

LIGHT UP  
ROTARY

District  
9520

Happy  
110<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday  
Rotary



**Jerry Casburn**  
District Governor

# District Governor's NEWSLETTER

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March  
is  
Literacy Month

## Jerry's Jottings ...

Well, how could we fail to start with Rotary's birthday? The event on Pinky Flat, the Plaza at the Adelaide Oval and the new Torrens Pedestrian Bridge was one we will never forget. AG Bob Cooper, President Brian Huffen, AG Penni Hamilton-Smith, supported by many other Rotarians laid on a spectacle. The event is written up by Bob later in the newsletter but I really want to thank the many people and clubs involved for all their support.

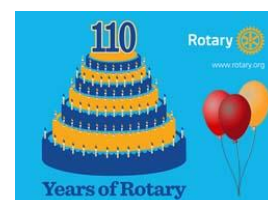
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**HAVE FUN,  
ENJOY ROTARY**



The conference is just six weeks away and Ballarat will be readying itself for an onslaught of D9520 Rotarians who will be inspired, educated and entertained over the four days. The Unley committee have been working hard to make sure that you enjoy each and every minute. We have a great array of speakers on a range of very different subjects all designed to bring us together and show how many can be one. "We are One" is the theme and will show how our movement has the ability to work together to achieve amazing outcomes. As we have said before, we lift individuals on to the shoulders of others to promote their ideas and make the world a better place.

Don't forget this is an opportunity for lots of fun. We have many "Wow" events which will stun you and lots of opportunities for fellowship with people of like mind. All set in historic Ballarat, an amazing city with lots to do and see. The conference team have also organised afternoon trips to see and enjoy the area.



SO IF YOU HAVEN'T REGISTERED YET, NOW IS THE TIME TO GET CRACKING. WE ARE EXTENDING THE STANDARD REGISTRATION DATE UNTIL SATURDAY MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>, SO GET IN NOW. **AND, WHERE IS IT AT, BALLARAT!!!**

### ***District Conference, Ballarat, Victoria, 16<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2015***

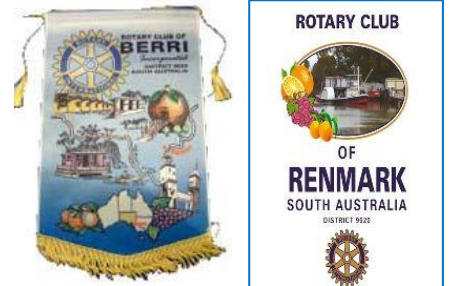
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Well, it was another amazing month with some fantastic events that Briony and I have had the joy of being involved in.

The early part of the month saw us attending the debriefing of the returning Youth Exchange Students managed by Gayl Spamon (YE Committee Chair) and her team. This program needs our support, the effect the experience has on the students is amazing, giving them a chance to grow in the process.

Briony and I also joined the Rotary Club of Berri at one of the best Vocational Award events I have attended. A huge crowd filled the Ballroom at the Berri Hotel with lots of excitement and enthusiasm. Again this is a feature article on page 6 in this edition of the DG News.



Two very different film nights were packed events raising money for some great causes. Holdfast Bay had a night at the Capri with the film "Kingsmen", raising money to support activity at the Repat Hospital. The second was the "The Second Best Marigold Exotic Hotel", a combined fund raiser from Districts 9500 and 9520 in support of our Rotary Foundation. Both events were sell-outs. If you did not get the chance to see "The Second Best Marigold Exotic Hotel" there are other opportunities to support great fund raisers, see the Herald.

Somerton Park had their Quiz Night, another successful fund raiser, our team acquitted itself respectably and we were able to leave the evening with honour intact. Although we could not attend, the Unley Road Traders had a "Night Under the Stars" their chosen charity was Rotary and the Unley team provided the BBQ and drinks on another hot evening.

Briony and I also took a trip to Sydney visiting my old club "Snives", who celebrated 50 years. A great evening, with a chance to catch up with many Rotarians I had not seen for years.

