

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3918 – 22 July 2014 Website: unley.rotaryclub.org.au

### Our Last Meeting

Venue	Public Schools Club	
Guest Speaker	Jessica Bostock	
Chairman	Ken Haines	
Apologies	Wendy Andrews, Graham & Patsy Beckett, Jerry & Briony Casburn, Liz Christie, Glenys Ferguson, Vera Holt, Mavis Martin, Bob Mills, Bob Mullins, Marlene Small, Stephen Westgarth	
Attendance	18 members 1guest	

# **Rotary Club of Unley Inc.**

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Meetings: Tuesdays at 6.00 for 6.30pm

Venue:

Public Schools Club 207 East Terrace, Adelaide

#### President Joan's Announcements

Group 6 Presidents met at AG Bob Cooper's house last week (until quite late) - a volunteer is needed to continue the admirable Community Links publication initiated by Mark Huddleston.

Members List as revised is available on the website - hard copies are in Joan's possession.

Reno Elms' son is leaving for the US and we wish him well; Muriel Wallace mentioned that husband Norm appreciates receiving the Rotary news in the bulletin.

A Board meeting will be held this Thursday 24 July at the Baker home – observers welcome.



President Joan

### Guest Speaker - Jessica Bostock: Autism SA

Chairman Ken Haines introduced Jess, who has been providing marketing and communication in Autism SA for 7 years. For her sins she is a Collingwood supporter and has a border collie.



Ken and Jess. Fabulous neckwear

Jess explained that Autism SA was started in 1964 by 11 parents desperate to give their autistic children better lives. On Friday night a recognition event for volunteers and achievers is being held as part of the 50 Year celebration - Unley Rotary is cooking the BBQ. Financing of Autism SA is a mixture of government, fundraising and donations

The autism spectrum disorder (ASD) includes Asperger's disease. About 1 in 100 are on the spectrum – there are 5 times as many males. Asperger's affects 1 in 250, 90% male. Autism impacts on (over and under sensitivity) the seven senses - sight, smell, taste, hearing, touch, vestibular, proprioception - and results in delayed and disordered social skills. Often there is a resistance to change and a preoccupation with repetitive activities; 75% have an intellectual disability. Considerable research is being undertaken around the

world to determine the likely causes but with no breakthrough to date.

Autism SA has 8,141 registered service receivers with 5,961 aged under 18. About 75 people are diagnosed each month with ASD. No cure has been found but early diagnosis followed by structured education and behaviour management intervention helps each child achieve full potential. Helping the family cope is also important. The range of services provided includes: Diagnosis, Training and Consultancy, Early Development, School Support, Spectrum Advisory Services, Info Line, Autism Advisor Program, Early Intervention Panel, Respite Houses, Day Relief Options, Peer Mentoring, Healthy Eating Groups and a theatre group (TUTTI).

Jess was thanked by acclamation.

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# Life and Times - Valerie Bonython

Valerie was born in Payneham in 1944. Her father was a policeman, and later a poultry farmer. She ran the Sunday school at her church at the tender age of 13, was educated at Norwood High School and then went to Commercial Business College. Her first job was as a secretary with the Freemasons. She married Roger and moved to the Hills where she partnered in the running of his horticulture business.....and had 4 children. Roger was heavily committed to community activities, particularly Summertown CFS. Valerie joined and then ran the CFS auxiliary, raising funds. Duties on the Primary and High School councils and sporting clubs preceded her running for Council. She has played a major role in Uraidla District Show for 52 years.

In 1983 she was elected as a councillor with the East Torrens Council and served for 16 years. She was 'recruited' onto the Local Government Association, CFS Board, Emergency Services, State Disaster Committee, and helped write the National Disaster Recovery Manual. In the Hills she participated in a range of committees to do with land management, development, and water and catchment management. As a horticulturalist she joined the Board of Grow SA.

Business and Professional Women (BPW), which has consultative status with the UN on women's equity issues, has been a passion (local and State President, and travel to overseas conferences) for ten years.

Valerie enjoys tennis, music and theatre. Members thanked her with acclamation.



