

CREATE HOPE IN THE WORLD



BULLETIN April 9 Meeting 1390

Rotary
Club of Gawler Light



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Barossa Bush Gardens Vocational Visit



Highlights of the Tuesday's Club visit included an informative commentary by Trevor. First Nations connections to the land, traditional use of plants (such as cooking) and applications for treating wounds and infections were proudly shared.

Symbiosis connecting the intertwined role of particular native plants and insects (such as with the coast bitterbush, ants and a particular blue/brown butterflies caterpillar); the importance of **native bees** and their unique pollination method for native Australian Plants and even the humble backyard tomato crop; **fire-wise practices** with appropriate use of windbreaks (such as a stone wall, selection of green plants such as myoporum parvifolium, correa gabria and native grasses under and around more bushier plants); facilitation of activities and resources for **mental health and wellbeing** (such as the Dementia Garden, the Labyrinth and a community garden); workshops about sustainability and plant identification; as well as other fascinating insights were fondly explained during our guided tour. As a bonus, bi-annually Barossa Arts promotes a sculpture competition that repurposes equipment (*perhaps an idea for our club's RARE*). The sculptures carry environmental messages that add another dimension to the Barossa Bush Garden. Dining at the Vine Inn completed a wonderful visit!

ROTARY CLUB OF MOBILONG INTERNATIONAL PROJECT

Can you help restore sight to people in our neighbouring Pacific nations?

Vision of Islands is a non-profit volunteer eye surgical and clinical team, providing free-of-charge cataract removal for South Pacific Islanders (of all ages) who would otherwise be blind. To date the team, led by ophthalmologist Dr John Willoughby OAM, has worked in Tonga and Tuvalu.

The Rotary Club of Mobilong seeks financial support from clubs in District 9510 to allow Dr John Willoughby and his team to continue and extend this work.

Vision of Islands operates under the direction of the Ministry of Health of each participating country. Their medical outreach team trains the local medical staff in patient care. They provide medical and teaching equipment and train local staff in their use, as well as extend specialist eye services to remote areas where people lack specialist services because of remoteness.

The team provides all equipment, expendables and teaching materials (with backup). They remove all their refuse, leaving the island as clean or cleaner than on arrival

Their goal is to include Registrar trainees from Australasia in the program to expose them to aspects of humanitarian care where they will also see extreme need and advanced pathology. They also aim to take other professionals who may wish to serve or study topics covering several island nations.

Their first volunteer trip back to the Pacific Islands since the Covid-19 Pandemic was made in August 2023 when Dr Willoughby performed 32 surgeries in the island nation of Tuvalu.

Dr Willoughby provides his surgical skills free of charge. But there are other huge ongoing overheads like travel costs, medical equipment, transport and mobile facilities to reach remote clinics.

CAN YOU HELP?

Your club will be acknowledged by Vision of Islands as a Supporting Donor.

Funding support should be transferred to the following account:

Rotary Club of Mobilong Inc

BSB: 015 665

Acc# 203 729 707

Please include the name of your club and Vision of Islands in the reference.

We ask clubs to please consider a donation of \$500.00 but any amount will be received gratefully.

The Rotary Club of Mobilong will also be applying for a Global Grant to assist Dr Willoughby in his on-going work restoring sight.

	Fellowship	Vote Thanks	Thought for Week	Rotary Information	Chair	Cashier	Guest /Topic
April 16 Gawler Arms Meeting 1391	Grant Buik	Rob Eley	Dick Milner	Martin Monument	Richard Tucker	Peter Harper	Bernie & Anita Goodwin
April 23 Meeting 1392 Gawler Arms	Bronwyn Anderson	Grant Buik	Rob Eley	Richard Tucker	Jenny Leadbeater	David Weatherley	Sally Willoughby Vision of the Islands (Mobilong Rotary Project)
April 30 Meeting 1393 Gawler Arms	Bernie Goodwin	Jenny Leadbeater	Grant Buik	Dick Milner	Bronwyn Anderson	Peter Harper	Stephen Arthur Europe
May 7 Meeting 1394	Anita Goodwin	Bronwyn Anderson	Nathaniel	Jenny Leadbeater	Ian Curtis	David Weatherley	Duncan Power Dana Asia
May 14 Meeting 1395	Susan Clift-Bowden	Bernie Goodwin	Joan Tingey	Rob Eley	Dick Milner	Peter Harper	TBA

Upcoming Key Dates:

April 27—RC Gawler 70th Celebrations

May 4/5—President Elect Preparation & District Assembly

June 30—Club Changeover, Café Nova