speaker's report and any items not covered elsewhere. These should be given to me by the Thursday of each week, preferably as soft copy which I can then cut and paste into the Bulletin. Alternatively a fax copy may be sent to 08 8376 5440. My President's Report and the Jottings I will insert myself. Please make sure that if you are unable to attend the meeting a replacement is found. Of course if anyone wants to volunteer I will be happy to work with them, as will Stephen Westgarth, to ensure a smooth transition.

Spots

Martin Cooper. National Wine Centre: Tuesday 25 August there will be a Vocational visit, 6.00pm to 8.00pm. There will be a guided tour, followed by a tutored tasting accompanied by cheese platters, members, partners and guests are all welcome at a cost of \$27.00 per person. Numbers need to be in Monday 17 August so please let the secretary know by Sunday 16 August by email to unley.secretary@rotaryclub.org.au.

Great Australian Bike Ride Celebration: Unley members have offered to home host up to 16 members of the GABR entourage when it hits Adelaide on the evening of Friday 25 September the club will be laying on a Gourmet BBQ for our guests which will, of course, also be open to Unley club members and their Partners. Put 25 September in your diary now, it promises to be a fantastic night.

Bob Laws. Advised the club that the Culling Day planned for last Sunday August 9th was deferred until Sunday August 23rd from 9am.

Exchange Student Leena Kasurinen Reporting: 'Week Three'

No report for this week, Leena was not attending; we'll doubtless get a double next week.

Sergeant's Session

Not sure who won the Lucky Square. Geoff Hill won the Wine.

Jerry's Jottings

My thanks to those Board and Committee heads who provided input to the Assembly on Tuesday. The range of topics discussed was wide and continues to demonstrate that we have a very active club.

I was also grateful to the Board for their input to the Strategic Plan and look forward to a future meeting where this can be further elaborated upon.

You all heard too much from me on Tuesday so I'll keep the jottings short and sweet this week.

Yours in Rotary,

Jerry



Club Assembly

President - Strategic Plan

President Jerry handed out copies of the Strategic Plan formulated by the current Board. The plan has a horizon of three years and has been agreed by Joan Reed as President Elect and Mavis Martin as Vice President (President Nominee). For those not at the meeting a copy of the plan as amended will be circulated by email or a hardcopy can be obtained from Jerry.

At the suggestion of **Ken Daly** it was agreed that time will be set aside as part of a meeting within the coming month to further review the plan and gain feedback from members.

Treasurer's Report

Lindsay England presented the accounts for the last Rotary year (2008/09). Hard copy was made available to all members attending and those who were not present may obtain a copy from Lindsay. The club finances are in a sound state and accounts will go for audit with Peter Roma in the next month.

Secretary's Report

All Statutory, RI and District changes and reports have been completed.

Generic e-mail addresses have been proliferated.

Correspondence, invoices, records, standard forms, reports, agendas and minutes are all now set up electronically.

We now have 3 members authorised to approve Police Checks.

A register of Police Checks has been set up.

To date David Pisoni, Tom Tirrell and Richard Thorne have accepted Honorary Membership and Darrol Foote has declined.

We are still striving to get District to publish correct club information.

Membership Report

Membership Committee Meeting

The Membership Committee (Neesha, Stephen W and Janet S) has not met as yet. I am currently preparing information regarding retention, recruitment and induction for the Committee to review

Rotary Next Generation

President Jerry, Martin and I have discussed the possibility of establishing a Club for young Rotarians within our Club. An outline of the proposed Rotary Next Generation Club formation will be provided to Members for comment

New Member Feedback

On 11 June 2009 President Jerry, Martin and I met with recently inducted Members - Wendy Andrews, Janet Plumb, Heather Kilsby and Stephen Baker to discuss their experiences since joining the Rotary Club of Unley. Overall, the feedback was extremely positive

There are some areas for improvement, which I plan to address throughout the coming year. The development of a comprehensive member induction program/package will address some of the points discussed

Recruitment of new Members

A number of Members have commented that they would like to return to the information evening format for attracting new Members.

