

# 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.

**No Club Meeting next Tuesday - Next Club Meeting is on Tuesday 6th September**

## Future Events

<u>Meeting #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Speaker/Program</u>	<u>Information</u>
12 Noon	28/8/22	The Shed	'Winter Warmer'	Fellowship Lunch
	30/8/22	Various	<b>No Club Meeting</b>	Visits to other Clubs
3239	6/9/22	Kensington Hotel	Trinity Gardens School	Youth Committee

## Report of Meeting 3238 held on Tuesday 23rd August 2022 at the Kensington Hotel

Sergeant **Arthur Manser** called the meeting to order and **Chris Dawson** gave the invocation and proposed the toasts. President **Pam Vaughton** welcomed everyone including Wendy Gaborit and Rod Carey on Zoom.

### From President Pam Vaughton

Last Thursday the Area 8 Presidents met with the Area Coordinator Stephany Martin. It was lovely to meet up with such friendly committed Rotarians.

Dates to note: Jane Austen Presentation Burnside RC – Wed 24 August  
Norwood RC 68th Birthday Celebration – Tues 30 August – bookings open

Our scatter meeting details are with all Presidents. The idea has been very warmly received.

Rotary is hopeful of setting up a Club in Lightsvue.  
An interest meeting has been held and was well attended.

Th Rotary Club of Norwood is highlighting a health theme in its meetings.

RYLA applications date has been extended until 31 August. Any potential applicants please contact Romaine Dawson or the Club.

I look forward to our continued association as Presidents working with Stephany.



Chris Dawson - Environmental Committee Report 23rd August 2022



As you know, Rotary has added a seventh area of focus, that of the environment, and this Club has set up a small environmental committee of myself, Romaine, Pam, Keith P. and Greg.

Our major task, which was conducted with the assistance of the Norwood Payneham St Peters Council, was to offer environmental grants of \$50-\$1000 to projects to be conducted within the Council area. These were advertised in Look East, the Council's publication, in our shed, and on our Club Facebook page. In addition, each primary school and early childhood centre in the area was contacted.

In the event, five applications were received, all for \$1000, and the committee members agreed that each is a worthwhile environmental project, hence, on receipt of invoices, the grant money will be available to them all. To monitor these projects, each committee member has been assigned to one of the projects and will keep in touch with the project leader.

So, what are the projects? Well, they differ. Three are from primary schools, one from a community garden and one from a citizen science group.

**Green Thumbs Kitchen Garden at Rose Park PS** is a school kitchen garden, but with very little storage space. They are applying to purchase a Bunning's shed and shelving to store tools and materials safely. As pointed out in the application, this garden provides a well-being space for students enhancing environmental awareness and sustainability. Students plant seeds, weed and water, and the produce from the garden is taken home.

With the aid of an Aboriginal elder, Jack Buckskin, **Norwood Primary School** is establishing a culturally inspired garden with plantings linked to the Kurna traditional lifestyle. The area will need some landscaping, and installation of sandstone rocks for seating. Plantings will incorporate plants which are native to the local area to increase sustainability of the project and to enhance connection to Place. The garden will be strongly linked to student learning about the Kurna People and traditional Aboriginal practices.

**Marryatville Primary** is looking for funding toward a variety of plants, seeds, potting mix, fertilizer, watering cans, shovels, and soil. Also, they would like Rotary help to transform the space. However, if this isn't possible, they have an army of volunteers to put it altogether and help a class of little Year 1s' dream come true. But they would really love us to be part of spreading the joy.

This is all to set up The Learning Family Garden Project, a bright, interactive garden space for their littlest learners and their families close to their classroom that will develop over time. A place where everyone feels welcome and has a sense of belonging to their "Junior Primary Regent Neighbourhood."

This initiative was prompted by Goldie, a tiny Year 1 student, who bemoaned the fact that Covid 19 has prevented families from mixing with the students, and she wanted a space where, eventually, visitors could come and experience a lovely environment right outside their classroom. I am told that Goldie is SOOOOO excited. Her confidence has skyrocketed and the smile on her face cannot be erased.



