



**PEOPLE OF ACTION**

June 2023

# THE NORWOOD NEWS



**Rotary**

**JUNE IS FELLOWSHIP MONTH**

"A FRIEND IS SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS YOUR PAST, BELIEVES IN YOUR FUTURE, AND ACCEPTS YOU JUST THE WAY YOU ARE."  
- ANON



## What we have done

**Richards Park Planting and Beautification Project: Weeding/ tidying up effort.**

## Rotary Club of Norwood 2023-24 Rollover meeting.

Where: Maylands Hotel  
When: July 19th, 2023, 06:30 PM

## Our upcoming events:

**Richards Park Planting and Beautification Project: July Effort**

Where: Richards Park  
When: July 15th, 2023, 10:00 AM



Meetings Fortnightly Evenings: 6:00pm for 6:30pm start 1st, 3rd and 5th Wed of each month

Where: The Kensington Hotel 23 Regent Street, Kensington, South Australia

**Rotary Club of Norwood**, District 9520, R.I. Charter, 30th June, 1954

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## VOICE REFERENDUM PRESENTED BY IAN

To Our board member Ian Carman presented a speech about The Voice Referendum he is participating in during club meeting on Wednesday, 7th June. The Voice Referendum for closing the Gap strategy to improve Indigenous living conditions was not working. Hence the decision by the Indigenous leaders supported by PM Malcolm Turnbull and Opposition Leader Bill Shorten, to hold a series of 12 regional meetings to discuss options and elect delegates to a national meeting in Uluru. This led to the Statement from the Heart which formed the basis of the Voice referendum. Ian also recommended a booklet The Voice to Parliament handbook by Thomas Mayo and Kerry O'Brien.

As mentioned by Ian, the vote would be in October and the Government would set the date once the bill has passed the Parliament. The referendum legislation allows the Voice to speak to both the Parliament and executive government on matters affecting Indigenous people. Concerns raised that the extension to executive government would create legal problems and place the indigenous voice above others are misplaced. Dozens of organizations and lobby groups speak to executive government and the parliament all the time.

Ian gave an example of the AFL over the Hobart Stadium, the Business Council, the AMA and the Mining Council all speak to the executive government all the time.

When Ian worked at the University of Adelaide, he said there were a year's long series of discussions with the Dept of Health.

For further information about Referendum on an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice, please visit <https://voice.gov.au/> or <https://www.niaa.gov.au/indigenous-affairs/referendum-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-voice>.



## GROUP 8 HEART START, PROJECT UNDER HEART OF THE NATION INTRODUCED BY ROB

At our club meeting on Wednesday, 21st June, Rob talked about Heart Start, a community project under Heart of the Nation, supported by the Rotary Club of Strathalbyn and promoted by District 9510. This project involving Area 8 Clubs was launched on 15th June.

The objectives of this project are:

- A great cause for Rotary Clubs to be supporting and be associated with.
- Enable smaller clubs to have a larger impact than they could achieve individually.
- A reason for Area 8 Clubs to collaborate.
- A reason to engage with the community, not only able AED's. but also explore other opportunities for businesses, clubs and organisations to be involved with Rotary
- Rob also distributed the factsheet to encourage club members taking following initial steps for action (before 24 August 2023)
- Attendees to engage/involve their Board and/or Club members.
- Register your Rotary Club on [www.heartofthenation.com.au/rotary9510-signup](http://www.heartofthenation.com.au/rotary9510-signup), so that if your community makes a purchase, you will receive a donation back from Heart of the Nation:
- Determined the areas your club will target – and which council is responsible for those areas.
- Approach our local Council
- Encourage existing owners to register units at [www.heartofthenation.com.au/join](http://www.heartofthenation.com.au/join)
- Lock in Thursday 24th August 2023 for another join meeting in conjunction with the Area 8 Presidents meeting.
- For further information about this project, please visit <https://www.heartofthenation.com.au/> and <https://www.rotary9510.org/stories/heart-of-the-nation>



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OF THE  
NATION**

A community project supported by  
The Rotary Club of Strathalbyn

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## **RICHARDS PARK PLANTING AND BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT.**

### **WEEDING/TIDYING UP EFFORT.**

To keep the momentum going 8 volunteers participated in a tidying up / weeding etc session at 10am on Saturday, 17th June. We completed our work for this day with rakes, shovels, forks etc, and then enjoyed the morning tea and conversation as we had in previous Saturday morning sessions.

