

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3773 – 2nd August 2011

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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.	3773
Date	2 nd August 2011
Guest Speaker	Bob Arnold: "Calperum Station"
Venue	Tiffins on the Park
Chairman	Jerry Casburn
Apologies	Bob Mills, Bob Mullins, Mavis Martin, Geoff Hill, Heather Kilsby, David Mackrell and Reno Elms
Guests	Stephen Chen
Visiting Rotarians	Euan Miller (Rotary Club of Norwood)
Returning Rotarians	Anne Wehr
Anniversaries	David Payne has served 25 years in Rotary

President's Announcements

1. Pres. Sheila welcomed to the meeting PDG Euan Miller of the Rotary Club of Norwood and Stephen Chen, a recent Commerce graduate who lives in Parkside. Returning Rotarian Anne Wehr was welcomed back.
2. President Sheila commented on the serious situation in the Thrift Shop where we still have a need for more volunteers to fill the mid-week roster and encouraged Rotarians to urgently ask any friends, relatives or acquaintances who might like to join our team of wonderful volunteers.
3. **David Payne** was congratulated on achieving 25 years of Rotary service. Congratulations David.



President Sheila

Spots

Lindsay England reiterated Pres. Sheila's remarks that we still need more volunteers to fill mid-week roster spots in the Thrift Shop.

There is a problem with the hot water system in the Thrift Shop. It appears to have blown a valve and has been leaking profuse amounts of water. Fortunately, there has been no damage that we know of to stock, fixtures or fittings. Tom Tirrell kindly came and closed off the system and halted further leakage, but until our landlady organises a plumber to fix the system properly there will be no reticulated hot water available in the shop.

Jerry Casburn now has stock of Val Wasley's biography "Yabbies in the Bath" for sale at \$10 a copy. Proceeds from book sales will go to ShelterBox and International Aid. Chandra Sluggett also has copies.

Euan Miller has District responsibility for international students and brought Stephen Chen along to introduce him to the Unley club as it was the nearest to Stephen's home. Stephen has expressed a keen interest in volunteering to help on Rotary projects.

Guest Speaker – Bob Arnold: “Calperum Station”

Chairman Jerry Casburn introduced Bob Arnold from of the Rotary Club of Blackwood to speak on the subject of Calperum Station.

Calperum Station and Taylorville Station are pastoral leases near Renmark in South Australia, comprising of 242,800 and 92,600 hectares of predominantly open mallee bushland and Murray River floodplains. They form part of Riverland Biosphere Reserve, which is located in the Riverland area of South Australia. The Riverland Biosphere Reserve was previously known as the 'Bookmark' Biosphere Reserve, a name derived from the Aboriginal word *Pukumako* meaning flint stone axe or sandstone grit hole.

Calperum and Taylorville are important locally, nationally and internationally because of their intact mallee vegetation, the presence of several threatened bird species, and their wetlands and related species. The properties form critical habitat for the endangered black-eared miner (*Manorina melanotis*). They are also important for the conservation of the nationally vulnerable malleefowl (*Leipoa ocellata*), the regionally vulnerable bush stone-curlew (*Burhinus grallarius*) and the nationally vulnerable southern bell frog (*Litoria ramiformis*).

Calperum Station with its significant mallee and Murray River wetlands, was purchased by the Chicago Zoological Society in 1993 with assistance from the Australian Government. Taylorville Station was purchased by the Australian Landscape Trust in 2000, with assistance from the Australian Government, as an addition to the Riverland Biosphere Reserve. Both properties are deeded to the Director of National Parks.

The Mallee scrubland of Australia is one of the most endangered vegetation types in the world, with approximately 80 per cent cleared for agriculture in the past 150 years. The Mallee, like many parts of Australia, has not responded well to imposed European-style land use. In the past the fragile soils and vegetation have been overexposed to grazing and inappropriate land use.

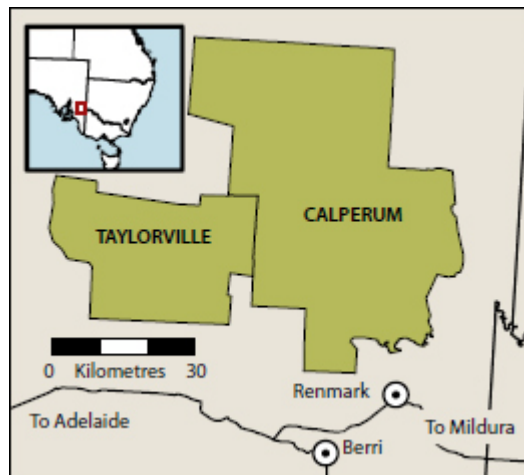
Calperum and Taylorville Stations are managed by the Australian Landscape Trust under contract to the Director of National Parks.