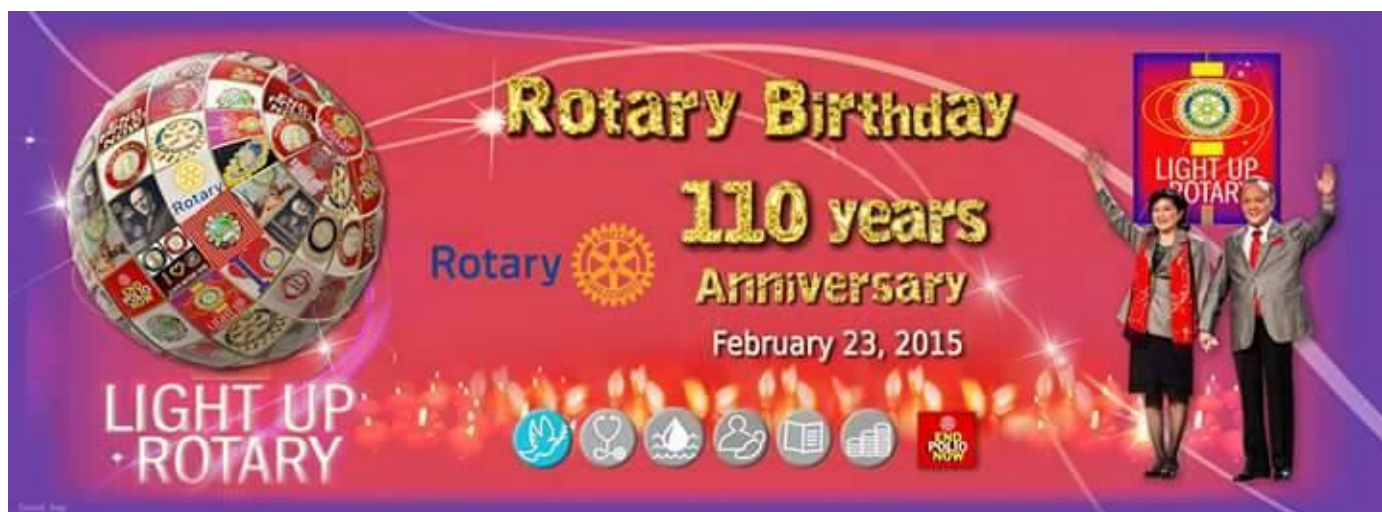
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Speaking of birthdays, Merbein also celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday and their service to the local community. Briony and I could not attend but, report from AG Lesley Mitchell was that it was a great night supported by local clubs.

To cap the month off, we have just returned from Mildura, where the District Management Team held its quarterly meeting. We were able to dine with local Rotarians and enjoyed a lively panel discussion on how we can better serve and involve country and city clubs. More on this later.

Watch this space for more news on the incoming Vocational Training Team from Timor Leste. You will all know that we have received news from Evanston that our application for a global grant to fund this project was successful. The project sees us working with District 9550 to improve teaching of English in Timor. You can help, see the Herald for requests for home hosts.

Finally, do not forget to put May 9<sup>th</sup> in the diary. The Rotary Race Day is moving forward at a great pace. Again more on this later.

Have a great month, lots of fun and enjoy Rotary.





## Briony's Blog

Hello friends,



This was going to be my speech for the International Women's Day Breakfast on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. I wanted to tell non-Rotarians my interpretation of Rotary. But as it turns out, Julie from 9500 and myself have been let off the hook. So rather than waste a good story, I would like to share it with you. So... :

Hello my name is Briony Casburn and I am a Rotarian and we have 51 clubs in our District. Our District 9520 starts from the salty air of Victor Harbour through the Southern Vales, up through the east of the city, Adelaide Hills, travelling to the orchards, river boats of the Riverland, the vines and tourist area of Mildura and even over the bridge to Victoria to visit Robinvale Euston. Moving up finally to the historic Broken hill where the Cattle kings live. All of these places have dedicated people who work for their community locally and overseas.

My Club is the Rotary club of Unley. I have friends who are not Rotarians but who are members of all sorts of clubs. They may be sporting clubs or others. I get to hear about the footy mostly and always Crows and Port supporters are the loudest. I see they like to wear their clubs colours as we do. Our colours are blue and yellow by the way. And when my friends go to their footy match they eat hot dogs , pies, chips and drink beer, cheer on their club. They work out who the best players are and who works well in the BEST positions so the team has the BEST chance of success. A bit like our club really. They have a great time sharing this with their mates and the whole afternoon is spent having fun.

