



Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

District 9520 - Chartered 17 April 1935

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Meetings: Tuesdays at 6.00 for 6.30pm

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



President Ken Haines

Our Last Meeting

Venue:	Public Schools Club
Guest Speaker:	Jonathon Robran
Chairman:	Bob Mullins
Apologies:	Sheila Evans, Graham & Patsy Beckett, Geoff Hill, Mavis Martin, Joan Reed, Pam Trimmer
Guests:	Tajwar Anwar (TJ), Graham Ey, Rachel Harding, Genese Mullins, Pat McNiffe
Returning Rotarians:	Alex Jonson, Marlene Small
Attendance:	21 Members 6 Guests

President Ken's Announcements

- Welcome to our fine array of guests.

Notice of Annual General Meeting.....next week

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Rotary Club of Unley Inc. will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday, 13 December 2016 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 2017-2018 year:

- President (2018-2019)
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Director (International)
- Director (Community)
- Director (Vocational and Youth)

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 seven (7) days prior to the election date.

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: Jonathon Robran - Operation Flinders

Chairman Bob Mullins introduced Jonathon who is the Business Development Manager for Operation Flinders; he joined as a Team Leader 11 years ago. Operation Flinders transforms the lives of at-risk juveniles; 7000 have participated since inception.

Jonathon explained that **OF** had been established by Pam Murray-White a teacher and former Army officer in 1991 at Mooloola Station in the Flinders Ranges. After an initial annual intake of 35 it rapidly grew to 100 and now caters for 400-

450 each year.....originally school-based but now wider. The program takes 14-18yo kids with troubled backgrounds who spend 8 days in the difficult outback environment. Currently 60% are male, and 18% aboriginal.

Each group has a team of 30-40 support staff, most of them volunteers. There are psychologists and psychiatrists at hand to deal with mental/emotional issues. Participants are required to walk 100kms in 8 days, carry their gear and sleep on the ground in tents.....a big stretch for many. [*Where are the Boy Scouts when you need them most?*] In the early stages, confrontation against authority is common and is dealt with in successful army fashion, namely if one buggers up everyone pays a price. Abseiling is used to build team trust and sharing in aboriginal culture promotes greater understanding and caring. The organisation is highly professional with appropriate risk management strategies, modern communications and medical support. There is a core team of 10, mostly ex-military, at base camp.

Many participants are classic avoiders of responsibility and will run when they experience tough times....excuses include phantom pregnancies and broken legs. But most learn to appreciate the benefits of team work, routine and structure. The charge out fee is \$1650pp, which compares favourably with the average cost of \$200k in juvenile detention. A clinical evaluation/comparison of the 2013/14 group with their behavioural peers produced positive results: less reoffending, more positive attitude, improved school attendance.

As Jonathon quotes: *It is all about the kids....confidence, self-esteem, goal achievement, team work, responsibility, leadership.*

The program costs \$1.5m a year to run, \$447K of which comes from State Government and the rest sourced through fees, donations and fundraising. There is no intention to expand further beyond the 400-450 per year, but more effort is being made to strengthen follow-up support for participants who often return to dysfunctional households. Participating school staff also receive training to assist their students..

Jonathon was thanked by acclamation.

Spots

David Middleton explained that the Carols at the Rotunda on 18 December were vaguely under control. Specific pre-Carols duties include delivery of posters to local shops and pickup of chairs from the Salvos. On the day, members will be required for the BBQ at 4pm, marshalling and lolly distribution duties (protective clothing will not be needed). Santa will arrive in time!

Jerry Casburn nabbed Graham Ey to cook and sell the popcorn.....provided he does not eat the profits. Thanks for the toiletries for the Salvos. A Salvos Christmas tree schedule at Unley Shopping Centre is being circulated for volunteers.

Stephen Baker asked members to signify intentions to attend Group 6 breakfast on 20 December.

Heather Kilsby informed that TJ attended the Outbound briefing on Saturday.

Trevor McGuirk is in need of assistance in April to host 2 of the 4 Indian couples from District 3010 (which previously hosted an Australian contingent) for 3-4 days and to transport these couples to the District Conference in Mt Gambier.

Valerie Bonython announced the arrival of Musical Matilda in May 2017.....not to be missed.....i think! *Days for Girls* donations to be forwarded next week.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Val Bonython enabled Jonathon to select TJ's marble for the atrocious squares.

Everyone seemed to very happy until asked to share their happiness and pay a dollar. Perhaps the pick of the ecstatic audience were: Alex who has enjoyed 28 years of bliss with Irene (she deserves a platinum medal); Marlene who got a buzz from her mini cruise (what would have happened if she had stayed on-board) and Dennis who had entertained 1600 kids without wholesale destruction.

The meeting closed at 7.54 pm.

Rotary News

Remote Rotary Clubs

Which Rotarians have to travel farthest for a makeup meeting? You are right if you guessed the 34 members of the Rotary Club of Papeete, Tahiti, which is located in the middle of the Pacific Ocean and is the club that is most remote from any other.

