

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3964 – 21 July 2015 Website: unley.rotaryclub.org.au

## Our Last Meeting

Venue	Food Bank & The Avoca Hotel
Occasion	Visit to Food Bank
Chairman	Patsy Beckett
Apologies	Briony Casburn, Glenys Ferguson, Mavis Martin, Bob Mullins
Returning Rotarians	None
Visiting Rotarians	None
Guests	Beverley Baker, Marie Hutchison, Susan Westgarth
Departing Rotarians	None
Attendance	13 members and 4 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 Stephen's Announcements**

- 1. The Rotary Club of Eastwood is holding a sumptuous business breakfast with guest speaker The Honourable Bruce Billson MP, Federal Minister for Small Business 7am to 8.30am Wednesday 5 August at Adelaide Festival Centre. Cost \$45pp.
- 2. For the many brave and fearless members of our club, the Rotary Club of Glenelg is organising a cold plunge at 11am on 16 August at the Glenelg Surf Life Saving Club. Your President is happy to sponsor any Unley member to the extent of \$50.

Next week we will have Paul Scicluna SA Police Officer of the Year as our guest speaker and will be joined by seven members of the District's Australian Rotary Health committee

Special thanks to Patsy Beckett for organising the visit to Food Bank.

President Stephen Baker

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## Visit to Food Bank

Val introduced Paul Pattinson the CEO of the Foodbank. Paul has over 20 years of experience in the food industry. After commuting interstate for many years he got the chance to join Food Bank here and spend more time with his family. He has the opportunity to make a difference and he has never regretted his decision.



Food Bank has 17 paid staff and over 300

volunteers and it's a member of a national federation. The business model is simple. Get as much food as possible into the hands of as many of the 60,000 needy people in South Australia as they can. These include homeless people but not exclusively. There are many low income earners who are helped and families that have fallen on hard times for one reason or another. There are three main elements to what Food Bank does; it gets the food, warehouses it,

distributes it to their market.

The food comes from a variety of sources. Initially the idea was to get food about to be thrown out by supermarkets and manufacturers that may be after its 'best before' date but not after its 'use by' date. They still do this but it is insufficient. They get fresh fruit and veg form the process market where one bin per load is often donated by growers and distributors providing 60 tonnes of produce per day. They get pasta manufactured for free using donated flour and delivered to them by Toll Holdings for nothing. They run food drives at shopping centres focusing on hard to get



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stuff and also periodically through schools where the winning school gets a visit from the Port Power team. If an interstate operation gets donated more than 10 pallets of anything they share it with other states. They also get food that has been incorrectly packaged or where a product has been unsuccessful like vegemite chocolate and peanut butter Tim Tams.

As a last resort they buy the food they need and this costs them \$1 million per year, some of which comes from Jay.

The food is warehoused and refrigerated at their headquarters in Edwardstown. Some of it is distributed through food kitchens run by community organisations. They provide the food for school breakfasts in 270 schools. They also currently operate food hubs in Bowden and Edwardstown, and soon one in Elizabeth, where people with vouchers from welfare agencies can cash them in for food. The food is 'sold' by weight. Recently they have conducted pop up food hubs. The hubs aim to emulate a shopping-like experience that provides dignity for their customers.

They get income by redeeming the vouchers from the welfare agencies and also from donations and over the past twelve months have distributed food to the value of more than \$15 million.





### Dinner

The group repaired to the Avoca Hotel where the food was reasonably priced and tasty but slow to arrive. The quality of the company made the wait bearable and David Middleton reported the grilled chicken burger that is promoted as being 'famous' was indeed excellent and suggested that in the extremely unlikely circumstance that anyone ventured to the Avoca for a meal again it should be considered.

There were no spots, fines or prizes.

## **Rotary News**

## Australian students take opportunity by the horns

By Nancy Shepherdson - Rotary News -- 17 Jul 2015

Australian Rotary members create a rodeo school for Aboriginal boys in rural Queensland.

The rules of the Shaftesbury Rodeo Academy are simple: no school, no rodeo. It's a message that teenagers who attend school at Bisley Farm, most of whom have never attended any school regularly, take seriously. Because come Friday night, these aspiring rodeo heroes want to join their friends to ride bulls for a heart-stopping eight seconds, if they last that long.

The school in rural Queensland, Australia, also teaches the boys, who are of the Wakka Wakka Aboriginal people, basic academics and farming skills, including how to care for crops and livestock. It's a fairly common form of schooling in Australia, an alternative education for students with troubled backgrounds. For many of them, Bisley Farm is the best chance for them to improve their lives.



