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THE NORWOOD NEWS



Rotary

**MARCH IS
WATER & SANITATION MONTH**

"WHEN THE WELL'S DRY, WE KNOW THE WORTH OF WATER."
- BENJAMIN FRANKLIN



What we have done

Richards Park BBQ for Friends of Richards Park Project

Reporting of completion on water & sanitation construction for schools in Zimbabwe

Our upcoming events:

2023 Rotary District 9510 Assembly
Where: St Michael's College, 15 Mitton Ave, Henley Beach

When: April 2nd, 2023, 9 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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The Norwood Rotarian



BBQ AND UPDATE FOR THE FRIENDS OF RICHARDS PARK PROJECT

Rotary Norwood members and volunteers gathered together to enjoy a BBQ in Richards Park on Wednesday 1st March. It was also good to have a number of members of the Norwood Residents Association join us.

We enjoyed the delicious meat and salads, drank the fragrant wine, and chatted in happiness. We also shared our experience as Rotarians and volunteers, and talked about how pleasant it is to relax in Richards Park, and what we can do for the planting and beautification of the area.

We look forward to further engagement through the replanting effort scheduled in the next couple of months, as well as more social interactions. Nigel at the NPSP Council

has completed the induction process for a number of our members, volunteers and members of the Norwood Residents Association. Further orientation on site will take place one weekday and one Saturday morning in April, with planned planting to follow. to meet with Dick and hear about his fantastic journey in this project!



Ready for BBQ with Rotary Norwood symbolic table cloth.



Rotary Norwood members and volunteers enjoyed the BBQ and conversation in Richards Park

REPORTING OF COMPLETION ON WATER & SANITATION CONSTRUCTION FOR SCHOOLS IN ZIMBABWE.

On 15th March at our Club meeting Sigrid provided a report, via an informative talk with photos, for completion of the Water and Sanitation project for 2 secondary schools in Mashonaland Central, Zimbabwe.

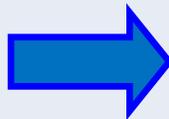
This is a joint project supported by partnering between Rotary Norwood, Rotary E-Club D9210 Harare in Zimbabwe, and No Barriers Education Foundation. The purpose is to provide safe drinking water and sanitation facilities in Muzarabani High School and Hwata Secondary School, both in Muzarabani District, the poorest province in Zimbabwe.

Prior to the commencement of the project, both schools had poor conditions for water supply and toilets, with poor quality of water, hard to operate manual pump, and unhygienic toilets. Therefore, this project, started from Feb 2022 and completed in 2023, focused on achieving the impact including supply of safe water, improving ability to adhere to COVID 19 prevention practices, improving menstrual health, water supply and practical training in agriculture in the community, and exerting positive effect on teachers' wellbeing and motivation.

The project has achieved success when it came to the completion in this February. The official hand-over ceremony was held at each school on 11th February, marking another example of how Rotarians serve above themselves and benefit those disadvantaged.



Students of Hwata Secondary, singing a traditional song to celebrate the hand-over to the school of the water system (borehole, electric pump, 2x 5,000l tanks on stands to gravity feed water to water stations [taps and sinks] across the campus) and newly constructed toilet blocks for stu-



How toilets in Muzarabani High Schools have been changed through the Water & Sanitation construction

WHAT WE WILL DO

RECENT ISSUES DISCUSSED AT OUR CLUB ASSEMBLY MEETING.

In recent Club assembly and board meetings, Rotary Norwood has discussed and determined recent critical issues as below:

- Memorial seat in Richard's Park: Due to the financial issues, we are considering an alternative, namely a memorial plaque for Graham Perrin associated with the planting of a significant new tree.
- Website: We have registered our own domain name with Web Central and will start to move our details from Clubrunner to the new site in forthcoming weeks.
- The Wine Appreciation afternoon is scheduled for the 29th April. The President will invite a couple of Area 8 Clubs to join us.
- Club members and volunteers have offered to assist with the catering and serving for the District Assembly day on 2nd April at St Michael's College, 15 Mitton Ave, Henley Beach . In conjunction with the organisers, our Club President has finalised the catering arrangements for potentially 150 or more attendees.
- Rotary Area 8 Dinner on 8th May: President Rob and Secretary Euan will attend. The event details as well as booking information will be provided at the end of this newsletter. Club members are encouraged to attend.
- Issues for the Club executive positions 2023/24. Please refer to the President's message.
- There is a significant concern regarding the availability of people to fulfil the 1st Friday of the month Bunnings BBQ roster. This fund-raising agenda has been a long-term major focus for our Club. Options to reach out to the general community for assistance are planned.