The southernmost Rotary meeting is that of the Rotary Club of Base Marambio-Antartida in Antarctica (see below). To visit the northernmost club you must travel above the Arctic Circle to the Rotary Club of Barrow, Alaska, U.S.A. If you attend the El Aguilar club in Argentina, you are meeting with the highest club in the world at 16,000 feet (4,880 meters) above sea level. The lowest club meets at 40 feet (12.2 meters) below sea level at El Centro, California, USA. It is said that there is a Rotary meeting being held someplace in the world every hour of every day. If you attended one meeting per day, it would take nearly 80 years to visit all of the more than 34,500 Rotary clubs in the world.



TJ

Club Marambio Base in Antarctica

It is the first of only two Rotary Club in the Antarctic continent, and was founded on May 13, 1997 by the then President of Rotary International, **Luis Vicente Giay**.

The Club currently consists of members of the permanent contingent of the Marambio base in Antarctica of the Argentine Air Force.

They live all year under the harsh climate prevailing in the area to provide support for various missions and international scientific collaboration with other Argentine Antarctic bases and also for bases of other countries.

On the left, **President of RI 1996-1997 Luis V. Giay**, inaugurating the monolith, conducted by the Arch. **Losi Hector** (1931-2003) of Rotary Club of Villa Urquiza, with the plaque. Inside a tube was inserted a written message about peace, to be withdrawn and to be read at the 2005 Chicago Convention.

When travelling near the South Pole consider dropping in one of the two Rotary Clubs in Antarctica. The 20 member Rotary Club of base Antarctica Esperanza was chartered in November 2005, and the 9-member Rotary Club of base Marambio - Antarctica was chartered in May 1997. Both are Spanish speaking clubs that meet weekly.



Upcoming Events

Sunday 18 December: Carols at the Rotunda

Tuesday 20 December: 7 for 7.15am Group 6 Breakfast at Public Schools Club

Friday 23 December: Detmold BBQ

Sunday 26 February: District Leaders & Team Training, (Flinders Uni Science and Innovation Learning Centre)

16-21 March 2017: Terrific Trip to Tassie

Saturday 8 April: Presidents Elect and Nominees Dinner (Marion Sports and Community Club)

Sunday 9 April: Presidents Elect and Nominees Training (Flinders Uni Science and Innovation Learning Centre)

Sunday 28 May: District Assembly Office Bearers Training (Unity College, Murray Bridge)

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion	Chairman	Set-up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance
13 Dec	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Annual General Meeting , Outbound student TJ, & lolly bags galore	The Prez	SMostaghim	Bob	RMullins
20 Dec	Public Schools Club	7 for 7.15pm	Joint Group 6 Breakfast	tba	tba	tba	tba

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

Apologies to: Stephen Baker as early as possible by e-mail sandbbaker@internode.on.net or 0403 687 015

Meeting Chair Enquiries to: Secretary Greg McLeod on 0417 811 838 or email to unley.secretary@rotaryclub.org.au

Venue Set-up/Bar Enquiries to: Bulletin Editor – Stephen Baker 8377 7156 or M 0403 687 015

Attendance Desk Enquiries to: Wendy Andrews by e-mail to wendyjoyandrews@gmail.com or in an emergency on 8377 7830

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
1	7 Jan 16	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Robyn Carnachan
2	10 Dec 16	Greg McLeod & Stephen Baker	Wendy Andrews & (Mavis Martin)
3	17 Dec 16	Nathan White & Vera Holt	Pam Trimmer & Ken Haines
4	24 Dec 16	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer not opening	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5	31 Dec 16	Bob Mullins & David Pisoni not opening	Jerry Casburn, Lachlan Reid, Reno Elms

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

Pam Trimmer (T) 8293 2612; (M) 0415 238 333; e-mail: pamela.trimmer@bigpond.com

Bunnings Mile End Barbeque

ALL theBunnings Mile End Barbeque dates are the **4th Monday** of the month from 8am to 5pm

Next Date: Monday 26 December Morning shift: 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift: 12.30 – 5pm

We can expect a big day at the office.

The Back Page

Have you noticed how often people buy houses at bargain base prices because of some local detriment and then demand that government fix the problem. Here is a guy who has it sorted!



Racing a bear

Two campers are walking through the woods when a huge brown bear suddenly appears in the clearing about 50 feet in front of them. The bear sees the campers and begins to head toward them. The first guy drops his backpack, digs out a pair of sneakers, and frantically begins to put them on. The second guy says, 'What are you doing? Sneakers won't help you outrun that bear.' 'I don't need to outrun the bear,' the first guy says. 'I just need to outrun you.'

All in a night's work

A guy meets a sex worker in a bar. She says, 'This is your lucky night. I've got a special game for you. I'll do absolutely anything you want for £300 as long as you can say it in three words.' The guy replies, 'Hey, why not?' He pulls his wallet out of his pocket and lays £300 on the bar, and says slowly. 'Paint...my....house.'

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