Valerie and a perfect match

## **Spots & Sergeants Session**

**Ken Haines** canvassed for volunteers for the Autism SA BBQ at the Goodwood Community Centre on Friday and the Bunnings BBQ on Monday.

**Sergeant Bob Mills** with the help of our guest speaker extracted Prez Joan's marble for the appalling squares. As well as remembering the landing on the moon 45 years ago, Ken's tie received a special mention, and Reno boasted about his ability to cook kangaroo steaks fabulously. Two really good jokes by Bob entertained the masses.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

# Rotary International News

#### Rick Burns' thoughtful approach to Iraq and Afghanistan

By Maureen Vaught - Rotary News -- 17July 2014

Humanitarian Rick Burns, a retired civil affairs officer in the U.S. Army, has been helping people in the war-torn countries of Afghanistan and Iraq since 2003. He's seen a lot of good, but he's also seen what happens when good intentions go awry.

Take the fertile grounds of Arghandab River Valley in Afghanistan, for example. Burns recalls an initiative to help fruit exporters become profitable again after the war. Cold storage facilities were built, but because no one considered the country's spotty electricity, the facilities ended up being too expensive to maintain.

"We really want to make the world a better place," says Burns, "but if we don't consider the outcomes of these projects, we can cause more damage than good."



One of 15 women participating in the Goats for Afghan Families project organized by Karadah Project International.

He's seen similar failings at vocational training centers, where the unskilled and the unemployed receive training but not jobs. Then there are wells that fall into disrepair because no one planned for ongoing maintenance. Watching all this good energy and hard work go to waste is one reason Burns started his nonprofit, Karadah Project International.

"I'd been whining and complaining for so long, I thought that it's time I do something," says Burns, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Atlantic, Iowa, in the U.S.

The organization helps communities in Afghanistan and Iraq create international partnerships to help solve such pressing problems as hunger, poverty, and disease.

**Smart partnerships:** Burns is a big believer in partnerships. He says more gets accomplished when organizations are connected. So last March he arranged a conference in his hometown of Elk Horn, Iowa, and invited representatives from 30 nonprofits working in Afghanistan and Iraq to share their knowledge and resources.

"Small nonprofits pop up in response to a need they feel passionate about," says Burns. "But we can do so much more if we all work together."

He also approached his Rotary club, which donated \$1,000 to his nonprofit. The money was given to the Shindand Women Social Foundation (SWSF), Burns' Afghanistan partner, to help purchase two goats each for 15 women (total cost \$10,000). The goats not only provide food for the women's families, they also provide an income. The women sell the goats' milk in the village. The SWSF also purchased 10 goats for breeding, to ensure the project's sustainability.

Like Heifer International, each family is required to donate the first offspring of their donated animal to another needy family, giving even more families the chance at a better life. In fact, Burns first approached Heifer International for help with this project but was told they didn't work in Iraq and Afghanistan. So he found a local group, the Shindand Women Social Foundation, who could adapt Heifer's model to fit their needs. The SWSF works with village leaders to determine which families receive the goats. It also purchases milk processing equipment locally and hires men in the village to train the women in milk production, further helping the local economy to recover.

**Focused on outcomes, not spending money:** As a soldier, Burns saw the success of projects measured solely on the amount of money spent and number of projects completed. "Those are very poor metrics," he says. "I try to do things intentionally and perhaps slower than other organizations so we can get it right."

Burns started by building upon the relationships he had developed while based in Iraq. In 2008 he established a friendship partnership between the Karadah (Baghdad) District Council and Council Bluffs, Iowa, through Sister Cities International.

He later formed a partnership between the University of Baghdad College of Dentistry and Creighton University School of Dentistry in Nebraska. With the help of the sister city committee, a delegation of professors from the Baghdad school visited the Creighton campus. Burns hopes to take advantage of a vocational training team through Rotary to further the mentoring relationship.

And then came the goats, a project so successful that a second group of 15 families is set to receive the animals. Burns worked through friends he'd made while on duty in Afghanistan to find the right partners and community support before launching the project. To ensure its ongoing success, he's put a priority on maintaining accountability and obtaining data through photographs, reports, and observation. But it's not always easy.

