



• **President Babu welcomed** members, partners, guests & visitors in particular Chair D9520 GSE committee & President RC Berri Bruce Richardson & partner Kathy; Assistant Governor Group-2 Euan Miller, Campbelltown GSE Host Club Coordinator & VP Bryan Schell, GSE Committee member & AG Group- 6 Diana Clements, GSE committee members & Unley Host Club Coordinator Rhonda Hoare & partner Roger; GSE committee members Craig Dowling, David Fenton, Marian Lesnicki, Marilyn Shaw & partner Phillip, Pres Mitcham Lee Camporeale & Pres Norwood Gail Casey.

- (Pres. Babu) "Now Rotarians & guests it is my pleasure & privilege to welcome our very special guests the GSE team from District 6040 Missouri to this, their official farewell dinner.

Welcome Melissa Koch (Team Leader), Susanne McCambridge, Lisa Deatheridge, Ashley Starrett & Cutter Gale.

I have to thank David Fenton, VP Bryan Schell & Jane Gascoigne for organising the dinner tonight.

I would especially thank Jane for taking in all the details, sending out all the invitations & seating arrangements etc. Thank you Jane.

I would also like to thank Carla & Tony Lagozzino, Eddie & Elizabeth Gagliardi, Margaret Northcote & Amanda Thomas for hosting the GSE team. Also thanks to Lee Aldenhoven, Bruce Barnes & Margaret Northcote for transporting the team to Broken Hill & most importantly bringing them home safely.

*Pics : Below Clockwise*

For the benefit of all present, we met the GSE team for the first time at the Unley Shopping Centre on Wed 3rd April.

We then took them to Parliament house for a tour led by the Hon. Vincent Tarzia MP, Speaker of the house & honorary member of our club. We are most grateful for Vincent's role in this unique & memorable tour. Thank you so much Vince. *Pics Below*

*The GSE Team with Vincent Tarzia MP Speaker of the House & their Campbelltown Hosts on their Parliament House Tour.*







After the Parliament House visit, we all went to [Newman's Nursery](#) at TTG for High Tea, then the GSE team stayed with their hosts for the night before departing next day for the Broken Hill Conference.  
*<Pic : The GSE team & Campbelltown Hosts enjoying High Tea at Newman's Nursery.*

The GSE team then stayed with their Broken Hill Hosts, attended the conference & returned on Sunday 7th April back to Adelaide & their Campbelltown Hosts. This morning they prepared their presentation for tonight, & packed for leaving to Alice Springs & their new hosts tomorrow Tues 9th April. On Sat 13th April they will be flying back home."



- President Babu then introduced the GSE Chair Bruce Richardson OAM.
- **GSE Chair Bruce Richardson OAM then spoke on the GSE Team Visit on this their Farewell Dinner.** Bruce said it was a great opportunity that we could all be here to celebrate the Team's farewell & enjoy their company before they leave tomorrow for Alice Springs & then back home to Missouri USA next Saturday. Bruce then introduced the team and said he knows that they have had such a good time over the last 4 weeks. All the GSE Committee met them when they arrived at the Adelaide Airport & instantly became friends and it has been the same, wherever they have gone, through all the clubs.

DG Kim & Paul Harvey, who were still in transit returning from the Broken Hill conference, which concluded only yesterday, gave their sincere apologies for being unable to attend but wanted to pass on that they wished to thank all involved with the GSE team & how it has been a pleasure to have the GSE team here.

- **The GSE Team then briefly introduced themselves & then together gave a group farewell presentation.**

The GSE Team Leader Melissa Koch thanked everyone for their hospitality & for coming to celebrate their farewell dinner & especially for hosting them "in your beautiful amazing country." All the team members then introduced themselves. They then gave their group farewell & polished presentation which was very theatrical & should go viral if it were ever put on YouTube.



(It all started with Cutter ...) Goodbye mates! Well we Yanks packed our daks & nickers & off we flew to the Land Downunder to meet some true blue & Croweaters. We were greeted with How ya goin? As cuppas & nibbles were served. Little did we know that BBQs would be nightly, wine pouring & snags a plenty. Did we drink a lot of wine? (all) **You betcha ass we did!**

(Melissa..) But we never got legless! The lollies were good & the dinner was served with abundance. We enjoyed the chook, lamb roast, steak & gravy, and we put a few coldies & ciders in our stubbie holders & sculled some pints. We also enjoyed prawns, fish & chips, biscuits, scones, jam & cream and of course Pavlova.



