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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

March is Literacy month

Meeting No.	3756
Date	29 th March 2011
Occasion	Dannielle Ghezzi: "Indigenous Health Scholarship"
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Guests	Vicki Lachlan from Louise Place
Apologies	Joan Reed, Stephen Westgarth, David Mackrell, Nathan White, Heather Kilsby, Mavis Martin
Make-ups	Joan Reed, Stephen Westgarth, David Mackrell, Nathan White, Heather Kilsby, Mavis Martin, all at the Come Out Festival sausage sizzle.
Attendance	67%

Acting President's Announcements

Acting President Sheila Evans opened the meeting and welcomed Rotarians and guests Dannielle Ghezzi her partner Michael, their daughter Summer & Dannielle's sisters Tahlia and Hannah. I also welcomed Vickie Lachlan, Manager of Louise Place a facility for single pregnant girls.

Sheila thanked Rotarians for all their hard work towards and during the Come Out Festival and complimented the cooperation and unity in working together in the spirit of Rotary.

Spots

Wendy Andrews sought drivers to help with transport for the Senior citizens concert and asked members to contribute biscuits and slices.

Stephen Baker reminded members about the visit to the Crows Nest next week and asked for intending attendees to make entry payments that night if possible. He will chase up absent members by email.

Guest Spot - Vicki Lachlan: "Louise Place"

Bob Mullins introduced Vicki Lachlan from Louise Place. Vicki thanked the club for its sponsorship of a hospitality course for one of its clients, who is now back home and working in the hotel industry at a new hotel in Port Lincoln - a successful outcome. Vicki is currently reviewing two new cases for sponsorship by the club.

Guest Speaker - Dannielle Ghezzi: "Indigenous Health Scholarship"

Our guest speaker Dannielle Ghezzi was introduced by Chairman John Russell. Dannielle is currently in her second year of medical science at UniSA and is one of the many Indigenous students who attained the SA Health and Rotary Scholarship last year and the scholarship is continuing to support her through her entire degree.

Dannielle was born in the country town of Mt Gambier where she was raised along with her two younger sisters; Tahlia and Hannah. Her father was a farm hand and she would always look forward to heading out on one of many adventures out in a paddock. From helping Dad with feeding cattle to wiring fences, she loved the freshness and freedom of the country. Her mother is a primary school teacher so she has an extremely supportive family environment and a positive attitude towards education. Dannielle completed her primary schooling years at Mulga Street Primary School, the same school her Mum taught at. She then made her journey to high school; and was that a journey and a half! During her high school year she was lucky to obtain a position in the ASSESTS08 program; a summer school in 2008 designed for Indigenous students that excelled in science and/or technology. This was a nationwide initiative that she was able to experience and opened her eyes to all sorts of science disciplines.

That same year saw Dannielle beginning her Year 12 studies, so it was a stressful time and a time of really looking towards university and what she really wanted to do for the rest of her life. A few weeks into the term, something unexpected occurred. She found out she was two months pregnant. She was frightened but also determined to finish her Year 12 and also decided to go through with the pregnancy. It was difficult, the funny looks, the comments and stares but she was determined to finish her education not only for her but also for the benefit of her baby. Her friends thought she was crazy; doing the so-called suicide five subjects; chemistry, biology, maths, English studies and music, which might she add were essentially two subjects as well (music in context and solo performance, believe her being pregnant and trying to play a flute definitely is not easy!). But she was passionate and always told myself no matter what, her baby and her are going to be fine. She was the most chilled out year 12 as she felt she had so much more to look forward to. Along with her 6 odd subjects; pregnancy was a subject in itself, knowing what to eat, what not to eat and remembering obstetric appointments etc. Dannielle figured, 'why not embrace this?'; and that's exactly what she did; for biology she learnt all about the benefits of breastfeeding, chemistry was learning about the detrimental effects of Thalidomide and maths was working out the optimal amounts of nutrients a pregnant woman should take.

On the last day of term three; 26th of September, she gave birth to a beautiful and healthy baby girl, whom she named Summer. Motherhood was surreal and such a blessing; but definitely hard work, which wasn't the only hard work she still had to do. After two weeks recovery during the last holidays and balancing the magic of motherhood; she completed five exams and music moderation to complete her Year 12 in 2008.

