

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

Saturday 24th April – Shed open for the St Peters Fair – Everyone attending must register with the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters at - [St Peters Fair registration link](#)

Tuesday 27th April - Club meeting at the Kensington Hotel. Guest speaker – Cheryl Fleming – Regional supervisor for District 9510 for Rotarians Against Malaria in Australia (RAM).

Tuesday 4th May - Club meeting at Foodbank, 377a Cross Road, Edwardstown, followed by a meal at the Hilton Hotel (the one at 264 South Road, Hilton, South Australia).

Report of Meeting 3173 held on Tuesday 20th April 2021 at the Kensington Hotel

Sergeant Greg Rogers called the meeting to order and Sue Bardy gave the invocation and toasts. Greg then introduced President Bill Winslow. President Bill welcomed everyone, especially guest speaker Peter Schaefer and regular visitor, Paul Holton.

President's Remarks

- District Conference – see reports in this issue.
- 100 years of Rotary in Australia celebrated on 21st April.
- Ride For Mental Health 2021 - Australian Rotary Health fundraiser – Bill raised \$610.

Apologies

Chris Dawson, Romaine Dawson, George Dimitriadis, John Reynolds, Pauline Yeates, Marlene Balacco, Peter Hewitt, Ann Price.

Anniversaries

Members	-	NONE		
Partner's Birthdays	-	Keith Shaw	Joan	22-Apr
Rotary Birthdays	-	Keith Payne	6 years at St Peters	21-Apr
Wedding Anniversaries	-	NONE		

Guest Speaker

Chairman Milton Jones welcomed Peter Schaefer. Peter is a member of the Rotary Club of Alice Springs and is a former District Governor of District 9500.

Peter said Interplast (International Plastics) was started in 1983. Interplast sends teams of volunteer plastic and reconstructive surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals to provide life-changing surgery and medical training in 17 countries across the Asia Pacific region. They do this in partnership with local organisations, including hospitals, universities and local Non Government Organisations. The medical personnel volunteer their time.

He said it costs \$70,000 to send a team of specialists to a country and they perform many operations during each visit. Funding comes from several sources with Rotary providing around 20% of the funding.



Greg Rogers thanked Peter for his talk and President Bill presented him with a cheque from the Club to support the work.

Members Minutes

Secretary, Pam Vaughton – Subscription rates for the Rotary Down Under Magazine have increased. By default all St Peters Rotarians are registered to receive a digital copy. Any member wanting a hard copy needs to advise Pam.

Polo shirts – Orders for these can be conveyed to Pam.

Fundraising director, David Heilbronn – Everyone attending the St Peters Fair must register with the City of Norwood Payneham & St Peters. There is no charge for registering so click on this link- [St Peters Fair registration link](#)

PE Keith Payne - the Environment is now an Area of Focus for Rotary. Supporting the environment is not new to Rotary – clubs have long worked on environmental issues based on local needs.

However, following this lead by Rotary International, we as a Club need to come up with practical ideas whereby we can make a difference to our environment.

District Conference Reports

Bill Winslow –

District 9510 held its inaugural District Conference over the weekend and it certainly did not disappoint. There were a number of our members in attendance and each of them that I have spoken with shared a warm appreciation of the quality of the speakers as well as the friendly fellowship shared with other Rotarians.

Each of the plenary speakers did their topics ample justice and there were numerous take home messages. Mark Balla, aka the “Toilet Warrior” has been providing schools in India with toilets and while this may not seem like much, the difference it makes to the students, especially pubescent girls is remarkable. Without a decent toilet, many young women quit school upon reaching their early teens, which has impending issues such as lack of education that leads to early marriage, and having children at an early age and subsequently less chance of being able to make a living wage.



What really struck me was a focus of some of the speakers on issues that face many in our world, issues that require more than a physical or buildable solution, eg. A mindset on cultural change such as about the treatment of women in particular. One of these programs is focusing on our youth's mindset to prevent unnecessary violence and to promote equality. Our world has many challenges ahead of us and Rotary is continually striving to improve it for all.

I always find that attending the District Conference provides a "top-up" of inspiration and a re-charge of the batteries that enables and motivates us to serve our communities.

I sincerely encourage each of you to attend the April, 2022 conference at the Barossa Valley.

