



Rotary
Rotary Club of Gawler Light



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President: Steve McLachlan | Secretary: David Cockshell | District Governor: Paul Thomas | RI President: Jennifer Jones

President Steve McLachlan's welcome & report:

Welcomed all especially Randall Merch & Andrew Halford (SAPOL).

Note of Appreciation

A big thank you to all the club members who have organized insightful club opportunities and made a difference to our community.

It's been very busy the last couple of weeks, especially visiting Taylor and Forgie & the Crematorium organized by Ian Chase, ML & Darryl.

Martin Monument & Joan Tingey organized the trip for the Port Adelaide Ghost Tour, while Joan organized a bus.

Several Rotarians attended the district activities last weekend. ML, Darryl & myself spent all weekend at President Elect Preparations Day & District Assembly

A special mention to Dave & Lindsay Weatherley and Grant Buik for holding the fort under difficult circumstances at the World Autistic Day Event in Clonlea Park. It did show how few towbars that we have available in the Club.

Conversation Starter

Do we want to purchase a Peace Pole?

Important Dates

16 April	Barossa Air Show
25 April	No meeting—ANZAC Day
29 April	Skate Park BBQ supporting Wheels in Motion
29 April	GCFC Gatekeeping
8 May	Area 6 combined meeting
9 May	Bring a friend night
15 May	Combined Meeting @ Nixons (Monday)
27-31 May	Rotary International Convention Melbourne
3 June	Bunnings BBQ
25 June	Club Changeover @ Café Nova 1 — 4 pm

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Laurens: International Exchange Student

- ⇒ Instead of 3 days sailing I went to Archery. The sailing camp would have been more fun.
- ⇒ Friday – Music Presentation from the Music Class.
- ⇒ Sat – met Antonia the new and only other exchange student from Victoria We went to the City and Glenelg for her to see the area.
- ⇒ Attended the District assembly training – it was a very long day.
- ⇒ Monday was Breakfast Club and Interact meeting



Guest Speaker: Randall Merch

Traffic Marshall Training

Event Focus - Barossa Valley Air Show.

Training developed for a **Declared Managed Event** comes from procedures incorporated for the Tour Down Under Cycling Event.

The Police train officials ensuring uniform consistent standards.



Declared Managed Event guidelines provides the safety and legal framework that involves identifying hazards, risks and dangers to enable measures to be facilitated for event organizers to reasonably ensure the safety of event participants at all times.

Roads and traffic throughfares can be temporarily modified for single directional vehicular flow. Officials must wear a Safety Vest & enclosed footwear. Traffic Marshalls must be over 18 and have the authority to act within their training for an indefinite period at any event within South Australia.

A Declared Event mean motorists legally must stop upon a traffic marshalls request. If they fail to do so, traffic marshalls have the authority to obtain the offending car drivers registration number and action it with the Traffic planning coordinator for a follow up with a \$330 fine.

Marshalls are at events to control traffic and there are expectations that personal qualities consistently facilitate this by demonstrating confidence with relaying directions and demonstrating patience and empathy. A Marshall ID card for those who have attended this training session will be forwarded to members.



Port Adelaide GHOST CRIME TOUR



Steve McLoughlin photographed these almost consecutive images (seen above) during our walking tour during a club social night walk around Port Adelaide. Maybe the keen eye might detect something unusual?? The backdrop to Port Adelaide (originally referred to as Port Misery by locals) was faithfully retold by Mary our guide, offering provoking and enlightening revelations based on the following summaries and background info summaries:

Refundable Deposits: Today we trade in cans, bottles etc for 10c refund. Back around that late 1830's and well into the 1840's the Government of the day hit upon an original idea which possibly gave birth to the contemporary refundable deposit scheme in SA. Port Misery (Port Adelaide) was a swamp where king tides and storms constantly inundated the town where it is alleged people were indifferent to new arrivals wading waste deep through the mud and more concerned with their own interests centred on questionable shipping practices and acquisition of new crew, as well as the liberal supply or distribution of alcoholic beverages. Deaths occurred through accidents and

questionable activities and without suitable places to store dead bodies until they could be buried, people were given one pound (or around half a month's average wages) for each body that they could temporarily store in their own basement (which of course was subject to incursions by the sea and storms, as well as affected by the temperature of the day. Like today, people look for opportunities to go around and find other locations where refundable goods could increase their income. So too in Port Adelaide, where people would unexpectedly end up deceased after disagreements or misunderstandings. People floating in the water around the Port or were about to die due to sickness were fair game towards increasing a lucrative income.

