

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.

Next Club Meeting is on Tuesday 17th January 2023
Program – TBA

Future Events

<u>Meeting #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Speaker/Program</u>	<u>Information</u>
	10/12/22	The Shed	Christmas Party	
Christmas – New Year Break – no club meetings				
	17/1/23	Jim Owler's Home	Board Meeting	Lunchtime

Report of Meeting 3252 held on Tuesday 6th December at the Kensington Hotel

Sergeant **Greg Rogers** called on **Sue Bardy** to give the Invocation and Toasts.

Vice President Arthur Manser welcomed all, including Susie and Stephen Llewellyn from the Rotary Club of Epping, NSW and Campbelltown Rotarians Gus DeAngelis, Paul Eliseo and Jim Silvestri.

AGM

Arthur then proceeded to conduct the AGM during which the auditor's report for Club finances for the 2021-22 year was confirmed.

He announced the following nominations for positions in the 2023-24 year –

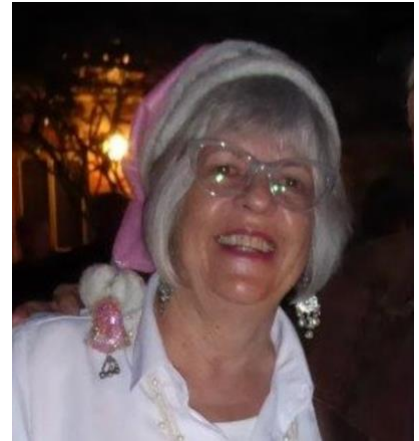
President – Jim Owler
Vice president – Arthur Manser
Past president – Pam Vaughton
President Elect – TBA
Secretary – Wendy Gaborit
Treasurer – John Reynolds
International Service – John Dubberley
Community Service – Bill Winslow
Youth & Vocational Service – Brian Kretschmer

AGM

From the President – December 2022

The Design and Creativity Awards night was yet another proud evening for our Club. We promoted the achievements of young people in Technology and Design. I am always amazed at the breadth and depth of quality and detail in each student's work.

The second part of the evening was a celebration of an Environment Award... one of five offered by this Club this year. To have visited the Marryatville Primary classroom and seen first hand the result of Junior School classes planning, studying and planting a courtyard was remarkable.



A few days before that event the Club catered a lunch barbecue for Northfield Primary School's 370 or so students for Sports Day. This was also a very enjoyable experience. The students, staff and parents were very appreciative of our efforts.

Going forward we look forward to celebrating our Christmas Dinner in December. Then on Australia Day we have accepted the invitation from the Council to cater a Community Barbecue on Australia Day as we have done in the past.

Meanwhile Fundraising keeps everyone busy. It is great to see members sharing the workload at the Shed Sales. We are also very appreciative of the effort put in by our many partners and volunteers. Funds raised have supported many projects both local and overseas as reported by our Directors.

Finally our weekly meetings have been very well attended. Our topics and speakers have been most informative and interesting thanks to a varied program. We were pleased to share the work of a second environmental award with the Linde Garden at a recent Shed dinner meeting.

Also we have just received word from the RC of Peterborough that they have been successful in raising enough funds to build a garage for the car used in their driver training program thanks in part to a promised donation from our Club.

On Sunday we jointly hosted a Youth Event with the RC of Unley. Both Clubs have a very strong Youth Program and we aim to keep in contact with participants and support them with ongoing Service projects and connections.

I thank everyone for their continued effort in making the work of this Club so successful. The fact we can enjoy our work together helps make the membership of the RC of St Peters a pleasure.

Pam Vaughton
President 22-23

Behind The Badge - Precis of Bill Winslow's Life Story.

I'm from Parsons, a small town in Southeastern Kansas, USA.

While growing up, my brothers and sisters always enjoyed being outdoors, doing crazy things kids aren't allowed to do anymore; climbing trees, shimmying up downpipes and climbing onto roofs and of course, playing baseball and football.