Penny Harris, the teacher, has sent a photo of the year 1 class with their recycled gumboot gardens. (This is not the project we are funding)



Environmental Committee Report 23rd August 2022



You only have to look through the fence at the **Linde Community Garden** to see their problem – the wooden garden edgings are breaking down and rotting away.

So, their application is for replacement of these edgings with new ones made from recycled hard plastic waste and timber fines from the South East timber mills.

This material has a life expectancy of over 20 years and, as it is 100% recycled, it diverts waste from landfill and provides a viable use for waste plastic.

The final applicant is **Ferox Australis**, a citizen science group. Their aim is to involve the public in environmental monitoring of the St Peters Billabong, thereby increasing public awareness through the use of the citizen science platform iNaturalist.

Up to 40 participants, mainly younger people and families, will be introduced to the use of iNaturalist and, following an introductory two hour walk, will be able to use the platform over time to monitor and record flora and fauna.



Funding will cover printed information for participants, providing an honorarium to four guides, and insurance. The intention then is to extend the project by cooperation with the NPS Council in order to more broadly engage the local community.

Finally, our contact at NPS Council, Communications Officer Simonne Whitlock, is thrilled with the results of this initiative, and will be including an article in the next edition of Look East.

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**Regionalisation Pilot**

All St Peters Rotarians would have received an email from Club Secretary Wendy Gaborit inviting them to vote YES or NO to support or not the regionalisation pilot project in Zone 8 of Rotary International (Rotary in Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands).

**Votes must be received by Wendy before the 31<sup>st</sup> August.**

## Members Minutes

**Jim Owler – Shed Report** – Very good Shed takings last Saturday. Jim acknowledged the work of all the volunteers who prepare the goods and work at the Shed. Jim said the Club needs a succession plan because everyone is getting older.

**Phil Smith** – Good support for the ‘Winter Warmer’ fellowship lunch on Sunday at the Shed at 12 noon. BYO drinks.

Live Show – ‘**Sweet Road**’ on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September at the Arts Theatre – Phil is organising a group attendance with a meal beforehand.

**Arthur Manser** reminded members that there will be no Club meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> August and encouraged members to attend another Rotary club around that date. Members are asked to advise Arthur of their intentions.

**Bulletin Editor Keith Payne** asked members who attend another club meeting to compile a brief report suitable for inclusion in the bulletin and to email a copy to him.

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## Youth Committee - Romaine Dawson

Let’s imagine how we could spend our club fundraising dollars.

1 I suggest we need to review our overall club spending patterns, in light of our more current reliable fundraising experiences at our Rotary Shed and are all our members really aware of where the money goes through our committee decisions?

2. I will use our Youth Committee spending pattern as a starting point in this discussion.

3. Currently the Youth / Vocational committee are spending approximately \$20,000 during the year. This is about a quarter of our shed income. I think this alone suggests a review of the use of our hard-earned money - an important issue. Perhaps we are spending wisely or perhaps we could make some changes in our support.

4. The question has been raised over the past couple of years whether we should spend funds on privileged students as occurs mostly with our Music Night.

We do have a contrast with funds donated to The Smith Family providing support for the disadvantaged and needy and Operation Flinders for difficult teenagers from any background,

We support needy schools in our District such as Trinity Gardens Primary, the Briars, Adelaide East Special Secondary School, Felixstowe Primary School. Each of these with its specific problems or special needs students.

5, At the opposite end through our Design and Creativity Awards and our Music Night, we support those students considered by many to be from privileged circumstances and they are mainly in independent schools. Here we are supporting excellence irrespective of need.

6 The third group we support are Rotary initiatives eg. Rotary Health, RYLA etc.

7 Then those supported by Rotary such as NYSF.

8 My question is “do we continue supporting the above projects and is this a reasonable balance for our monetary support”.

9 Some club members have questioned this balance and feel that by far our major focus should be the underprivileged. Others think it vital we support excellence, especially where we have done so for 26 years or more such as with our Music Awards.

