

## Our Last Meeting

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| Venue          | Public Schools Club                                                                                                                                    |
| Guest Speakers | <b>Mark Chellev</b>                                                                                                                                    |
| Chairman       | David Middleton                                                                                                                                        |
| Apologies      | Wendy Andrews, Graham & Patsy Beckett, Lindsay England, Sheila Evans, Ken Haines, Vera Holt, Bob Mills, Nino Malvetti, Mavis Martin, Stephen Westgarth |
| Guests         | Rtn Mike McAuliffe (Hyde Park), Marlene Small                                                                                                          |
| Attendance     | 19 members and 3 guests                                                                                                                                |

## Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

**District 9520 - Chartered 17 April 1935**

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**Meetings:** Tuesdays at 6.00 for 6.30pm

**Venue:** Public Schools Club  
207 East Terrace, Adelaide

## President Greg's Announcements

**Board meeting** will be held Thursday week at Mavis Martin's place.

**Anne Wehr's obituary** is contained in this week's Herald.

**The Great Debate** with Hyde Park will be held next Wednesday – note the earlier start at the Tavern.

**Vera Holt** has asked that members be reminded of the **WhiteLion** fundraising event – the gaol bail out – on 2 May.

**9520 District Conference in Warrnambool** was an enjoyable event....see report in bulletin.



President Greg

## Guest Speaker - Mark Chellev: Sherlock Holmes in Adelaide



David & Sherlock Mark

Chairman David Middleton introduced Mark who is a resident of Colonel Light Gardens, works in the funeral business, is a lay preacher and celebrant, and joined the Sherlock Holmes Society in 2001.

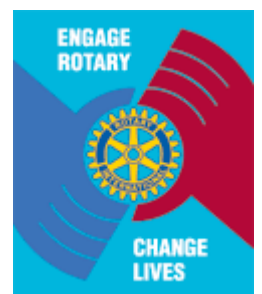
'Imagine 1920' demanded Mark – because this was the year Sir Arthur Conan Doyle visited Adelaide at the invitation of Australian spiritualists. Doyle was fascinated with the para normal and spirit world. Connecting with dead relatives was a big deal back then. An English PM was even a President of the Society for Psychical Research. Adelaide had previously been cited as the setting of two of Doyle's entertaining stories.....in particular Penfolds at Magill and the Humbug Scrub.

The main aim of his trip was to convert Australians to spiritualisms and to this end had 5 presentations at the Adelaide Town Hall, and in other cities interstate. Australian journalists generally regarded him as somewhat of a nutter despite the popularity of the Sherlock Holmes series. He also visited South Africa in 1928, spreading his spiritualism message, and died in 1930.

Conan Doyle was knighted in 1901 for assisting British wounded during the Crimean War. He wrote prolifically - poetry, novels, short stories and historical records. Despite his pre-occupation with futurism and the para normal as demonstrated in many of his writings, he resisted the temptation to include this in his Sherlock Holmes novels. He is regarded as one of Britain's greatest writers and has spawned Societies for Sherlock Holmes across the world. He was renowned for his patriotism (particularly as a war correspondent), love of family and cricket, and collaboration with other writers of the day.

## Spots

**Rtn Mike McAuliffe** from Hyde Park advertised the club's Rock and Roll Quiz night on Saturday 12 April at the Goodwood Community Centre at a cost of \$30pp – please bring a table.



**Joan Reed** was on a roll:

- The Hyde Park Quiz night is worth attending
- Give serious thought to joining in our District Conference next year in Ballarat 16-19 April 2015.....the club's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration at the conference will be a highlight
- Members will be canvassed for ideas about Club pursuits during her year as President
- Entertainment Books are becoming available
- A social event is being planned in the next few weeks.

**Jerry Casburn** endorsed Joan's invitation to next year's District Conference in Ballarat and said that excellent accommodation has been earmarked. He sought volunteers for next Monday's BBQ.

**Stephen Baker** is collecting attendance details for next week's debate; a sheet will be issued to update members' records.

**David Middleton** advised that the Conference committee will be meeting next Monday.

**Sergeant Alex Jonson** managed to have our guest speaker select the marble of John Russell for the infernal squares....there is simply no justice. The best happy fine was by Pam Trimmer who thanked Reno for assisting her daughter find accommodation. David M was pleased that his family dog recovered from snake bite. Reno scooped the pool when he questioned whether it was safe to go to Ballarat given the murder each week on the Dr Blake Mysteries.

The meeting closed at **8.00pm**.

