

Our Last Meeting

Venue:	Damien on Fisher
Guest Speaker:	Peter Hammond
Chairman:	Valerie Bonython
Apologies:	Briony & Jerry Casburn, Robyn Carnachan, Lindsay England, Sheila Evans, Geoff Hill, Heather Kilsby, Joan Reed, Lachlan Reid, Pam Trimmer
Anniversaries:	Inductions – John Russell (13/3/90) and Bob Laws (31/3/92); birthdays -Reno Elms 13/3, Bob Mullins 28/3, Bob Mills 14/4.....actual century unknown
Guests:	Edwin Cedamon, Shirley Tamm
Attendance:	15 members and 3 guests

Rotary Club of Unley

District 9520 - Chartered 17 April 1935

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President Stephen's Announcements

1. President Stephen presented Damien Hein with a certificate which gratefully acknowledged the generosity and assistance provided to the club for our 4000th meeting on 3 May 2016 by Damien and his staff.
2. District Assembly is next Sunday - we have a contingent of six attending.
3. The Unley Road Association is holding a networking event tomorrow night at Claridge Motors and we will be represented by myself and Valerie in the absence of Jerry and Heather.
4. On 1st June we will be holding our annual debate with RC Hyde Park. Hyde Park has chosen the topic 'Should cyclists be made to sit for a licence and have their bicycles registered' and we get to choose the pro or con side of the debate. I normally like new members to get their feet wet and vocal cords stimulatedvolunteers?
5. Sheila Evans is back home slowly recovering and Lindsay England should come off the sick list in the next few days.
6. OSSAA will be holding its annual luncheon on Sunday May 19 at the Glenelg Golf Club – guest speaker Dr Brian Spain AM; the cost is \$55pp.



Stephen Baker with Damien Hein



President Stephen Baker



Guest Speaker – Peter Hammond: Rotary Australia World Community Service (aka RAWCS)

Valerie Bonython introduced Peter Hammond, a Rotarian from Somerton Park. Peter is known to those of us who worked on the Conference in Ballarat where he was a member of the organising committee. He's been in Rotary since 2005 and held a variety of roles in his own club (including President) and in District, including a current role as Secretary of RAWCS.

Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd. (RAWCS) was formed 50 years ago to support Australian Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in assisting disadvantaged communities and individuals with humanitarian aid projects. The objectives include managing the Rotary Australia Overseas Aid Fund, Rotary Australia Benevolent Society, and the Developed Country Disaster Fund.

It also aims to enable Rotarians, the public and the corporate sector to deliver humanitarian aid and charitable support through a range of projects including Rotarians Against Malaria, Donations In Kind and Australian Charitable Support.

To facilitate Rotarians undertaking voluntary work, the Board has engaged professional support in the fields of information technology, communications and marketing and has established a staffed office to process the administrative, accounting and banking functions. It is extremely efficient, operating as it does with only one person full time and one part time.

RAWCS is not an emergency response organization, but rather looks to engage in sustainable, developmental or relief projects.

RAWCS is a company and each year the District Governors from around Australia appoint a National Board that then appoints 5 regional boards and one is the Central region that covers the two South Australian districts. Our own Jerry Casburn is the currently in the chair of the Central Region Board. Actually his seat isn't currently in it, because if seats could swan, his is currently doing so in foreign climes.

Each year RAWCS handles a large number of projects and around \$25 million. They co-ordinate with other Rotary projects including Donations in Kind with which we are familiar having packed containers full of mainly goodies that are then dispatched to needy folk abroad, and we love doing it (ish).

Our own Trevor McGuirk has a project through RAWCS, sponsored by our club that's aimed at providing medical services in rural Peru. This is a live example of a project that is facilitated by RAWCS that provides the infrastructure to collect donations from clubs and tax deductible donations from the general public, and would then be able to assist in coordinating volunteers and handling the insurance and travel details of them if required.



Guest Speaker Peter Hammond
with Chairman Valerie Bonython

Spots

Wendy Andrews sought help to fill an unexpected gap on Wednesday at the Thrift Shop and was rewarded by positive responses from Ken Haines and Bob Laws.

Reno Elms talked about this month being very busy with the Red Shield appeal, and reminded members that their donations would be matched by the club. There is a new internet AP which can be used for Salvo fundraising between friends etc.

Valerie Bonython announced that there would be a fundraising dinner for the Women's Community Centre at 6-10pm Saturday June 11 at Chennai Palace – cost \$40.

Sergeant's Session

The final insult has been delivered with the atrocious and appalling squares. Secretary Greg McLeod had won the last two draws with the President's number (29), and scooped the pool with the raffle last week at our 4000th meeting. This week he cleaned up with number 10....hmmmmmmmmmmmmmm; however, he promptly and generously donated his winnings to the Salvos' Red Shield appeal.

Undoubtedly the happiest moments of the meeting came with the announcements that Valerie's grandson and Reno's son (recovered from injury) were boosting the footy talent at Sturt. Reno had a very strange encounter with his car alarm at a recent sleep-in with college kids who had helped the Red Shield Appeal. And David Payne's grandchildren are racking up degrees. What was really nice was Stephen W being able to celebrate the Western Bulldogs' victory over the Crows on Saturday. Bob Mills was trying to shoot kids out of a circus cannon.

The meeting closed on time at 8.00pm.

Rotary News

Report on the Rotary District 9520 Conference in Renmark

28 April - 1 May 2016

By Stephen Baker

Rotary often delivers special moments of proud reflection and inspiration; Beverley and I spent four glorious days at the District Conference in Renmark. We parked ourselves on the Murray River with many other campers at the Big Four. The weather was outstanding, the scenery spectacular, the pelicans ravenous, the fishing abysmal (these two items may be related), the locals friendly and the conference very enjoyable. Jerry and Briony played host to a number of guests on a houseboat which rocked gently with passing river traffic, and less gently with speedboat races...and they are now in England to help the Brits decide whether to stay in the EU.

In terms of the key messages coming from the conference, it was not surprising that the number one item was membership. I was shocked to learn that the average age of Rotarians in the UK and Ireland is 74 and 76 respectively...an entrepreneur will no doubt seize the opportunity to establish "Rotadotage" villages. In developing countries the picture is much brighter. Clearly, bridging the age divide and finding new ways to work hand in glove with those who are also strongly motivated to achieve great good, but who are time poor, is a priority. Stuart Heal from NZ, the

representative of the Rotary International President, stressed the need to engage members in service projects which is what most seek to do when they join Rotary. Other key ingredients of successful transition include Fellowship, Diversity, Integrity and Leadership. Another luminary who runs Calperum stressed: be AWARE, be INFORMED, be ENGAGED. Positivity beats the hell out of doom and gloom and creates remarkable opportunities. Mark Huddleston spent some time explaining the need for greater flexibility and to not be consumed by the need to meet weekly in the same old fashion which has been in vogue for over a century.

There was a rich array of information provided including:

- A presentation by Valmai Hankel and former Chief Justice John Doyle on the challenges facing those with Parkinson's disease.
- Several contributions on the local region including wine making by the Angoves established in 1886, the importance of the River Murray in providing food for domestic and overseas consumption, and positive changes in river management across the States.
- Reflections of a Rotary Peace Scholar who was imprisoned and tortured as a student protestor in Myanmar, now returning home to assist in the peaceful transition of his country...my favorite segment on how good Rotary really is.
- Special insights on how nanotechnology will deliver far more effective vaccinations (including for polio), how corporate farming is more effective than family farms in feeding a hungry world, how carbon capture in soil is vital to our future and how water supplies across the developing world are seriously degraded (and cause for international conflict into the future).
- And a science and engineering challenge in the Riverland during June, finding a cure for cystic fibrosis, the New Generations Service Exchange...and much more.

RC Mitcham 'trumpeted in' their 2017 conference for Mt Gambier with the theme of *Jazzing Up Rotary*.....very neat!

The fabulous weather and the Saturday night dinner celebration (when even the more senior members were letting their hair down) at the Renmark Club made for a very happy occasion. Unley delivered a brilliant conference last year and this year we had fun and continued to learn.

For me, the key question remains...how do we effectively translate this inspiration and goodwill into a gang buster result for Unley....and for all the other clubs in our District. Any help would be appreciated.

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2016	May	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
17 May	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Pam Trimmer: "Teaching English a la Professor Higgins?"	M Small	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

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Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
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
1	4 June 16	David Middleton & (Pam Trimmer sub for 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 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.

On the Back Page

Pun Time.....and some (most?) of these are really awful!

1. It's hard to explain puns to kleptomaniacs because they always take things literally.
2. I used to think the brain was the most important organ. Then I thought, look what's telling me that.
3. A farmer in the field with his cows counted 196 of them, but when he rounded them up he had 200.
4. What is Bruce Lee's favorite drink? *Wataaaaaah!*
5. You kill vegetarian vampires with a steak to the heart.
6. If you want to catch a squirrel just climb a tree and act like a nut.
7. A magician was walking down the street and turned into a coffee shop.
8. Why don't you ever see hippopotamus hiding in trees? Because they're really good at it.
9. Did you hear about the Mexican train killer? He had locomotives.
10. How does NASA organise their company parties? They planet.
11. Why can't you hear a pterodactyl go to the toilet? Because the "P" is silent.
12. What time is it when you have to go to the dentist? Tooth-hurtie.
13. My friend recently got crushed by a pile of books, but he's only got his shelf to blame.
14. What did Jay-Z call his girlfriend before they got married? Feyoncé.
15. Time flies like an arrow, fruit flies like banana.

A Personal Prayer

Dear Lord,

So far today I am doing all right.

I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or self-indulgent.

I have not whined, bitched, cursed, or eaten any chocolate.

I have not charged on my credit card.

But I will be getting out of bed shortly and think I will really need your help then.



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