Dannielle's TER was a comfortable 86.95 which means she achieved the top 12% of the state. She applied for medical science but deferred as she was still coming to grips being a mother, wanting to wait till her daughter was old enough, to make sure her partner was ready and she was frightened of leaving the freshness and freedom of the country; the city seemed scary!

She stayed in Mt Gambier and decided to keep her brain active, herself motivated and to fuel her love for learning by doing more Year 12, for pure enjoyment. She did biology again, psychology and early childhood studies. She managed to bump her TER to 92.25.

Now her tertiary education journey was coming up; her partner, Summer and she all moved up to Adelaide. Her partner obtained a job at Metro Holden which he enjoys as he is a bit of a car nut. She began her first year of medical science and Uni life was not what she expected; so much more freedom but high expectations of responsibility. Her first year was fun and full of learning; she achieved three Distinctions, three Credits and two Passes.

Dannielle's GPA (grade point average) is 5.18, which is great as 4.5 to 5 is a credit average. She is also tutoring and mentoring high school indigenous students from Endeavour College. In fact, one of her students has now gone off to UniSA as well to study social science and further her education despite her background! Dannielle has now been employed again to mentor another girl. She believes this is crucial; to show so many that, despite the challenges that you face in life, any dreams are still possible. Dannielle believes you should never sell yourself short and should be proud of who you are no matter the circumstances.

Being a full time student and being a mother may not be the best things financially which is why she feels so blessed to have been honoured such a prestigious scholarship and have a supportive Rotary club behind her. Dannielle thanked the club and believes she will still be doing so in years to come, as the club has allowed her to follow her dreams and complete her education.

The future is looking bright; Dannielle is still torn between research or completing postgraduate medicine. She is interested in obstetrics or orthopaedic surgery but is really interested in microbiology and all the research occurring in this field.

She may be a mother, she may be Indigenous, she may be a student; it makes her a minority. But to Dannielle she has the richest experience that money cannot buy and better yet, she gets to be the unconditional role model for her daughter, who she wants to grow up being proud of her mother and proud of her heritage and education.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant David Middleton stung members for fines in his usual thorough and amusing manner. His joke had to be mimed in part due to some youthful guests being present. Bob Mills won the Lucky Square.

Rotary News

Rotary clubs have water projects on tap

Rotary International News – 22 March 2011

Villages in four regions of Ghana are being equipped with ventilated pit latrines, showers, and boreholes featuring hand pumps and mechanized pipes through the efforts of dozens of Rotary clubs in Latin America, North America, and Ghana.

The effort is part of the International H2O Collaboration, an alliance between Rotary International and USAID. Launched in 2009, it works to implement long-term, sustainable water, sanitation, and hygiene projects in the developing world. The first phase of the partnership has focused on three countries: Ghana, the Philippines, and the Dominican Republic.

"With this collaboration, Rotary is taking the commitment to clean water and sanitation to the next level," says RI Vice President Thomas M. Thorfinnson, a member of the RI/USAID Steering Committee. "We're not just focused on simply providing safe drinking water and walking away. We are looking at our ability to partner to make a larger impact in a bigger part of the world through sustainable projects and clean sanitation practices."

Billions of people lack access to safe drinking water and proper sanitation. To draw attention to the need for action, the United Nations has designated 22 March as World Water Day. Each year



Community members turn on a new pump provided by the International H2O Collaboration at a launch ceremony in Ghana in May.

since 1993, it has selected a different theme. This year focuses on the impact of rapid urban growth and the challenges of urban water management.

The International H2O Collaboration is an example of Rotary's dedication to water and sanitation issues, an area of focus under The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Plan.

In Ghana, Rotarians are working with committees in about 100 communities to change sanitation behaviors and provide training on maintaining the new equipment. The committees are responsible for establishing fees for water use and using the money collected to operate and maintain the pumps.

Rotarians in the Philippines have been working with the country's Solid Waste Management Association to keep garbage out of a wastewater treatment plant that serves one of Manila's large public markets. They have made several site visits and assisted in training and surveying market vendors. As a result, the vendors have developed a plan to compost up to 60 percent of biodegradable waste and use it to fertilize newly planted trees.