Whilst I am happy to facilitate this method of recruitment, the speaker/activity and venue need to work for us and not against.

I am keen to work on the recruitment of teachers and health workers, as they have the potential to promote our work to many and to identify potential projects within the Unley area. It would also be fabulous to have greater cultural diversity within the Club

Whilst increasing Member numbers is a priority, I believe a rewarding Membership experience is the best possible vehicle for encouraging new Members

District Membership Workshop

I will be attending the District Membership Workshop on Sunday, 30th August 2009, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm

Feedback

I welcome your thoughts and ideas regarding Member satisfaction, recruitment and retention

Community Service Report

Aldridge Court BBQ's

These BBQs have been very successful with the residents of this facility and have given Rotarians an opportunity to serve and share with them. There are possibilities of continuing this activity in the coming year at Aldridge Court and other Residential Facilities (Boarding Houses).

Charles Lane

There is an opportunity to work with the City of Unley in enhancing this area of Unley. Any attention would feature the Rotarian Logo and our Club's presence in the community.

Bramwell House

Discussion was undertaken last year of how we may be able to assist this Women's refuge that is located in our community. The management of Bramwell House has written a letter to us with their needs.

Carols at the Rotunda

Planning for this event has been on going. With a new committee I plan to delegate roles to various members.

One thought that would be great to carry out is to have Captain Dean Griffith speak at one of our club meetings before Christmas and invite Alex Butler as a guest on such an evening.

Carols at the Rotunda will be held on Sunday December 13th.

These main points will be the focus of the committee this year with addition of Unley Citizen Concert transport in May, Red Shield Appeal in May and various kinds of support of charities.

Vocational & Youth Committee Report

Committee Members: S Baker (Chair), H Kilsby, K Haines, A Hill, R Mullins, D Payne.

Indigenous Medical Scholarships

The club will continue to support Lauren Sperring in conjunction with Dr Helen Sage. We have applied for a new student for 2010 to replace Natalie Moore.

POOTY

This is one of club's premium events. Under current review are the enhancing of its reputation and striking of a permanent badge.

RYPEN and RYLA

A closer relationship has been forged with the principals of Annesley and Walford Colleges, the secondary schools from which participants are sourced. It is to be hoped that this initiative will improve our strike rate.

RYWELL

This needs to be revisited. Alex Jonson assisted the RYWELL Committee last year. No invoice have been issued by RYWELL for the past two years.

National Youth Science Forum

The club is supporting Rachel Sweet of Eynesbury College for NYSF 2010.

Quality LinCS (superseding Trades Schools for the Future)

Programs assisting secondary students prepare for the job market through mock interviews and mentoring will continue to be supported.

CSI Youth Unemployment Assistance

Another effort will be made to activate an unemployment assistance program – our most recent initiative failed when the Commonwealth's job search network was changed.

Unley Traders Association

A more active involvement in Unley Traders Association is a 'work in progress'.

Long Term Youth Exchange

Through the initiative of the President and Joan Reed the club is hosting Leena Kasurinen from Finland.

Opportunities for involvement in youth related activities will be kept under continual review e.g. earlier this year we provided a grant to assist a student attend a UN Youth Forum in Italy.

International Committee Report

Committee Members: Bob Mills (Deputy), Alex Jonson, Ken Daly, Geoff Howland, Chandra Sluggett (Chair) – Coordinator, Greg McLeod

Number of meetings: x 1

Projects & Activities 2009-2010

The Rotary Foundation Matching Grant / Rotary International World Community Service projects:

- › **Tepsadej Wittaya School – Library and Teaching equipment Project, ChiangMai RC, Thailand D3360 (cont. 08/09 project):** - Total value of the project is \$US45,000. TRF MG application has been approved by the District 9520 Grants Committee. Received DDF from D9520. Awaiting TRF to confirm funding status of the project.
- › **Back-hoe for major water infrastructure project in Bahcekonak Village - Model Rotary Village, RC of Samsun Karadenis, Turkey, D2430:** - Was a possible TRF MG for 09/10. Total cost of the project is \$US67,712; did not go ahead due to lack of funds.
- › **Aboriginal Literacy Project – Riverland Aboriginal community (cont. 08/09 project):** - Possible TRF MG in conjunction with Riverland RCs. Still at discussion stage.

