

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3709 – 20 April 2010

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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.	3709
Date	20 April 2010
Venue	Robin Hood Hotel
Occasion	75th Birthday Celebration
Sergeant	N/A
Chairman	David Middleton
Guests	David Pisoni, Leena Kasurinen, Susan Westgarth, Richard Taylor, Karina Cuttle, Antoinette Lindquist, Marilyn Armstrong, Jenn Casburn, Valda Edwards, Maria Mills, Glenyss Steedman, Margaret Payne, Fiona Nettelbeck, Joan Calder, Sue Middleton, Pauline Daly and Mark Minuzzo
Visiting Rotarians	DG Dick Cuttle, DGE Malcolm Lindquist and AG Roy Armstrong
Apologies	Geoff Howland, Stephen Baker
Make-Ups	Glenys Ferguson, Neesha Nandasena and Geoff Hill
Anniversaries	Geoff Howland (anniversary 21/4) and Rex Martin (birthday 26/4)
Attendance	70%

President's Announcements

Hyde Park Club has requested support in manning the Pit Stop stand at the National Tradesman's Expo held at the Adelaide Showground Jubilee & Goyder Pavilions on Sunday 23rd May. If you haven't already put your hand up and would like to join us, let me know.

During the last week I circulated a flyer for the GSE team presentation being hosted by the Rotary Club of Hyde Park at the Belair Country Club on Wednesday 5 May 2010. Again if you haven't already put your hand up and would like to join us, let me know.

Spots

Heather Kilsby reminded members of the Police Officer of the Year presentation at 12pm for 12.30pm on 4 May 2010 in Rundle Mall. The meal cost in the evening is \$40.00.

Joan Reed advised that the Changeover Dinner will be held at the Adelaide Meridien Hotel in Melbourne Street on 29 June 2010 – more details later.

Reno Elms is looking for volunteer drivers for the annual Unley Citizens Centre Community Concert event at on Sunday 2 May 2010. We need 6 drivers from the club to pick up elderly folk in the community from 1pm onwards and return them safely home after 3:45. Please contact Reno direct on 0409 365 803 if you can assist. Reno has organised the afternoon tea.

Working Bee at Donations in Kind

A reminder from newly awarded PHF Chandra Sluggett of the working bee to be held at the Donations in Kind facility in the northern suburbs on Saturday 1st May 2010 from 10am to 3pm. The address is Gate 2, Taranaki Rd (off West Avenue), Edinburgh. The road is not listed as it is a private road. Relevant maps are attached.

75th Birthday Celebrations

The celebrations were held in one of the functions rooms at the Robin Hood Hotel, marred to some extent by a malfunctioning microphone. Glenyss Steedman proposed the toast to the Club on the occasion of its 75th birthday and Joan Reed proposed the toast to Rotary International, to which DG Dick Cuttle responded.

17 April 2010

To the members of the
Rotary Club of Unley, South Australia. Australia

Dear Fellow Rotarians:

Congratulations to all of you as you celebrate your club's 75th anniversary.

Seventy-fifth years ago, your club's charter members felt that Rotary's ideal of service to the community was worthy and credible, and for this reason they laid the foundation for a Rotary club in Unley.

Today, your club continues to bring new ideas and fresh enthusiasm to a tradition of service that has spanned generations. This year, as you reflect on past accomplishments, I ask you to continue to lead Rotary into the next century of service. Continue to focus on projects that provide clean water, improve health and eliminate hunger, and advance literacy in clubs and districts around the world.

As you celebrate this important milestone in your club's history, remember the responsibility for Rotary is yours. Take pride each day in the decisions you make and the actions you take, because these choices are determining the course of Rotary for us all. I can think of no place better to entrust the strength of this organization than to the members who have built it. Truly, *The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands*.

Sincerely,

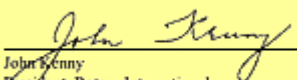
John Kenny
President, 2009-10



**HONORING 75 YEARS OF
MEMBERSHIP IN ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**
**The Rotary Club of
Unley, South Australia, Australia**
admitted 17 April 1935

**is recognised for its dedication to the Object of Rotary
and its commitment to the ideal of Service Above Self.**

Date 17 April 2010


John Kenny
President, Rotary International



Club History

PP Bob Mills provided the following report on the Club's history:

Rotary Club of Unley – 1935 to 2010

Seventy five years, three quarters of a century...a significant age for a person and indeed for a club.

