

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN

Meeting 3784 – 18 October 2011

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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.	3784
Date	18 October 2011
Guest Speaker	Michael Balharry
Venues	Tiffins on the Park
Apologies	Wendy Andrews, Jerry Casburn, Mavis Martin, Greg McLeod, Janet Singh, Anne Wehr
Guests	None
Returning Rotarians	None
Anniversaries	Induction: Joan Reed (joined 22/10/2002)

President's Announcements

1. President Sheila opened meeting 3784 and welcomed Michael Balharry.
2. Members were reminded about the Norwood Dance Party in aid of Young Carers on 28 October – Sheila will be collecting donations at the Thrift Shop on Saturday.
3. Following up from last week when it was announced that the Eastwood Club had initiated an on-line purchasing site titled **Roving Lifestyles**, Sheila produced a video explaining Roving Lifestyles, which unfortunately failed to display on our laptop.
4. The proposed visit to Calperum on 11-13 November was again mentioned.
5. A Group Study Exchange team from Denmark is due to visit April-May 2012 – the club should consider hosting the team. Applications close on 19 November 2011.



President Sheila

Guest Speaker – Michael Balharry: "The Dog Fence"

Chairman Nathan White introduced Michael Balharry who is the manager of the South Australian Dog Fence. In the 1870s the dingo population in Australia grew dramatically due to the introduction of the rabbits to the country. The more affluent pastoralists erected vermin fences to protect their flocks and herds. By the 1930's there was up to 48,000 km of fences.

In 1946 the Dog Fence Act received assent – an Act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of dog-proof fences in the State in order to prevent the entry of wild dogs into pastoral areas, and for incidental purposes.

The SA Dog Fence starts on the cliffs of the Great Australian Bight, winding its way for 2,186 km northwards and eastwards until joining the NSW Dog Fence on the SA NSW border. The fence then heads north along the border to Cameron's Corner (the corner of SA, NSW and Qld), but this section is maintained by NSW as the SA side of the section is on the outside of the fence and has no economic value to SA. From Cameron's Corner the NEW section continues to Hungerford and the Queensland fence goes north to Wondorah east to Tambo and ends north east of Dalby. Overall the fence traverses a distance of about 5,400 km.

The South Australian dog fence is maintained by the South Australian Dog Fence Board and has its own legislative powers, granted under the aforementioned Dog Fence Act. The Board collects rates from all land holdings of 10 square kilometres or greater. The State Government subsidises dollar for dollar. The inside of the fence is deemed to be owned by the pastoralists.

When Michael first became involved with the Dog Fence in 1997, there were considerable sections of the fence which had fallen into disrepair and some had collapsed. Wombats, kangaroos and camels all cause problems. 15 inch electric fences were erected back from



Michael and Nathan exchanging the much loved Rotary pen

the fence to prevent the wombats from tunnelling under it....wombats have not yet learnt to start burrowing earlier. Where it is desirable to prevent feral cats, the fence is curved back on itself. An electric grid deters camels.

The fence requires many openings to allow vehicle passage - cattle grids are utilised to prevent animal movement through the fence line. More high tech sound devices have been attempted as animal deterrents but have not been accepted by the locals.

There are two railway lines passing through the fence which require spiked surfaces across the openings.

The fence is now largely electrified and stands 4 feet high (dingos are poor aerialists) - it is powered by wind and solar. The first electrified section was constructed in 1988. There is a team of six inspectors for the South Australian section, who physically inspect the fence weekly, each patrolling a section of between 400 and 500 km. Where water intervenes, poly-pipes are used to adjust to the water level. Fence posts are fire proofed.

Considerable effort has been made to improve accessibility to the fence across its length – very sandy sections of the fence and adjacent dirt road are covered with a top layer of clay. A further benefit is that it helps prevent the sand building up along the fence and ultimately burying the fence. At one point it was discovered that the fence posts went up to 20 feet deep; over the years sand had buried the fence, and new fence posts were installed. Certain improvements to the fence have had a long term beneficial impact, such as when the opening was placed on the Strzelecki Track the government installed a cattle grid and bituminised the track on a 5 km stretch each side of the opening. The fact that parts of the original fence remain standing, such as the 50 km stretch at Penong, is a testimony to the teams.

Questions and answers followed, however we shall not repeat these to protect the innocent, and not so innocent..... Bob Laws, oh we mean Elliot Smith.

Spots

Stephen Baker mentioned that applications close on 22 November 2011 for the Channel 9 Young Achievers [14 – 28 years] Award.

John Russell sought and found a replacement for his Thrift Shop shift.

