



Our Last Meeting

Venue	Damien on Fisher
Guest Speaker	Hon David Wotton AM
Chairmen	Graham Beckett
Apologies	Geoff Hill, Lindsay England, Alex Jonson, Heather Kilsby, Bob Laws, Mavis Martin, Trevor McGuirk, David Middleton, David Payne, John Russell, Marlene Small
Returning Rotarians	Sheila Evans
Visiting Rotarians	None this week
Guests	Jill Wotton, Diana Maneva, Stephen Finos, Rose Linh, Beverley Baker
Anniversaries	Wedding Anniversary: Bob and Genese Mullins 18 Nov 1961
Attendance	16 members & 6 guests

Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

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Meetings: Tuesdays at 6.00 for 6.30pm

Venue: Damien on Fisher
123 Fisher Street, Fullarton SA 5061

President Stephen's Announcements

1. It has been a testing period for five of our members, namely Graham, Sheila, Alex, David P. and John, who have been having animated discussions with doctors and nurses of late.....we wish them speedy recoveries.
2. Next week is our **Christmas Dinner** at the Kent Town Hotel.
3. And there is a quite intense period of activity before us:
 - Commencing with the **loading of the 40 foot container for East Timor** at Donations In Kind (DIK), Salisbury on the morning of Saturday 28 November.
 - **Bunnings BBQ** on 30 November.
 - Our **AGM** on 8 December when everyone will be asked to bring toiletries for the poor and homeless.
 - The marvelous **Christmas Carols** which we are again hosting at the Unley Rotunda on Sunday 13 December.
 - The **Group 6 Christmas Breakfast** on Wednesday 16 December.



President Stephen Baker



Annual General Meeting Reminder

Get your nominations in by next week's meeting!!

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Rotary Club of Unley Inc. will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 8 December 2015 at Damien on Fisher, 123 fisher Street, Fullarton. The business of the meeting will include the election of the following officers to fill vacancies on the Board for the 2016-2017 year:

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| • President (2017-2018) | • Treasurer | • Director (Vocational & Youth) |
| • Vice President | • Director (International) | • Director (Membership) |
| • Secretary | • Director (Community) | |

Nominations signed by the proposer and the nominee are to be forwarded to the Club Secretary at PO Box 18 Unley SA 5061 not later than 1st December 2015.

Nomination forms are downloadable by members from the [Members Area of the Club's website](#) or can be obtained on application to the Club Secretary or the Club President.

Guest Speaker – Hon David Wotton AM: Mount Lofty Botanic Garden

By Valerie Bonython

Graham Beckett introduced our Speaker for the evening, Hon David Wotton AM, who spoke about the Mount Lofty Botanic Gardens.

The Gardens first opened as a cool climate garden in 1977 by Noel Lothian, who was the Director of the Adelaide Botanical Gardens. That was only the beginning of the dramas that followed. In 1983 the Hills experienced the second Ash Wednesday which unfortunately burnt through the wonderful garden destroying so much. This was not a good time economically for the State and the National Parks and gardens were much underfunded and neglected.

The lack of staff and funding for the Garden came to a head in 2011. They were very afraid they were about to lose all funding. It was decided that something had to be done to secure the future Garden, so a Public Meeting was arranged, 350 people attended and a Support Group was established. They were to work with Government and the Botanic Gardens. A petition was put together and volunteers gathered 3,500 signatures. They became an incorporated body.

The Support Group went to the Gardens on holidays and weekends to ask visitors what they felt was needed to make their experience richer. It was recommended that a real need for somewhere to meet, shelter and for education about the Garden. The Government turned them down for funding (surprise, surprise).

David Gilbert, Architect, suggested they go to the University Architect Students to find a design. There were 103 students and 100 designs. A winner was decided and the cost was to be \$300,000. The community assisted with funding, 130 people donated \$315,000. Chris Steele Scott took the role of fundraising, \$70,000 came from a private foundation, and Adelaide Hills Council gave \$5,000. In 2014 Chris died suddenly. It was decided to recognize her by naming the building after her.

