Rotary Norwood

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PEOPLE OF ACTION

November 2023

THE NORWOOD NEWS

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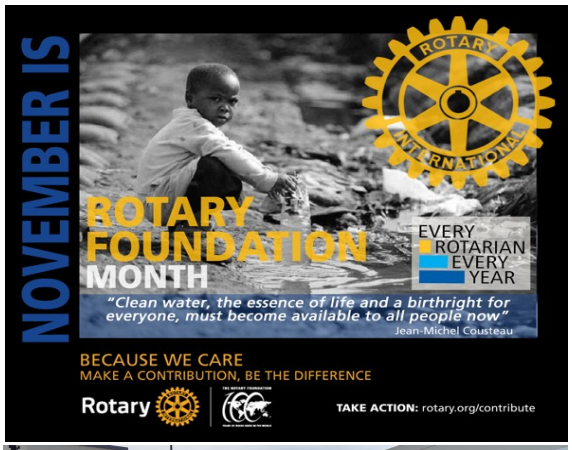
2023 Norwood Christmas Pageant

Rotary Says No To Domestic Violence Walk

Volunteer Christmas Dinner of NPSP Council

Meeting to view DG's talk, and discussion on projects for the future

International Projects Theme meeting



Our upcoming events:

Annual General Meeting 2023
Where: The Republic Hotel
When: December 13th, 2023, 06:30 PM

Meetings Fornightly 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

WHAT WE HAVE DONE

ROTARY SAYS NO TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WALK

25th November 2023 marked the 1st day of 16 days of Activism for 'No Violence against Women and Children' which is a United Nations campaign, held annually from 25th November, the International Day for No Violence Against Women, to 10th December as International Human Rights Day.

Rotary Norwood members joined Rotary says No to Domestic Violence Walk in Victoria Square, walked northwards along King William St to King William Road and then turned into Victoria Drive and onto the parklands near the Pioneer Women's Memorial Gardens for the speeches. The State Government Minister Katrine Hilyard was one of the speakers and led the march with DG Craig Dowling and a Zonta leader.

This event was one of reflection, contemplation, and action, and may act as a ripple to create a life changing or lifesaving conversation to stop Domestic Violence in Australia.

Rotary 9510 DG Craig Dowling challenges Rotarians in his talk to all the Rotary clubs, that we should not just ask if you are OK, but instead, ask 'are you REALLY OK?'

Also, to say NO to domestic violence, it is important to say NO to coercive control, including but not limited to actions like:

Monitoring Your Activity

Regulating Your Sexual Relationship

Limiting Your Access to Money

Controlling Aspects of Your Health & Body

Elder Abuse: Manipulating Parent's Money & Life

Reinforcing Traditional Gender Roles

Threatening to Disclose Information About You publicly.

Isolating You from Family & Friends

Controlling the Clothes You Wear

Please visit the following websites for further details about this project:

https://www.stopcoercivecontrol.au/

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100066821816128 (Facebook page of

Our club table in the parklands during the event. Glad to have our symbol presented during this social event

One of the posters presenting the example of coercive control actions

Participants gathered in the parklands to show their voice as Say No to Domestic & Family Violence

Di and one participant walked during the event

2023 NORWOOD CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Rotary Norwood members joined the 2023 Norwood Christmas Pageant of The City of Norwood Payneham and St Peters on 18th November 2023.

Our Club float was a Rotary District 9510 vehicle driven by Di and Paul, Rob and Margriet carried the Club banner. Other members attended the event as volunteering marshals under the guidance provided by Bob who have been a volunteer organiser for many previous Norwood Christmas Pageants.

We were happy to present ourselves in our local community as an opportunity for public image promotion!

Noelene, one of the club members who participated as volunteer marshals, said hello to the audiences along the street

Rob and Magriet carried the club banner and entered Queen Street along the parade

Di and Paul drove the club vehicle as part of float. Rotary Club of Norwood were at No.43 during this event

2023 NPSP COUNCIL VOLUNTEERS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Invited by Nigel Jordan, Volunteer Services Coordinator for the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters Council to the Volunteer Christmas Dinner , registered volunteers , including our Club Rotarians for our Richards Park plantation and beautification project joined the dinner at which there were over 200 volunteer attendees.