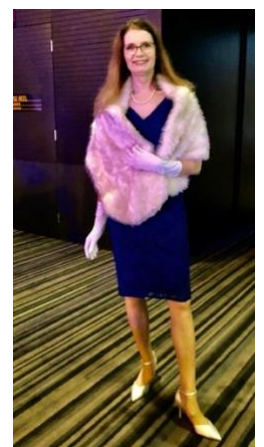
Carmel O'Reilly -

The conference was a great success, and I am sure those who attended would agree that there was something of interest and new learning for everyone. There was information, fellowship, good food and wine, sunshine and of course music, dancing at the gala dinner. The dinner was well attended, with a large number of people making an effort to dress in theme. The event was well organised. Arthur was the MC for the evening. He was lucky to be able to enjoy a dance with honourable Steven Marshall. president Bill and Arthur held a competition to see who would dance with the most ladies on the night. It was difficult to pick who won. Arthur had an unfair advantage as he advertised his availability while doing his MC duties.

Each day, attendees heard a number of quality speakers, and their topics were relevant and interesting. They ranged from Rotary club and member projects, such as the toilet warrior, and Chris Herrmann's bed linen project. Speakers also discussed Rotary initiatives such as NYSF, and the Youth Exchange program, and included Rotary partnerships, such as Interplast and Education for All Kids in Cambodia. All areas of focus were covered, including our new seventh focus area of supporting the environment. We heard about peace projects, supporting mental health, sanitation, gender equality and women's rights and we even learned how Sarah Brooker had a near fatal accident that actually saved her life. Aaron Stobie of the North East Salvos explained the importance of partnerships so we can reach out to more people in need. We heard the wonderful news that so far this year there have only been 2 reported cases of Wild Polio, and over 30 years we have almost eradicated this dreadful disease.

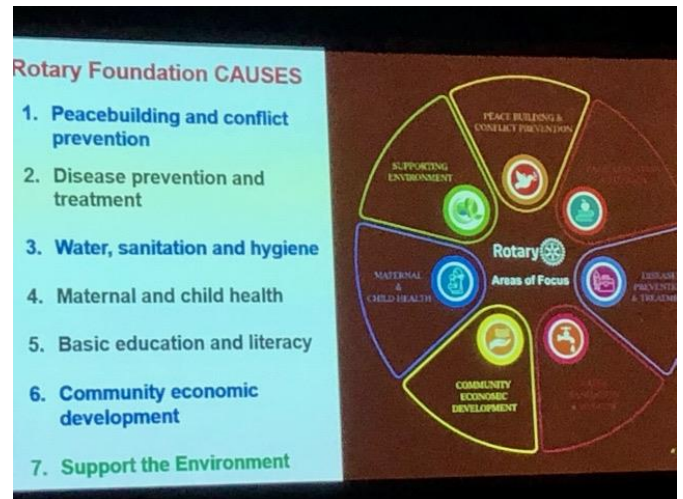
Of particular interest to me was the varied information from several keynote speakers about mental health and wellbeing. We heard data and statistical information from Michael Sawyer about children and adolescents whose education prospects are negatively affected if they live with a family member who has mental health issues.

We were informed about how we can reset our mental health post Covid, and the importance of embedding wellbeing into our lives to help us recover and thrive in a new post-covid world. Anthony Hart candidly told us about his suicide attempt when he jumped from a 21 storey building, amazingly surviving and being motivated to design an app and a plan to prevent others from deteriorating to the extent where they might consider suicide..



I would like to summarise what we took from the conference by borrowing Jesse Harman's wise words. Jesse is the RI President's Rep. She suggested the following.

1. To be able to care for others, we need to care for ourselves first.
2. We need to listen to fellow members, to understand when others need to take a break, and to communicate with kindness.
3. The way we respond to challenges has to change.
To do this we need to demonstrate
 - a. resilience,
 - b. resourcefulness,
 - c. connection,
 - d. attitude, and
 - e. having a purpose



Partnerships are pivotal: they enable Rotarians to leverage connections and reach more people in need. Jesse said Rotarians should partner more effectively, and raise awareness of the good Rotary achieves.

4. Rotary is full of 'Starfish' moments. Jesse told us the story of the little girl throwing stranded starfish into the ocean to save them, and likened it to Rotary clubs and members, who may not save the world on their own, but can make a huge difference when placed alongside the collective 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide.
5. Finally, Rotarians all know their purpose and we should unite to use our collective talents and time to make a difference to our communities, both local and global.

