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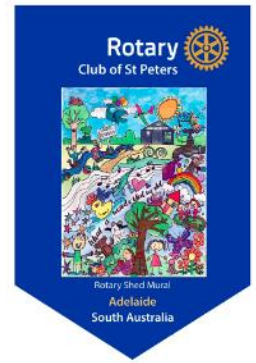
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**Next Club Meeting – Tuesday 11th February 2020
at the Kensington Hotel**

Guest Speaker – Sophie Baker – The Premier’s Anzac Spirit School Prize

**Report of Meeting 3120 held on 4th February 2020
at the Kensington Hotel**

Meeting Opening – Sergeant *Milton Jones* called on *Romaine Dawson* to give the invocation and loyal toast.

Welcome - President *John George* welcomed all especially the guests, *Chris Paassens* and *Shelley*, *Paul Mathews* from TADSA and *Trenna Kretschmer*.

Induction of New Member - Brian Kretschmer gave the following introduction about Chris Paassens. – ‘Chris was born and raised in Christchurch NZ and during High School developed a passion for Engineering. This led Chris to a trade apprenticeship as a fitter and welder with a small family owned engineering business. He went on to work in various other workshops and in sales and management roles around Christchurch, eventually ending up getting a role as a temp fitter welder working for a company called Toltec Scale.

After only 2 days Chris contacted the recruiter asking, “please find me another role as I don’t think this is a great career move”. Chris, however, went on to work for and eventually buy into Toltec Scale for 15 years, eventually becoming a director in the business.

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In September 2010 Christchurch had a major earthquake followed by a much larger and more damaging quake in February 2011. 185 people were killed on that day, although he was one of the lucky ones who didn't have any loved ones taken away, it still "shook" everyone equally and his hometown did not feel safe anymore.

He made the decision to approach one of his major suppliers (Mettler Toledo) about any roles that may be coming up and was offered a position, which resulted in a shift to Melbourne.

After a couple of years unfortunately (or fortunately – Chris's words!) Chris and his then wife divorced. Living and working in a relatively new city, Chris decided to sign up to an online dating app and was very fortunate to meet Shelley. They have since married and are now trying to start a family.

In 2018 they decided to move to Adelaide (where Shelley is from originally) and won a role as service manager for a national company called Diverseco. Unfortunately, Shelley hasn't yet been able to secure a full-time role but has had several casual administrative and executive assistant roles in the 6 months they have been back here in Adelaide.

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Chris mentioned earlier that he didn't think working in the weighing industry was a good career move but has now been in it and travelled extensively for nearly 20 years. Chris's journey and achievements in the industry and his other interests will make a great presentation to us, once he has settled into our Club.

I have much pleasure in introducing Chris and Shelley to the Rotary Club of St Peters.'



President *John George* inducted *Chris Paassens* into membership of the Rotary Club of St Peters. He will be on the Community Service Committee.

President's Announcements -

- Possibility of a cooperative arrangement with TADSA.
- The MGA Bushfire donation will be channelled through RAWCS. John wonders why more companies don't do likewise with their sponsorships.
- Cambodia trip planned for later in the year.
- Thanks to club members for a dynamic club and a special thanks to Secretary Pam Vaughton.

Club Assembly – President elect *Bill Winslow* conducted part 1 with reports as follows –

Sergeant, Almoner and Historian had nothing special to report.

Webmaster and Bulletin Editor, *Keith Payne* suggested that a summary of the donations the club makes be periodically publicised on the club website.

He also reiterated the need for material for inclusion in the bulletin be delivered to him preferably electronically by email or a hard copy provided at the meeting.

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Public Image – *Brian Kretschmer* –

1. A small committee set up, Brian Kretschmer, Keith Payne, John Gallehawk.
2. Have had 2 meetings late last year with District Public Image officer Rajat Nagpal where we have developed some ideas. (one was the short-animated clip shown at last year's Design & Creativity (Vocational) Awards Night
3. Social media will play a big part now, eg Facebook, etc
4. Next step is for us to discuss which may be worth trying and present to Board and then to members

Program – *Shirley Manser* said the program for meetings is organised.