When many people think of Kansas they imagine it's flat and boring. Sorry, wrong! My brother and I hiked the woods, sledged down hills in the winter snows



When growing up my papa always drilled us with the direction to work hard, save your money and go to University, things beyond his reach. We learned this lesson from his devotion to his job and my mother's hard work in caring for us. To care for a large family, he worked 7 days a week, mostly as a clerk for the MK&T railroad which was the city's largest single employer. He also took moonlighting jobs for the railroad and I remember him being sometimes called out in the middle of the night to offload a railroad car of cattle or sheep. On occasion, if it was during the daylight hours, he would take some of his sons along to witness this.

My mother also was a doer, she cooked for the clan, canned the vegies that we grew in multiple gardens and sewed shirts for the boys and dresses for the girls.

My parents were also music lovers and sacrificed a great deal to buy us each a musical instrument and pay for music lessons. I played the clarinet and some years later, when schools were better funded, was loaned a baritone saxophone which I became proficient and played in the Stage Band.

At 11 or 12 years old, I started my first job as a paperboy for our local newspaper. Terrible pay and conditions. The paper needed to be delivered in the rain, sleet, snow and hail and collecting the weekly small charge was time consuming as many customers weren't able to pay when I called on them to collect. A sign of the times.

At about the time I started high school, I got a different job at the local newspaper in the press room. This allowed me to save enough money to buy my first car at the age of 16. It was a 1961, 6 cylinder Chevrolet BelAir 4 door sedan. Not a sports car by any stretch.

After graduating from High School and not being able to afford to leave home to study at University, I attended what is called a Community College in my home town. These are 2 year preparatory schools for going to University.

After 3 semesters studying here, I had saved quite a bit of money and went with my oldest sister, her boyfriend and a buddy to travel around Europe. We travelled by train using a EuroRail pass around Europe. It was a remarkable journey which opened my eyes to so very much.

I moved to Kansas City where I managed to get a job through one of my Chinese buddies working as a bartender at Trader Vics. I met my wife there as she was a waitress working to fund her way through University. Through her steadfast determination to complete her nursing, I finally decided upon a career path for myself and started to study Microbiology with the ultimate goal of becoming a Medical Laboratory Scientist. That certainty stuck and I completed my degree in Microbiology in 1978 and was accepted into the year-long program of Medical Technology at the University of Kansas Medical School in Kansas City.

In late 1983, my wife and I travelled to Australia to visit her parents and 3 brothers here in Adelaide. It was a marvellous holiday and we decided to give Oz a try. Upon returning to the USA, we applied for immigrant visas. Mai's application was mainly to reunite with family, but she was also honoured with an application from Flinders Medical Centre to permit her to immigrate based upon their need for experienced Neo-natal nurses.

We moved here early January 1984 with the intention that no decision on staying would be made before our first 5 years. It was my intention to relax for a few months upon arrival, but I applied for a job at Gribbles and after working there for 16 months got a job at the IMVS on Frome Road.

It was here that after a couple of years and getting my overseas qualifications assessed and approved, I was promoted to a Medical Scientist position. After working there for nearly 20 years and obtaining diagnostic molecular skills, I was offered a job at the Women's and Children's Hospital in early 2005 to set-up in-house molecular tests for respiratory viruses. I was able to do this within the first year and our lab was one of only 2 or 3 in Australia to be able to offer this service.

I initially retired at the end of 2008 but because of my molecular skills and staying in-touch with the IMVS, I went back to work at the IMVS during the Swine Flu outbreak in mid 2009.



A few years later, Dr Helen Marshall who was touched by the death of a teenager of some close friends of hers through Meningococcal disease started the Meningococcal carrier and vaccination study. The chap that hired me at the WCH asked me to help out because of my molecular and microbiology skills. I'm still doing work on this project some 5 plus years later.

In March 2020, I was employed by SA Pathology to help with the surge in testing due to COVID 19 and worked at the RAH full-time, 5 pm to 1 am for around a year. When testing slowed down, I was only required to work when there were surges due to new variants.

I was enamoured with Richard Woods' stories of Rotary and some of their overseas trips to assist less developed peoples and decided it was time for me to lend-a-hand. I was inducted into this club just over 20 years ago and it's been a wonderful journey!

Arthur Manser thanked Bill for his talk.

Editor's note – During Bill's talk, a golf tournament was being shown on the TV. Bill is a very competent golfer.

Members Minutes

Phil Smith - The Christmas party is on the 10th December starting at 6:30 pm.