(Ashley..) Gathering strange illnesses while she was here, Susanne visited a lot of Doctor's offices but not near as many dunnies, The Fringe Festival was chockablock & reminded us of the Harry Potter movie & wouldn't you know it, we ran into Harry Potter himself- [Daniel Radcliffe](#) at [Kangaroo Island](#).



(Susanne..) Thanks to you, we grabbed our sunnies & our bathers & took a breather at the beach at the Grand Hotel in Glenelg. We visited the oval & expected to see a bit of footy but bloody oath it was empty. Good on ya for the vocational days, we'll give it a Rap. Each was spot on, we had a few sliding door





moments but nothing that was a dog's breakfast. We braved the Bunyip of Murray Bridge, dodged the Roos' on the road & used the long drop on the way to Broken Hill.



We floated the Murray River & tried everything that was offered to us. So down the hatch went crocodile, goat, lamb, Roo, mullet, mulloway, camel, beef, snags & of course ....Vegemite. We were not still like a lizard on a rock but on the contrary we were flat out like a lizard drinking. Let us just tell you.



(Cutter) We visited the [Flying Doctor](#) (all) **Had a BBQ & drank some wine.**

(Ashley) We went to [the Fringe](#).

(Melissa) Toured the [Adelaide Oval](#)....(all) **Drank some wine**

(Cutter) Visited [Monarto Zoo](#)

(Lisa) Saw the [Bunyip](#) at Murray Bridge (all ) **Had a BBQ ,Drank some Wine**

(Melissa) Met the Mayor of Murray Bridge (all ) **Had a BBQ ,Drank some Wine**

(Cutter) Visited [Langhorne Creek](#) . (All) **Drank some Wine**

(Melissa) Cruised down the [Murray River](#) (all) **Had a BBQ, Drank some Wine**

(Susanne) Stayed at [The Grand](#) at [Glenelg](#)

(Melissa) Toured the [Barossa Valley](#) (all) **Drank some Wine**

(Cutter) Went to the [Cleland Zoo](#)

(Ashley) Walked the [Botanical Gardens](#), ate at [Mount Lofty](#)

(Susanne) **Had a BBQ (all) Drank some Wine**

(Susanne) toured the [Cheese Grater](#)

(Cutter) Visited the [Library](#) & [Art Gallery](#)

(Ashley) walked the [City markets](#), **Had a BBQ (all) drank some Wine**

(Susanne) Saw the [Redlegs footy](#) training

(Melissa) Went to dinner

(Cutter) travelled to the [Fleureiu Peninsula](#)

(Ashley) **Had a BBQ ( all) drank some Wine**

(Lisa) rode the [Cape Jervis ferry](#)

(Susanne) toured [Kangaroo Island](#)

(Lisa) saw the [Remarkable Rocks](#)

(Cutter) [Admiral's Arch](#) (Lisa ) & [Seal Bay](#) ( Ashley) **Had a BBQ ( all) drank some Wine**

(Susanne) took [the Cockel Train](#) to Victor Harbor (Lisa) Walked Granite Island

(Cutter) **Had a BBQ (all) drank some Wine**

(Susanne) Toured SA's [Parliament House](#) (Ashley) travelled to [Broken Hill](#)

(Lisa) **Had a BBQ (all) drank some Wine**

(Lisa) explored the [Daydream Mine](#) (Cutter) went to the [Mundi Mundi](#) Lookout

(Lisa) Lunched at the [Silverton Hotel](#) (Ashley) saw the sandstone sculptures

(Susanne) enjoyed the [9520 District Conference Dinner](#)

(Lisa) participated in a [drag show](#) (Cutter) **and drank some Wine**

(Melisa) Played [Two-Up](#) at the [Palace Hotel](#) (Ashley) went for a Heritage Tour of Broken Hill

(Susanne) Where we've bin you Gotta Go

(Lisa) And so Mates we will give you an Aussie goodbye... See ya mates

(All) Don't forget to **have a BBQ and Drink some Wine** & Cheers to you.



