

THE UNLEY ROTARIAN
is celebrating

4000

meetings of the

Rotary
Club of Unley





Our 4000th Meeting

Occasion: Celebrating 4000 Meetings of the Rotary Club of Unley

Venue: Damien on Fisher

Speakers: PPs Bob Mills, Greg McLeod

Chairman: Stephen Baker

Apologies:

PDG Jerry & Briony Casburn, PDG Wendy Gaborit, PDG Roy Armstrong, Sheila Evans, Geoff & Jill Hill, Jim & Anne Newall, Janet Singh, Tom Tirrell, Marlene Small, Nathan White and a range of club presidents

Visiting Rotarians:

DG Dick & Liz Wilson; AG Bob Cooper; Pres Gary Dolman (Blackwood); Carola Sanders and Jack Cooper & Mary Roebuck (Mt Barker); John Stoddard & Alison (Stirling); PP Ollie & Joan Clark and Stephen & Jill Haines (Adelaide....and both former Unley members); Sioux Christiansen (Adelaide South)

Guests:

Honorary Members David Pisoni MP, Lachlan Clyne (Unley Mayor), Ken Daly & Pauline and Rex Martin; Partners Beverley Baker, Maria Mills, Genese Mullins, Sue Middleton, Margaret Payne, Barbara Russell, Glenyss Steadman and Susan Westgarth; Young Professionals Group Members Ben Ernst, Xin Ting and Michelle Chong; along with Vera Holt, Sandy Schirmer, Robyn Carnachan, Noelene Stewart, Graham Ey, Soheila Mostaghim, Lachlan Reid, Stephen Finos & Sofia, Sandy & Peter Dobson, Margaret Bosisto, Holly and Ian Reid, Leonie Kewen, John Woods, John Woodside and Melanie Coleman.

Attendance: 24 members and 47 guests

Rotary Club of Unley

District 9520 - Chartered 17 April 1935

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Venue: Damien on Fisher
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President Stephen's Welcome to Meeting 4000

It was great really! It was what it was, a simple gathering to recognise the achievement of longevity afforded to very few organisations (other than perhaps churches and sporting clubs).



Ken Haines and Trevor McGuirk performing the opening chorus.
Ken Daly can't look.

The Rotary Club of Unley has been bigger in the past than it is now, but it survives and continues to function effectively and efficiently at a time when its very existence is increasingly anachronistic. In a world where self-interest and narcissism reign predominate, the current crew of loyal members maintain the long tradition of offering service and assistance to others while managing to enjoy themselves at the same time. This is worth celebrating and acknowledging and over seventy people chose to do so.

After a song and dance act by incoming President Ken Haines and Rotarian



President Stephen Baker



Trevor McGuirk that was lamentably cut short by the obvious complete lack of practice (but was nevertheless an amusing start), President Stephen welcomed the crowd, introduced the visitors and set in motion the programme for the evening.

It included a trip down history lane led by Bob Mills, an outline of the club's current activities from Greg McLeod, two inductions, three Paul Harris Fellowship presentations, a donation to Catherine House, a quick address by District Governor Dick Wilson, and a raffle draw of gargantuan proportions, symbolic of the club's long history. Reno Elms and the Salvos benefited from a large "birthday" cake generously donated by Damien Hein. And members were urged to sign a petition in favour of keeping Majors Reno and Roslyn in Unley.....quite rightly so.

President Stephen thanked all who had attended and paid special tribute to chief organiser Patsy Beckett, club Historian Bob Mills and Secretary Greg McLeod for their contributions. The meeting closed late – but who cares?

Keynote Speakers

Bob Mills: A Brief History of the Rotary Club of Unley

The Unley Club was formed by the Rotary Club of Adelaide and was the third Club in South Australia. The Club was chartered on 17th April 1935 with 18 Members.

- Our Club has created seven daughter clubs and the family extends to 28 Clubs including three great-great-grand daughter clubs in District 9520 and District 9500.
- An estimated 2500 people have been members.
- Seven District Governors have been provided.
- A total of 80 Paul Harris Fellows (PHF) and 18 Sapphire Pins have been awarded with 26 PHFs being given to non-Rotarians.
- Nine Mayors, nine Councilors and four Town Clerks have been members.
- The current membership includes 13 Past Presidents.
- There are eight current Members who have served for at least 25 years



PP Bob Mills PHF

FUNDRAISING

Our major and consistent fundraising source is the Thrift Shop, the envy of many Clubs. The Thrift shop started in November 1973. Since its commencement the Thrift Shop has raised an estimated \$1,400,000 in today's dollars.

