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**Rotary**   
Club of Gawler Light

**MEETING 1365 OCT. 03 2023**

**Chartered 10 July 1996 District 9510.**

**President: Darryl Matthews | Secretary: David Cockshell | District Governor: Craig Dowling | RI President: Gordon McInally**



**Taron dismantling Carlton Rd Playground**

**President Darryl opened this meeting** boldly modelling the ubiquitous, quintessential Rotary bucket hat, spruiking its benefits including absorbing ethereal light rays that would otherwise be reflected from his glabrous head unimpeded, distracting members & guests from embracing enlightening news such as welcoming Taron as our guest.

Bunnings Saturday – volunteer needed.

Mark Forgie suggested joint meeting with RC Gawler with Maurice O'Connell as guest speaker – recently returned from Ukraine. Members were supportive of doing this.

Email from GDC – Year 12 breakfast 3 Nov, 8:30-10:30am. Need 4 people to cook for 90 students and 20 staff. Pancakes, Eggs and Bacon. Dick, Steve, Grant volunteered. We will send them a quote.

Items from Board – Proposal from Jessica Rehn (Life's Little Treasures) – support via hospital morning tea. Members contribute \$80 and club will match up to \$400 – Darryl will circulate information.

### **YE-Taron**

Taron (YEP) – Today M-I & Taron helped dismantle a playground. It was tiring, but a special experience. Taron successfully helped disengage the thingamajigs and whatchamacallits.

### **Reports**

Dave Cockshell - Playgrounds

Dave C, Taron, Jenny, Roger, David W and M-I helped take down most of the playground this afternoon. Two platforms to be tackled tomorrow morning. The contractor will pull the posts on Monday. Matt will bring the big trailer tomorrow to move the big items to RARE. Haley (Town of Gawler) visited. President Darryl also popped by. Dave will speak with Peter Baur from Mt Barker tomorrow and will return the tools. Mt Barker are aiming to send 6 playgrounds to Timor Leste.

### **Steve McLachlan – Youth & Christmas Parade**

Gawler & District Interactor Taya White has gone on the One and All voyage. Participants have had the joy of experiencing crewing a sailing vessel amidst the full range of weather!

Jenny and Steve have been liaising with the group organising the Christmas Parade – ToG have arranged the traffic Mgt plan – looking for 4 volunteers during the event. They want us to have qualifications to do this, which many have from what was done prior to the airshow. We will be stopping traffic when the floats are going past. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec from Lunchtime to 7pm. Floats are meeting at APEX park.

Rotary is Fun Ute booked for Christmas Parade. Wheels in Motion car may follow in tandem (with *occupants in Christmas gear??*). We could have walking signage in front as well. Need to have brain storming – Darryl suggested 17<sup>th</sup> during committees. Pageant Briefing Nov 21 to discuss final arrangements. Christmas Display lights will be switched on at sunset on the night following the parade. There will be stalls in APEX park to encourage people to stay and watch the lighting up of the Christmas Display. Food options are being discussed – sausage sizzle/gourmet?

Need to arrange set up of the Christmas Display by the Friday night before the display. Andrew Halford is going to be the champion of the Christmas Display. Footy club will also assist with heavy lifting!

### **Jenny – Member Profile**

Members were asked to fill out a questionnaire. If you don't like the online version, Jenny has a paper copy which people can use if they prefer. This is to help new members get to know everyone

### **Ian Chase – President Elect**

Need to get Board together prior to the AGM. Please see Ian if you would like to be on the Board, otherwise Ian will be headhunting members precluded by a tap on the shoulder.

## **Guest Speaker Duncan Power – International Projects update**

Cycle for Recycling project – Global Grant is ready for submission. Project will collect plastics for recycling into bricks, plus micro financing for shops that collect recyclables and provide goods with low impact packaging. 3 components of the project 1) Eco Brick Hub – testing of technology and is almost complete, 2) Sustainable Micro-finance – support eco sari-sari store loan product aimed at reducing plastic in the store, replace sachet products with refill alternatives. Challenge is changing customer habits – needs to save people money. 3) Eco Store – 50 refill items stocks, 10% reduction in cost, 38% reduction in plastic waste. Update from Khnao Po High School Library - \$2000 enabled purchase of new books and equipment. \$1000 from RC Gawler Light & \$1000 from RC in Capalaba (QLD).

Solar Water Project - \$1500 District Grant to purchase solar panels to make purified water. Covid intervened. Getting a secure location for the solar panels was a challenge. Mr Sokhum – Chicken outgrower – continues to go well with most batches of chickens having high survival rate which provides a good income

Three English Language Scholarships – the students commenced university in 2023. Scholarships we provided gave them confidence for further education. Kon Kea – studying accounting, Socheat – studying Khmer Literature & wants to be a teacher, Sokhem – studying English Literature – her English is excellent and she also wants to be a teacher.

Our Legacy - \$24,000 to fund international projects. Feedback from 5 members – sustainability, education, partnership with other clubs, collaboration with Rotaract club in Siem Reap. Continue with English Scholarships – how to we ensure a lasting impact on their lives. Business education? Environmental Sustainability? Vocational Training? Hospitality Training?

English & Vocational Scholarship Fund Cambodia “Basic Education – reduce gender disparity in Education”

Can we structure a fund that we can use over many years?

Jenny – likes the idea of scholarships continuing. Vocational aspect is good – the provides other options outside of University. Ongoing impact, sustainable.