The NPSP Council has now provided additional fund for the purchase of plants and shrubs in this year's budget, so we plan to have a further session on Saturday morning the 15th of July. It is anticipated the Council will budget for further plants and shrubs early in the next financial year. Feedback from the Council indicates they are very pleased

with our support for Richards Park.



**Weeds we removed during  
June effort**



**Time for morning tea!**

### **CLUB ISSUES DISCUSSED AND CONFIRMED RECENTLY.**

Below are some other recent issues communicated and discussed in our club:

- Rob and Euan attended the charter celebration of the new club Lightsview on Sunday 4th June. The RI President Elect Gordon McInally from Scotland was in attendance and spoke and presented the 23/24 theme banner to the charter President Stephany Martin.

- Rob and Margriet, Euan , Di and Dennis attended 2023 Rotary International Convention in Melbourne during 27th – 31st May, when around 14,000 Rotarians, partners and Rotaractors representing over 200 countries participated. The opening and closing general sessions in the Rod Laver Arena were a smaller version of the Olympic Games ceremonies.



- Rob also attended the District 9510 Expo at Bonython Hall Adelaide University on 3 June. Many inspirational speeches were given. There were 30 stalls on display. One of them was Heart Start, which provides defibrillators for the Community. Our Club will be involved in our Area 8 combined project. Further detail of Heart Start is described in a latter article in this newsletter.
- Euan attended the District 9510 Centenary Celebration Dinner, which followed the Expo.

- The Rotary Club of Kent Town's movie event to raise funds for Shelterbox will be at 3pm on Saturday, 1st July, in the Capri Theatre at 141 Goodwood Road, Goodwood. Registration is still open now at [www.trybooking.com/CIAYE](http://www.trybooking.com/CIAYE) with \$22.50 per ticket.



- We plan to expand our board meetings in 2023-24 among all Club members, meaning that every member will have an opportunity for input regarding decision making on critical club issues.



- Our Bunnings BBQ on 2nd June was a success: Despite the early closing with only 2 shifts completed, we made gross profits of a little more than \$1000 and for the first time POS was higher than cash.
- We may have a Zoom meeting with the Rotary Club of Norwood in Massachusetts, USA. It will be the first event between our two Rotary clubs with similar name.
- At our meeting on the 21st of June President Rob presented his strategic plan and objectives for the 2023-2024 Rotary Year. These will also be a focus at our "Rollover " meeting on the 19th of June.

## WHAT WE WILL DO

### JOINT MEETING WITH ROTARY CLUB OF MORIALTA

As part of my strategic plan initiative, liaising with other Rotary Clubs, we will join the Rotary Club of Morialta for their meeting. A high profile guest speaker, Brad Chilcott AM, founder of "Welcoming Australia" will talk on assisting new migrants, an area our secretary Euan has a long focus. If possible please arrive at the Tower Hotel, top of Magill Road before 6:15 pm to order an a la carte meal and meet their Club members. The meal cost is \$25-\$35.

**When: July 5th, 2023, 6:15 PM Where: 621 Magill Road, Tower Hotel**

### ROTARY CLUB OF NORWOOD 2023-24 ROLLOVER MEETING.

The Rotary Club of Norwood will maintain all the current board members, as well as the present executive. Therefore, the traditional 'Change-over' dinner will be a "Rollover" dinner on Wednesday, 19th July at the Maylands Hotel. The cost for each attendee will be \$50, including pre-dinner drinks and a 2-course meal.

All the members, partners and friends of Rotary Club of Norwood are welcome. We look forward to meeting you in our Rollover meeting in next month!

