

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3736 – 26th October 2010

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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.	3736
Date	26 th October 2010
Occasion	A Nocturnal Tour of Warrawong Wildlife Sanctuary
Apologies	Alex Jonson, Anne Wehr, Bob Mills, Chandra Sluggett, Heather Kilsby, Jerry Casburn, John Peacham, Mavis Martin Neville Highett, Reno Elms, Sheila Evans and Stephen Baker.
Guests	Stephanie De Longuiville, Frank Buchliolike, Nathan White, Genese Mullins, Barbara Payne, Catherine Reed, John Pettinger, Margaret Russell, Pauline Daly and Glenyss Steedman
Anniversaries and Birthdays	Greg MacLeod Birthday 28 th October
Make Ups	Chandra Sluggett, Jerry Casburn, and Heather Kilsby
Attendance	53%

President's Announcements

1. Board Meeting this Wednesday night at Jerry's 6 for 6.30pm
2. District Governor Malcolm Lindquist's visit is on 16th November. Also on this night we will be holding our Annual General Meeting.
3. A reminder of the Sausage sizzle at Government House on the 7th November Roster will be circulated early next week

Warrawong Wildlife Sanctuary Visit

By David Mackrell

On Tuesday 26 October, 21 hardy souls headed into the hills and found their way to Warrawong Sanctuary. We all enjoyed a pleasant meal in the Bilby Café in good company with fellows, partners and guests.



This list included our visiting German wine marketing student, Stephanie De Longueville, and her friend, Frank; Joan's daughter, Catherine and her fiancé, John; as well as Nathan White, who we hope will soon no longer be a guest but a member.

At the appointed time, or thereabouts, our guide, Elsa, led us down the garden path and out into the bush. She did manage to frighten our President with promises of gruesome spiders, but the worst we found in the end was a small colony of bull ants, which we all gave a very wide berth.

The walk took 90 minutes and if you haven't done it before, it is relatively easy and taken at a gentle pace. Yes, there are slopes to be negotiated, but with the many stops to view wildlife and informative narrative, the time passes quickly and without too much huffing and puffing.

Warrawong was first settled by Europeans for cattle farming, which remained its purpose right up until the irascible Dr John Walmsley bought it for a very different reason in 1969. He set about revegetating the landscape with native trees and shrubs to attract the indigenous animals and birds



Our guide Elsa feeding one of Warrawong's grey kangaroos

back. In 1982, the 35 acres were enclosed with feral-proof fencing to keep out the marauding cats (You'll probably recall John's famous 'cat hat'). The property is now a brilliant legacy to John's unstinting efforts, even though he no longer owns the property.

Once the fence was completed, the bird population flourished and the release of many native animals began, including the elusive platypus. I say 'elusive' because it proved itself to be just-so on our visit. We searched the waters in the Swamp and the Black Lake under Elsa's torchlight to no avail.

Still, we did get to feed a kangaroo and saw lots of potoroos, brush-tail possums, rufous bettongs and bandicoots. All was going well on the walk until the heavens opened and we all got a little damp. The 'boy scouts' amongst us who came prepared had an umbrella. The rest largely took it in their stride.

It was a somewhat bedraggled bunch that reemerged at the end of the journey. And our hopes were dashed when the promises of coffee, tea and hot chocolate came to no avail. Still, after the

decade of drought we've had, we really can't complain about a little rain, can we?



Peering for platypus, in the dark, before the rain

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
November	Sunday	07/11/10	BBQ Fundraiser	Government House	Sheila Evans
	Tuesday	30/11/10	Petanque in the Park	TBA	David Mackrell
December	Tuesday	07/12/10	Christmas Dinner Meeting	Rydgges Adelaide	David Mackrell
	Sunday	12/12/10	Christmas Carols	Unley Memorial Gardens	David Middleton
	Wednesday	22/12/10	Christmas Breakfast Meeting	TBA	

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: October-November 2010

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
5	30/10/10	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed
1	06/11/10	Lindsay England & David Middleton	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	13/11/10	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Janet Plumb & Wendy Andrews
3	20/11/10	Glenys Ferguson & Neesha Nandasena	Joan Reed & Bob Laws
4	27/11/10	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Heather Kilsby

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

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Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Venue Set-up/Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
November Theme: Vocational Service							
02/11/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Dean Griffiths - Australian Army Band	R Elms	G McLeod	C Schirmer	S Westgarth & M Martin
09/11/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Jackie Mc George - Macular Degeneration	S Evans	C Sluggett	C Schirmer	M Martin & J Russell
16/11/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	DG Malcolm Lindquist Visit & AGM	G McLeod	L England	C Schirmer	B Mullins & C Sluggett
23/11/10	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	SC Andrzej Hejka : "Domestic Violence"	TBA	S Evans	C Schirmer	B Mullins & C Sluggett

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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.

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

**BUILDING COMMUNITIES
BRIDGING CONTINENTS**