

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3924 – 9 September 2014

Website: unley.rotaryclub.org.au

Our Last Meeting

Event	Vocational Visit to Unley City Council		
Host	Mayor Lachlan Clyne		
Apologies Joan Reed, DG Jerry & Briony Casburn, Gra & Patsy Beckett, Liz Christie, Lindsay Englan Glenys Ferguson, Bob Laws, Jim Newall, Stephen Westgarth			
Guests	Genese Mullins, Margaret Payne		
Departing Rotarians	Bob Laws		
Attendance	15 members 3 guests		

Vice President Wendy Andrews opened the meeting in the absence of President Joan who is on leave until 7 October.

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



Vice President Wendy

Vice President Wendy's Announcement

Thrift Shop leasing negotiations last Saturday had fared badly. The landlady is insisting that the annual rent be increased from \$32,500 to \$35,000 – this is unacceptable.

Vocational Visit - Unley City Council: Host - Mayor Lachlan Clyne

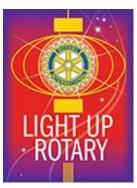
Lachlan Clyne welcomed members and guests, provided excellent sustenance (food and drink), and conducted a guided tour of the

Council with the help of Debbie Boon and Kelly Jaensche. The Council was established in 1871.

Directly to the east and south of the Council Chambers, there were a number of cottages built between 1930 and 1960. These cottages were progressively acquired by the Council and now house community services, a kindergarten, museum, St Johns and other volunteer groups. The windmill constructed in 1980 to the south east forms part of the wind, water, fire and earth environmental display. The pines were planted to remember the 3 sons of a constituent who went to WW2. The Town Hall was built in the 1960s. It became the administration hub in the 1970s and was used later as a cinema. Today it houses the library and the northern section is used for citizenship ceremonies and by the Unley City Orchestra. The honour rolls on the wall bear witness to the soldiers who perished in both world wars. In WW1, 10% of the Unley volunteers died and another 20% were seriously injured. St Augustine's Church, built in 1861, preceded the formation of the council. Much of the area at that time comprised a swamp abutting the creek – this was diverted with drains to the east. In 1903 Unley Oval hosted the only match outside Adelaide Oval against an English cricket team by an SA side....which we won!



President Joar



In the hallowed walls of the council meeting room Lachlan informed everyone that South Australian local government was the 4th longest serving government democracy in the world.....how about that! He provided a potted version of the emergence of councils in South Australia. Adelaide was the first council created by the Colonial Secretary in 1840 after receiving representations from new settlers who were dissatisfied with the level of road provision. The District of Adelaide was very large and comprised 437 allotments of 137 acres each, which were sold unseen overseas. As Adelaide grew there was further resentment at the inability of the State administration and the Adelaide council to fill the potholes on the tracks leading to the city centre from the South and the Hills to market goods. Bulls Creek Road (now Unley Rd) was a main thoroughfare. Due to public pressure the City of Mitcham was established in 1853 and Unley was hived off as a separate entity in 1871. Council numbers kept expanding to 200, but have since reduced to 68.

Lachlan compared the 68 councils in SA with 36,000 municipalities in France. His charts suggested that SA councils are relatively efficient compared to their interstate counterparts, but do provide a narrower range of services.

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Lachlan's was inspired to become an Unley councillor by the efforts of his father Robert (former Unley Rotarian). His first election attempt was in 2003, and then succeeded in 2006 in the Unley Park ward.







Wendy, Lachlan and the fabulous Unley Rotary pen



The noshers at BarZaar

Lachlan was thanked by acclamation and presented with an Unley Rotary pen.

Members then migrated to BarZaar for more eating, more drinking and conversation – all rather pleasant. Bob Mullins entertained with a gunpowder joke.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Rotary International News

Giving voice to children who might otherwise live in a silent world

By Ryan Hyland - Rotary News -- 4 Sep 2014

Misheelt Batjargal and her fellow club members are giving a voice to infants and toddlers in Mongolia who would otherwise live in a silent world.

As part of a large-scale community project, the Rotary Club of Ulaanbaatar Peace Avenue, Mongolia, is equipping hospitals with screening devices to test newborns' hearing. Batjargal, an ear, nose, and throat physician, says screening to detect hearing loss is not routine nationwide in Mongolia. She estimates that more than 200 hundred children in the country lose their hearing each year.