Tuesday night is my Club night which I share with MY mates and we have a meal and most times guests speakers on all sorts of interesting subjects. We share ideas on projects or other matters.

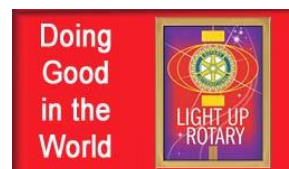
We have fun and I am home by 8.30pm. The footy clubs charge a fee to join and this helps to run the club, to make sure the Club is a success. Rotary International is the same, but at around \$4 a night I think I'm ahead. The footy clubs have sponsors. So do we and with Bill Gates giving us \$2 for every \$1 we raise, to help eliminate Polio off the Planet, I think HE thinks that Rotary is really worth backing.

Footy clubs raise money to benefit the people who love the game of footy and we Rotarians raise money to benefit the people who aren't as lucky as we are. We want to make the world a better place. Each Rotary Club works together to raise money for their own club, or giving their time and labour to projects locally or across the world. Each club is autonomous; clubs work on the programs and projects their members choose.

I joined Rotary because I wanted to work on overseas projects, my husband originally joined to meet people other than those at work. Some have joined to network, to challenge themselves to grow as a person in a non-competitive environment, there are lots of reasons people join Rotary, BUT we all stay for the same reason, because we love it.

I know a lot of my footy friends watch a number of games over the weekend, so how about we get together and watch a match with them while sewing for Days for girls, or making happy face biscuits for Operation Clef. How about putting together "Hands" for children who have none. There are plenty of wonderful projects to do.

This year's theme is "Light up Rotary", I say Light up Your lives, join us, and the world will be a better place having you and Rotary in it.





## What Paul Harris said:

“What is Rotary? Thousands have made answer each in their own way. It is easier to note what Rotary does than what it is. One recently has said,

“If Rotary has encouraged us to take a more kindly outlook on life and men; if Rotary has taught us greater tolerance and the desire to see the best in others; if Rotary has brought us pleasant and helpful contacts with others who also are trying to capture and radiate the joy and beauty of life, then Rotary has brought us all that we can expect.”

Paul P. Harris.  
“My Road To Rotary”,  
Paul Harris, 1947

## District Secretary's Report

This is a busy time with many District events taking place and many more being planned.

A new invoicing procedure was introduced in January for Clubs to pay their semi-annual dues to Rotary International. This innovation appears to have been well accepted. Most Clubs have paid their dues, while currently 7 Clubs are in arrears.

Succession planning is a vital part of Rotary's operation. All Clubs have been encouraged and cajoled to enter the details of their incoming Club Officers for the 2015 - 2016 Rotary year on the Rotary International database. Currently, 4 Clubs have still to nominate an incoming Club President.

District training for the incoming team is well underway. A successful District Leaders' Training session was held in February, and the President Elect Training Seminar and the District Assembly will be held in March.

The District Conference will be held next month in Ballarat. A number of interesting and entertaining speakers have been assembled in a first class venue. Rotarians who have still to register are encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

Since July 1<sup>st</sup>, figures from Rotary International in Parramatta indicate that 43 new members have been inducted, but we have also lost 43 members during the same period, so our total District membership is currently 1,364, the same number with which we started the year.

To celebrate Rotary's 110<sup>th</sup> Birthday, a successful event was recently staged on the Torrens riverbank. The evening included musical entertainment, Rotary fare, a welcome from the State Governor, balloon release and 'Light Up Rotary' videos on the Telstra Plaza at the Adelaide Oval. It concluded with bagpipers leading a twilight procession carrying glow sticks onto the new footbridge, where they sang a hearty rendition of 'Happy Birthday.'

Planning is well underway for a Rotary Race Day at Morphettville Race Course in May. This will be an affordable family fun day for the whole family. The South Australian Derby for 3-year-old horses is the main race of the day, which will attract a good crowd. In addition, there will be several Rotary named races. So it will be an opportunity to showcase Rotary to the public and will highlight our causes, programs and projects from local clubs.