INVITATION FOR 2023 ROTARY DISTRICT 9510 ASSEMBLY

Please register for District Assembly on Sunday 2nd April, via the link on the attached flyer on the final page. The program will go out to registered Rotarians next week and you will be able to choose the sessions you want to participate in.

It's a comprehensive program with plenty of opportunities for you to learn. As well, during the lunch hour there will be a Rotary showcase where you will be able to see a number of Rotary programs which you might like to be involved in or actually involve our Club in.

Rotary Norwood members will assist with the catering and serving in the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there.

When: April 2nd, 2023, 9 AM.

Where: St Michael's College, 15 Mitton Ave, Henley Beach



INVITATION FROM AREA 8 DINNER

As members in our area, you are invited to Area meeting at the Osmond Terrace Function Centre on Monday 8 May 2023 at 6.30 for 7pm.

The Area 8 Dinner is an opportunity for club members from surrounding clubs to come together to enjoy some fellowship, good food, and a great speaker- Hamilton Calder, the Chief Executive of Volunteering SA.

Hamilton will speak about the changing nature of volunteering, a topic that should be relevant to many in our Area.

The cost is \$38.50 which will include a 3 course meal along with a raffle ticket for your chance to win numerous prizes donated by our clubs.

Please purchase your tickets via this link - <https://events.humanitix.com/area-8-dinner>

If there are special dietary requirements, please advise as soon as possible by emailing stephanymartinrcc@gmail.com



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"We cannot wind down our efforts now. We need to continue immunizing until the last country is certified polio-free, and thereafter," says Dr. Tunji Funsho, chair of Rotary's Nigeria PolioPlus Committee. "As long as the virus remains anywhere in the world, it is only a plane ride away."

20% of every membership sold contributes to our fundraising to eliminate polio. Help us achieve our goal by sharing this link with your friends and family. Thanks for your support!

Books can be picked up or collected at the Norwood Rotary meeting, on Wednesdays in weeks 1, 3 and (5) of each month. Alternatively Di will deliver to you, at no charge, if you email your address to diclements@hotmail.com. Please also contact Di Clements if you any questions.

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President's Message

Dear members,

Your President is very busy at present with a number of significant ongoing and upcoming events and agendas. We are a small Club, and need to keep this in perspective as we continue to receive

a tsunami of Rotary related emails from all sorts of sources. Importantly however you will receive a direct email or two from me shortly. As mentioned in last month's President's message, all members will now be given the opportunity to nominate next Rotary year's President for our Club. It is important that the President elect for 2023-2024 can present a strategic plan for the year ahead in advance of July this year.

Along with some other present Rotary Club Presidents, as well President Elects, I will be attending the Leadership Training day on the 1st of April.

I thank those that have volunteered to assist with the preparation and catering for the District Assembly meeting on the 2nd of April. It's a big responsibility, with up to 150 attendees on the day. Members are also reminded they can register for this event, per the flyer in this newsletter.

Di Clements has put a huge amount of work in organising both these events. Thank you Di !!

In April we will, in conjunction with members of the Norwood Residents Association and volunteers, meet either during a nominated weekday or on a nominated Saturday morning for an on-site information session in Richards Park. The Friends of Richards Park project is long-term, but it will be good to make a real start. The District 9510 Area 8 combined Club's dinner on Monday the 8th of May gives us an opportunity to engage with neighbourhood Clubs, and has an inspiring speaker, who will talk on the very relevant topic of volunteering.

The uncertain availability of members and volunteers to assist with the first Friday of the month Bunnings BBQ is concerning.

You will receive an updated calendar shortly.

Yours in Rotary,

Rob Rushton-Smith,

President,

Rotary Club of Norwood Inc.





You are invited to join Club and District leaders and interested Rotarians in preparation for the 2023-2024 Rotary year at the -

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Sunday 2nd April 9am - 4pm

St Michael's College, 15 Mitton Ave, Henley Beach

Enjoy networking over morning tea & lunch

Keynote Speakers



Register by clicking on this link or tap on the QR code,

by
25th March



Andrew Best & Barbara Mifsud from Rotary International South Pacific & Philippines Office will, separately share information about membership and engagement.

You won't want to miss hearing their vast experience as they explore all options with us.