Keith Shaw – A lady arranged to take some clothes from the Shed over to India and Malaysia. Keith has received a letter of thanks from the recipients.

Arthur Manser – Related a similar story of when a PDG Bob & Margaret Northcote sponsored a student in Tanzania. They visited the family and found they were growing tomatoes and living in a house made of cardboard tomato boxes. Arthur said we always need to be aware that people in other parts of the world are much worse off than we are.

Members Minutes

David Heilbronn – Shed takings last Saturday were very satisfactory.

Brian Kretschmer -

Young Friends of Rotary Barbeque

On Sunday last, 4th December, a barbeque was held at our Rotary shed in Linde Reserve, to hopefully kick off a Young Friends of Rotary Initiative. This was started by the Rotary Club of Unley sometime last year and I heard about this as an Area Governor at a District Team Leaders Meeting.

President Pam and I subsequently contacted RC Unley and following several meetings with them it was decided to see if we could expand this concept to other clubs in the district. The concept is any young person of around 16 and upward into the 20's and need not have any "affiliation" with Rotary or had a sponsored award with a Rotary Club, would join wanting to give back or do something for the Community, Local or Internationally. The RC Club of Unley have not yet needed to support the group in a monetary sense - the group themselves raised sufficient funds to send a sizable amount of classroom requirements (pens, rulers, notebooks etc) to an overseas school area - by running 2 Movie Nights. They also thought that as it grew around the district, members would be "Young Friends of Rotary - Club" that has sponsored them - so not just all belonging or associated with the RC Unley or St Peters. Other areas of support might be also mentoring them in Job Applications and Interviews and CV's etc.

We decided to kick the concept off with a Barbeque at our shed and primarily invited RYLA awardees of this year. There were 9 in attendance with about 6 or 7 apologies due to work commitments. DG Paul Thomas and Kathryn and Julie Johnson (Public Image District Chair) and partner David were also in attendance and are very supportive of this initiative. There were 3 from the RC of Unley and 7 from the RC of St Peters (which I thank for their attendance and enthusiastic support also)

The group of Young Friends had a discussion and resolved to support and grow as well - there and then they set up a Facebook page called Young Friends of Rotary and those in attendance all joined via their phones!. They will then send the Facebook page to other RYLA awardees as well as to their friends who may also be interested. They want to start by being involved in any event both our clubs might have and then as the group grows hold subsequent events themselves. There is a Carols night that some will attend and help out at, that RC Unley are having in conjunction with the City Council of Unley this Sunday 11th December - see below.

The concept is that there is no "official tie" to Rotary and I saw it as a great way to initiate an ongoing contact with our awardees, RYLA, RYPEN, One and All, Music and Design and Creativity Night awardees etc plus any other friends and people in our communities. While all may not join this group and maybe only a small number might go on to join Rotary - but it is a start!.

Monthly District & Club Forums on Zoom.

Key District leaders will present and answer questions about various initiatives, eg Rotary Foundation, Membership attraction and Retention, International service, etc.

It is hoped key club members of the various subjects, as well as other perhaps newer members, join in on these.

To be held at 7:30pm on the last Thursday of each month

Clubs can also suggest any other subject for discussions.

[District Governor District Discussion](#)

Dec 22, 2022 7:30 PM

[Membership District Discussion](#)

Jan 19, 2023 7:30 PM

[District Board Meeting](#)

Jan 28, 2023

[International Service District Discussion](#)

Feb 16, 2023, 7:30 PM

Letter from Nomiki Thomas

Dear Rotarians,

I hope you and your families are well.

With the end of the year fast approaching and having completed my last Rotary club visit for the year, I just wanted to thank you again for all your kind words, support, advice, suggestions and encouragement you have given me during the year, with my book journey.

Not in my wildest dreams I would have ever thought at my first Rotary presentation back in January, the life journey that this will lead me to.