More recently monthly "sausage sizzles" at the Bunnings store and a regular barbecue with Detmold Packaging has provided approximately \$10,000 per year to our funds with both events also allowing some publicity for Rotary and the Club.

PROJECTS

One of the earliest and significant projects was the establishment in 1945 of a club for War veterans and retired men in the Unley community. A former air raid hut was completely furnished and equipped with a radio, books, games and other facilities.

The most recent project involved the making hands demonstration in the Unley Shopping Centre. These are simple yet very effective mechanical hands for amputees resulting from landmines in Southeast Asia.

Permanent fixtures in the Unley area involving the Club include:

- A new flagpole and a heritage drinking fountain in the Soldiers' Memorial Gardens
- A Peace Garden in memory of the Bali bombing victims
- And the replacement Rotunda in the Soldiers' Memorial gardens

The Police Officer of the Year Award has been presented annually since 1978 and aims to give recognition to police officers for outstanding services to the community.

The club has been a keen supporter of the Indigenous Medical Student program with our first student, Dr. Olivier O'Donoghue working within the aboriginal community in Alice Springs.

On the International scene many projects to improve the lifestyle and opportunities of those in need have been completed and range from shipping containers of general goods and school supplies to Timor Lesté to providing water from 40 bores to many towns and villages via the Dharmavaram Mid-Town project in India.

THE FUTURE

The past is history, the future is about opportunities and these challenges will be addressed by a Club that has been injected with the enthusiasm of recent and younger Members.

Greg McLeod: More of what Unley Rotary has done and is doing

The Rotary Club of Unley is a busy Club, a productive and companionable Club, well motivated but always striving to do better and be a good citizen of the world.

From an international perspective:

- the Club has assisted with the provision of IT services to an orphanage in Sri Lanka, in land improvement and irrigation in poor rural India, in the provision of school and stationery needs in East Timor, in the improvement of hygiene facilities for school-age female students, in the provision of eyeglasses, in assistance to Nepal and in the financing of shelter boxes which are essential emergency supplies, tenting, etc that are dispatched to all parts of the world experiencing natural or other humanitarian disasters;
- the Club is working up an involvement in an existing external Cusco Peru project which entails monthly medical team visits to provide health treatment and medical advice, and the provisioning of the erection of 'greenhouses' for the propagation of vegetables to improve the health of remote hills populations;
- the Club strongly supports the Helping Hands project which has as its aim the provision of basic mechanical hands to sufferers of limb loss due to mine and other explosions in time of war or insurgency, a project that is already well received in Cambodia. These units can be assembled on the spot and with a little training can be maintained and repaired by the end user, and enable the recipients to regain their dignity and worth and usefulness in society;
- the Club contributes to the Rotary Foundation and other arms of Rotary in its various worldwide projects, perhaps the most well-known of which is the struggle (nearly over) to rid the world of the scourge of polio.



PP Greg McLeod PHF

From a local community perspective:

- the Club has provided much needed mats to the Unley Park Sports Club to protect new flooring, which is a follow-up to the supply last year of a heart defibrillator unit;
- we have provided seed money for a verge vegetable garden as part of the Sustainable Communities initiative.
- we have provided seating and shelter structures for the Fraser Reserve park in Myrtle Bank, and bench furniture for the Glen Osmond Scouts;
- we have provided Xmas hampers to the Young Carers Association and baked puddings to the Italian community version of Meals on Wheels;
- we have approved funding for the installation of a fountain in the Katherine Street Park redevelopment being undertaken by the UCC.
- we have provided a donation to the CFS in recognition of the support by the CFS to the community in its work in the recent bushfires;
- in the ongoing struggle against the effects of drug addiction, the Club has provided fridge magnets which contain vital address and phone contacts detailing where help can be sought by sufferers and families of sufferers, and are intended to be placed with police, in police stations, outreach clinics, hospitals, etc;
- we have provided or are in the course of providing funding for the upgrading of existing accommodation provided by Catherine House, which provides support for homeless women without children, and seeks to help them with education and job finding to get back into society.
- financial assistance has also been provided to the Young Carers Association in supporting a photography competition aimed at developing skills for young people charged by circumstance with looking after other family members or similar and to enable them through photography to depict what caring means to them.