The Men at Work song "[We come from a land Downunder](#) "was then played as a salute.



#### • Some Questions which were then asked of the GSE Team

1. **What was one of the highlights of your stay?** (Melissa ...) Visiting Parliament House & meeting with the Speaker of the House Vincent Tarzia was certainly very special & memorable, and we have a Mace pin given to us as a memento.

We also had so many other moments which we enjoyed immensely & unfortunately our video that we prepared is unable to play at the moment.

2. **How valuable were the vocational visits..?** Cutter found it very valuable for his property development & management work back home as he learnt a lot from visiting the various companies such as the Maras group, Badge Constructions and others. He will take back what he learnt & saw here & definitely share this extraordinary experience with his family business back home.



The GSE team are quite a diverse group but we all learnt from our vocational visits & are very grateful for the opportunity to pursue our interests far from our normal horizons.

### 3. We know you are going to Alice Springs. Why? ([click Pics for Links](#))



(Melissa ...) We wanted to see what it looked like! Actually no. It is truly one of the biggest reasons that Missouri were chosen as the GSE team this year is in fact due to a global grant between our 2 districts that all started at the Australian / International Convention in Sydney where the two DGs struck up a friendship and talked about what are some of the things we can do/ collaborate as two countries to do good in the world. So Kim told us about the



[Purple House](#) and their vision for providing a better, local dialysis service for your Indigenous people. Dialysis is needed 3x a day which means kidney sufferers were forced to travel far away to Adelaide for treatment. Far away from the support of their families & communities & were often unable to return. This was costly personally & financially for those involved. Over \$70,000 was given to Purple House in combining both our Districts contribution together with the International Grant (& some Federal Govt money) to make it happen.

So we are going up there to [Alice Springs](#) tomorrow to visit Purple House & witness where our dollars have gone, to touch it, feel it & what we hope to do is take that back to our District and share with our fellow Rotarians that your Global Dollars & your donations to the Foundation really matter. These are the good things that come from that and we are really just looking forward to that. We are hoping they put us to work, and let us really mingle with the folks and experience what it is they do up there.



Melissa concluded that we all had a fantastic trip and it is beyond words. If you never have been on GSE you can't really express what it feels like. Yes- The pace is crazy & you meet people all the time but you really feel you are growing as a person & becoming your best self. On top of all that you meet & befriend the most fantastic people. We have made some fabulous friends here & witnessed some amazing things & places. We can't thank you enough to our Host Committee, everyone that hosted us, drove us around. You seriously mean the world to us. So thank you very much.

- **GSE Chair Bruce then responded** by saying how we can all see the benefits of this amazing program & how the Team comes in and virtually, for only a very short space of time, become part of your family.

In 5, 10, 15 years I am sure there will still be a relationship or contact that we can all still share &



enjoy. I encourage everybody to support & encourage people to participate in. This Team is absolutely exceptional. There have been no problems at all. They are all positive, outgoing & friendly and get on with everybody. We wish them all our sincere thanks and appreciation for the way you have handled yourselves, you have been absolutely remarkable, you have all been positive ambassadors for your district, your country & we have thoroughly enjoyed your stay here in South Australia. We hope you have very many happy memories of your time here- So thank you from everybody.

*Pic Above: Melissa Koch ( GSE Team Leader ), Ashley Starrett, Susanne McCambridge, Lisa Deatheridge, GSE Chair Bruce Richardson OAM & Cutter Gale.*





**President Babu** then said "that I am sure everyone would agree that the GSE Team have not only been very good Ambassadors of District 6040 but Ambassadors of Rotary." Then Pres. Babu together with Bryan Schell on behalf of the Rotary Club of Campbelltown presented the GSE team with Australian Flags, Banners and a small parting gift. Melissa then shared a story about the Australian Flag, Ian Riseley & a "Ring In" New Zealand flag.

*Above Pic> The GSE team each presented with their Australian Flags and club Banners Exchanged.  
L>R Melissa, Cutter, Ashley, Susanne, Lisa & President Babu.*



The Team then cried out Ozzie, Ozzie, Ozzie, Oi, Oi, Oi !