Bore well Project - RC of Dharmavaram Mid Town, India, District 3160. (cont. 08/09 project): World Community Service (WCS) project 2008/09. Funds from 08/09 being returned to RCU by RI. Recommence the project subject to change in District status and availability of funding.

RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service) projects:

- › **‘Gift of Sight’ Nepal project. (cont. 08/09 project):** Eyewear (Sun glasses & reading glasses) donated by Passport eye-wear was collected with help from President Jerry. Looking into freight details.
- › **Shelter Boxes:** Donate funding for 2 shelter boxes
- › **DIK (Donation in Kind):** Organise a clean up & packing day with other clubs.

ROMAC (Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children): Possibility of helping with hosting 2 children from Solomon islands and Dubai (Indian).

Partnership projects – international via local groups:

- › **Stove for an orphanage in Vietnam - Vietnam Veterans (SA Branch) project:** - At discussion stage. Possibility of working on project a together.
- › **Building a House in Philippines - Habitat for Humanity – School team:** - Student from Concordia seeking help with raising funds to build a house, as part of Habitat for Humanity team-Philippines.
- › **OSSAA:** - Formalise the partnership with the RCU – register as a RAWCS project.

Activities for International Committee:

- › **GSE hosting:** - Hosting five participants as part of TRF Group Study Exchange program, from D5470 (Colorado). Wendy & Chandra are coordinating it.

International night: – fundraiser for Polio challenge.

Rotary News

District 9520 Conference - October 8th- 11th, 2009 Centennial Hall, Main Street, Loebethal

Don't forget Conference time is fast approaching. Janet Singh is the person coordinating our attendance, please liaise with her. In the meantime we have received the programme, which is detailed below:

Thursday	8 th Oct	
2.00pm	Registration.	House of Friendship for nibbles and drinks
5.00pm	Plenary Session 1	Music: Loebethal Harmony Club
5.15pm		Entry of Official Party and flags (carried by Exchange and Interact students) Welcome: • President, RC Onkaparinga, Marian Lesnicki • Welcome to Adelaide Hills, Mayor Bill Cooksley • Official Opening & District 9520 welcome, DG Dick Cuttle • Music, Loebethal Harmony Choir • RI Pres Message, Personal Representative PDG Brian Heaton • Keynote Speaker (TBC)
7.00-9.00pm		Welcome Cocktail Party. Church basement
8.00pm	DG's Dinner	Loebethal Bierhaus, Main Street, Loebethal. RI President's Representative, Brian Heaton
Friday	9 th Oct	
8.00am	Registration	House of Friendship
9.30am	Plenary Session 2	Housekeeping Roll call of clubs and past DGs Introduction of: • DGE (5) • DGN (5)

		RI President's Representative: Brian Heaton – "Rotary World Wide" Keynote speaker: Adventurer, Duncan Chessel
11.00	Morning Tea	Church Basement
11.30	Plenary Session 3	D9520 Water Project, Timor Lesté Wentworth Group Speaker: River Murray Issues Victorian Bushfire reconstruction update Keynote speaker: Ted Egan
1.30pm	Lunch	Church Basement
2.00pm		Various afternoon activities of own choosing.
Saturday 10th Oct		
7.45-8.00	TRF Breakfast Loebethal Sports Club.	Keynote Speaker: PDG Jack Young - "TRF Founder, Arch Klumph"
7.45-.00	Inner Wheel breakfast	TBA possibly with TRF breakfast
9.30	Plenary Session 3	Keynote Speaker: Prof Diane Bell – "Literacy Development" RAWCS ARH ROMAC
11.30	Plenary Session 4	Keynote Speaker: David Schwarz , Dakar Rally GSE team, D5470, Colorado Keynote Speaker: Grace Bowman , Beijing Para-Olympic Equestrian team member
1.30	Lunch	Served from House of Friendship and Cellar
2.00	D9520 AGM	Loebethal Institute
	District Management Meeting	Loebethal Institute
6.30	Conference Dinner	Wicks Estate Winery, Woodside District award presentations
Sunday 11th Oct		
9.30am	Plenary Session 5	Thanksgiving presentation SA Primary Schools Choir Exchange students presentation Interact promotion by Irene Healy RYLA promotion Peace scholar presentation Susan Carew
	Morning Tea	House of Friendship and Cellar
11.30am	Plenary Session 6	Recognition of deceased Rotarians ShelterBox USA style PDG Jack Young TRF Promotion of the 2010-11 Conference. RC Brownhill Creek and DGE Malcolm Lindquist Conference Summary, RI President's Personal Representative Brian Heaton Conference and Business resolutions
1.30pm		Thanks and Conference Closure: DG Dick Cuttle