The Contractor was hired and was ready to start, but nobody was prepared to sign the contract and in the end David signed the contract under pressure to get the job done. It took 12 months to build, and is a wonderful addition to an amazing Garden which everyone should visit at some stage. The not so surprising upshot was that the Minister wanted to attend to Open the building (even 'though the Government had no involvement), but he was told no.

David responded to a number of questions from the floor and invited everyone to visit the Gardens and enjoy the new pavilion. Chairman Graham presented a gift to David who was thanked by acclamation.



Guest speaker Hon David Wotton AM
with Chairman Graham Beckett

Spots

Steve Finos, Vice Chair of the [Unley Road Association](#) (of which our club has become the most recent member) explained that the association has the prime purpose of promoting Unley Road and its businesses. It levies its members and invests in advertising material and special events such as the free community concert. Steve looks forward to working closely with our club, and the association will be sponsoring the Carols. Rose Linh is their coordinator.

Stephen Westgarth reported that David Middleton had sorted both the Santa Claus suit and posters for the Carols. Assistance is needed to **distribute the Carols posters** to businesses firstly along Unley Road, followed by King William, Duthy and Fullarton Roads.....aim to start getting the material out within two weeks of the event. Rose Linh suggested she could help with social media. Wendy to follow up with Advertiser and Messenger. Jerry and Ken will handle the BBQ.

Wendy Andrews asked members to help fill Reno's roster for the **Christmas Tree in Unley Shopping Centre**.

The Bunnings BBQ at the end of this month requires extra volunteers for the afternoon shift.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Joan Reed really mucked up by getting Beverley Baker to draw Stephen Westgarth's marble for the appalling squares.....Stephen B is not blaming his wife but believes that the marbles need to be washed to eliminate the bias of two straight wins for Stephen W. Happiness abounded with Jerry having the longest plaque with Past District Governor and Paul Harris Ruby Pin being recently added. Graham was pleased to have survived a life threatening moment. Sheila was rightly delighted that she is to be inducted into the South Australian Women's Honour Roll. And Bob Mullins was ecstatic that Genese had put up with him for 54 years.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm sharp!

Rotary News

Six women recognized at United Nations for leadership, humanitarian service

By Ryan Hyland - Rotary News -- 1 Nov 2015

Six Rotary Global Women of Action for 2015 were recognized during Rotary Day at the United Nations on 7 November in New York City for their dedication and service, which have improved the lives of thousands around the world.

"The women we are honoring here today are leaders in Rotary," said Rotary President K.R. Ravindran. "They are pushing the boundaries of Rotary service, pushing us all to do more, be more, and achieve more."

Lakshmi Puri, assistant secretary-general of the United Nations and deputy executive director of UN Women, praised Rotary for its acknowledgment of the crucial role women play.

"I'm very pleased you have picked this team of gender equality and women empowerment," she said.

The six women, who were selected by Rotary senior leaders and staff from more than 100 nominees from around the world, are:

- Dr. Hashrat A. Begum, of the Rotary Club of Dhaka North West, in Bangladesh, who has implemented several large-scale projects to deliver health care to poor and underserved communities.
- Stella S. Dongo, of the Rotary Club of Highlands, in Zimbabwe, who leads the Community Empowerment Project in the city of Harare. The project provides basic business and computer training to more than 6,000 women and youths affected by HIV/AIDS.
- Lucy C. Hobgood-Brown, of the Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney, in New South Wales, Australia, who co-founded [HandUp Congo](#), a nonprofit that promotes and facilitates sustainable community-driven business, educational, social, and health initiatives in underprivileged communities in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Razia Jan, of the Rotary Club of Duxbury, in Massachusetts, USA, who has spent decades fighting for girls' educational rights in Afghanistan. An Afghan native, she is the founder and director of the [Zabuli Education Center](#), a school that provides free education to more than 480 girls in Deh'Subz, outside Kabul, Afghanistan. She was also recognized as a CNN Hero in 2012.
- Kerstin Jeska-Thorwat, of the Rotary Club of Nürnberg-Sigena, in Germany, who launched the [Babyhospital Galle](#) project after surviving the 2004 tsunami in Sri Lanka. With a budget of \$1.8 million and the support of 200 Rotary clubs, the project rebuilt and equipped the Mahamodara Teaching Hospital, in Galle, Sri Lanka. The hospital has served more than 150,000 children and more than 2.2 million women.
- Dr. Deborah K.W. Walters, of the Rotary Club of Unity, in Maine, USA, a neuroscientist who has served as director of [Safe Passage \(Camino Seguro\)](#), a nonprofit that provides educational and social services to families who live in the Guatemala City garbage dump.