Calperum and Taylorville Stations provides opportunities for educational programs, training programs and nature-based recreational activities including camping, picnicking, bush walking canoeing and bird watching. Visitors are also able to view land recovery and species restoration programs on site.

The flora and fauna of the region must be adaptable to tolerate low erratic rainfall and extremes of temperature ranging from minus 2°C over night to 16°C during winter. The summers are long with temperatures ranging from warm to hot. Temperatures in excess of 40°C are common.

Under permits Rotarians from around Australia have been assisting in revegetating the property while enjoying fun and fellowship. Several Rotary clubs have taken on specific projects such as mapping Calperum Station, quarterly checking of bore water salinity, revegetation of target sites and removal of fencing.

After responding to a number of questions and providing assurances that mice were not a problem, Chairman Jerry thanked Bob for his talk and presented him with a pen as a memento of his visit to RC Unley.



Chairman Jerry Casburn with Bob Arnold



Station Country #1



Revegetation Site



Station Country #2



Calperum Rotary House



Rotary House Bedroom



The Bunkhouse

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Jerry was at it again with an eclectic range of fines including a catch-up fine for returning Rotarian Anne Wehr and a bragging-rights fine for PP David Payne on reaching 25 years of Rotary service. An innovative request for good and bad news items raised even more contributions from Rotarians willing and eager to share their joys and woes. Stephen Westgarth won the Lucky Square and carried the can.

Rotary News



GSE Team to Sweden

Follow the travels and adventures of our own Group Study Exchange team throughout their visit to District 2350 in Sweden by joining their blog at <http://www.swedengse.wordpress.com/> or 'like' them on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/2011-Rotary-GSE-Team-to-Sweden-District-9520-to-2350/204121886275711> or read more about GSE at <http://www.rotarynews.info/2/District/9520/350/>.

Rotarians play key role in Pakistan's strategy to end polio

Rotary International News – 21 July 2011

Rotarians are in the forefront of the drive to implement Pakistan's National Emergency Action Plan for Polio Eradication 2011. The government launched the plan in January, in response to a sharp increase in polio cases in the country in 2010.

Turning the tide against the disease in Pakistan is pivotal to the success of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Pakistan was the only one of the world's four polio-endemic countries -- the others are Afghanistan, India, and Nigeria -- to see an increase in cases last year: 144 compared with 89 in 2009.

Rotarians assigned by the Pakistan PolioPlus Committee are mobilizing Rotary clubs to provide support in the country's four provinces. Rotarians are helping to immunize children against polio and to raise public awareness of the disease.

Club members are working "to cover every nook and corner of the country," says Aziz Memon, chair of the committee. "We are committed to a polio-free Pakistan."

Rotarians are also advocating for polio eradication among officials at all levels of government, as well as religious leaders and others.

"Aziz Memon is a participant in meetings with the president, regional governors, and health advisers," said Bill Gates at the 2011 RI Convention in May. "Rotary is in the room when decisions are made in Pakistan." Gates is co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which has awarded US\$355 million in challenge grants to Rotary for polio eradication efforts.



Islamic community leaders and Rotarians in Quetta, Baluchistan, Pakistan, administer the polio vaccine to children during National Immunization Days (NIDs) in May.

Australian Rotary Health

District Governor's Newsletter -- July 2011

Supporting healthy minds, bodies and communities for 30 years



Mental illness can affect anyone at any age and is close to becoming an invisible epidemic, affecting one in five Australians every year. So fast is this problem growing that depression and anxiety are expected to become the world's leading cause of disability within the next eight years. This year, mental health was put back in the spotlight when the Federal Government invested \$2.2 billion over a five year period into mental health services, allowing the 1500 people on average turned away from psychiatric units and emergency rooms each day another possible avenue of treatment.

The success of these services is heavily reliant on the research funded through donations to organisations such as Australian Rotary Health who allow mental health professionals to stay informed of the most recent research findings in areas of mental health. Australian Rotary Health is Australia's largest non-government funding body for mental illness research. Thanks to the generous support of Rotarians Australia wide over the past 30 years, Australian Rotary Health has raised over \$26 million in donations that have facilitated better treatment and services for all Australians, in particular those who are least able to assist themselves.