*Peter Hammond  
District Secretary*





Andrew Gower

## The Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards

Rotary Club of Berri  
Rotary Club of Renmark

The Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards have been a project of the Rotary Club of Renmark, and now the Rotary Club of Berri for over 30 years.

The Awards have been recognised across the country as regional Australia's largest and most successful vocational award program.

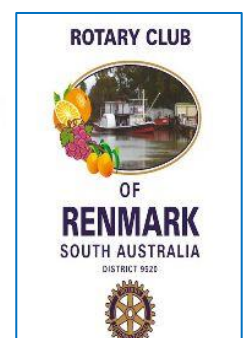
Apprenticeships and traineeships are vital to any community. They provide opportunities for our young people to gain sustainable employment skills in areas, such as building and construction, electrical, engineering, automotive, hairdressing, cooking and baking, printing and graphic arts and many other industry sectors. By providing apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities, local businesses not only ensure their own survival into the future, but help our community keep some of its best talent at home.

The Riverland and Mallee has somewhere in the vicinity of 600 apprentices and trainees currently in training. This includes apprentices in traditional trades as well as those undertaking traineeships in horticulture, agriculture, retail, clerical, health care, child care, transport, hospitality, information technology, management, wine production, fitness, food processing, animal care, beauty and real estate.

In recent years, generous financial support from both Federal and State Governments, has enabled local businesses to up skill and train many of their long term employees. This has provided opportunities for all Australians to not only achieve Nationally Recognised Qualifications in their industry, but also be recognised for skills they have developed during their entire working life.

Apprenticeships and traineeships continue to be the major form of vocational training in Australia, and it is our privilege through the Rotary Club of Berri to be able to support and encourage young people starting off on their lifelong career paths.

The Riverland and Mallee Vocational Awards continue to recognise and reward apprentices and trainees from across our region and encourage them to become our industry leaders of the future.



# Light Up Rotary: Rotary's 110<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations

District 9520 in South Australia celebrated Rotary's 110th Birthday on the picturesque Pinky Flat Park on the Riverbank of the Torrens River in Adelaide on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

On a very hot 40°C day in South Australia the Torrens River bank was a very pleasant place to be for the Rotary Family Day picnic. Starting at 6 PM, people enjoyed affordable food provided by the Rotary Clubs of Brownhill Creek, with Pancakes, Burnside, with Greek foods and salad and drinks, Mitcham, Kranskys with cheese and roll and St Peters, with hot cinnamon donuts.



AG Bob Cooper



Free entertainment was provided by the Holdfast Bay Concert Band along with jugglers and a face painter painting children's faces. The promotion of End Polio Now by the sale of T-shirts and the blowing up of the balloons was done near the ShelterBox Tent which was set up for the public to see and was used for storage of the End Polio Now Balloons before their release.

Channel 7 were able to do the TV live weather cross with Tim Noonan showing the activities on the Riverbank with all the colourful Rotarians attire and the Balloons being held by Rotoractors in the background.

Led by the Rotoractors with Rotary International flags, we walked with the balloons up the path alongside the Torrens River with the State Governor, His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le and his wife, Mrs Lan Le to the Adelaide Oval Riverbank Grandstand forecourt at twilight. The Grandstand's large TV screens showed the "Light up Rotary" logo before the playing of the video with Rotary International President, Gary C Huang talking about lighting up Rotary, by lighting one candle for each Rotarian to make a difference around the world.

We were welcomed by State Governor Hieu Van Le, with the Adelaide Oval Southern Grandstand being lit up in Rotary colours, Blue and Gold. His address to us about "Lighting up Rotary" was very moving with his experiences as a Rotarian. After, Rotarians and friends released 110 End Polio Now Balloons which was a spectacular sight.

At dusk we had electronic candles and glow-sticks and then followed the Shed Bagpipers to the "Light up Rotary" walk across the new Torrens Riverbank footbridge.

This was a once in a life time event, in this year of the international year of light, for members of Rotary and their friends to help celebrate Rotary's 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and all the good work that Rotary does around the world.

Many thanks to all of those people who made the event happen and one to be proud to be a Rotarian.



# Supporting Bedford

Rotary Club of Mitcham

Penni Hamilton Smith Reporting

Bedford provides opportunities for people with disability and disadvantage to be educated in life skills, to participate in training programs and to be offered supported employment in a wide variety of areas. Day option programs and residential services are also available.