"Everything we do (in Afghanistan and Iraq) is fraught with risk," says Burns. "But by being intentional and focused on the outcomes -- and not just simply spending money because we have it and it's easy -- we can make a difference in the lives of these amazing people."

### **Our Upcoming Meetings**

		•		Chairman	Set up &		Attendance	
Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	& Scribe	Welcome	Sergeant	Desk	
29 Jul 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Club Consultations Plus Liz Christie	J Reed Scribe S Baker	H Kilsby	K Haines	N White S Westgarth	

Venue: PSC = Public Schools Club, 270 East Terrace, Adelaide

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### Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

#### July - August 2014

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
4	26 Jul 14 Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer		Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5		Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	Stephen Westgarth & David Pisoni
1	2 Aug 14	David Middleton & Lalita Lopez	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	9 Aug 14	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	16 Aug 14	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Nathan White &

Rotarians, who are unable to attend as rostered, please arrange a swap or as a very last resort contact: Ken Haines 83325138; (M) 0417 896 261; e-mail:kj.haines@bigpond.com

### 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 28 July: Morning shift 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift 12.30 – 5pm

#### **Diary Dates**

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2014	Jul	Fri	25	BBQ for Autism SA	Goodwood Community Centre 5-7pm
	Aug	Sat	2	Illuminate	Flinders University Science Innovation Centre 12.30pm

## 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 Information available from Rotarian Chris Hughes (Burnside); Tel: (08) 8379 4633; Mob: 0418 835 977 and John Cox (Nth Adelaide); Email: <a href="mailto:emandcee@bigpond.com">emandcee@bigpond.com</a>



#### July – August Program

29 Jul	PP Bernie Morgan & Colleen Penny (Blackwood)	Sing Australia
5 Aug	PDG Graeme Dodsworth (Mitcham)	ACSO and the Premier's Awards
12 Aug	PP Ian and Julie Carman (Magill Sunrise)	The Challenge of Leprosy in Oecusse
19 Aug	PP Gordon Wilkinson (Hyde Park)	Science, Engineering and Fun
26 Aug	PDG Barbara Wheatcroft (Adelaide Parks)	Rotary and the Royal Adelaide Show

# On the Back Page

#### British Complaints to Councils - Extracts from letters written by council tenants:

- 1. It's the dogs' mess that I find hard to swallow.
- 2. I want some repairs done to my cooker as it has backfired and burnt my knob off.
- 3. I wish to complain that my father twisted his ankle very badly when he put his foot in the hole in his back passage.
- 4. Their 18 year old son is continually banging his balls against my fence.
- 5. I wish to report that tiles are missing from the outside toilet roof. I think it was bad wind the other day that blew them off.
- 6. My lavatory seat is cracked, where do I stand?
- 7. I am writing on behalf of my sink, which is coming away from the wall.
- Will you please send someone to mend the garden path? My wife tripped and fell on it yesterday and now she is pregnant.
- 9. I request permission to remove my drawers in the kitchen.
- 10. 50% of the walls are damp, 50% have crumbling plaster, and 50% are just plain filthy.
- 11. The next door neighbour has got this huge tool that vibrates the whole house and I just can't take it anymore.
- 12. The toilet is blocked and we cannot bathe the children until it is cleared.
- 13. Will you please send a man to look at my water; it is a funny colour and not fit to drink.
- 14. Our lavatory seat is broken in half and now is in three pieces.
- 15. I want to complain about the farmer across the road. Every morning at 6 am his cock wakes me up and it's now getting too much for me.
- 16. The man next door has a large erection in the back garden, which is unsightly and dangerous.
- 17. Our kitchen floor is damp. We have two children and would like a third, so please send someone round to do something about it.
- 18. I am a single woman living in a downstairs flat and would you please do something about the noise made by the man on top of me every night.
- 19. Please send a man with the right tool to finish the job and satisfy my wife.
- 20. I have had the clerk of works down on the floor six times but I still have no satisfaction.
- 21. This is to let you know that our lavatory seat is broke and we can't get BBC2.
- 22. My bush is really overgrown round the front and my back passage has fungus growing in it.