Enjoying all the comforts of home

By Joseph Derr - Rotary International News -- 7 August 2009

Joe Donachie, of the Rotary Club of Amherst, Nova Scotia, Canada, enjoyed the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England, while staying at home; someone else's home.

Donachie, a home-exchange veteran, took advantage of the comforts of a Birmingham Rotarian's house while Birmingham Rotarians enjoyed a homestay in his Nova Scotia community.

The principle of the home exchange is simple. "Basically, it's 'You stay in my home while I stay in yours,'" said Donachie, a Rotarian since 1961, who admits he was reluctant about the concept at first.

"I had read about home exchanges, but I didn't like the idea that there was no evaluation [of the participants]." Then Donachie found out about the International Home Exchange Fellowship of Rotarians [<http://www.rotaryhomeexchange.com/>]. "I had been a Rotarian a long time at that point, so I gave it a try," he said.

Donachie found comfort in knowing that he was in a group with fellow Rotarians. Since 1987, he has been on 18 exchanges all over the world through the fellowship, which has about 400 members.

"With home exchange, you can vacation at minimal cost, but there are many other intangibles," he said. "Living in a private home is considerably better than living at a hotel. And the Rotarian has usually arranged for family, friends, and fellow Rotarians to be with you and make you feel welcome, so you live like a local rather than a tourist."

Donachie said that after the convention, he went on another home exchange in Normandy, France, staying in the home of a Rotarian who had hosted his Group Study Exchange team in 2008. He encourages Rotarians interested in home exchanges during the 2010 RI

Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada. Go to <http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx> to learn more about the fellowship and consider joining.

The home exchange fellowship was one of several to have a booth in the House of Friendship at the Birmingham convention. Members of the International Caravanning Fellowship of Rotarians [<http://www.rotarycaravanning.org.uk/>] planned a number of rallies and stopovers on the way to and from the event. The group had about 91 caravans a few miles away from the convention site.

Fellowship of caravaners

Like those who participate in home exchanges, the caravaners say their Rotary Fellowship enriches their travel experience. "It's pure fellowship -- it's wonderful. We call ourselves the best-kept secret in Rotary," said Eric Matkins, of the Rotary Club of Sevenoaks Amherst, Kent, England.

The fellowship members travel in caravans (known in North America as recreational vehicles or RVs) and sightsee on their own during the day, then get together in the evening.

"We caravan in small groups of about 10 to 12 couples. We don't travel together, but we keep our units in the same place for about four to five days," Matkins said.

The fellowship, founded in 1967, holds about 40 events each year. It has about 1,400 members in Great Britain and Ireland, but there are smaller groups of caravaners from France, Italy, the Netherlands, New Zealand, and Sweden. Trips are planned throughout the year, even for New Year's.

"We usually have two to three European trips, and in February we went to California. It was brilliant," said Matkins.

Learn more about Rotary Fellowships and other Global Networking Groups at:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Fellowship/GlobalNetworkingGroups/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

New End Polio Now certificates for Paul Harris Fellows

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As of 1 July, Paul Harris Fellow certificates will carry the End Polio Now logo for all new Paul Harris Fellows. The special certificates will be issued for the duration of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. This recognition can serve as a keepsake once polio is eradicated worldwide.