In the past year alone, researchers funded by Australian Rotary Health have unearthed links between symptoms of depression and anxiety and dietary habits, as well as discovered depression to be a long term side effect of other ill-nesses such as cancer. By continuing to fund research that uncovers possible causes of mental illness, Australian Rotary Health brings the possibility of prevention all the more closer. If you would like to know more about Australian Rotary Health, please visit our website at www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au or call 02 8837 1900 for more information. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

The Voice of Rotary

Broadcast on 1197 AM RPH Adelaide each Tuesday 7.30-8.00 am

From each Wednesday the broadcast program can be heard on-line at www.rphadelaide.org.au

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August Program

09/08/11	Rtn Marian Lesnicki (RC of Onkaparinga)	"Leading a GSE Team to Denmark"
16/08/11	Rtn Neville Sharpe (RC of North Adelaide)	"Australian Campaign for Rabbit Eradication - ACRE"
23/08/11	Rtn Michael Doyle (RC of Brighton)	"Rotary's Aid in the Queensland Floods"
30/08/11	PDG Roberta Waterman (RC of Woodville)	"RAWCS—Annual Information Day— September 10th"

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
August	Sunday	07/08/11	Tailem Bend Musical "We're The Voice"	Tailem Bend Town Hall
	Wednesday	17/08/11	GSE Team Farewell - RC of Onkaparinga	Lobethal Hotel - 6.30 for 7.00pm
Sep-Nov	3 rd Sep, 8 th Oct, 5 th Nov		Rotary Leadership Institute	
April 2012	26 th – 29 th April 2012		District Conference	Mildura
May 2012	6 th – 9 th May 2012		International Convention	Bangkok

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	Chairman & Scribe	Plaque Board	Sergeant	Attendance Desk
09/08/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Deb Frank: "ISICAN Aboriginal Literacy Project"	S Baker	B Laws	J Casburn	G Ferguson & A Jonson
16/08/11	Unley Museum then dinner at Mama Carmela's	6 for 6.30pm	Visit to Unley Museum: Partners Event	D Mackrell	N/A	N/A	A Jonson & B Laws
23/08/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Local CEO: "My Business"	TBA	G McLeod	J Casburn	B Laws & D Mackrell
30/08/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Club Night	S Baker	B Mills	J Casburn	D Mackrell & D Middleton

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

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: August 2011

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
1	06/08/11	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Mavis Martin & Stephen Westgarth
2	13/08/11	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Bob Laws
3	20/08/11	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White
4	27/08/11	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
5	NA	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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Gone fishing

Four married men went fishing. After an hour, the following conversation took place:

First Man: "You have no idea what I had to do to be able to come out fishing this weekend. I had to promise my wife that I would paint every room in the house next weekend."

Second Man: "That's nothing. I had to promise my wife that I'd build her a new deck for the pool."

Third Man: "Man, you both have it easy! I had to promise my wife that I'd remodel the kitchen for her."

They continue to fish. When they realised that the fourth man has not said a word, they asked him, "You haven't said anything about what you had to do to be able to come fishing this weekend. What's the deal?"

Fourth Man: "I just set my alarm for 5:30 am. When it went off, I shut off my alarm, gave the wife a slap on her backside and said: 'Fishing or Sex? And she said: 'Wear sun-screen.'"



Proud Fathers

A story revealing great compassion and spiritual neutrality: Four friends, who hadn't seen each other in 30 years, reunited at a party.... After several drinks, one of the men had to use the rest room. Those who remained talked about their kids.

The first man said, 'My son is my pride and joy. He started working at a successful company at the bottom of the barrel. He studied Economics and Business Administration and soon began to climb the corporate ladder and now he's the president of the company. He became so rich that he gave his best friend a top of the line Mercedes for his birthday.'

The second man said, 'Darn, that's terrific! My son is also my pride and joy. He started working for a big airline and then went to flight school to become a pilot. Eventually he became a partner in the company, where he owns the majority of its assets. He's so rich that he gave his best friend a brand new jet for his birthday.'

The third man said: 'Well, that's terrific! My son studied in the best universities and became an engineer. Then he started his own construction company and is now a multimillionaire. He also gave away something very nice and expensive to his best friend for his birthday: A 30,000 square foot mansion.'

The three friends congratulated each other just as the fourth returned from the restroom and asked: 'What are all the congratulations for?'

One of the three said: 'We were talking about the pride we feel for the successes of our sons. What about your son?'

The fourth man replied: 'My son is gay and makes a living dancing as a stripper at a nightclub.'

The three friends said: 'What a shame. What a disappointment.'

The fourth man replied: 'No, I'm not ashamed. He's my son and I love him. And he hasn't done too badly either. His birthday was two weeks ago, and he received a beautiful 30,000 square foot mansion, a brand new jet and a top of the line Mercedes from his three boyfriends.'

Church Signs



Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity