



Our Last Meeting

Venue:	Damien on Fisher
Guest Speaker:	DGN AG Bob Cooper
Chairman:	Wendy Andrews
Apologies:	Robyn Carnachan, Briony & Jerry Casburn, Lindsay England, Sheila Evans, Geoff Hill, Alex Jonson, Heather Kilsby, Bob Laws, Mavis Martin, David Payne, Joan Reed, Lachlan Reid, Marlene Small.....whew
Guests:	Leonie Kewen
Attendance:	16 Members 2 Guests

Rotary Club of Unley

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

President Stephen's Announcements

1. Joan Reed is recovery well from her cataract operation and the back section of her house has been given a very pleasing makeover after a near disaster on the stove.
2. Our Changeover is in 2 weeks – please ensure that Ken is advised of your attendance.
3. Special welcome to Leonie Kewen who has signed a membership application form.

Guest Speaker – Bob Cooper: Helena Goldie Hospital, Munda, Western Province, Solomon Is.



Wendy Andrews with AG Bob Cooper

Wendy Andrews began her introduction by saying that Bob Cooper didn't need one. This didn't deter her however, and she demonstrated that she was wrong in the first place. Most of us know who Bob is, but we didn't know about his long involvement with Jaycees and his four terms as a Burnside Councilor. He's been a Rotarian for ten years, firstly with the Glen Osmond club (our daughter club) that wound itself up in 2009, and since then at Burnside. He worked at ETSA and AGL for 38 years and then for Aurora Energy. Now he and his wife have a farm in the Hills where they raise cattle and therefore have a ready supply of what is needed to be our next District Governor.

the island on behalf of Rotarians against Malaria. The hospital was originally established by the Uniting Church around 1900 and was in an advanced state of disrepair. The situation is made worse by a complete lack of income (patients don't pay because they have no money) and by the cultural mores of the Pacific Islands where the provisions of paradise (described by president Stephen as an ample supply of fish and sex – but also including warm weather, plenty of rain, coconuts and native fruits) mitigate against giving a shit about the Protestant Work Ethic.

The Uniting Church still provide some funding to pay the small staff but there is no budget for repairs and maintenance. The hospital needed painting, water, proper provisions for ablutions, and power – along with some basic equipment. The doctors are retired folk from England who do it because they want to and there are some local trainees.

Burnside Club has to date spent \$40,000 of their own money and \$20,000 of other Rotary money on the project as well as hands on work assisted at times by local students (otherwise known as the few for whom sex and fishing aren't enough – some of the time. They do get paid for their work.) and also from time to time by the New Zealand Army who were there to fix up the air field.



President Stephen Baker



The 2007 earthquake and tsunami did considerable damage and caused the island to drop by half a meter, not good when a couple of meters puts you below sea level. The Rotary Club bought rain water tanks that were installed by the NZ army. The Uniting Church in Brisbane financed a dam for additional water that gets pumped up to storage tanks. Rockhampton Rotary did up the boatshed and jetty (most patients arrive by canoe).

Perhaps the biggest problem was the lack of appropriate drainage for grey water, with the waste from the ablution blocks flowing into the hospital precinct. The Burnside Club provided the plan and the labour with the assistance of some locals and a borrowed trench digger to redirect the waste in pipes and trenches into an area where it is used to grow fruit.

There is the distinct possibility that weariness will set in at Burnside as the task is potentially never ending. The local people are not only poorly motivated to take on the ongoing needs of the hospital, they are poorly educated and have limited technical skills, and the Government has no money.

The Rotary Club of Burnside is rightly proud of what they have achieved and it has been substantial. They have made a contribution of considerable note to the wellbeing of a third world community, provided water and ablution facilities and trained some local people. Nevertheless, there is no end in sight and constant reassessment is required.

Rotary News

Ravindran moves audience with personal story

By Ryan Hyland – 1 June 2016

RI President K.R. Ravindran closed the RI Convention in Korea on Wednesday, 1 June, with a poignant story about his mother's fight to survive polio at age 30.

When Ravindran was 11 years old in his native Sri Lanka, his mother awoke one day feeling weak and short of breath. Sitting down to rest, she found herself unable to move. The polio virus had quickly invaded her nervous system, resulting in paralysis.

She was placed in an iron lung at the hospital to enable her to breathe, and was told that her chances of walking, or even surviving without a ventilator, were slim. But most Sri Lankan hospitals were not equipped with ventilators in 1963.

Ravindran's grandfather, a Rotary member, hosted a club committee meeting in his living room the evening after his daughter was rushed to the hospital. Rather than simply offer consolation, his fellow members went to work, using their business acumen and professional connections to find a ventilator.

One of the members was a bank manager who called a government minister to facilitate a quick international transfer of funds. Another member, a manager at SwissAir, arranged to have a ventilator flown in. The next day, it arrived at the hospital.

"There was so much red tape at the time in Sri Lanka, but somehow, those Rotarians made it all fall away," Ravindran told the packed audience at the KINTEX Convention Center in Goyang City.

Ravindran's mother spent a year-and-a-half in a hospital bed, but her condition gradually improved. She eventually left the hospital walking -- with a walker, but upright, on her own two feet.

"Fifty-three years ago, my mother's life was perhaps one of the very first to be saved from polio by Rotarians," Ravindran said. "We have saved millions of lives since then."

"Tonight, I stand before you as her son, and your president, to say that soon -- perhaps not in years but in months -- Rotary will give a gift that will endure forever: a world without polio."

At the convention's general session the day before, Rebecca Martin, director of the Center for Global Health at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, had [described how close we are to polio eradication](#). Earlier that day, Rotary released an additional \$35 million in grants to support global efforts to end the crippling disease.

This year's convention, one of the largest in Rotary history, attracted more than 43,000 attendees from over 150 countries. Ravindran, in his final speech to members as their president, emphasized what it really means to be a Rotarian.

"There are people on this planet whose lives are better now because you traversed this earth," he said. "And it doesn't matter if they know that or not. It doesn't matter if they even know your name or not. What really matters is that your work touched lives; that it left people healthier, happier, better than they were before."

Looking ahead to next year: Following Ravindran's remarks, members of Ravindran's Rotary Club of Colombo, Sri Lanka, and RI President-elect John Germ's Rotary Club of Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA, took the stage to exchange club banners, a tradition that unofficially marks the changing of the guard.

Germ told the audience that Rotary is about to begin the most progressive year in its history.

"You told us that we need to change and become more flexible so that Rotary service will be attractive to younger members, recent retirees, and working people," Germ said. "You spoke with clarity, and groundbreaking legislation was passed this year at the Council on Legislation."

"Clubs now have the opportunity to be who they want to be, but at the same time remain true to our core. I'm pleased to share with you that Rotarians all over the world are responding with great excitement."



RI President K.R. Ravindran shares a personal story of triumph over polio at the closing session of the 107th Rotary convention.

Spots

Patsy Beckett spoke briefly about the changeover night including the exciting innovation that the unlucky squares would be transformed on the night to a sweep where the punters would guess the length of President Stephen's speech.

Trevor McGuirk Advised that the Greenbridge club in Toronto had decided to get on board with the Peru project and their involvement will add \$5-6,000 to the kitty.

Sergeant's Session

Stand-in Sergeant Bob Mills managed to have Trevor's marble extracted for the atrocious squares; Heather could feel righteously annoyed that it took her 5 years to achieve winner status but Trevor took but a few months. Happiness abounded. David M celebrated his mum's 91st birthday in Bowral without visiting the Bradman museum. Graham and Patsy are importing their grandchildren during July to terrorise the club. Trevor got emotional about winning the squares.....or was it the amount of support now promised from Canada for his Peru project? Stephen B was justifiably delighted with the football results as was Valerie....classy lady! And there was a whole lot more. Bob and Genese Mullins were wished Bon Voyage.

The meeting closed at 7.58 pm.....another miracle worthy of sainthood (Ed: We earnestly await the Prez's beatification).

Diary Dates

Year	Month	Day	Date	Activity Details	Venue
2016	Jun	Sun	19	OSSAA Annual Luncheon	Glenelg Golf Club
		Tue	28	Unley Rotary Changeover Dinner	Damien on Fisher
	Jul	Sun	3	District 9520 Changeover Lunch	Marche Club, Paradise

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion	Chairman	Set-up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance
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
3	18 Jun 16	Joan Reed & Nathan White	Pam Trimmer & Ken Haines
4	25 Jun 16	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5		Bob Mullins & David Pisoni	Reno Elms & TBA
1	2 Jul 16	David Middleton & sub for Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & TBA
2	9 Jul 16	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	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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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 June

Morning shift: 8.30am – 12.30pm

Afternoon shift: 12.30 – 5pm

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Very Helpful Advice...

You don't need a parachute to go skydiving.
You need a parachute to go skydiving twice.

My teacher accused me of plagiarism. His words, not mine.

What do you get when you cross the Atlantic with the Titanic? About half way.

I, for one, like Roman numerals.

I broke my finger last week. On the other hand, I'm okay.

You're not completely useless, you can always serve as a bad example.

What's the difference between a well-dressed man on a bike and a poorly dressed man on a unicycle? Attire.

I didn't believe my dad was a construction site thief until I got home. All the signs were there.

And The Lord said come forth and receive eternal life. But John came fifth and won a toaster.



At the upcoming

ROTARY CLUB OF UNLEY INC. CHANGEOVER DINNER

we will acknowledge the contribution of retiring
President Stephen Baker and
induct Ken Haines as President for 2016-2017

Members, partners and friends of Unley Rotary
are invited to attend this important annual Club event
to be held on Tuesday, 28th June 2016
at Damien on Fisher Restaurant, 123 Fisher Street, Fullarton
6pm for 6.30pm; 2 course dinner

Cost: \$27 per person (payable on the night); Open bar

Dress: Business casual/after five wear;

Guests are invited to wear something **purple**

RSVP* by Sunday, 19th June, 2016 to Ken Haines
(kj.haines@bigpond.com)

Note any dietary restrictions with RSVP

(* You must advise in advance to be accommodated on the night)

This is what dedication is all
about.....no bed tonight!



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