Convention

2010 RI Convention in Montréal, Québec, Canada, 20-23 June

Sophisticated yet friendly, Montréal offers an ideal setting for Rotarians to gather at the 2010 RI Convention. More than 80 nationalities and ethnic groups reside in Montréal. In addition, it is also the largest francophone city outside of Paris, making it the most bilingual metropolis in North America. Register early now for "An International Experience" and to receive the best rates and accommodations.

There are several ways to register for the 2010 convention: Online registration, downloading and sending-in the registration form, and e-mail for special tour group forms and other information.

Reservations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis, so book early to secure your preferred hotel. Booking for RI Convention housing begins 20 June 2009. Confirmations will be issued from Tourisme Montréal's Housing Bureau beginning in July.

The host committee has planned events, tours, and a Host Hospitality evening with multiple options to help convention goers experience Montréal's cultural offerings with local Rotarians. Some of these events have limited capacities, so be sure to purchase your tickets early.

The venues will be the Bell Centre for plenary sessions and the Palais des congrès de Montréal for breakout sessions, booths, and the House of Friendship. These venues are within a short walk or métro ride of each other and many of the downtown hotels.

Check the Rotary International website for full details on registering for the Convention, housing, accommodation and tours.



Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman/ Scribe	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
18/08/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Annie Hastwell: "Mud, Magic /ino Tinto"	J Reed	J Russell	D Middleton	M Cooper & P O'Neill
25/08/09	Wine Centre	6 for 6.30pm	Vocational Visit to National Centre; Partners Event	M Cooper	C Schirmer	D Middleton	P O'Neill & R Elms
01/09/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Nicole Theodorou: "Mentoring jh School Students"	S Evans	J Singh	D Middleton	R Elms & S Baker
08/09/09	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	John Halbert: "Where To?"	S Baker	C Sluggett	D Middleton	S Baker & S Westgarth

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Meeting Chair Enquiries To: Stephen Baker on 8379 7105 or email to unley.vocational@rotaryclub.org.au

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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	Tuesday	25/08/09	Visit to National Wine Centre 5.50pm	Wine Centre	Martin Cooper
	Sunday	30/08/09	The Rotary Foundation Seminar 8.30am	Salisbury HS	David Middleton
September	Sunday	06/09/09	Rotary Climate Change Forum 10.00am	Elder Hall	Jerry Casburn
	Sunday	13/09/09	OSSAA Fundraiser Lunch 12 noon for 12.30pm	Glenelg Golf Club	Stephen Baker

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: August-September 2009

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
3	15/08/09	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	22/08/09	John Peacham, Chandra Sluggett & Kevin Rogers	Martin Cooper & Sheila Evans
5	29/08/09	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed
1	05/09/09	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	12/08/09	Stephen Baker, Greg McLeod & Kevin Rogers	Janet Plumb & David Middleton

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

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

Ladies Auxiliary

The next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held at 11:00am on Monday 24th August at the home of Joan Calder, Apt 35, 17 Tusmore Avenue, Leabrook (Ph: 8334 4035).

Amazing Medical Technology

A married couple went to the hospital to have their baby delivered. Upon their arrival, the doctor said that the hospital was testing an amazing new high-tech machine that would transfer a portion of the mother's labour pain to the baby's father, without the need for any physical connection. He asked if they were interested, Both said they were very much in favour of it.

The doctor set the pain transfer to 10 percent for starters, explaining that even 10 percent was probably more pain than the father had ever experienced before. But as the labour progressed, the husband felt fine and asked the doctor to go ahead and kick it up a notch. The doctor then adjusted the machine to 20 percent pain transfer.

The husband was still feeling fine. The doctor then checked the husband's blood pressure and was amazed at how well he was doing. At this point they decided to try for 50 percent. The husband continued to feel quite well. Since the pain transfer was obviously helping the wife considerably, the husband encouraged the doctor to transfer ALL the pain to him. The wife delivered a healthy baby with virtually no pain, and the husband had experienced none. She and her husband were ecstatic.

When they got home they found the postman dead on the porch.

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

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