

Rotary Club of St Peters



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Weekly Meetings - The Rotary Club of St Peters meets on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM at the Kensington Hotel, 23 Regent St., Kensington, S.A. 5068. Visitors are welcome.

Coming Events

Next Club Meeting is on Tuesday 5th July at 6:00 pm at the Kensington Hotel.

Future Meetings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Speaker/Program</u>	<u>Organisation</u>
5/7/22	Kensington Hotel	'The Rotary Year Ahead'	President Pam Vaughton
12/7/22	Kensington Hotel	Julie Johnson	Rotary District 9510 Public Image Chair
17/7/22	Kensington Hotel	RAA Driver Test BOARD MEETING	

Report of Changeover Meeting 3230 held on Sunday 26th June 2022 at the Mt Osmond Golf Course



MC Arthur Manser called the meeting to order and Chris Dawson gave the invocation and proposed the toasts. A video was shown of the national anthem played by the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and sung by Dami Im.

Arthur welcomed everyone, especially District 9510 Governor Elect Paul Thomas and Kathryn and Wendy Elliot – widow of past member John Elliott.

President Elect Pam Vaughton introduced her guests – Jim Eccles, Tom Edmonds, Elizabeth Campbell, Caroline Newman, Hayden Newman, Jett Newman, Vicki and Phil Smith and Marie Broad.



John George proposed the toast to Rotary International and Past District Governor Wendy Gaborit responded to the toast.



Paul Harris Fellowship Awards

MC Arthur then introduced Club President Keith Payne who proceeded to announce the awarding of two Paul Harris Fellowships to Club members. Keith, with the assistance of DGE Paul Thomas presented recipients Angela Williams and Chris Dawson with their awards.

Angela Williams



Angela joined the Rotary Club of St Peters three years ago and she has enthusiastically participated in the Club's activities and has taken a very active role working at the Rotary Shed especially the canteen.

She is very supportive of any dogs which need rescuing and when the Shed is open on Saturday mornings local dog owners meet there regularly.

Angela's interest in these dogs and their owners has created an important aspect of the Shed operation, whereby it fulfills a community need for a social meeting place.

Chris Dawson

Chris joined the Rotary Club of St Peters three years ago and since then has dedicated his time to supporting his wife Romaine who has been the Vocational/Youth Director of the Club.

He is the Club's youth protection officer and has also spent a considerable effort to develop and maintain a relationship with the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters.

Chris has been at the forefront of the planning and implementing of youth programs including the Annual Music Awards night and the Annual Design and Creativity Awards.

Following these presentations, the carvery buffet was served and a delicious meal it was.



MC Arthur then called on President Keith for a summary of his President's report for the year 2021/22.



The Rotary Year 2021-22 of the Rotary Club of St Peters commenced during a period of uncertainty, due to the continuing presence in the community of COVID-19.

We were uncertain as to whether we could hold face to face meetings, also whether our major fundraising project, The Shed would be able to operate.

Fortunately, neither of these uncertainties turned out to be detrimental to the Club having a very successful year. Some meetings needed to be held via Zoom and we also 'Zoomed' meetings at the Kensington Hotel which was appreciated by members who were unable to attend.

World President Shekhar Mehta set the scene with the theme 'Serve to Change Lives' which, when combined with the Rotary Motto 'Service Above Self', inspired Club members to think and act beyond any personal deprivations they may have been enduring.

As President, my chief role was to allow the Club members to do what they do best, which is to volunteer their time, their talents and their money in diverse ways to make the Club a vibrant friendly organisation which makes a positive difference to the lives of people both locally and worldwide.

The successful operating model of our Club for many years has been a strong Committee structure, whereby ideas come from Committee members, are approved by the Club Board and then implemented by the Committee members.

This model continues to work well.

International Committee highlights for the year have been –

The AllKids Cambodian Prep Trabaek Early Learning Centre Project which was accepted as a RAWCS (Rotary Australia World Community Service Project) project.