Each of the women addressed attendees and led discussions on topics related to her work.

More than 1,000 Rotary members, UN officials, Rotary youth program participants, and guests gathered at this year's annual event, which celebrated 70 years of partnership between Rotary and the UN. A morning youth session was open to high school students, including members of Rotary's Interact and Youth Exchange programs.

Guest speakers included Fabia Yazaki, acting chief for evaluation and communications in the UN's department of public information; Karin Ryan, senior project adviser for the human rights program at the Carter Center; Ambassador at-Large Susan Coppedge Amato,

director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons for the U.S. Department of State; Melissa Russell, vice president of strategic partnerships for the International Justice Mission; Jeffrey Kluger, Time magazine editor at-large; and Archie Panjabi, Emmy Award-winning actress and Rotary polio ambassador.



Lucy H. Hobgood-Brown, Dr. Hashrat A. Begum, Stella S. Dongo, Kerstin Jeska-Thorwat, Dr. Deborah K.W. Walters and Razia Jan.

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion	Chairman	Set-up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance
24 Nov	Kent Town Hotel	6.30pm	Unley Rotary Christmas Dinner Please try to be seated by 6.30pm	S Baker	R Mullins	J Reed	H Kilsby R Laws
1 Dec	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Sheree Sullivan: 'Udder Delights'	H Kilsby	D Payne	J Reed	R Laws M Martin
8 Dec	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Annual General Meeting + Preparation for Carols at Rotunda	S Baker	J Russell	J Reed	M Martin D Middleton
13 Dec	Unley Soldiers Memorial Gardens	4.30pm	Carols at the Rotunda	D Middleton	Everyone	NA	NA
16 Dec	TBA	7 for 7.15am	Group 6 Christmas Breakfast	TBA	M Small	TBA	S Westgarth
12 Jan	Rymill Park BBQ Area	6.00pm	Welcome to 2016 Casual Get Together; BYO everything	S Baker	NA	H Kilsby	NA

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

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Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

October – November 2015

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
3	21 Nov 15	Joan Reed & Jerry Casburn	Reno Elms (sub for Nathan White) & Pam Trimmer
4	28 Nov 15	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines

December 2015

1	5 Dec 15	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	12 Dec 15	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	19 Dec 15	Joan Reed & Jerry Casburn	Nathan White & Pam Trimmer

January - February 2016

2	9 Jan 16	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	16 Jan 16	Joan Reed & Briony Casburn	Nathan White & Briony Casburn
4	23 Jan 16	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5	30 Jan 16	Bob Mullins & David Pisoni	Stephen Westgarth & Reno Elms
1	6 Feb 16	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth

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

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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 30 November Morning shift: 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift: 12.30 – 5pm

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2015	Nov	Tue	24	Unley Rotary Christmas Party	Kent Town Hotel
	Dec	Sun	13	Carols at the Rotunda	Unley Soldiers Memorial Gardens
2016	Jan	Tue	12	Welcome to 2016 <i>Casual Get Together; BYOE</i>	Rymill Park BBQ Area
	Feb	Wed	17	Schools Youth Program Presentation	Royal Coach Hotel (Breakfast Meeting)
		Sun	21	District Leaders Training	Flinders University
	Apr	Sun	10	PENTS Seminar	TBA
	May	Sun	15	District Assembly	TBA
		Tue	17	SA Police Officer of the Year	Unley Soldiers Memorial Gardens & Kooyonga Golf Club

The Back Page

Facing the Book

For those of my generation who cannot comprehend why Facebook exists -

I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles as Facebook uses.

Therefore, every day when I walk down the street I tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later, and with whom.

I give them pictures of my family, my dog, of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day.

I also give them my political view, listen to their conversations, give them the "thumbs up" and tell them I like them.

And it works just like Facebook - I already have four people following me: two police officers, a private investigator, and a psychiatrist...

Having a good day?



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