

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN: Meeting 3998 – 19 April 2016

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### Our Last Meeting

Venue:	Damien on Fisher
Guest Speakers:	AG Don Will, Charlotte Bampton
Chairman:	Bob Mills
Apologies:	Sheila Evans, Geoff Hill, David Middleton, Joan Reed, Pam Trimmer
Returning Rotarians:	Briony Casburn, Mavis Martin
Visiting Rotarians:	PE Graham & Morag Davies RC Aireborough, Yorkshire (UK)
Guests:	Lachlan Reid, Glenyss Steedman, Robyn Carnachan, Jo Adams
Attendance:	22 members and 8 guests

### **Rotary Club of Unley**

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# President Stephen's Announcements

- 1. District 9520 Conference 2016 will launch on Thursday at Renmark.
- 2. Next week is our 4000<sup>th</sup> meeting and it promises to be memorable.
- 3. One of the important dates on our calendar is the District Assembly; this year it will be held on May 15 at Unity College in Murray Bridge. Office bearers for 2016/17 are encouraged to attend and it is a great day.
- 4. Sheila Evans, still progressing slowly in Hampstead Rehabilitation, is hoping to be out early next week.



President Stephen Baker

### **Spots** Stephan Westgarth. POOTY has been cancelled. There were only two public nominations. The Commissioner of Police decided not to approve any nominations. No costs have been incurred by the Club. We need to look at some new strategies to choose POOTY.

**Bob Mullins:** Entertainment Books are available at the Thrift Shop for \$65, by cash or efpos. Reno Elms: The Salvation Army, Unley are asking for help with the Red Shield Appeal either at the Shopping Centres or street collecting.

Graham and Morag Davies from Aireborough Rotary Club, Yorkshire, England: Graham is President-elect, and after presenting \$300 for a Joint Project with Unley (Nepal Joint Project), he wished our Club Best Wishes for our 4,000th Meeting. Graham also presented a book on Yorkshire Cricket to President Stephen, who responded with a gift of Charlesworth Nuts and an Unley Rotary wine aerator for Aireborough's monthly partners night.



### Guest Speakers

### Don Will: "Ten things you didn't know about the Maldives"

Bob Mills introduced Don Wills from Eastwood Club. He spoke to us about the Rotary Club of Male in the Maldives.

What do we know of the Maldives? Sun, sand, coral, low level,



President Stephen with RC Aireborough PE Graham Davies

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rising seas, palms, 200 five and six star resorts, safari boats, some big problems – so much rubbish that one island has been set aside to hold the rubbish. No water, 2004 tsunami flooded the Maldives, and contaminated drinking water.

Where is it? South of India, closer to London than Adelaide; 1,200 islands, 200 uninhabited and 1,000 with small communities. It will fit on King Island 14 times.

Julius Caesar had his food flavoured by spices from the Maldives. A big volcano with atolls, it has been an independent country for 3000 years.

Male is like Cairo, narrow streets, not very clean. They all have mobile phones and there are many motorbikes. 150,000 people fit in to an area the size of Adelaide. It takes 40 minutes to walk around the island. They have a Russian doctor who couldn't speak Male so a nurse had to translate for him.

How did this interest in the Maldives start? Don met Rani, a 35 year old, well-educated young man from the Maldives at Calperum. He visited the Maldives in 2012 and started a new Rotary Club in what is a Muslim country, which means they give to charity unanimously by passing through 3 people. The Club was chartered with 15 men and women. They have equality. Women are educated in America.

The Male Rotary Club was chartered on Easter Saturday, 31st March, 2013. International President attended for three days.

Projects: Water, desalination plant, safe drinking water. Two islands can sell water to other islands. Women's Empowerment Principles are promoted – businesses are being set up for women. They have sewing machines which allow them to make articles to sell to other islands. Disabled and special needs students are attending normal schools. Twenty teachers will come to Australia to train. There is to be a Climate Change forum in Sri Lanka, because water is rising. Water is imported in bottles. Climate change should be a major project.

There were 20 visiting Rotary Members at the Chartering, and there are 12 people on a waiting list to join. It is our great grandchild club!!! After Don's talk there was an unsuccessful attempt to talk to the rotary Club of Aireborough Club by Skype — which was disappointing.

Don then responded to questions. Fundraising is largely through money being contributed by people around the community who are not necessarily Rotary members. The Male club has a lady who



Guest Speaker Don Will and Chairman Bob Mills

talks to villagers regarding Domestic Violence. Airport is very small, it is 2kms from Male on another island next to Male. There are 10 International airlines that fly in. The crime rate is very high.