Numerous events have happened in the world in the 75 years of the Club's existence since 1935, including:-

- the most horrific World War in the history of mankind
- a period of post-war prosperity and development
- the Holden car
- the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne
- the arrival of television, black & white and then colour
- Beatlemania and rock 'n roll
- an end of the Playford years
- the assassination of President Kennedy
- man landing on the moon
- Ash Wednesday
- personal computers and the world wide web created
- mobile phones
- the Port Arthur massacre
- Hong Kong returned to Chinese sovereignty
- the Adelaide Crows won two AFL premierships but Port Power only one
- the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney
- the World Trade Centre twin towers in New York destroyed by terrorists
- the last VW beetle produced after 68 years
- the last flight of the Concorde
- the Boxing Day tsunami
- plasma and LCD television
- iPods and iPhones

Many of these events had a significant impact on people throughout the world.

In the year 1935 we had a radar system for aircraft detection, fluorescent lighting, a Richter Scale for measuring earthquake intensity and T S Eliot's play 'Murder in the Cathedral'.

The most positive event in 1935 occurred when the Rotary Club of Adelaide sponsored our Club to become the third club in South Australia after Adelaide and Mount Gambier.

The Club's Charter was granted on 17 April 1935. It was presented on 4 June at the Oriental Hotel by Sir Angus Mitchell, a member of the Melbourne Club and District Governor in 1934-1935, and who subsequently became the first Australian to be President of Rotary International.

The Club had 18 Charter Members with the last passing away in 1976.

Meetings were held in the Soldiers' Hall in Arthur Street on Thursdays at 1.00pm.

In 1942 the meeting was changed to Fridays at 6.00pm and the meal charge was one shilling for Members and one shilling and sixpence for visitors.

Inflation struck hard in 1949 with two price increases, firstly to two shillings & sixpence and then three shillings by year's end.

In 1949 the meeting venue was changed to the Unley Council's banqueting hall.

An outside caterer provided the meals and the price escalated to seven shillings & sixpence.

The food consisted of sausages and mash with Members having to clear the tables at the end of the meal and scrape the plates –a re-enactment of such a meal for tonight's function was hastily abandoned!

Meetings were held at the Unley Community Services Club for 36 years followed by the Public Schools Club, the Orphanage and now at Tiffins on the Park.

The Club's territory originally comprised the City of Unley, the District Council of Mitcham and part of Marion and Burnside.

This area has been reduced over time but we still retain a very close association with Unley itself and enjoy a good relationship with Unley Council.

No doubt this relationship has been enhanced by the fact that we have provided from Club Membership nine Mayors, nine Councilors and four Town Clerks.

Rotarians have always enjoyed 'hands-on' projects, including:-

- maintenance and painting of the Veteran's clubhouse in Parkside
- organising and then participating in the Unley Way To Go Fete for many years
- the Paint Your Heart Out program was a good avenue for Members to show off their painting skills and these skills continued to include re-painting the RSL Hall in Arthur Street, the Rotunda in the Soldiers Memorial Gardens and the 'Our Wellbeing Place' project at Murray Bridge.
- a recent event involved the planting of flower beds at Orphanage Park in Millswood as part of our 75th celebrations.

Fundraising has been an essential activity to allow local community and international projects to be implemented.



DG Dick Cuttle presented Pres Jerry with a certificate honoring the Unley Club's 75 years of Service to Rotary International (see previous page).



Bob Mills presented a summary of the Club's 75 year history (see text at left)

The Club has been most fortunate to have such a huge and consistent fundraiser as the Thrift Shop – the envy of many Clubs.

The idea of a Thrift Shop was the brainchild of Phil and John Bohnsack and it started in 1973 in premises adjacent to the Institute on Glen Osmond Road. The shop has had four relocations and is now located at 130 Unley Road.

The helpers are all volunteers made up of partners of Rotarians, friends and Rotarians themselves with people generally committed to a regular roster.

Since its commencement the Thrift Shop has raised over \$1,235,000.00 in today's dollars.

Thanks to the large amount of money raised from the Thrift Shop many major projects have been possible and include:-

- a blood cell separator donated to the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and paid for over a four year period
- the Fred Claridge Memorial Bus donated to the Julia Farr Centre in conjunction with the Claridge family
- the replacement of the Unley Soldiers Memorial Rotunda and Bandstand in the Club's 60th year and which involved local tradespersons, unemployed people and Rotarians
- supporting the Indigenous Medical Student program which was instigated by a Member of the Rotary Club of Mitcham. Our first student, Dr Olivia O'Donoghue, works within the aboriginal community in Alice Springs. Dr Kali Hayward is at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Natalie Moore is a paramedic with SA Ambulance.