Thorfinnson says that almost all Rotary funds in the Dominican Republic are going toward bio-sand filters, while USAID funds are helping to improve and construct water supply and sanitation systems and provide hygiene education.

Rotarians interested in water and sanitation can attend a workshop on the International H2O Collaboration, moderated by Thorfinnson, on 24 May at the 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. The Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group will also host a fourth annual World Water Summit on 20 May at the New Orleans Marriott.

Rotarians are engaged in many water and sanitation projects year-round. Here's a sampling:

- A \$64,566 contribution from the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund is supporting a project of the Rotary Club of Mirebalais, Centre, Haiti, to construct 80 rainwater collection tanks with built-in filters, each with a 2,500-gallon capacity. The tanks will provide clean water for about 3,000 people.
- Rotarians in District 5420 (Utah, USA) are working with Rotarians in Colombia and Ecuador on a series of global grant projects to build bathrooms for schools, provide clean drinking water, and teach students better hygiene practices. They also have reached out to the general public through billboard, radio, and television public service announcements.
- Rotarians in District 2230 (Belarus; Poland; Ukraine) are helping to build a modern septic treatment system and renovate toilets and showers in an orphanage in Krasne, Chernihiv'ska, Ukraine.

Come Out Festival Sausage Sizzle

The Unley and Hyde Park Rotary Clubs combined forces last weekend to put on a sausage sizzle at the Come Out Festival event in elder Park. A big turnout of Rotarians and partners did an excellent job of cooking, serving and spruiking.

Sadly, attendances at the Festival were well below the 18,000 to 25,000 people forecast by Festival organisers, with only about 2,500 people for the whole weekend. This meant that sausage and drinks sales were well down on expectations and a considerable amount of stock went unsold. Still, it is hoped that sales will at least cover costs.

Thanks go to everyone who participated in this fundraising event, particularly to President Elect Sheila Evans, along with Stephen Baker, Joan Reed, Jerry Casburn, Bob Mullins and Richard Taylor who helped with preparations.

Here are some photos of the stall and volunteers at the Festival on the Saturday afternoon when David Middleton did a fine job of offering discounted and volume deals to dispose of pre-cooked stock, and Bernie Boxer did a great job of spruiking and cajoling prospective customers.



Rotarians respond to Japan earthquake, tsunami

Rotary International News – 25 March 2011

Rotarians have been finding a number of ways to help victims of the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan that killed thousands and left hundreds of thousands more homeless.

In response to the disasters, The Rotary Foundation established the Rotary Japan Disaster Recovery Fund, which will support long-term recovery projects in the affected areas. More than US\$500,000 has been donated since the fund opened on 11 March.

"It is encouraging to know that our overseas Rotary friends care about us," says Yuzaburo Mogi, president of the Rotary Club of Tokyo. "I am confident that the people of Japan will overcome this great disaster, and we are hopeful that we can get over the various difficulties soon."

District governors in Japan are running a fundraising campaign to send money to the governors in affected areas. Mogi says that Rotarians who wish to help Japan should contribute to the Foundation's recovery fund. (Rotarians and non-Rotarians can donate online)

The first Matching Grant project to receive support from the fund was approved a week after the disaster. Clubs in districts 3350 (Cambodia and Thailand) and 2820 (Japan) are using a total of \$65,650 to help provide food and drinking water for 15,000 people at an evacuation center in Ibaraki.

Three Rotary districts in Japan are using district funds to help. District 2610 (Ishikawa and Toyama) has developed an emergency relief project to provide public housing for up to 500 families evacuated from the disaster areas. District 2840 (Gunma) shortened its presidents-elect training seminars from two days to half a day and donated the remaining funds earmarked for the seminars to relief efforts. And District 2680 (Hyogo) set up a contribution box during its district conference, raising about \$7,500 for recovery efforts.

The Rotaract Club of Tokyo launched the Cheer Tohoku project to rally the support of Rotaractors around the world, asking them to use Twitter to send messages of support to survivors in northeast Japan. The club is also using Twitter to post photos of Rotaractors holding up short messages they've written. "We thought we could make use of the worldwide Rotaract network to show people in the stricken area that we care," says club president Ai Takahashi.