This year has seen me:

- Present to ten Rotary clubs (Regency Park, Prospect, Mawson Lakes, Modbury, Elisabeth, St Peters, Encounter Bay, Walkerville, Magill Sunrise, Campbelltown), having travelled approximately 350kms, in between
- To date raise \$1,125 through the sale of my book and kind donations
- Closely work with the Indigenous Literacy Foundation, who have kindly created a fundraising page for me on their website - <https://fundraising.ilf.org.au/nomiki-thomas-goodbye>
- Get my book for sale Amazon, as an eBook - <https://www.amazon.com.au/>
- During the July 2022 school holidays, I was invited and spoke at the Walkerville Town Hall as part of the Town of Walkerville's Author Talks series
- I was invited by my old teacher to speak to her Year 4 class at St Aloysius college, as part of their Narrative writing unit in their school curriculum
- I was the guest speaker at the 2022 Children's Writing Completion presentation ceremony, organised by the Prospect Council, where I was delighted to be among other young people who shared the same passion for writing with me
- I was awarded the 2022 Walkerville Council Young Volunteer award
- I was awarded the 2022 Children's Week Award (thank you Rotarian Les Dennis for the kind nomination)

At a personal level, I feel that this experience has helped me to build up my confidence, public speaking skills, resilience, to believe in myself and my abilities and to learn that my voice matters.

I am now looking forward having some rest during the upcoming school holidays to recharge my batteries and I am really looking forward for what the new year entails (especially going to Year 9).

I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year. Keep up the good work you are doing.

Best wishes

Nomiki Thomas

Warm greetings from The School of St Jude.

Dear Arthur and all at the Rotary Club of St Peters,

My name is Winnie, I work in the Supporter Relations team and I handle communications with all Rotary Clubs supporting St Jude's. Thank you for your generous support over the years.

As you may already know, when our Founder, Gemma Sisia first opened The School of St Jude in 2002, Rotary Clubs were among the very first supporters. Since then, Rotary has remained one of our biggest supporters in accomplishing our mission of providing a free, quality education to bright, poor students of Tanzania to become future moral and intellectual leaders of tomorrow - thank you.

To honour Rotary's support, we currently showcase Rotary Club pennants in a cabinet in front of our Primary School Library (see attached photo). However, the pennants are worn out (also see the attached photo), so today, I am writing to all Rotary Club supporters in Australia to request new ones to replace the ones we have. If you're able to, kindly mail us your pennant to the address below:



Mark Cubit, 52 Prospect Hill Road,
Camberwell, VIC 3124, Australia

We would truly appreciate receiving the pennants at your earliest convenience, which will allow us to continue to show the impact of your Rotary Club's support towards St Jude's.

We are excited that we have already begun receiving visitors from all over the world, and in May 2022, we hosted a large number of Rotarians from the US. You're also welcome to visit us and see the impact of Rotary's support for the past 20 years. If you are visiting, you might like to bring your Club pennant with you instead of mailing it. However, if you do mail it, we will organise for visitors coming from Australia to help bring it over to the school.

Arthur and all at the Rotary Club of St Peters, thank you for your unwavering support towards St Jude's. Together we are fighting poverty through education.

Please do not hesitate to contact me in case of any enquiries, and I will be happy to assist.

Kindest regards,

Winnie

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Listen to our very own Podcast –

<https://www.schoolofstjude.org/podcast/>

Apologies

Bruce Ballantyne, Rod Carey, John George, Peter Hewitt, Wayne Holton. Paul Holton, Carmel O'Reilly, John Seeliger, David Strange, Pam Vaughton, Mary-Anne Hannay.

Shed Roster

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

DAY	Saturday	Saturday	Saturday
DATE	10-Dec-22	17-Dec-22	24-Dec-22
		SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	CLOSED XMAS BREAK
TEAM LEADER	Brian Kretschmer	Bill Winslow	Re-Open
			Saturday
FRONT COUNTER			7-Jan-23
Counter Sales 1	Trenna Kretschmer	Milton Jones	
Counter Sales 2	Rachel Elliott	Pam Vaughton	
GENERAL HELP	Brian Kretschmer	Bill Winslow	
CAFÉ			
BBQ	David Elliott	Peter Shaw	
Coffee	Angela Williams	Lisa Shaw	
GOODS IN	Brian Kretschmer	Bill Winslow	
SMALL HOUSEHOLD	John Seeliger	John Seeliger	
EMERGENCIES	Phil Smith Sue Bardy	Phil Smith Sue Bardy	
PICK UP CREW 1	Pauline Yates	Pauline Yates	Pauline Yates
PICK UP CREW 2	Marlene Balacco	Marlene Balacco	Marlene Balacco