Rob – also likes the idea of a Vocational Training Scholarship. It is not that expensive, so you can touch more people.

Deanne – also prefers Vocational Scholarship – more practical approach to set people up for the future.

Jenny added – steer away from traditional roles for women – STEM related, not the lower paid roles

Dave C – RAWCS has the Sanderson Trust ~\$80,000 in the trust which is not being used – we could potentially access some funds as part of this programme

Roger – is there a timeframe which we have to spend the legacy over. Duncan – there is no time limit, managed well it could last a long time. We could seek ways to add to it further.

Ian Curtis – there are good options for vocational training in Siem Reap.

Grant B – look outside the traditional roles. How can we expand their world?

Deanne – where have the people come from that we are funding? Duncan – generally in rural areas of Cambodia as they tend to be more disadvantaged because of their distance from schools etc.

Steve McL – Could we do a limited number of scholarships each year to make it last longer? 3 or 4 per year. Once we get results, we can seek support from other clubs to extend the programme.

Course Options – ACE course which was what we used last time – 3 semesters A\$1000. If we add English and Introductory A\$1600 followed by a second year in advanced vocational training \$1000.

Duncan – we just need to ensure the women we support are likely to persist with their education (and not get married young or going back to plant rice). DanaAsia has a person on the ground who can make this assessment & we look for outside references – including from the teachers at the school. For vocational training – the school we propose to use has a robust process.

Roger thanked Duncan for his presentation and his work that he does in this area which is making an impact in the International Projects area.

## Members Corner

Steve Mc – table of 8 at Salisbury Quiz Night – Dick, Steve, M-I would like to attend. Let Steve know if you would like to attend.

Grant re Invitation for social night at Dick's house: Would anyone consider a Carpool? Suggestion not viewed as reasonable as the house is considered very close and **Rotary members go to meetings by their own car.**

Deanne – Joan is providing an update each day – especially the food, she is in Honolulu.

## Sergeant Bron

Heads and Tails. Taron collected the money. Stephen Arthur won the wine.

Stephen Arthur – forgetting Matt Sanders to order your dinner

Matt Sanders – running competitions and having Rotarians win! (M-I won a bag of chook food)

Steve McL – failing to retire & for going out to dinner every night since Julie has gone away.

Deanne – for eating frozen meals when Joan is away

Darryl – for modelling a Rotary hat inside.

Greg Morris – for not having a thank you gift that is usually organised by the president.

Ian Chase – for his watch ringing during the meeting & for his radical hair cut from participation in the World's Greatest Shave.

## Presidents Closing Remarks:

**Wheels in Motion** - discussed at the board level with a club committee to be formed that identifies and implements changes to facilitate the transition of the program from one couple who have coordinated everything to a coordinated approach embracing people with different skill sets. Contact Darryl to express your interest in this process.

**Regionalisation** – emails went out seeking feedback on the club survey form to be submitted by Darryl by 29 October on behalf of the club. Darryl and Dave C will pull it together and will let the club know what is to be submitted. Darryl has paper copies of you don't want to fill it in online.

A positive for the Regionalisation – no change in the working of the club, it is how the club connects with others and to RI

**Election of Regional Council** is coming up – members can share with Darryl their thoughts & the club will vote on a primary focus.

## Meeting closed

Darryl officially closed meeting 1365 at 8:32pm

*Thought for the week:*

Deanne

**Be positive,  
Be encouraging!**



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**OCT 14** RC Salisbury Quiz Night

**OCT 15** Volunteer : Walk for Prems with Jessica Rehn

**OCT 15** Town of Gawler BBQ Lime Kiln Park

**OCT 21** Zonta 30th Birthday

**OCT** RCGL Online Auction

**OCT24** BBQ Evening at Dick's

**OCT 28** Town of Gawler BBQ Reid St Playground

**NOV 4** Village Fair

**NOV 19** Donations In Kind District Working Bee

**NOV 25** Bunnings BBQ

**NOV 25** District Awareness & Action Walk Vic Square

## MEETING ROSTER

| Date                 | Oct 10                | Oct 17                                       | Oct 31  | Nov 7   |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--|---|---|
| Meeting #            | 1366                  | 1367   | 1369  | 1370  |
| Guest Speaker        | Raelene Wlochowicz    | RCGL Committees                              | Taron   | Comic Court?<br><i>to be confirmed</i>  |
| Subject              | Playford Women's Shed | Brainstorming Float Ideas<br>Community Focus | International Exchange Student<br> |  |
| Cashier              | Greg Morris           | David Weatherley                             | Peter Harper  | Greg Morris   |
| Chairperson          | Dick Milner           | Deanne Tingey                                | Rob Eley  | Volunteer   |
| Rotary Information   | Deanne Tingey         | Marie-louise Lees                            | Susan Clift Bowden  | _____   |
| Thought for the Week | Duncan Power          | Susan Clift Bowden                           | Grant Buik  | _____   |
| Vote of Thanks       | Susan Clift Bowden    | _____  | Marie-louise Lees   | _____   |
| Fellowship           | Marie-louise Lees     | Grant Buik                                   | <i>To be confirmed</i>  | _____   |
| Location             | Gawler Arms           | Gawler Arms                                  | Gawler Arms   | Gawler Arms   |

**Social Evening  
@ Dick's  
Oct 24**

**7 Nov  
Melbourne  
Cup**

**21 Nov.  
Christmas  
Pageant Briefing**

**28 Nov.  
A.G.M**

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