The Rotaract Club of Tokyo is encouraging Rotaractors around the world to post messages of support on Twitter for survivors of the Japanese earthquake and tsunami.

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue	Enquiries
May	Sunday	1/5/11	Senior Citizens Concert	Citizens Centre Unley	Wendy Andrews
	Friday	20/5/11	Hat Day in aid of the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund		www.hatday.com.au

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
05/04/11	Adelaide Crows Shed West Lakes	6 for 6.30pm	Visit to the Adelaide Crows Shed; Partners Event	S Baker	N/A	N/A	J Newall & P O'Neil
12/04/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Lynette Miller: "Lighten up ... Laugh and Live"	H Kilsby	R Singh	C Schirmer	P O'Neil & D Payne
19/04/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly & 76th Anniversary	J Reed	C Sluggett	C Schirmer	D Payne & J Peacham
26/04/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Anne Beadall: "Gun Barrel Highway"		A Wehr	C Schirmer	J Peacham & J Russell

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Venue Set-up/Plaque Board Enquiries To: Bulletin Editor

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

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster: April 2011

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
1	02/04/11	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	09/04/11	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Bob Laws
3	16/04/11	Glenys Ferguson & Jerry Casburn	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	23/04/11	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
5	30/04/11	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Natalie Bowen & Joan Reed

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

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King of the Jungle

One day Lion summoned all the other animals in the jungle. "Each of you must tell a joke," he said. "But if anyone fails to laugh, I'll kill the person who told it. Monkey, you go first."

Monkey began "Two men go into a bar . . ." When he delivered the punch line, everyone roared with laughter, except Tortoise. So Lion pounced on Monkey and killed him.

Next up was Elephant. He told his joke and, again, everyone laughed except Tortoise. So Lion pounced on Elephant and killed him.

The animals were furious with Tortoise, but no-one dared to move.

Tiger began his joke, but when he was about one sentence in, Tortoise suddenly rolled over and began kicking his feet in the air, giggling his head off.

"What's wrong with you" roared an irate Lion. "Tiger isn't even finished with his gag yet!"

"I'm sorry," said Tortoise, gasping between laughs, "but Monkey's joke was simply too funny!"



Ghost Story

While visiting a spooky historic house, a lady confided in the guide that she was terrified of ghosts and dreaded meeting one on the tour.

To reassure her, the guide told her that in all the years he had worked at the house, he had never seen a single ghost.

'And how long have you worked here?' asked the woman.

'Three hundred years.'

Confessions of an 82 Year Old

One afternoon an elderly man walks into a confessional and tells the priest, 'I'm 82 years old, have a wonderful wife of 60 years, five children and 15 grandchildren. Yesterday, I picked up two female students hitch-hiking. They thought I was kind of interesting. One thing led to another and I ended up making love to both of them twice.'

The priest says, 'Are you sorry for your sins?'

'What sins?'

'Excuse me!' says the priest. 'What kind of Catholic are you?'

'I'm not a Catholic, I'm Jewish, ' says the man.

'Then why are you telling me all this?'

'Oh, I'm telling everybody.'

Gender Debate

A couple are debating whether computers are male or female.

'Definitely female, ' said the husband. 'You spend half of your salary on accessories for them and even the smallest mistakes are stored in their long-term memory for use at a later date.'

'No, ' said his wife. 'They're male. To get their attention you have to turn them on and as soon as you commit to one, you realise you could have got a much better model if only you'd waited a little longer.'



Gone to Heaven

Bill Gates dies and goes to heaven, where Saint Peter gives him a smart six-bedroom house with a pretty garden and a tennis court. Pleased with his lot, Bill quickly settles into the afterlife.

One day he is out walking when he bumps into a man wearing a fine tailored suit.

'That's really nice, ' says Bill. 'Where did you get it?'

'Actually, ' says the man, 'I was given 50 of these, plus two mansions, a yacht, a golf course and four Rolls-Royces.'

'Wow, were you a pope or a doctor healing the sick?' asks Bill.

'No, I was the captain of the Titanic.'

Bill storms off to see Saint Peter. 'How come the Captain of a sunken ship gets all that while I, the inventor of the Windows operating system, get a crummy little house?' he asks.

Saint Peter replies, 'The Titanic only crashed once.'

Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

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