We were pleased and honoured for the kindness and appreciation expressed by Nigel and the Council for the involvement and efforts of all the volunteers.

Rob and Euan sat with other volunteers during the Volunteer Christmas Dinner

MEETING TO VIEW DG'S TALK, AND DISCUSSION ON PROJECTS FOR THE FUTURE

RC Norwood members watched video of DG Craig Dowling's talk at the beginning of the Club meeting on 15th November.

DG Craig Dowling's talk

DG introduced the talk of RI President Gordon McInally. by describing the story of person in Thailand who lost everything in a tsunami and regained hope for life thanks to all the help from Rotarians, RI President stated Rotary's role in providing humanitarian service as 'Create Hope in the World'

DG emphasized this theme, reminding us that there are millions of refugees around the world, and Rotary could make a really significant difference to them and create hope in the world. Moreover, DG summarized RI President's short list of specific priorities for the coming year as:

- Keep on doing the great things you have been doing.
- Empower girls.
- Not simply 'Are you OK', but 'Are you REALLY OK'

DG also talked about our coming Regionalisation Project for Rotary Zone 8, looked forward to the greater opportunities it is expected to bring to us.

Finally, DG brought to our attention that 2024 District Conference will mark as celebrations for 100 years of Rotary in South Australia from 15-17th March 2024. The details will be provided in the following articles.

Discussion on potential new community projects

Through the discussion, members agreed that we need a local community project as a viable club, particularly if the project could start small and be achievable. Such a project will render us visible in our local community, create positive outcomes and help us to gain new members

Many suggestions were proposed, including connection with a local charity who may work with us to define a project, reconnection with the Norwood Salvos to provide a soup kitchen by supporting the disadvantaged people in winter, helping the homeless by donating hats, gloves, sunscreen, knit beanies and so on to help them live in summer and winter.

We also discussed other options for making us visible in the local community, such as providing a BBQ at the front of or inside Norwood Oval at the AFL Gather Round next April, reinstating the Food and Wine Festive, selling wine glasses with RC Norwood symbol on it. Marketing was another consideration.

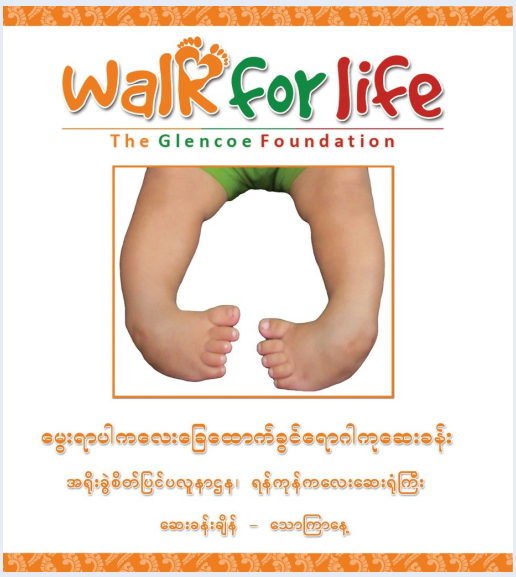
We also agreed to commit to the Aboriginal Disease Prevention Project.

Further details about future community project will be confirmed in the upcoming meetings in next January and February.

MEETING TO VIEW DG' S TALK, AND DISCUSSION ON INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS THEME MEETING

The Club meeting on 1st November was to share the story of 3 international projects organized by Rotary members.

Paul introduced his Walk For Life Project in South East Asia, including Vietnam, Bangladesh and Myanmar. This is a co-operative program to provide medical support and assistance for newborn children with either one or both feet affected by clubfoot deformity, which leads to lifelong deformity causing individual disability and potential unproductively. The program also provides constant training for local medical workers to treat clubfoot. The badge of RC Norwood was also distributed to the local clinics supported by this project.



Symbol of Walk for Life Myanmar, the project Paul has participated in as a critical role.

Sigrid provided updates on our sponsoring project in Zimbabwe schools, including the highlight that NoBarrier and Australian Rotary Clubs were acknowledged by the Australian embassy in Zimbabwe, the current challenges faced by two schools and the plans for the next stage. She mentioned that the 2nd new toilet in Muzarabani High School is under consideration, and more Rotary Clubs in South Australia have shown interest to join in for sponsoring the project.