**When: July 19th, 2023, 6:30 PM Where: 67 Phillis St, Maylands SA 5069, Maylands Hotel**



### ROTARY CLUB OF NORWOOD UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1st July : Rotary Club of Kent Town - " Indiana Jones "
- 5th July : Meeting at Rotary Club of Morialta
- 7th July : Bunning BBQ
- 15th July : Planting morning at Richards Park
- 19th July : RCN " Rollover " Dinner

### NOBARRIERS: REPORTING-BACK ON ACHIEVEMENTS AT SCHOOLS IN ZIMBABWE

Recently, our International Director, Sigrid Pfaffle, shared the message about key achievements No Barriers have reached at the end of 2022-23. Below paragraphs are from her email:

*Dear Fellow Club Members*

*While in Germany, I prepared a newsletter for No Barriers Education Foundation, which worked with RC Norwood in the implementation of the Water & Sanitation project at the two schools in rural Zimbabwe. In this newsletter, we dedicate a full page (p. 7) to showcase the Water & Sanitation Project. Please see attached or click [NoBarriers\\_Newsletter\\_June23](#).*

The newsletter also documents other exciting developments and achievements (see summary below), I could witness, when visiting our two partner schools in Zimbabwe in February. In addition, it provides you with stories of real people from the schools such as:

- ◇ Deputy Principal & Science Teacher: Nyika Sekai from Hwata Secondary
- ◇ Female students: Presiclla M, from Muzarabani High and Cathrine D, from Hwata Secondary.
- ◇ Male student: Tinotenda M from Muzarabani High

Please take some time and read their stories to learn about the challenges they face, but also how your support has impacted on their lives: Nyika Sekai's story tells how the Water & Sanitation system changed life at the school.

**Key achievements / developments at Schools – Headlines only,**

1. Significant increase in total student numbers: Over the past 12 months student numbers increased by 10%.
2. Girls outnumber boys at school: Girls represent 52% of all students enrolled.
3. Improved school attendance: During school year 2022 student attendance rates improved: from 96% in Term 1 to 99% in Term
4. Teenage pregnancies reduced
5. Bicycles reduce fatigue of long-distance students and free them up for learning.
6. Teachers report improved levels of wellbeing and motivation.
7. Rotary Club of Norwood's & Harare's Water & Sanitation System: work was completed and systems handed over to schools in Feb 2023
8. Sustainable Teaching, Learning & Communication Hubs (solar systems, satellite internet connection and IT-equipment), funded through the Australian Embassy in Zimbabwe and implemented by NoBarriers in May 2023

Life is busy and to read a newsletter takes time. So, if time is tight, please take just a minute or two and peruse the many photos we have in the newsletter. I like to think they are worth a 1,000 words.

I trust you share some of the excitement about these developments at the schools. Hopefully, you also feel some sense of achievement, as your support has helped to deliver much needed, life changing water & sanitation infrastructure. Thank you.

With Warm Regards

Sigrid

Further details are provided in NoBarriers\_Newsletter\_June23, which is now downloadable on our club website: <https://norwoodrotary.au/downloads>





## ***President's Message***

**Dear members,**

**A very busy month indeed! June is like “mad March “for many Rotary Clubs .... I feel like I need a day off ! Attending the celebration of chartering the Rotary Club of Lightsview, as well as other area 8 Clubs changeover**

**functions, as well as the Rotary International Convention, the District 9510 Expo and the combined Area 8 launch of our Heart Start ( Heart of the Nation) Project , in addition to our Richards Park project is all inspirational , but demanding at times.**

**However, that's what Rotary is about.... seize the opportunities and embrace enthusiasm and commitment!**

**It's good to see Sigrid back, after an extended time back in Germany to look after her mother.**

**I feel it is important for all our Club members to have the opportunity to have input and decision making in Club matters. The Club Board agenda will now be presented in our normal meeting time. Thus, the Club Board**

**will effectively be significantly larger, depending on how many members feel comfortable being decision makers for an incorporated body (Rotary Club of Norwood Inc.)**

**The “Rollover “Dinner is our most important event for the Rotary year. We will be inviting a wide spectrum of people associated with our Club.**

**Our reach to the community, and connection with the NPSP Council, has been extended and enhanced with the ongoing inspirational Richards Park planting and beautification project. Regarding the “Heart Start “project even just one additional AED in the local community may make a difference to someone's life one day.**

**My strategic plan will include a focus on making Club meetings interesting, with direct engagement with neighbourhood Clubs. I'm very much looking forward to the support from Elizabeth Gagliardi, the Area 8 Governor**

**from July 2023.**

**Looking forward to seeing you at our forthcoming events! Yours in Rotary**

**Rob Rushton-Smith,**

**President,**

**Rotary Club of Norwood Inc.**