Rotary Foundation – *Romaine Dawson* said a high percentage of club members personally contribute \$100 annually to the Foundation.

Directors Reports –

Fundraising – *Rod Carey* – As a result of the fires, the Board has decided that the income from the Shed on 7th March shall be donated in full to the Adelaide Koala and Wildlife Hospital. Six new banners are being printed to promote this day around the district, and raise public awareness.

As we intend trading until 2.30 this day, any additional helpers will be very welcome.

The Council has set the date for the St.Peters Fair as Saturday 28th March which clashes with the District Conference when many Members will be away in Mildura.

Will all Members who can work on this day – together with any friends and relatives – please contact Jenny and me so we can work out the roster for the day. The Fair runs from 11am to 3 pm but we will be trading from 8.30 as usual.

Sales at the Shed have continued to be encouraging, even when it rains, and Gumtree is doing well.

Treasurer's Report – *John Reynolds* said the club's finances are in good shape. He confirmed that shed sales are the major fundraiser including the Gumtree sales.

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Secretary's Report – *Pam Vaughton* - I feel the Club structures are working very efficiently. It is good to share some of the Secretarial Load....

1. Would a member be willing to purchase and bring to meetings the Guest Speaker thankyou chocolates please? Expenses are reimbursed
2. If a member shops at Marden could they please collect and log the Mail and bring it to Meetings or my home letterbox? I make a special trip.
3. My thanks to Carmel who has maintained the Duties roster.
4. I will be absent all July. We will be asking for someone to fill in please.

Community Service – *Phil Smith* - The Community Service Committee has met on a regular basis this year.

1. Budget
 - \$12,527 of our \$13,000 has been spent.
2. TADSA – Application to support the 'Freedom Wheels Program'
 - TADSA (Technology for Aging & Disability SA Inc.) grant application of \$4500 to assist with their Freedom Wheels program approved.
 - Monday 2nd December President John George & PP Phil Smith presented cheque to TADSA General Manager, Tracey Watters at their Gilles Plains offices.
 - Noted that all staff members (except GM) are volunteers.

3. People Living with Dementia 'Music Therapy Project'

- 23 of the 60 headsets purchased by John Seeliger have now been distributed to the following Nursing Homes. Aldersgate – Uniting Communities, LHI Glynde and Hope Valley (2), Myrtle Cottage –Southern Cross Care, Gaynes Park – Churches of Christ.
- Nursing home staff organise the down-loading of music appropriate to the likes of the clients.
- It is planned to approach other local nursing homes – initially a small number of units being offered -later John will conduct an assessment.
- Response so far has been very positive.
- It's hoped that having experienced the benefits of the 'Music Therapy Project', nursing homes will initiate their own program to purchase further units.



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4. Norwood Christmas Pageant

- The Club provided a 'float' in this year's Norwood Christmas Pageant.
- 9 Rotarians & partners decorated the truck on the Thursday before the Pageant.
- 25 of Rotarians, partners, children, grandchildren & friends joined in the fun of the Norwood pageant.
- DG Tim Klar congratulated the Club on our strong presence in the pageant.
- Sausage sizzle held at the Rotary Shed afterwards.

5. Christmas Handbags for disadvantaged women

- 'Christmas handbags for disadvantaged women' program coordinated by Romaine Dawson.
- 16 bags to be packed with essential items & passed on to the Hutt Street centre for distribution.

6. 'The Briars' – Small interactive whiteboard for private room for students with special needs

- \$3000 provide to The Briars for the purchase on an Interactive Whiteboard to be placed in a private classroom for some of the special needs students.
- Cheque has been presented to Briars Director, Melissa Mar by Harry Powell & Phil Smith.
- A representative from The Briars will update the Club later this year.