## Rotary News

### District 9520 Conference in Ballarat

Unley's finest representatives namely Jerry and Briony, Graham and Patsy, Janet and Rohan, Sheila, Heather, Mavis, David, Joan, Stephen W, Stephen and Beverley, meandered down to what is one of the nicest spots in Australia..... Warrnambool. In what was a very well organised Conference, we were treated to a smorgasbord of interesting and exhilarating speakers.

Proceedings opened with a local school choir and DG Wendy Gaborit launched the conference.

**Mark Scott AO** the Managing Director of the ABC reflected on the dramatic changes in radio, TV, newspapers and other forms of communication that had taken place over the past 50 years, and the key role played by the ABC in the introduction of new technology. Two suggestions were made – do not buy a TV for another 6 months until the new digital storage device becomes available.....and in a humorous vein, 'Take a tablet (I-Pad) and go to bed'.

The National Youth Science Forum was well publicised by Tuck-weng Kok.

**Author Angela Goode** related her transformation from an ABC journalist to a farmer. She lamented the disconnect between country and city, and the inability of activists to appreciate sound animal husbandry. Her story of killing a fox (humanely) evoked wrath from the liberationists. Farming is utterly dependent on rain, which appears to be little appreciated by city dwellers.

**Professor David David AC** provided an insight into the genesis of cranio facial surgery and the formation of The Australian Cranio Facial Unit. The first breakthrough came when a surgeon developed a technique to peel back the skin and scalp to allow surgery on the bones underneath. From modest beginnings in 1975, the ACFU has conducted over 11,000 operations and has training and surgery links around the world.

**Dr Daniel Ierodiaconou** from Deakin University displayed pictures of the fascinating underwater topography garnered by the latest remote sensing devices....he was preceded by story teller Trevor Kuchel with a bushy tale.

**Dr Guna Fernandez** who joined CBM (formerly Christian Blind Mission) in India 30 years ago is a passionate advocate for disabled people, particularly those in developing countries. She explained how difficult it is for disabled children to receive a decent education (and be mainstreamed in local schools), often through lack of water and sanitation.....and provided examples of successful improvements. She had established a Braille class at the Tamil Nadu school.

Perhaps the Long Term International Exchange Students should have been fined – they each presented and then sang a few bars of 'We are one' from *I am Australian*. And then Unley's answer to the Vienna Boys Choir, namely the Little Gems Primary School Choir, also sang *I am Australian* to promote next year's conference in Ballarat which has as its theme 'We are one'. Our little gems did a far better job.

**John Rothwell** CEO of the Royal Agricultural and Horticultural Society recounted the history and evolution of the Society and the Adelaide Showgrounds. There had been a few difficult times which they had managed their way through.....and his philosophy in such situations is 'Don't waste a crisis'.

**Cameleer Russell Osborne** took us on an energy charged 2 year epic camel journey from north to south across Australia with its stunning landscapes and extraordinary night skies. This journey allowed him to think about the many issues facing people in developing countries. He continues to raise money for charities (as he did for the Moira Kelly Foundation on the long trek) through camel expeditions.

**Dr Jean-Jacques Decoster** from Peru had provided a history of the rise and fall of the Inca Empire at the early morning breakfast. In the plenary session he dwelt on the need for income redistribution. Peru is quite a rich country but far too many live in abject poverty. His Rotary Club of Cusco is working with indigenous tribes to provide dental care, reliable and safe water, literacy and blankets.

**D'arcy Lunn**, well known to Unley, provided a power packed presentation on his adopted role as a 'Global Citizen'. Over the last 13 years he has worked in 64 countries - the two main thrusts of his efforts have been at alleviating poverty and as an advocate/coordinator for the End Polio Now campaign. He showed a video of the outstanding achievements of Judith in Uganda who had been crippled with polio at a young age but who now ran her own business and fostered 3 children. We need to set ambitious goals for 2014.

**Sean Smith** was something different. He had suffered two serious car accidents, the second of which could have left him in a wheelchair for life. He succeeded through sheer willpower to regain his health but another medical scare forced him to recognise that 133 kilos was a tad overweight. He decided to canoe his way to a leaner body and established FatPaddlers.com. His canoeing adventures took him across the globe, including icy Alaska. A spectacular video was produced of his scary experience with the Le Morne run. He raises money for designated charities during each gambit.