December 3rd is designated as the 'International Day of People with Disability'.

To mark this special day each year, the staff of Bedford at Panorama organises a special award ceremony to celebrate the achievements and years of service of its employees. A special lunch is served following the official function.



The Rotary Club of Mitcham has been associated for many years with Bedford's quest to change the lives and to provide a brighter future for those people with disability and disadvantage in our community. Eight members of the club continued the annual tradition of assisting with the catering by cooking sausages, shashliks and onions for 450 workers and staff.

The club wishes to acknowledge the help of the Burnside club that provided a second barbecue which was operated by Assistant Governor Bob Cooper. The Mitcham Club further supported Bedford with a \$500 donation which was presented on the day by Penni Hamilton-Smith, the Community and Vocational Director.



The Rotarians present were moved by the delighted faces of the award recipients as they proudly displayed their certificates and prizes and participated in the combined celebratory lunch.

... A very worthwhile community event with which the Rotary Club of Mitcham is proud to be associated!





## The biggest and most exciting job in my Rotary life!

By Mark Huddleston  
Chair, Membership & PR Committee

The Rotary Club of Hindmarsh Island was the last club chartered in our district, but sadly, it is also one of seven clubs to hand in its charter over the last ten years, along with Reynella, St. Marys, Glen Osmond, Morphettville, and most recently Marion and Lameroo.

Rotary continues to grow at a staggering rate in some parts of the world, including India, South Korea, Germany, Taiwan, Brazil and in many smaller African and Asian countries. But for much of the western world, it is more common for clubs to disappear than to charter. But every now and then an opportunity presents itself, even if not overtly.

As a long-time resident of Adelaide's outer southern suburbs, I have watched the urban sprawl rapidly creep ever closer to Sellicks Hill, the southernmost point of the Adelaide plains where the coast and the hills meet, the point at which the sprawl will one day stop, or must at least slow down.

In this time I've seen the coastal region from Seaford down to Aldinga grow to become a busy and thriving, yet family friendly community, nestled between the hills, the vines of the McLaren Vale region and the pristine beaches where my kids have splashed joyously. They have also participated in gymnastics at the Seaford Recreation Centre, have floated down the end of the Onkaparinga River where it winds gently into the sea at Southport Beach, and they've climbed all over the massive wooden playground at Jubilee Park in Port Noarlunga South. It really is a fabulous community, but there's just one more thing that could make this community even more special. **A Rotary presence.**

I am delighted to announce that we have commenced the process of chartering our district's newest Rotary club in Seaford. The Seaford / Aldinga region is the second fastest growing in South Australia, second only to the massive growth around Munno Para and Smithfield to the north of the city. But unlike Adelaide's outer northern suburbs which lie in District 9500, the expanding south is part of D9520, and the perfect region to launch a new Rotary Club. The recent completion of duplication work to the Southern Expressway and extension of the Noarlunga train line to Seaford have helped make the region more attractive to those travelling into the city and inner metropolitan suburbs for work.

It is customary for new Rotary clubs to be sponsored by existing Rotary clubs, but this initiative will be taken on directly by the District Membership Committee. We are under no illusions with regard to the scale of this task. There is a lot of hard work ahead of us, but we are driven and committed to this exciting venture. We need to find 25 new members before we can even approach RI to charter the club, but we will give this one

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hell of a crack. We want to build Australia's newest and most exciting Rotary club, and it may not look like what we've come to expect of a Rotary club.

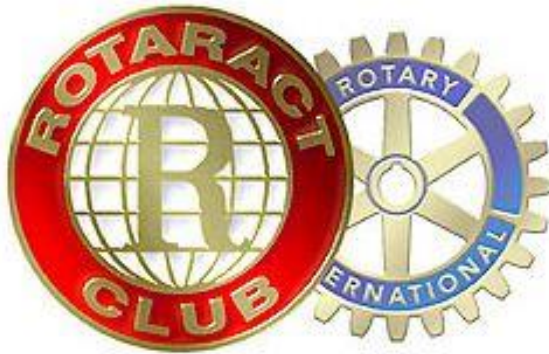
There will be some dedicated Rotarians working to make this happen, but I want to pay tribute to a special person who will be critical to the success of this venture. Cecilie Cardwell is currently the secretary of the Rotaract Club of Flinders, and District Rotaract Representative.