Lindsay England urged members to attend the monthly cull 1pm this coming Saturday and announced a quick meeting of the TS committee.

'New Mum' **Joan Reed** was luckiest with the infernal squares.

Sergeant's Session:

Acting Sergeant Stephen Baker applied penalties to Stephen Westgarth on the arrival of his 5th grandchild and Joan Reed for taking in a young Chinese student. Other offenders, including those who failed to support the much battered Kiwis in the Rugby World Cup match against Australia, were suitably penalised.

Meeting closed at 8pm

Rotary News

Egyptian club discovers the power of microlending

By Vanessa N. Glavinskas - Rotary International News – 5 October 2011

If your Rotary club is stuck in a rut when it comes to vocational service, it's not alone. Sometimes dubbed the "forgotten Avenue of Service," vocational service can be difficult for clubs to understand and implement.

Nijad K. Al Atassi, past governor of District 2450 (parts of Africa, the Mediterranean, the Middle East, and Georgia) felt strongly enough about vocational service to make it a districtwide priority. "Vocational service is important because it enhances values and faith in ethics," says Al Atassi, a member of the Rotary Club of Adliya, Bahrain.

The Rotary Club of Alexandria Sporting, Egypt, rose to the challenge by focusing on microcredit loans, literacy classes, and a sewing workshop to meet the needs of low-income community members, helping women in particular to start businesses and learn useful work skills.

Microcredit loans

"We gave loans to deprived women supporting large families," says past club president Heba Kabel. Club members made loans of about US\$85 to 20 entrepreneurs to launch small food or cleaning businesses. The loans were paid back in installments over the course of a year, and the money was then loaned out again -- turning the club's initial investment of about \$1,700 into a sustainable microcredit program.

The club also financed literacy classes, helping 75 women learn to read and write, and a sewing lab, which drew 45 women to sewing lessons every month.

Kabel notes that the club put a priority on efforts that would help community members increase their chances of finding a job. "We made a big bazaar at the end of the year and sold their products," Kabel says, explaining that the proceeds went to the women.

Kabel, a Barclays Bank employee, also tapped into her own vocational skills by offering free lessons in financial literacy to several women whom club members had met through the vocational service initiatives. The financial advice helped the women make informed decisions about their new incomes, teaching them to allocate some for savings and giving them a better chance of sustaining their small businesses.



Rotarians Adel el Nokali, Heba Kabel, and Magdy Samaha visit with a beneficiary of a microcredit program run by the Rotary Club of Alexandria Sporting, Egypt. The woman used her small loan to build a kiosk where she sells biscuits and cakes. *Photo courtesy of Rotary Club of Alexandria Sporting*

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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October - November Program

25/10/11	Rtn David Johnston	The Carpe Diem Project
1/11/11	AG David Lloyd (Morialta)	RC Morialta and its projects
8/11/11	Rtn Bob Arnold (Blackwood)	Rotary and the Environment
15/11/11	PDG Graeme Dodsworth	Association of Community Service Organisations
22/11/11	Rtn John Osborne (Stirling)	Rotary and Vocational Service
29/11/11	Rtn Ian Parsons (Noarlunga East)	Rotary and Disaster Recovery

Diary Dates

Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
Nov	5 th	Nov	Rotary Leadership Institute	Various Locations
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
25/10/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	DG Bruce Richardson – District Governor's Visit PARTNERS EVENT	S Westgarth	C Schirmer	J Casburn	S Baker A Wehr
1/11/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	Johnny Mac – Country and western icon PARTNERS WELCOME	J Casburn	R Singh	G McLeod	A Wehr W Andrews
8/11/11	The Grind	6.15 for 6.30pm	<i>Vocational visit</i> – The Grind Cost \$26 61-65 Tapleys Hills Rd Hendon PARTNERS EVENT	S Baker	N/A	N/A	W Andrews S Baker
15/11/11	Tiffins on the Park	6 for 6.30pm	<i>Paul Harris Fellowship</i> Oleh Bilyk - ROMAC	Joan Reed	C Sluggett	J Casburn	S Baker K Daly

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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: October 2011

Week No.	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
4	22/10/11	John Peacham & Chandra Sluggett	David Mackrell & Sheila Evans
5	29/10/11	Reno Elms & Bob Mullins	Joan Reed (winner of lucky square) & volunteer
1	05/11/11	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	12/11/11	Stephen Baker & Greg McLeod	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	19/11/11	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White

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

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South African Road Signs



Remember our Rotary theme for the year:

Reach Within to Embrace Humanity