Given that the quality of the speakers at this year's district conference was high, the board will consider which speakers they will contact to request they speak to our club members.



Dennis Henschke

INITIAL ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 9510 CONFERENCE (Brief summarising comments)

A significant part of the initial District 9510 Conference held at Westminster School last weekend was the opportunity to acquaint with Dr. Jessie Harman the Rotary International President's Representative.

Jessie is the first woman from our Zone to be elected to serve as an R.I. Director - her term is for 2021-2023.

In her opening remarks, Jessie stressed that pride in Rotary's past gives us great confidence in its future.

In summarising the conference Jessie made the following crucial points which reflected the general tenor of the various keynote speakers' presentations.

1. The significance of personal and institutional engagement in the post-Covid era where practices will differ from those used formerly.
2. In order to be able to care effectively for others it is of prime importance to care firstly for ourselves.

3. Resilience and resourcefulness are vital characteristics in strengthening our positive attitudes, and providing perspective and purpose to our endeavours.

4. Partnerships (between individuals, clubs, districts and institutions) are pivotal to successful projects e. g. Taboo, Interplast, Toilet Warriors. Collaboration increases understanding and raises awareness of broader issues e.g. NYSF, Youth Exchange, Group Study Exchange etc.

5. The importance of understanding our (Rotary) purpose and the use of personal and institutional talents accordingly.



Pam Vaughton - Allkids Cambodia – Presentation and Showcase Display

St Peters Rotarian John George addressed the Conference on the magnificent achievements by Paul Otto and the team of 32 local staff. John showed a very informative video of the history and current work of the Centre. (A volunteer in Cambodia produced the video.)

“There are more than 450 children on the Kids to School program with the objective of having as many of these children as possible achieve high school grade 12.



The AllKids Learning Centres offers additional tuition for all children in the community to provide programs not available in the public schools including English and IT and there are currently over 700 children enrolled for classes.”
(From the Website)

The RCStP has been a supporter of Allkids from its inception. Funds donated have helped with a Dental program, School Bus and IT equipment.

The Showcase display was run by Gaynor with volunteer Kerryn. Sponsorship of individual children from Cambodia is another avenue of support Allkids promotes.

The photo shows Gaynor with John and President Bill.

[Link to sponsor a child](#)



Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Greg Rogers was true to form and very few people avoided a fine or two.


"Rotary On Linde"
Every Saturday 8am to 12.30pm
Linde Reserve Stepney
Saturday 24 April
8am until 3pm
Saturday 1 May
8am until 12.30pm
ALL CLOTHING
SHOES & BAGS
1/2 PRICE

Saturday	24 April morning 8am - 12 noon
Covid Marshall 1	Sue Bardy
Covid Marshall 2	
Team Leader - Counter Sales	Keith Payne - Brian Kretschmer
Counter Sales	Trenna Kretschmer - Wendy Gaborit
General Help	Dennis Henschke
CAFÉ	
BBQ	George Dimitriadis
Coffee 1	Angela Williams
Coffee 2	
Goods In	Sue Bardy
Assisting Small Household Emergencies	John Seeliger Phil Smith

There have been several changes to this roster so please check with Pauline Yates.



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Save the Date
MUSIC AWARDS

to be held at
The Forge
Marryatville High School

Tuesday 25 May 2021
At 6.30 p.m.

Admission \$5









Meeting Roster

Day	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Date	27-Apr-21	04-May-21	11-May-21
Meeting	3174	3175	3176
Venue	Kensington Hotel	Food Bank and Hilton Hotel	Kensington Hotel
Topic / Guest Speaker	Cherilyn Fleming RAM Regional Supervisor D9510 Central Region	Food Bank visit	Russell Green Disaster Aid
Chairperson	Arthur Manser	David Birkedale	Milton Jones
Vote of Thanks	Sonia Schepetiuk	Peter Hewitt	Wendy Gaborit
Special	-	-	-
Reception	Wendy Gaborit		Arthur Manser
Cashier 1	John Dubberley		Angela Williams
Cashier 2	John Gallehawk		Dennis Henschke
Steward	Sue Bardy		David Strange
Invocation	Wendy Gaborit		Arthur Manser
Bulletin	Pam Vaughton		Pam Vaughton
Information Spot	Club History?		Wendy Gaborit
Sergeant	John Dubberley		Keith Shaw
Information	Rotary Club birthday - 29/4/1958		