10. Last year we entered into Environmental Projects, giving another focus for our spending.

From a youth focus does the club feel the balance is reasonable or should we look at small charity needs or other areas for support. There are many who struggle, especially in the areas of drugs, poverty, and in domestic violence for example.

These are some of the questions from our Youth Committee spending and should it be a consideration for the other committees, and for the club as a whole.

Any comments are now welcome and in conclusion would each table make a short record of the ideas discussed. Any written comments will be forwarded to the Board for further thought.

*(A wide range of interesting and sometime conflicting views were expressed by members at the meeting)*

Discussion summary -

- *The awards do have purpose and meaning and are a chance to promote Rotary and they open-up some of the other Rotary projects to the general public.*
- *Excellency should continue to be promoted with maybe a focus on primary schools.*
- *Recognition may be all that's needed rather than money.*
- *The venue could be changed to a cheaper, more public place.*
- *The Music Awards give some elderly people a chance to have a cheap night of entertainment.*
- *If the awards are discontinued, it may be difficult to start them again and an adequate replacement would be needed.*
- *We need to know that all our donations are going to the right place.*

The Youth Committee were congratulated for a very balanced program, but they need extra support.

Romaine, in conclusion, said that on one occasion a student was found to be in great financial need due to their family situation.

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### Fines Session

A brief session was conducted by Sergeant Arthur.

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### Apologies

*Carmel O'Reilly, John Bested, Mary-Anne Hannay, Helen Moyes, Brian Kretschmer.*

Meeting Roster

Day	Various	Tuesday	Tuesday
Date	30-Aug	6-Sep	13-Sep
Meeting	NO CLUB MEETING	3239	3240
Venue	Various venues	Kensington Hotel	Kensington Hotel
Topic / Guest Speaker	Club Relations	Trinity Gardens School	Cows for Cambodia Andrew Costello
Chairperson		Romaine Dawson	John George
Vote of Thanks		Mary-Anne Hannay	Paul Holton
Special	Visits to other clubs		Pam's birthday
Reception		Sue Bardy	David Birkedale
Cashier 1		Bill Winslow	Sonia Schepetiuk
Cashier 2		Bruce Ballantyne	Angela Williams
Steward		Phil Smith	John Dubberley
Invocation		Sue Bardy	David Birkedale
Bulletin	Keith Payne	Keith Payne	Keith Payne
Information Spot			
Sergeant		Keith Shaw	

Shed Roster

PLEASE NOTE START TIME IS 8.30am and CLOSE DOORS AT 12.30 pm

DAY	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday
DATE	27-Aug-22	03-Sep-22	10-Sep-22
		PANCAKE SAT.	
<b>TEAM LEADER</b>	Peter Hewitt	Rod Carey	Alberto Curiel
<b>FRONT COUNTER</b>			
<b>Counter Sales 1</b>	Joan Shaw & Margaret Hewitt	Jim Owler	Keith Payne
<b>Counter Sales 2</b>	Julie Reynolds	Betty Owler	Dianne Hill
<b>GENERAL HELP</b>	Peter Hewitt	Rod Carey	Alberto Curiel
<b>CAFÉ</b>			
<b>BBQ</b>	John Dubberley	Dave Strange	Peter Shaw
<b>Coffee</b>	Helen Moyse with Angela Williams	Jen Carey	Lisa Shaw
<b>GOODS IN</b>	Peter Hewitt	Rod Carey	Alberto Curiel
<b>SMALL HOUSEHOLD</b>	John Seeliger John Reynolds	John Seeliger	John Seeliger
<b>EMERGENCIES</b>	Phil Smith or Sue Bardy	Phil Smith or Sue Bardy	Phil Smith or Sue Bardy
<b>PICK UP CREW 1</b>	Pauline Yates	Pauline Yates	Pauline Yates
<b>PICK UP CREW 2</b>	Marlene Balacco	Marlene Balacco	Marlene Balacco