Bob Mills thanked Don for his very informative talk and presented him with a Rotary pen and the Club showed their appreciation in the usual way.

### Charlotte Bampton: "National Youth Science Forum Experience"

Jerry Casburn introduced Charlotte Bampton, who is 17 years old from St. John Grammar School. Charlotte was sponsored by our Club to attend the National Youth Science Forum.

In Canberra, where 200 students attended Medical and Technical Groups, but instead she was one of 6 chosen to go to New Zealand, where 168 students attended workshops. They looked at all facets and functions of science over 2 weeks. They visited universities, worked in laboratories and looked at all facets and functions of science over 2 weeks. They visited universities worked in laboratories, and looked at future developments.

Molecular science was workshopped by a woman who had worked with NASSA. They looked at and visited different industries working on advanced technologies; one interesting area was looking at the many ways of using medicinal honey.

While all this interesting and serious business took place there was time for fun, beach days, volleyball, discos etc. and of course very interesting conversations were had at the end of sessions.

Benefits that come from this sponsorship can be worldwide experience. She has been selected as one of three students from Australia, for a three weeks experience in Germany, where another science forum is being held.



Guest Speaker Charlotte Bampton and PDG Jerry Casburn

Charlotte thanked the Club for the wonderful experiences and opportunities she had through this sponsorship. What a wonderful young woman. It will be interesting to follow her journey. She told us she also has a very talented twin brother.

### Sergeant's Session

There was a little ray of sunshine with the appalling squares. Whether it was conscience or a simple attempt to curry favour, Secretary Greg McLeod (who again won on the President's favourite number of 29) donated his ill-gotten gains to the Nepal orphanage project. A happiness contribution, because Jerry and Briony will be away for 3 months, earnt big bucks......we wish them a brilliant trip.

The meeting closed at 8.12pm, which was really quite amazing given the three major contributions. Let's hear it for the Presz. [This para written by the Prez.].

### **Rotary News**

#### Council grants clubs greater flexibility in meeting, membership

By Arnold Grahl - Rotary News - 18 April 2016

The 2016 Council on Legislation may well be remembered as one of the most progressive in Rotary history.

Not only did this Council grant clubs more freedom in determining their meeting schedule and membership, it also approved an increase in per capita dues of \$4 a year for three years. The increase will be used to enhance Rotary's website, improve online tools, and add programs and services to help clubs increase membership.

The Council is an essential element of Rotary's governance. Every three years, members from around the world gather in Chicago to consider proposed changes to the policies that govern the organization and its member clubs. Measures that are adopted take effect 1 July.

The tone for this year was set early, when the RI Board put forth two proposals that increase flexibility. The first measure allows clubs to decide to vary their meeting times, whether to meet online or in person, and when to cancel a meeting, as long as they meet at least twice a month. The second allows clubs flexibility in choosing their membership rules and requirements. Both passed.

Representatives also approved removing six membership criteria from the RI Constitution and replacing them with a simple requirement that a member be a person of good character who has a good reputation in their business or community and is willing to serve the community.

The \$4 per year dues increase was based on a five-year financial forecast that predicted that if Rotary didn't either raise dues or make drastic cuts, its reserves would dip below mandated levels by 2020. The yearly per capita dues that clubs pay to RI will be \$60 in 2017-18, \$64 in 2018-19, and \$68 in 2019-20. The next council will establish the rate after that.

"We are at a moment in time when we must think beyond the status quo," said RI Vice President Greg E. Podd. "We must think about our future."

Podd said the dues increase will allow RI to improve My Rotary, develop resources so clubs can offer a better membership experience, simplify club and district reporting, improve website access for Rotaractors, and update systems to keep Rotary in compliance with changing global regulations.

Council member Dominque Dubois holds up a green card to indicate support of a motion while Sandeep Nurang ponders his response during the 2016 Council on Legislation.