The Salvos are assisted in many ways, through the matching of funds collected by Club members at Red Shield Appeal to providing donation collectors and manpower at Christmas appeal time.

The Club also funds attendees at RYLA camp and the National Youth Science Forum experience, and many of us heard Catherine Bampton 2 weeks ago extolling the benefits gained by her in her personal and vocational development through her recent attendance at the Science forum.

Two other major projects receiving Club funding and support annually are:

- The Police Officer of the Year Award, which recognises a SAPOL police officer endorsed by his or her local community and SAPOL itself.
- Carols at the Rotunda, which is largely seen as this Club's gift to the local community, in co-operation with the UCC.

Induction of New Members

Two new members were inducted into the club.



Soheila Mostaghim came to Australia as a refugee twenty years ago. She has her own business and is a volunteer at the Thrift Shop.

Lachlan Reid has had an involvement in Rotary in Rotaract with the Rotary Club of Mt Barker. He was the first president of their Rotary Community Corps, and he is currently kept busy in Retail Sales and by study.

Paul Harris Fellow Awards

Rotarian Bob Laws was singled out for a Sapphire Pin to accompany his Paul Harris Fellowship for his efforts in keeping the Thrift Shop on track over a very long period. (Glenyss received an honorable mention – but no cigar).

Continuing the Thrift Shop theme, long term volunteer extraordinaire, Sandy Dobson was recognised for her many years of highly valued contribution to the success of the venture. Her input has helped many underprivileged people throughout the world.

Steve Finos has also helped the shop by being next door to it and offering support as required. Steve is also a leader of the Unley Road Association with which our club has a burgeoning relationship. He was described by President Stephen as being a 'useful individual' – high praise indeed!



DG Dick Wilson (L), Pres. Stephen Baker (R) with Paul Harris Fellows Sandy Dobson, Steve Finos and Bob Laws



Rotarian Sioux Christiansen from Catherine House accepting a donation of \$5,000 presented by Community Services Chairman Wendy Andrews

Other Events

District Governor Dick Wilson congratulated the club on reaching its 4,000th meeting. He said nice things.

Wendy Andrews presented a donation to Catherine House, and organisation that started twenty years ago as a women's shelter and has evolved over that time to deal with complex trauma and drug abuse issues. Sioux Christiansen accepted the \$5,000 donation and provided an enlightening description of the important services provided by Catherine House.

Patsy conducted a marvelous raffle in aid of Rotarians Against Malaria, drawn by Soheila and Lachlan.....and Club Secretary, Lucky Lucky Lucky Greg McLeod, scooped a large slice of the pool.....suggest he buys a Lotto ticket and donate proceeds to the club.

The Rotary Foundation Dinner

This year's Rotary Foundation Dinner is being held on 14 May at 6.30pm at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

Once in a while we are presented with an opportunity to meet and listen to Rotary Leaders who inspire service above self. Past RI President Bill Boyd and RI President Nominee Ian Riseley will join us at the Convention Centre, Riverbank Rooms, North Terrace, Adelaide.

District Governors Doug Layng and Dick Wilson invite you, and our club to book a table and join them for a night supporting our Foundation. A meal and drinks package has been negotiated including welcome drinks and two course meal at \$75pp. To book go to: <http://e.mybookingmanager.com/TRFDinner2016>

This event offers members a unique opportunity to hear first-hand, Ian's vision for Rotary going forward and to give your support to the Rotary Foundation.

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2016	May	Tue	3	Unley Rotary's 4000 th Meeting	Damien on Fisher
		Sat	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
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	Hyde Park Tavern	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"	H Kilsby	D Maneva	J Reed	A Jonson S Kumar
14 Jun	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Bob Cooper: "Helena Goldie Hospital, Munda, Western Province, Solomon Is."	W Andrews	G McLeod	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	R Mullins	J Reed	D Maneva R Mills
28 Jun	Damien on Fisher	6.30 for 7pm	Club Changeover Dinner Partners & Guests Night	TBA	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
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
5		Bob Mullins & David Pisoni	Stephen Westgarth & Reno Elms

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 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.

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