Our Club received good support from District Governor Jeff Neale and Jenny Neale (wife of Jeff) selected the AllKids project as her 'DG Partner Project' and this support proved invaluable for the program's promotion.

To date the RAWCS project has received donations amounting to over \$30,000 with additional club donations for this project going directly to AllKids. Building of the new centre is expected to proceed later this year.

The Club undertook a Birthing Kit Assembly event at the Rotary Shed. 34 Rotarians, partners & guests undertook the assembly of 600 birthing kits for the Birthing Kit Foundation, Australia.

Other International projects supported have been ShelterBox for the Earthquake in Haiti, Books for Lesotho Inc, Good Plant Solutions for Rotary, School of St Jude sponsored student, Cows for Cambodia and the Ukraine crisis appeal. The Club also supported the Papua New Guinea Midwives project in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Morialta.

The Rotary Foundation was again well supported by the Club and by donations from individual members.

Community Service projects included –

Music for Dementia, which was publicised at the District Conference, the National Flood Relief Appeal, TADSA (Technical Aid for the Disabled Community), Guitars for Vets, Uniting Communities Christmas hampers, RAWCS Flood appeal, the Zahra Foundation, the Hutt Street Centre, K9 Assistance dogs, Shelterbox and the Calperum Station Environmental Project.

Highlights of **Vocational/Youth** were the Music Awards and the Design and Creativity Awards.

The Club is supporting a medical student on a general practice placement in Port Augusta.

Other donations were to the National Youth Science Forum, the Adelaide East Education Centre, Operation Flinders, RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) and the Briars Early Learning Centre.

Fundraising – Despite the restrictions imposed by COVID -19, the Shed takings will equal or possibly exceed previous years' results.

Several improvements were made to the Shed, including the installation of evaporative cooling, making the work areas more comfortable for volunteers and plans are in hand to build a shelter in front of the Shed in the reserve.

Club Service – A special Committee was established which looked at all safety aspects of the Shed and determined the risk management requirements. Insurance of the shed was updated.

At the AGM in December, all positions in the Club for the year 2022-23 were easily filled.

Membership

We inducted 4 new members, making the Club total 40, however we lost through death our Honorary Member, Past District Governor, Fred Stewart.

One member recently resigned. George Dimitriadis has been a dedicated Rotarian worker at the Rotary Shed for many years and he resigned due to family commitments.

However, George has assured us he will continue working at the Shed and enjoy fellowship there.

Public Image

The Club has placed importance on our public image; therefore our weekly bulletin, website, and Facebook page have been enhanced to promote Club activities.

We have also updated all the Club signage to comply with Rotary International standards.

We also continued to develop a good relationship with the City of Norwood, Payneham and St Peters with the possibility of organising some joint projects in the future.

Fellowship

Two main fellowship events were the croquet night and the Christmas party, and there is always good fellowship at Club meetings.

Our Club was well represented at the District Conference at Tanunda and we supported the District 9510 Polio Ute project.

One special committee which I believe is rather unique to this Club, is the **Administration Committee** (Admin Committee).

Committee members are selected by the Club President and its major role is to meet regularly to plan the program, including guest speakers, for the year and to determine the agenda for each Rotary meeting. The Admin Committee has been essential, especially during the prevailing uncertainties and it has provided great support for the President.

To summarise, I believe it has been a very successful year for the Club considering the uncertain circumstances and I sincerely thank all the members, their partners and the many volunteers for a great combined effort. We have definitely 'Served to Change Lives' and have had a lot of satisfaction and fun in doing so.

Paul Harris Fellowship Awards



The Rotary Club of St Peters is a successful Club because there are many long-standing members who continue to follow the Rotary motto of 'Service Above Self'.

This Rotary year, Rotary World president Shekhar Mehta's theme has been 'Serve to Change Lives'. St Peters Rotarians have directly and/or indirectly definitely changed the lives of people less fortunate than themselves.

Tonight, I want to single out several Rotarians who have worked tirelessly for the Club for this and many years previously.