George talked about his plan to undertake project in Navutulevu village, Fiji. His project included improvement on water supply and sanitation infrastructure, which will be performed by cleaning out the dam, building retaining walls of rock to stop topsoil entering the dam, blocking the outlet pipe and replacing the leaking holding tanks in the village as well as putting in reticulation pipes to houses and sewage pipes to a village septic tanks system.

In addition, George's project also plans on upgrading stoves into the metal ones through a technical college in Fiji and donating to village residents. The new stoves will be more efficient, use less fuel and create less smoke. George also described the kindness and passion from residents they engaged with when running the project. This project is in planning stage and George will fly to Fiji and organize the entire workflow, and a project manager will be needed as well.

Navutulevu Village, Fiji

OTHER CLUB ISSUES DISCUSSED IN THIS MONTH.

We have discussed several other club issues in this month, including the following:

- Club archives and Memorial seat /Peace Pole are still under way for further process.
- We will provide an additional Bunnings BBQ on Sunday, 18th February.
- AGM Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 13th of December at the Republic Hotel, in combination with Christmas dinner. See further details in the Newsletter
- Options for Domestic Violence Walk sponsorship of Eastern Domestic Violence has been discussed: could be financial funding or donating relevant items.
- We have submitted our preference to be part of a Community Group of Clubs for the Regional Pilot voting which included a Community Group option.The result will be announced in Feb 2024.
- We have been recognised at the Combined Service Clubs of South Australia Premier's Award Lunch for our Richards Park plantation and beatification project , receiving a Certificate and a $100 cheque.

- We plan to provide funding assistance for Paul's Walk For Life project to maintain continuous work.
- Defining our pathway of increasing membership will be driven by the development of a project or projects appealing to our members and the local community, as well as new
- direct initiatives to attract new members.
- Rotary Club pole shirts compliance requirements.
- Punctuality at meetings.

WHAT WE WILL DO

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Rotary Club of Norwood will have the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday, 13th December at 6:30pm. The meeting will be at the upstairs room of the Republic Hotel corner of Magill Rd and Osmond Terrace.
The AGM will be followed by the Club's Christmas dinner, of which the meal cost per person will be $30, with drinks available at the bar.
Club members and their partners, Club volunteers and friends, and representatives from neighbourhood clubs will be invited.
When: Wednesday, December 13th, 2023, 6:30 PM Where: The Republic Hotel

President's Message

Dear members,

Continued higher attendances at our Club meetings of late is a good indication that our Club is active and viable. Because we are a smaller Club our overall agenda is simplified to allow for realistic

member commitment and involvement with activities etc. As mentioned in last month's message, a core number of active committed members rather than total membership is the vital catalyst for

vitality.

Nevertheless we have an ongoing focus to increase membership. I believe there are many people in our community who are potential members. The fact that over 200 volunteers of all ages attended the NPSP Council Volunteers Christmas Dinner indicates there is strong community support. They however do not pay any equivalent to an annual Rotary membership subscription. I think people will question why they need to pay say $260 a year to join Rotary. Hopefully the Regionalisation Pilot process will address this issue.

With direct and indirect international project agendas explained and discussed at our 1st of November meeting we remain diverse albeit on a smaller scale compared with larger Clubs.

Formulating a project , or projects which appeal to Club members as well as the local community as a basis to attract new members is under way. A further meeting in January is planned to gain consensus following the initial meeting on the 15th of November facilitated by Di Clements…we have a number of suggestions and ideas under consideration.

Social meetings which also engage non-members ie partners ,friends and volunteers of our Club is also a healthy way of maintaining vitality and connections . At least 9 non members will be attending our Christmas Dinner this year. Noting good results from Bunnings BBQ's , awards and Council grants, it's also pleasing to note our Club finances are also in a healthy state.

Soon we will commence planning for our Club's 70th Anniversary next year.

Our thoughts are with members who have health issues at present. Following her recent operation Sigrid may need some time out . We wish her the best for her recovery.

Best wishes for Christmas and an inspiring 2024.Yours in Rotary

Rob Rushton-Smith,

President,

Rotary Club of Norwood Inc.

Rotary District 9510

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December 2023 - Disease Prevention and Treatment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31					BUNNINGS BBQ	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 DG Talkback	11	12	13 RCN AGM	14	15	16
17 DLB & DLT	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29	30