But Cecilie has agreed to take on one of the most challenging but rewarding jobs in Rotary, that of Charter President of a yet-to-be-formed club. She was a RYLA graduate in 2012, RYPEN director in 2013 and RYLA director in 2014, and I am confident there will be a massive return on the investment Rotary has made in Cecilie through these amazing youth programs.

Originally from Norway, Cecilie has now lived in Adelaide for 5 years and recently completed her Bachelor of Nursing at Flinders University and is currently working for a nursing agency. As a former Rotaractor, I am so very proud that Rotaract continues to produce our future Rotary leaders.



Mark Huddleston



Cecilie and Tyson

### More pictures from the Bridge



# Recent Bushfires Support

Rotary Club of Brownhill Creek

Rotary Club of Onkaparinga

PDG Dick Cuttle Reporting



Rotarians are currently active in supporting people affected by the recent bushfires in the Kersbrook, Gumeracha, Kenton Valley areas. Members and friends from Onkaparinga and Brownhill Creek clubs already have 5 properties where work of some sort has been done, or is planned. This includes fencing, clearing of access roads, and cleaning up sheds and buildings that were damaged or destroyed. Members from Onkaparinga continued work out in the Eden Valley fires until early November last year, and we expect that we will be able to offer support for at least a year, depending on the needs of land holders, and the number of volunteers we have.



We ask that land holders provide all materials, or work through the Recovery Centre if they need help in this regard. It has been said that insurance covers all damage to fences, buildings in paddocks, etc. We know that this is not the case, and that many land holders discover that their insurance covers only materials replacement. Some do not even have this cover for fencing. We are able to help these members

of our local community help them selves.

We will accept financial support, which is used for replacement and maintenance of the district tools and trailers, to replace safety equipment such as gloves and goggles, fuel for chain saws and generators, and paying for chain saw courses for our volunteers. Where volunteers come from further afield, we also offer token support for their fuel costs. All donations are handled in a separate account, and no money has been or will be used for any other purpose.



Our working days are planned meet our needs and, to ensure that we enjoy the work, and look forward to doing it again.

If any Rotarian or club is interested or able to support us, please contact Dick Cuttle, 0428106673.



## A Dual Celebration – At Merbein!



Leon Wagner



The Rotary Club of Merbein was Chartered on 10<sup>th</sup> February 1965 and on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, members and partners celebrated with a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner, at the Merbein Hotel Vineleaf Bistro, with representatives of Sunraysia Rotary Clubs, guests and past presidents among the 50 attendees all of whom enjoyed the evening. New member Nikki Wright lit a candle to acknowledge the 2014-15 Rotary International's 110<sup>th</sup> Birthday and the 2014-15 R I Theme 'Light up Rotary'.

PP's Robyn Blackie and Brian Munro gave a presentation of the Rotary Club of Merbein's long history which they correlated with 'happenings in Australia' at various times making for an interesting and entertaining presentation.

The club's first project was the development of the Rotary Lookout over the Murray River in 1967 and in the ensuing years the addition of the Pioneer Planation and Garden of Memory.

Ongoing projects the club has instigated or are involved with include Books for Babies in Merbein, the Merbein Rotary Christmas Carols and assisting at the Australia Day Breakfast. The club continues to support many local youth projects as well as Rotary Youth Programs.

The club plans to continue the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations with a free community outdoor movie night, in Kenny Park, Merbein, on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March with the screening at 8.30 pm of 'Paddington' assured to be a family favourite, so bring along your picnic rug and chairs. From 6.30 pm food will be available - sausage sizzle, pancakes, soft drinks and coffee available. No alcohol permitted.



Cake was cut by new members Heather Hornby, Nikki Wright, President Leon Wagner and AG Lesley Mitchell

## On the lighter side!

### Urgent Call to all Engineers!!

The Pi Day of the Century is coming !  
March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 9:26:53  
Once-In-A-Century !

A Thrill For Math Geeks & Humble Engineers.

Celebrate, Be Irrational on Saturday,  
March 14<sup>th</sup> ...