One misunderstanding or case of an untimely accident is connected with the then Central Hotel, which had a 600 seat theatre in its basement. The theatre was the scene for court hearings, community events and performances. It was just one of 60 pubs that did roaring trade during the Port Adelaide hay days.



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The Port Adelaide Central hotel was the scene of a particularly infamous brawl between two men over shouting a beer. The police intervened and one of the men detained for a short few minutes outside the hotel until he broke free. He resumed his disagreement inside the hotel when an incident of self defence occurred. The man who broke free and resumed an argument and the other man received a hard right hook that caused his head to be driven into the bar, killing him instantly. There were plenty of witnesses who testified to the police there enabling a fair account to be recorded. The court cases at the time was an open court where anyone could attend and give testimony. However, no locals were allowed before the coroner and by a strange quirk of faith the coroner was replaced for that hearing by another coroner from elsewhere. The ruling—incidental brain hemorrhage which occurred during an act of self defence! Stories of unexplained experiences and a interactions between a worksite foreman with someone who appeared inside a locked or barricaded renovations at the hotel have been documented since that “death by self defence.”

The Port Adelaide Railway offered another source of income for those who wanted to cash in on the refund by keeping bodies in basements till they could be buried. One recorded death is of a worker who worked a double shift and then collapsed in front of a train and died an instant death. There was a recorded death of a young inexperienced rail worker aged sixteen. His job was to shunt the carriages and on this particular day he was seen to be doing his job when he bent down, meaning his head was placed in front of the buffer. The scene must have been horrific as an onlooker tried to warn George as the buffers from two carriages came together. There were also substantial

people who slept on the train lines, possibly because they were located on dry land above the area inundated by king tides. The cow catcher on a train is designed at a height to scope and move of animals from the tracks. However for one gentleman, it dragged his sleeping body 2 1/2 km along the track till his body fell apart bit by bit. There have been “experiences” by those passing the old site that appear to be related to the horrific deaths that occurred near the railway at Port Adelaide. Scattering of ashes of a railway worker in a dignified way near the tracks elsewhere is perhaps one way to allow offer a spiritual resting place for a dedicated rail employee, but there maybe no rest perhaps for those who died on the Port Adelaide railway tracks.

The current Visitor Information Centre was once used as a police station. In its early days, upstairs young cadets would sleep in a dorm room after a long shift. One such cadet, Jacob finished an exhausting shift and lay in his bunk upstairs and fell asleep. Come the next day after breakfast another young police recruit was sent upstairs to wake him up, discovering the cold body of a deceased Jacob. Many years later a young male worker employed at the visitor information centre enjoyed playing tricks on his fellow workers, blaming the ghost he dubbed Jasper. However the tricks became more and more real with mysterious breezes and random footsteps descending and ascending the staircase and the worker has since left his position. Interestingly, the alleged ghost, dubbed Jasper, had a connection with Jacob Wilkes the young cadet that died mysteriously in the safe and secure police compound where he slept after his exhausting shift. In a funeral notice from Jacob’s brother he said, Miss you Jasp ... your brother Isaac.

Jenny Leadbeater: Community

Thanks to everyone who helped with the BBQ at Bunnings on Saturday, it seemed very quiet initially, but it picked up. We had 13 packs of sausages and more were purchased. We had approx. \$1200 in sales which could be about \$900 in profit. Just a reminder for anyone doing this in the future, we had to give information to Bunnings on how much sales and how much profit the day brought about.

Youth - ML

Darryl and I attended the Interactors Club yesterday, they have 19 members. They all put their name against one event. They are making a donation to Clean seas. They have enough money for their Peace Pole. Thank you to Laurens for coming to the Breakfast Club, Lindsay is organising fruit loaf for this club every Monday. Interact helped us with the Fringe project. Badges have been organised for all interactors.

David Weatherley

BBQ last Sunday for Wheels in Motion, we made about \$600.00. Biggest thing we found was Autistic children came, they had fun, and they were very appreciative of being involved. We hope to have another event and we have been asked to be involved. Emily was very helpful and we will work on how we can consolidate this with future events.

Editors Reminder: David Weatherley is inviting any Rotarians (and friends of Rotary) to contact him where they are able attend the upcoming Skate Park BBQ & show their support for the WIM program which makes a huge difference to youth in our local area.

Peter Harper

If we ever have a situation where we don't have a trailer, I do have a ute.