The Club has had a strong involvement in the community with a wide range of projects:-

- Following the death of its Member, Peter Nelson, the Club and his widow Marjorie instigated the Peter Nelson Leukemia Fellowship Fund. Trustees were appointed to run the Fund and included Members of our Club. To date well in excess of \$2,000,000.00 has been raised.
- The Police Officer of the Year Award has been presented annually since 1978 and aims to give recognition to police officers for outstanding service to the community
- Community Service Awards were made in conjunction with Unley Council to local people in various categories following nominations from the general public
- The annual Carols in the Rotunda is improving in popularity each year with Father Christmas being mobbed by happy children.
- A major financial contribution was made to the Unley Council project to construct a Peace Garden in memory of the victims of the Bali bombing.
- A major financial contribution together with hands-on assistance has been made to the Unley Council to assist with the landscaping of the Orphanage Park project at Millswood. This is the major project to celebrate our 75 years.

On the International scene many projects have been completed involving medical treatment including plastic surgery for a badly burnt and disfigured girl from Malaysia, a hole-in-the-heart operation on a ten year old boy from Malaysia and plastic and reconstructive surgery for a young lady from East Timor

We supported a Matching Grant project with the Rotary Club of Chiang Mai to build a new child care centre in the village of Mae Sapok and we continue to support the Overseas Specialist Surgical Association of Australia to perform surgery on poor people in East Timor and Eastern Indonesia.

Youth Exchange is one of the very important initiatives of Rotary and this Club has been participating over a period of 43 years with 45 students involved, either incoming or outgoing.

It is truly wonderful to witness the maturing that these exchanges have on our outgoing students and to know that the experiences being given to incoming students have the same transporting effects.

Fellowship has been a very significant part of our Club with keen participation by Members, partners and friends.

- the bottling of wine, with the obligatory tasting and barbecue, was a popular pastime in the seventies and was a source of fundraising as well as fellowship.
- attendance at District Conferences has been rewarding for old and new Members alike and being involved in the various activities was encouraged.
- the annual Garden Party was normally booked out and was held firstly at the home of Alan and Nan Clarkson for 11 years and then at the home of John and Valda Edwards for 16 years until 1997.
- more recent events have involved a beach party and gatherings at various Members' homes.

Over the 75 years the Club has had many significant achievements:-

- 7 daughter clubs were created and the family has now extended to 15 grand daughter clubs, 10 great-grand daughter clubs and three great-great-grand daughter clubs within Districts 9520 and 9500
- 6 District Governors have been provided from our membership with the Charter President, Walter Sims the first in 1940-1941 and the sixth being Jeff Nankivell in 1983-1984
- At the 40th anniversary in 1975 the first two Paul Harris Fellowships to be given in South Australia were awarded to Fred Claridge and Ferg Ballantyne with both of these Members having been District Governors
- A total of 72 Paul Harris Fellowships and seven Sapphire Pins have now been awarded with 24 Fellowships given to non-Rotarians for service to Rotary and the community. There are currently 14 active Paul Harris Fellowship Members in the Club.
- Some 440 people have been Members of the Club.

What of the future?

The current membership is 39, including four Honorary Members. There is room for more and the Membership Committee continues to explore avenues for prospective members.

There is a vast range of experience and strength within the existing membership from the new Member, David Mackrell, who was inducted on 13th April to our longest serving and very much active Member, Ken Daly, who was inducted in 1972.

The Club is proud of its far reaching community involvement and achievements over its lifetime and with the experience and strength of the membership and a healthy Thrift Shop the Club's commitment to the Objects of Rotary will continue towards the century milestone.

Reminiscences

Our elder member **Ken Daly** and not-so-old member **Stephen Westgarth** both captivated those present with their respective trips "down memory lane" about their times and experience with this Club, its members and the activities in which they have participated over the years. Ken can recall meeting great and interesting people, hosting Exchange Students and keeping in touch with them, the art shows of earlier years, the overseas FAIM project in which he participated, the formation of the Rotary Club of Hyde Park and the establishment of the thrift shop, contact with the elderly and the Rotunda project. Stephen can recall involvement in the Unley Way to Go fundraisers, the Paint Your Heart Out and other hands-on projects, collecting and carting school library books for Donations In Kind and the camaraderie within the Club and his acceptance by its members. Such oral history is worth bottling!