David Birkedale has been chair of Community Service Committee, a Shed worker on electrical safety, a Club bulletin editor and Club photographer. He was awarded a PHF in 2017.



John Reynolds has quietly and efficiently been the Club Treasurer for many years. He was awarded a PHF in 2002.



Phil Smith has been Chair of the International Committee, a dedicated Shed worker for Gumtree sales and preparing CDs, Videos etc. He was awarded a PHF in 1998 and also in 2016.

There is another Rotarian who is unable to join this group today and he is David Heilbronn.

David has been Chair of the Fundraising Committee and Shed Manager for many years and we all know the work and dedication David has put in. David was awarded a PHF in 2002 and also in 2007.

We will present David with his award on a later date.



Dessert was then served.

Induction

President Keith inducted President Elect Pam Vaughton as President of Rotary Club of St Peters for the year 2022-23.

He handed over the President's Collar and presented Pam with the President's Badge.

President Pam presented Past President Keith with Past President's pin a framed certificate and a gift.

With the assistance of DGE Paul Thomas, President Pam unveiled Rotary International's Theme Banner for 2022/2023 - Imagine Rotary.



Pam introduced the new Board.



Vice President
Immediate Past President
Secretary
Treasurer
President Elect
Community Director
International Director
Vocational and Youth Director
Fundraising Director
Membership and Public Image

Arthur Manser
Keith Payne
Wendy Gaborit
John Reynolds
Jim Owler
Bill Winslow
John Dubberley
Romaine Dawson
Jim Owler
Brian Kretschmer



President Pam outlined the Club plans for 2022/23.

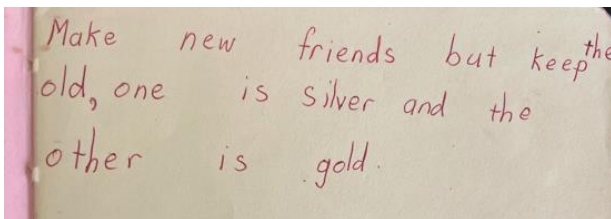
From the President

Pam Vaughton

I feel very privileged to serve as your President 2022-23.
Thank you for the nomination.

I promise I will do my very best for this wonderful Club.

The excerpt from my 1963 Autograph Book was the theme of my “Year Ahead” introduction...



I believe the strength of our Club is the way older and newer members work together to serve the Community... whether the length of our service be one or fifty-five years in Rotary.

Feedback suggests the venue, food and ambience of the venue for the Changeover worked well. We chose the Mt Osmond Golf Club from the success of previous Changeovers there. It was also felt that a Sunday lunch allowed time for a relaxed meal and socialising.

We were delighted DGE (District Governor Elect) Paul Thomas and Kathryn were able to be with us. It turns out we could identify “friends in common” from country South Australia.

The awarding of six PHF awards (Paul Harris Fellows) was a highlight of the Changeover. Congratulations to Chris Dawson, David Birkedale, Angela Williams, John Reynolds, Phil Smith and David Heilbronn.

The next meeting is 5 July when we fine-tune plans for the year ahead. See you there I hope.

Apologies

District Governor: Jeff and Jenny Neale, District Governor Nominee: Craig Dowling and Kiki Premier of SA – The Honourable Peter Malinauskis, Member for Dunstan- The Hon Steven Marshall Federal Member for Sturt: James Stevens, Mayor NPSP Council – Robert Bria

David Heilbronn and Rhonda, Alberto Curiel and Lynette, John Gallehawk and Janet, Peter Hewitt and Marg, Tony Camporeale and Melissa, Mai Duong (partner of Bill), Margaret George (partner of John), Sonia Schepetiuk and Jim Williams.

Please note - Meeting and Shed Rosters will be in bulletin 20220628 which will be published soon.

Bulletin Editor

Our thanks go to Pam Vaughton for producing such a comprehensive and interesting bulletin for the Rotary Club of St Peters during the 2021-22 Rotary Year.