**Associate Professor Felice Jacka**, a mental health expert from Deakin University, presented evidence of the harmful impacts of poor dietary habits on mental health. Studies looking at physical aspects of poor diet had indicated that for example in India, obesity is becoming such a problem that eventually 1 in 2 children may become affected by type 2 diabetes. Worldwide, obesity is now killing more people than infectious diseases and smoking combined. Correlations were being found in the studies of many countries that healthy diets contribute significantly to sound mental health, and vice versa with poor diets. Overweight children suffer from increasing levels of anxiety and depression. The ARH was thanked for sponsoring the research, but Rotary needs to do more in terms of prevention and tackling the multinational manufacturers of harmful food.

**Dr Cristian Birzer**, a lecturer in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Adelaide, described how he is teaching engineering students how to use the most basic of materials to reduce carbon footprints. He related how his students had examined the utility of various types of animal poo for heating and fertilisation – basically all good! Windmills can be readily constructed from discarded materials. The skills being imparted have application in many parts of the world.

The Saturday 'Hollywood Glamour' evening was a cheerfully chaotic affair. Our lot were left unrewarded for some of the best rags worn....but far worse was the inability of the organisers to draw out a winning Unley number from the attendance lottery...shades of the evil infernal squares.



Jerry & Briony



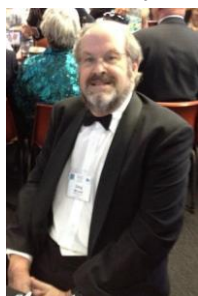
Janet & Rohan



Mavis, Stephen & new friend



Patsy & Graham



The boss



Angie & Stephen



Joan & Mavis (again)



David & Joan (again)



Sheila & Alex



Mavis (again) & Heather

## Diary Dates

| Year | Month | Day     | Date | Activity Details                | Venue    |
|------|-------|---------|------|---------------------------------|----------|
| 2014 | May   | Sun     | 4    | <b>Special Bunnings BBQ</b>     | Bunnings |
|      | June  | Sun-Wed | 1-4  | <b>International Conference</b> | Sydney   |

## Our Upcoming Meetings

| Date                  | Venue           | Time            | Occasion                                                                                             | Chairman & Scribe | Set up & Welcome | Sergeant | Attendance Desk          |
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| Wednesday<br>2 Apr 14 | Hyde Park Hotel | 5.45 for 6.15pm | <b>The great debate with Hyde Park</b><br>Topic – <i>That fathers of today need to be super dads</i> | Scribe<br>S Baker | V Holt           | n/a      | P Trimmer<br>S Westgarth |

**Venue:** PSC = Public Schools Club

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# Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

March – Apr 2014

| Week | Dates     | Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm    | Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm                                      |
|------|-----------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 5    | 29 Mar 14 | Bob Mullins & Reno Elms         | Pam Trimmer (for Stephen Westgarth) & David Pisoni                 |
| 1    | 5 Apr 14  | David Middleton & Jerry Casburn | Sheila Evans (for Bob Laws) & Mavis Martin (for Stephen Westgarth) |
| 2    | 12 Apr 14 | Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker     | Wendy Andrews & Stephen Westgarth (for Mavis Martin)               |
| 3    | 19 Apr 14 | Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed     | Neesha Nandasena & Nathan White                                    |
| 4    | 26 Apr 14 | Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer          | Sheila Evans & Ken Haines                                          |

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

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## 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](http://www.rphadelaide.org.au)  
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### April 2014 Program

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| 1 Apr  | PP Jim Handley (Hyde Park)          | The April Quiz Dance      |
| 8 Apr  | PP Gayl Sparnon (Coromandel Valley) | Rotary Youth Exchange     |
| 15 Apr | Rtn Geoff Wake (Port Adelaide)      | White Lion                |
| 22 Apr | PP Brian Wall (Burnside)            | Rotary – A Long Term Plus |
| 29 Apr | Rtn John Illingworth (Blakiston)    | The LIFEPAK Project       |

## Bunnings Mile End Barbeque Dates

**ALL** the Bunnings Mile End Barbeque dates are the **last Monday** of the month from 8am to 5pm.

**NEXT DATE: Monday 31 March; Morning shift 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift 12.30 – 5pm**

## The Reduced Back Page

### The last step

Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and asks the first man he meets, "Do you want to go to heaven?"  
The man said, "I do, Father."

The priest said, "Then stand over there against the wall."

Then the priest asked the second man, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

"Certainly, Father," the man replied.

"Then stand over there against the wall," said the priest.

Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and asked, "Do you want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "No, I don't Father."

The priest said, "I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?"

O'Toole said, "Oh, when I die, yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now."