Also because of this Council's decisions:

- A Council on Resolutions will meet annually online to consider resolutions recommendations to the RI Board.
  Council members will be selected for three-year terms. They'll participate in the Council on Resolutions for three
  years and the Council on Legislation in their final year only. The Council on Resolutions will free the Council on
  Legislation to concentrate on enactments changes to Rotary's governing documents. Proponents predict that the
  Council on Legislation can then be shortened by a day, saving \$300,000.
- Rotaractors will be allowed to become members of Rotary clubs while they are still in Rotaract. Proponents argued
  that too few Rotaractors (around 5 percent) join Rotary. Sometimes it's because they don't want to leave their
  Rotaract clubs before they have to, upon reaching age 30. It's hoped that giving them more options will boost the
  numbers of qualified young leaders in Rotary.
- The distinction between e-clubs and traditional clubs will be eliminated. The Council recognised that clubs have been meeting in a number of ways, and given this flexibility, the distinction was no longer meaningful. Clubs that have "e-club" in their names can keep it, however.
- The reference to admission fees will be removed from the bylaws. Proponents argued that the mention of admission fees does not advance a modern image of Rotary.
- A standing committee on membership was established, in recognition that membership is a top priority of the organization, and polio eradication was also reaffirmed to be a goal of the highest order.

### **Diary Dates**

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2016	Apr 28 Apr-1 May		-1 May	District 9520 Conference	Renmark
	May Tue 3		3	Unley Rotary's 4000 <sup>th</sup> Meeting	Damien on Fisher
	Sat 14		14	The Rotary Foundation Dinner	Adelaide Convention Centre, Riverbank Rooms
		Sun	15	District Assembly	Unity College, Murray Bridge
	Jun	Tue	28	Unley Rotary Changeover Dinner	Damien on Fisher

## **Our Upcoming Meetings**

Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion	Chairman	Set-up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance
3 May	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Unley Rotary's 4000 <sup>th</sup> Meeting <b>Partners &amp; Guests Night</b>	S Baker	H Kilsby	R Mills	G McLeod K Haines
10 May	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Peter Hammond: "Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS)"	V Bonython	R Laws	R Mills	G McLeod K Haines
17 May	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	New Members: Their Stories Great Ideas: Brainstorming our future	S Baker	A Jonson	R Mills	K Haines H Kilsby
24 May	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Jason Kuchel (Chamber of Minerals & Energy): "What's Under the Ground"	A Jonson	S Kumar	R Mills	H Kilsby R Mullins
1 Jun Wednesday		6 for 6.30pm	Annual Debate Challenge v RC Hyde Park for the Ron Schubert Trophy	NA	T McGuirk	NA	R Mullins A Jonson
7 Jun	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Suzanne Carigianis: "Interplast Presentation"	H Kilsby	D Maneva	J Reed	A Jonson S Kumar
14 Jun	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	<b>Bob Cooper:</b> "Helena Goldie Hospital, Munda, Western Provence, Solomon Is."	W Andrews	M Martin	J Reed	S Kumar D Maneva
21 Jun	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Club Discussion: "Creating a Roadmap for our Club for the Next Three Years"	S Baker	G McLeod	J Reed	D Maneva R Mills
28 Jun	Damien on Fisher	6.30 for 7pm	Club Changeover Dinner Partners & Guests Night	ТВА	P Beckett V Bonython	J Reed	R Mills T McGuirk

Usual Meeting Venue: Damien on Fisher, 123 Fisher Street, Fullarton SA 5063

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# Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
5	30 Apr 16	Bob Mullins & David Pisoni	Stephen Westgarth & Reno Elms
1	7 May 16	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Stephen Westgarth
2	14 May 16	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	21 May 16	Joan Reed & Nathan White	Pam Trimmer & Ken Haines
4	28 May 16	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: Joan Reed (T) 8379 8470; (M) 0401 714 499; e-mail: <a href="mailto:joan.reed@internode.on.net">joan.reed@internode.on.net</a>

### 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 May

Morning shift: 8.30am – 12.30pm

Afternoon shift: 12.30 – 5pm

Please Note: We will not be operating the Bunnings Barbeque on 25 April (ANZAC Day) as it will be operated by Bunnings

staff to raise funds for their own charity.

## The Back Page

#### Getting a good ride

A senior citizen said to his eighty-year old buddy: 'So I hear you're getting married?'

'Yep!'

'Do I know her?'

'Nope!'

'This woman, is she good looking?'

'Not really.'

'Is she a good cook?'

'Nah, she can't cook too well.'

'Does she have lots of money?'

'Nope! Poor as a church mouse.'

'Well, then, is she good in bed?'

'I don't know.'

'Why in the world do you want to marry her then?'

'Because she can still drive!'

#### Spreading it around

While creating husbands, God promised women that good and ideal husbands would be found in all corners of the world.......

.....then He made the earth round......and laughed and laughed and.......

#### The sad truth

Little boy gets home from school and says "Dad, I've got a part in the school play as a man who's been married for 25 years."

His Dad replies "Never mind Son. Maybe next time you'll get a speaking part!!"





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