7. Seymour College Junior School – Donated food for Uniting Care Christmas Food Parcels

- In November John Bested & Phil Smith attended Seymour College Junior School – a large amount of donated food items were picked up & transported to Clayton Uniting Church for distribution in Christmas Food Parcels.

8. \$1000 donation to Uniting Care for Christmas Food Parcels

- In November Uniting Church Eastern Services representative, David Winderlich & Christmas Appeals Coordinator, Lyndal Pacula were presented with a cheque for \$1000 to assist with the purchase of food items for their Christmas hampers.

All the members of the Community Service Committee are thanked for their contributions to our programs this Rotary year.

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International Service – *David Strange* - Your International Committee has had a few requests for donations recently and we have this past week responded to three of those requests.

Firstly we received an email from Trevor McQuirk, the District Chair International Services, regarding a project being initiated by the Rotary Club of Unley.

This project pertains to the purchase and installation of rain water tanks, toilets and associated plumbing in a remote village in the Solomon Islands. We have donated \$4000 towards this expected \$20k project. The project is made more difficult and costly due the remoteness of the location and relatively high costs in the Solomon Islands.

We were also approached by Interplast, the organisation that offers surgical procedures to Pacific Island and PNG patients that can not afford to have the surgeries themselves. We have donated \$1000 to them.

Lastly we get numerous letters from Shelterbox each year and given the number of disasters they help out with each year we have donated them \$2,000.

So with these recent donations and the ones already given the International Committee has expended its \$13,000 budget for this Rotary Year.

Vocational and Youth – *Chris Dawson for David Heilbronn* - The NYSF program in Canberra had to be curtailed due to the bushfires and financial compensation will be forthcoming to the parents of attendees.

Music Awards date has been set for 26th May 2020.

Membership - *Arthur Manser* – 5 new members during the last 8 months.

Meeting Closure – President John thanked all members for their participation in the club assembly and closed the meeting, quoting the World President Mark Maloney's theme –

Rotary Connects The World

Apologies – Carmel O'Reilly, Bruce Ballantyne, George Dimitriadis, John Gallehawk, David Heilbronn, Wayne Holton, Marlene Balacco.

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Duties Roster

Day	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Date	11 Feb 2020	18 Feb 2020	25 Feb 2020
Meeting	3121	3122	3123
Venue	Kensington Hotel	Kensington Hotel	Kensington Hotel
Topic - Guest Speaker	Sophie Baker The Premier's Anzac Spirit School Prize	Stefan Noto Vicky Lewis Novita	A Water & Sanitation Project – Trevor McGuirk and 3 guests
Chairperson	Peter Hewitt	Harry Powell	Sue Bardy
Vote of Thanks	Keith Shaw	Phil Smith	Dave Strange
Miscellaneous			Board Meeting
Reception	David Birkedale	John Bested	Carmel O'Reilly
Cashier 1	Phil Smith	Brian Kretschmer	Pauline Yates
Cashier 2	John Dubberley	TBA	Marlene Balacco
Steward	Bill Winslow	John Seeliger	Angela Williams
Invocation	David Birkedale	John Bested	Carmel O'Reilly
Information type	PR		
Information	Brian Kretschmer		
Sergeant	Milton Jones	Milton Jones	Milton Jones
Day	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday
Date	08 Feb 2019	15 Feb 2019	22 Feb 2019
SHED		Pancake Saturday	
Team Leader	Brian Kretschmer	Arthur Manser	Barbie Birkdale
Counter Sales	Trenna Kretschmer	Shirley Manser	Joan Shaw
Counter Sales	Marlene Balacco	Karen Tate	Julie Reynolds
BBQ	George Dimitriadis	Dave Strange	John Bested
Coffee	Pauline Yates	Jen Carey	Angela Williams
ASSISTING SMALL HOUSEHOLD	Keith Shaw Angela Williams	Keith Shaw Angela Williams	Keith Shaw John Reynolds
Emergencies			
Pick up Crew	Pauline Yates	Pauline Yates	Pauline Yates