Honorary Member & PP Ken Daly PHF



PP Stephen Westgarth PHF

Paul Harris Fellows

President Jerry conferred Paul Harris Fellowships on three most worthy recipients. His remarks are set out below:-

My first award goes to a longstanding member of this club. A little of the recipient's history. The recipient has served on almost every committee in the club, as well as being Treasurer from 1991 to 1994, most recently on the Membership Committee and the Community Services Committee.

Having joined on March 27th 1989 the recipient was President in 2007-08 when he volunteered for the role to avoid a crisis created by the resignation of the President-Elect for that year. It was a year of consolidation and included the return to the Unley area for our dinner meetings at the Orphanage and a re-drafting and adoption of a new Constitution and By-laws.

The recipient is of course better known as a long term and entertaining Sergeant (2000-01, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05 and currently in 2009/10). He is one of the most active members of our club, guests and Fellow Rotarians I present to you **David Middleton**.

My second award goes to someone who was inducted in July 2003. This recipient served on the Community Services Committee and on the Rotary Foundation Committee acting as Deputy Chair in both capacities.

The recipient's main passion has been to be involved with providing assistance to overseas communities where Rotary can have a big positive impact on the lives of so many. Serving on the International Committee over a number of years, the recipient is currently Chair. The recipient has been a very keen supporter of International projects and as the Chair she has been the driving force behind the implementation and success of some significant projects.

She has also been very active at the District Committee level starting with the Indigenous Medical Scholarships in 2005-06 and her involvement with the District continues and she is currently the chair of the Funding Committee of the Rotary Foundation.

She was born in Sri Lanka and lived in the be-agama orphanage until she was 10 years old. She and another girl from the same orphanage were adopted by an Australian family and taken to live in the Riverland of South Australia. She attended the Berri Primary School and the Glossop High School where her nickname was "Cheeky". Later she attended university, studying to become a social worker and then spent some time in this field. She remained loyal to her Sri Lankan background, helping her people after the tsunami there. She has revisited her homeland and has kept her Buddhist faith.

Ladies, guests and Fellow Rotarians I present to you **Chandra Sluggett**.

My final award goes to a non Rotarian who has tirelessly worked for our cause for many years.

Partner of a Past President since 1969, the recipient has been managing the thrift shop rosters since early 2007 and has provided a gentle but firm service and advice for those wanting to change their arrangements. She has also prepared the pricing guide and types the Minutes and letters for the shop business. She also regularly sorts and prices donated clothing and bric-a-brac and guides other volunteers to do this. She also cheerfully bosses the Rotarians who turn up for the cleaning/culling sessions. She is also is a keen weeder of a patch of remnant native vegetation in the Adelaide Parklands and has been involved on committees such as the South East Corner Residents' Association and was President of Product Action, a NGO providing meaningful employment for disabled people. Born in Victoria but we won't hold that against her. Among other things she has worked as a governess on a NT cattle station, as a secretary and as a Production Manager for ABC TV. She spends a lot of time looking after her mother and 94 year old dad as well as the Past President.

Ladies, guests and Fellow Rotarians I present to you **Glenyss Steedman**.



Pres Jerry and PHF PP David Middleton



Pres Jerry and PHF Chandra Sluggett



Pres Jerry and PHF Glenyss Steedman



PHFs Pauline Daly, Fiona Nettelbeck, Joan Calder, PP David Payne, Margaret Payne, Valda Edwards and PP Ken Daly

Jerry's Jottings

What a great night we had this week, three well deserved Paul Harris Fellowships awarded and evening with lots of fellowship and great food. My thanks to **Heather Kilsby** and **Stephen Baker** for organising the venue. It was also good to be joined by our local State Member of Parliament and member of this club **David Pisoni**, District Governor **Dick Cuttle** and wife **Karina**, District Governor Elect **Malcolm Lindquist** and wife **Antoinette**, Assistant Governor **Roy Armstrong** and wife **Marilyn**. My thanks also go to **Bob Mills**, **Ken Daly** & **Stephen Westgarth** for their history and reminiscences of our great club. We can certainly be proud of the club, its members past and present and its achievements.

Next week is our club assembly and high on the list of priorities will be membership growth. Please think about this issue and any others you may have. We will have our normal reports but we need discussion and suggestions for how we can improve your satisfaction and enjoyment of being a member of the Rotary Club of Unley.



President Jerry

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/ Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
27/04/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly	J Reed	J Newall	D Middleton	Bob Mills & P O'Neil
04/05/10	Glenelg Golf Club	7 for 7.30pm	Police Officer of the Year Dinner	J Russell	S Baker	D Middleton	P O'Neil & D Payne
11/05/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Di Genders – "Wine Appreciation"	TBA	L England	D Middleton	D Payne & J Peacham
19/05/10 (Wednesday)	Snooty Fox Nth Adelaide	TBA	Visit to Rotary Club of Prospect	TBA	Bob Mullins	N/A	J Peacham & J Plumb

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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.