Dave Cockshell

The playground we pulled out is going to the Philippines. On Saturday 5 playgrounds were loaded in a container ready to go. When I went to DIK today another Playground was delivered. Sometime soon another playground will be required to be removed and it will of his go to Alice Springs.

ML: I was listening to a year one reading, he said a motorbike ran in front of his dad's car, and his Dad caught up with the motorcyclist, and punched the man.

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President Steve's Closing Remarks

There is welcome news regarding Ronda's Health. Steve shared news verbally at the meeting and for those not at the meeting, see Steve for information.

Bernard is having trouble with a leg so we will help out whenever we can.

Rob Eley was on the ABC's Peter Goers show. It was a good bit of fun being their guest of the month during a 35 minute chat.

On the weekend we received a certificate from Rotary International for our club's contributions to the Rotary Foundation where 97% of all monies collected goes to projects.

A roster is being circulated for volunteers at the Barossa Air Show Car Parking. Thank you to those who are available and able to add their name.

Rotary Information

Update from Australian Rotary Health Symposium. **HEALTHY CHILDREN – BRIGHT FUTURES** that will support research designed to improve the mental health of Australian children aged 0-12 years. If we fail today's children we fail tomorrow's society.

“What is participatory?” ... Gawler Council is again running this initiative, for residents and the Community We need a clever idea that meets the Criteria.

Only open to Town of Gawler Rate Payers and businesses.

An Idea is to Put a Peace pole in Dead Man's Pass—we propose to build a path in front of the old shelter and a Peace Garden, with a Peace Pole.

We need the members of the Club to say they want to do this.

The Council will do all the work, maybe we will do some complementary work but nothing major.

A Second idea is for Gawler to become a Peace keeping Town.

There will be a workshop facilitated by the institute of Economic Peace. It is free and done online approx. 2 hours, a certificate on completion this is available for everyone.

We are looking at participating in creating an Accessible Peace Garden in Dead Man's Pass and or Clonlea Park.

We may put some money towards the Peace Poles.

Followed by a Feast for Peace, 21st September 2023, signage at entry to the Town.

One of the key focuses of Rotary is Peace, which can involve support for the homeless and assistance regarding Domestic Violence.

Meeting Closed: 8:33pm.

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QUIZ NIGHT AND SILENT AUCTION

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
FUN AND FUNDRAISING!
@ BAROSSA CHATEAU
06 MAY 2023

Barossa Wildlife Rescue Quiz
Night and Silent Auction

Saturday May 6,
6:30pm—11:00 pm
ACST

Price **\$10 AUD + BF**

Barossa Wildlife Rescue is a local community run charity that provides rescue, rehabilitation and release services for injured and orphaned wildlife in the Barossa Valley region and surrounds. Your support for a fundraising event to be held in May would be appreciated by our local environment fauna.

Join us for a night of fun and fundraising at our Quiz night & Silent auction. Well known radio identity, Sean Craig Murphy will be our MC for the night.

- **Doors open at 6:30 for a 7:00pm start.**
- **Tables of 8 participants—why not organise a group to unite together for a cause.**
- **BYO nibbles to share with your table.**
- **Sorry no BYO drinks.**
- **Bar facilities will be available.**
- **Bookings are essential.**

Event queries - email info@barossawildliferescue.com.au

<https://events.humanitix.com/barossa-wildlife-rescue-quiz-night-and-silent-auction>



TOGETHER MOVING FORWARD —Club Changeover Rotary Club of Gawler Light

Sunday June 25, 1– 4pm Café Nova

Mark the Date!



MEETING ROSTER

Date	April 11	April 18	April 25	May 2
Meeting #	1341	1342	No Meeting	1343
Guest Speaker	Renee Chamberlain	Crafty the Music Man		Steve McLachlan Darryl Matthews
Subject	RYLA	Life's Journey		Club Health Check
Cashier	David Weatherley	Greg Morris		Peter Harper
Chairperson	Darryl Matthews	Dick Milner		Martin Monument
Rotary Information	Dick Milner	Martin Monument		Matt Saunders
Thought for the Week	Martin Monument	Matt Saunders		Deanne Tingey
Vote of Thanks	Matt Saunders	Deanne Tingey		Joan Tingey
Fellowship	Deanne Tingey	Joan Tingey		Stephen Arthur
Location	Gawler Arms	Gawler Arms		Gawler Arms
Meeting Type	Committees Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome		Partners Welcome