But Batjargal believes this is preventable. Early screenings are crucial for infants because, left undiagnosed, hearing impairment can impede children's development in speech, language, and cognition.



The Rotary Club of Ulaanbaatar Peace Avenue outfitted two Mongolian hospitals with hearing screening devices.

"If we can detect hearing loss before babies turn six months old, we can fit them with hearing aids or cochlear implants and give them good early intervention programs that will allow them to communicate normally at school and with friends," says Batjargal, who noted that only one hospital in Mongolia conducted screenings before club members launched the project in 2013. "Our club is helping prevent hearing-impaired babies from growing up in a world of isolation."

The club has held two fundraisers since January, including a performance of the ballet "Swan Lake." They raised more than \$10,000 -- enough to outfit two hospitals with screening devices. The Ministry of Health worked with the club on both events, which indicates the issue's importance for Mongolia, says Enkhtur Sodnomtseren, chair of the club's service committee.

"Hearing disability has been largely ignored by the government, as it is seen as low-priority in the overall list of pressing health issues," says Sodnomtseren. "It's also been under the radar of most charity and grant organizations. We as a club want to fill this gap. We can see that with a little extra effort and time, we can dramatically improve the quality of life, for not only the affected babies, but their families as well."

Sodnomtseren says that the club, with the cooperation of the Ministry of Health, can expand the project. It hopes to raise enough funds to supply every maternity ward with screening devices and training over the next few years. More than 78,000 infants will be tested each year, he estimates.

Batjargal, who plans to train other medical practitioners in how to use the screening devices, says this project exemplifies the positive change Rotary can make.

"Instead of waiting for the government to address this problem, our Rotary club has decided to solve it," says Batjargal. "We're making a major contribution to society. This is simply what we do."

Our Upcoming Meetings

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Date	Venue	Time	Occasion	& Scribe	Welcome	Sergeant	Desk
16 Sep 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Genevieve Douglas RYLA and volunteering in Africa	Sheila Evans	R Mullins	K Haines	R Elms L England
23 Sep 14	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Mandy & Kym Porter Bereaved through suicide	Pam Trimmer	J Newall	K Haines	L England S Evans

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

Apologies To: Wendy Andrews by e-mail to unley.attendance@rotaryclub.org.au or in an emergency on 8377 7830

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Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

September - October 2014

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
2	13 Sep 14	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	20 Sep 14	Glenys Ferguson & Joan Reed	Nathan White & (?)
4	27 Sep 14	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5		Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	Stephen Westgarth & David Pisoni
1	6 Sep 14	David Middleton & Lalita Lopez	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth

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 29 September Morning shift: 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift: 12.30 – 5pm

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2014	Dec	Sun	14	Carols in the Rotunda	Unley Rotunda
2015	Apr	Thu-Sun	16-19	District 9520 Conference	Ballarat, Victoria
	Jun	Sat-Tue	6-9	Rotary International Convention	Sao Paolo, Brazil

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: emandcee@bigpond.com



September Program

16 Sep	PDG Dick Cuttle (Onkaparinga)	The Health of the River Project
23 Sep	Rtn Roshnie Thattengat (Prospect)	Rotary Against Malaria – an Update
30 Sep	PP Mike Pridham (McLaren Vale)	A Road Crash Scenario

The Back Page

The Mickey Mouse Divorce

Mickey and Minnie Mouse were at court for divorce proceedings. The judge told Mickey, "Look here Mickey Mouse, I can't grant you a divorce from Minnie!"

Mickey Mouse was stunned and asked, "Why not???"

The Judge said, "I've reviewed all the information you gave to the court, but I can't find any evidence at all to support the grounds that she is crazy!"

Mickey Mouse says, "Your Honour! I didn't say she was CRAZY, I said she was bloody Goofy!"

Obedience

His wife left a note for him to prepare dinner that evening:

'Shepherd's Pie needs to be taken out of the fridge and placed in the oven at 140 degrees.'



Mission accomplished!!!!

Gotcha

An elderly man in Florida, had owned a large farm for several years. He had a large pond in the back. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some orange and lime trees. One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over. He grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit. As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee.

As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond. He made the women aware of his presence, and they all went towards the deeper water.

One of the women shouted to him, "We're not coming out until you leave!"

He frowned, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked."

Holding the bucket up, he said, "I'm here to feed the alligator."