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: April - May 2010

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 9am to 11.30 am	Late Shift: 11.30am to 1.30pm
4	24/04/10	Natalie Bowen & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
1	01/05/10	Lindsay England & Rohan Singh	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	08/05/10	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Janet Plumb & David Middleton
3	15/05/10	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws

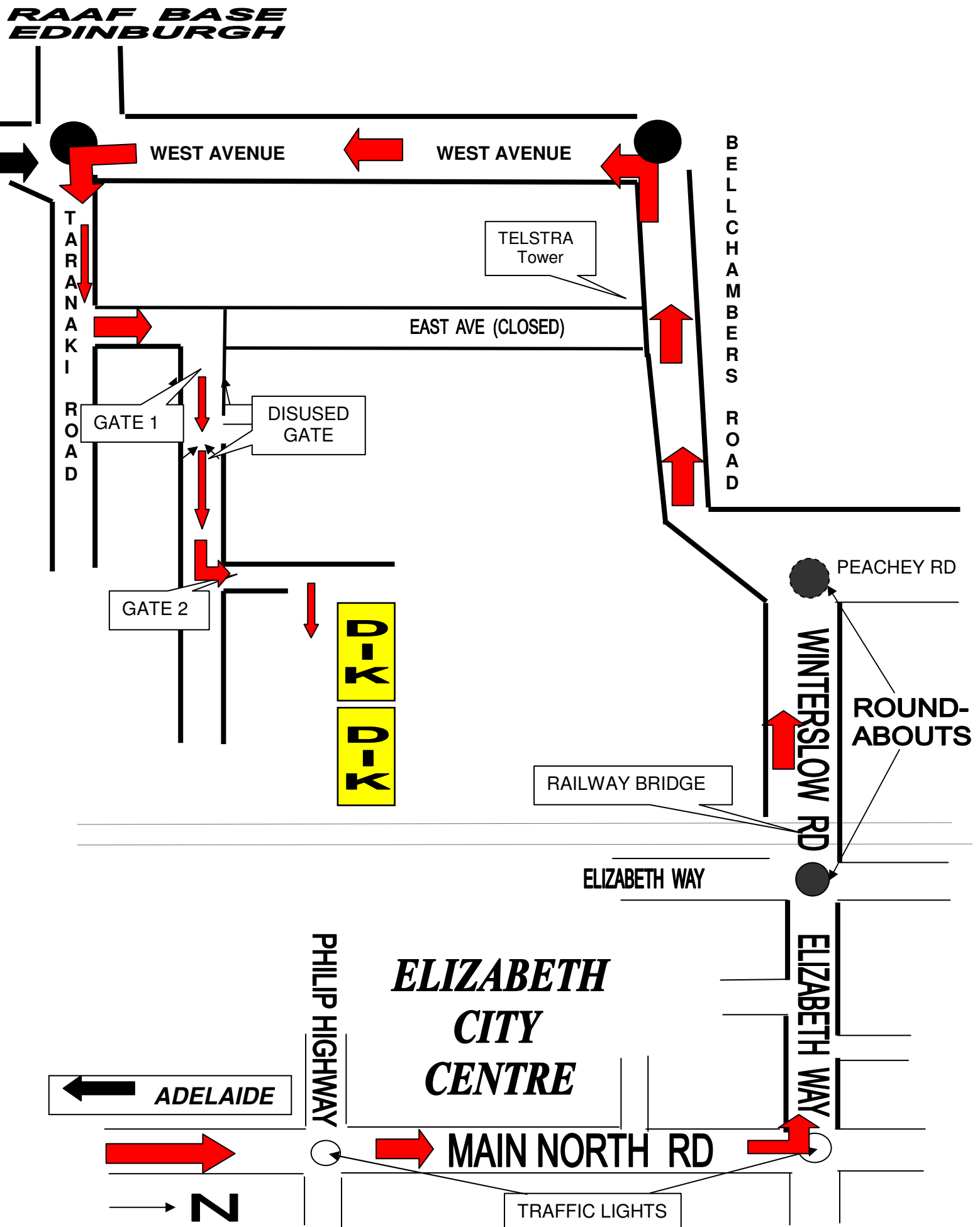
Rotarians, who are unable to attend as rostered, please arrange a swap or contact:

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Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

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

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