But rules are rules. In order to participate in the school's weekly Friday night rodeo, students must attend class Monday through Thursday and do all their work, including helping to manage a herd of beef cattle. Perhaps not surprisingly, student attendance and performance have shot up.

"These are really tough kids," says Kristian Wale, director of the Shaftesbury Centre, which sponsors Bisley Farm, and a member of the Rotary Club of New Farm, Brisbane. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics, Indigenous peoples make up 3 percent of the country's population. But they make up 50 percent of the juvenile detention and 27 percent of the adult prison populations.

"A majority of the kids [who come to us] can't read, even if they have been to school," says Wale. "We teach basic education and social skills and prepare our students for jobs."

And none of it would exist without Rotary.

#### **Powerful grants**

George Grant wanted to do something for the Aboriginal teenagers after attending a Rotary grants seminar in 2010. He was president of the Rotary Club of Bribie Island when he met Wale at the conference. The two began to formulate an idea for a cattle operation near Cherbourg, sponsored by the Shaftesbury Centre.

"When I first took the idea to the club, it seemed too far out in left field. Some members came along easily but others were very noisy in opposition," says Grant. "They couldn't see how a club with fewer than 30 members could raise the money required to get something like that off the ground."

At first, the naysayers seemed right, Grant says, particularly when the scope of the problem began being mapped out. They would have to buy cattle, trailers, fencing, and a school building. Then what would they do with the beef? If the operation was to be sustainable, they would have to figure out a way to get the beef to market.

So they started small: six head of cattle, a trailer, and some fencing. They soon started applying for money through Rotary, more than US\$120,000.

Supported by fundraisers from surrounding clubs, the Bribie Island club managed to donate thousands of dollars toward the project.

Undoubtedly, though, many of potential supporters and new club members are drawn to Grant's enthusiasm for the school his club built from the ground up. "I just love to skite about it."

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## **Our Upcoming Meetings**

Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion	Chairman	Welcome	Sergeant	Desk
28 Jul	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	<b>Sergeant Paul Scicluna</b> - SA Police Officer of the Year for 2014	S Westgarth	G Beckett	J Reed	C Schirmer J Singh
4 Aug	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	Club Assembly	S Baker	P Beckett	J Reed	J Singh C Sluggett
11 Aug	PSC	6 for 6.30pm	<b>District Governor's Visit</b> DG Dick and Liz Wilson	S Baker	V Bonython	J Reed	C Sluggett M Small
18 Aug	Café d'Vilis	6 for 6.30pm	<b>Vocational Visit:</b> Vili Milisits - Small Business Success Story + Dinner at 2-14 Manchester Street, Mile End	TBA	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

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## **Diary Dates**

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2015	Aug	Sun	9	Tailem Bend Variety Show	Tailem Bend Pub & Community Hall
	Sep	Sun	27	Bay to Birdwood Classic	Starts at Barrett Reserve, Adelaide Shores

## Bunnings Mile End Barbeque

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

Next Date: Monday 27 July Morning shift: 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift: 12.30 – 5pm

# Saturday Thrift Shop Roster July 2015

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
4	25 Jul 15	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5		Bob Mullins & Reno Elms	Stephen Westgarth & David Pisoni
1	1 Aug 15	David Middleton & Lalita Lopez	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	1 Aug 15 8 Aug 15	David Middleton & Lalita Lopez Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin

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

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## Big People Words

Several kindergartners were trying very hard to become accustomed to the first grade.

The biggest hurdle they faced was that the teacher insisted on NO baby talk!

'You need to use "Big People" words', she was always reminding them.

She asked John what he had done over the weekend.

'I went to visit my Nana.'

'No, you went to visit your GRANDMOTHER. Use "Big People" words!

She then asked Mitchell what he had done.

'I took a ride on a choo-choo.'

She said, 'No, you took a ride on a TRAIN. You must remember to use "Big People" words'.

She then asked little Alex what he had done.

'I read a book,' he replied.

That's wonderful!' the teacher said.

'What book did you read?'

Alex thought real hard about it, then puffed out his chest with great pride, and said,

'Winnie the SHIT.'

## Meeting for Lunch

A group of chaps, all aged 40, discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge where waitresses were well endowed and wore mini-skirts.

Ten years later, at age 50, the friends once again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge because the food and service were both good and the wine and beer were excellent.

Ten years later, at age 60, the friends again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge because they could dine in peace and quiet and it was good value for money.

Ten years later, at age 70, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible and had a toilet for the disabled.

Ten years later, at age 80, the friends discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge because they had never been there before.







## Visiting Grandma in 2015

