



Rotary
Rotary Club of Gawler Light



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

Presidents welcome & Minutes of Rotary meeting number: 1336 Date 7/3/2023

Chairperson: Roger Freeman

Presidents welcome & report:

- Apologies for last week I did a bit of learning on photography.
- Did everyone receive the email about all the upcoming events we need volunteers for.
- On 25th March we did have on the 2nd April, we have now been asked by the Council to run a BBQ at Clonlea Park, all we need to do is take our BBQ, cook the sausages then leave.
- I need to get back to the Council tomorrow. Council is paying us and we should make about \$800.00. We do need 4 people.
- Birthing Kits will be discussed in the next Rotary year by the Board.
- Donation to Gym that supported Laurens this year.
- Football gates Roster will be coming out soon.
- We need host families for the next years International Exchange student, are there families here that would be happy to take the student for 3 months.

Important Dates

11 March	Fringe in the Park
18&19 March	Relay for Life
1 April	President Elect Prep Day
1 April	Bunnings BBQ
2 April	Play in the Park
16 April	Barossa Airshow
29 April	GCFC Gatekeeping
27-31 May	Rotary International Convention Melbourne
3 June	Bunnings BBQ

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- Celebration & Award—14 March

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Guest Speaker: Peter Kotsoglous – Pitchi Richi Marathon ** 40 years **



• It started when my neighbour asked me if I was running in the City to Bay, are you coming along? There will be a keg. At midnight we ran one block, Then with race day approaching we ran two blocks. This became important to me. My first run was 1974.

- The YMCA had a running group, I was out with the group, when we decided to do the Adelaide Marathon and the Pitchi Richi Marathon.
- In contrast to when the Pitchi Richi Marathon was begun, there can be more than three marathons (42kms) held on the same weekend somewhere in South Australia.
- Our course is one of only very few Marathons in Australia to be **internationally IAAF-AIMS certified** which validates the exact distance for the course. At race end a unique trophy is presented which is made in the image of a marathon runner fashioned out of railway spikes to symbolize the races connection with the famous Pitchi Richi Railway.
- With the organizing of the **25th consecutive event** it was considered to be the last marathon to be run. However at various times with the help of Rotary, Lions and the Flinders Ranges Council it has continued ever since.
- Sometimes in the past we have had to wait two or three weeks for results but the suggestion of announcing the results immediately after the event was adopted by incorporating RFID transponders.
- With Rotary and Flinders Ranges Council now running the marathon event the **41st Pitchi Richi Marathon** will be held in June 2023 incorporating options for walk, jog or run that start at different points on the course and finish around the same time in the same venue.

Vote of Thanks: Darryl Matthews



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Members corner.

- ML, and Darren attended the Interact meeting.
- It was really good as they were coming up with their own ideas. Rehana currently President is now in year 12, they will elect a new President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- Martin, lots of plums if anyone wants some.
- Dave Cockshell has a book 100 Tails on Australia's most Haunted Places if anyone is interested.



Greg, Rob and Roger thank you for doing the BBQ last Saturday.

Thought for the week Marie-Louise

- Almost every successful person begins with two beliefs:
- The future can be better than the present
- And I have the power to make it so.

President's reminders / closing remarks ML

- Please put your name on the Rosters if you can help with any of the upcoming events

Meeting Closed: 8:26 pm

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-Dr. Seuss



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CREATING SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES IN CAMBODIA AND THE PHILIPPINES

Rotary-funded projects, in partnership with Dana Asia Ltd

Through Australian registered not-for-profit Dana Asia and their team in Cambodia, the Rotary Club of Gawler Light is supporting three projects aimed at reducing inequalities and creating sustainable livelihood opportunities in the country's most impoverished rural communities. March 2023 updates from these projects are as follows:

1. SUSTAINABLE POULTRY FARMING

At the end of September 2022, Mr. Sokum received his seventh batch of chicks to raise. By December, the chicks were ready for sale. With support from KJC Farm, the mature chickens were sold in to the hotel and restaurant market, with Mr. Sokum earning a fee per chicken sold.

He is earning an average of AU\$272 for each 90-day cycle which is a 75% increase in his monthly household income from before he joined the Outgrower program in February 2020. The extra income is being used to pay for education expenses for his three children and medical care for his wife, who has a long-term illness.

Rotary District grants & club contributions received:
AU\$2,112



2. SOLAR-PRODUCED WATER

The solar water project in Cambodia is now setup and running at Khnao Po High School. 10 panels are set up and producing around 250L of clean and hot water which is being used by the students and teachers.

As well as enjoying the clean drinking water, the students are also beginning to develop their entrepreneurial skills, with the final formal curriculum being refined and soon ready to be delivered to a group of eager, entrepreneurial students. A microbusiness can be set up to sell any surplus water that is produced by the panels to community members for a small income which can be used for school development, books, equipment, etc.

Rotary District grants & club contributions received:
AU\$1,600



3. SCHOLARSHIPS

In 2022, Rotary supported three students through three modules of English language tuition at the Australian Centre for Education in Siem Reap. All three have now completed, passing all three modules and consistently achieving marks of "Very Good" or "Excellent". All three have now been offered scholarships to study at university through Dana Asia's University Scholarship program. One student is studying Public Administration, one is studying Accounting and one is studying English. The scholarship covers tuition as well as accommodation in Siem Reap town, books and learning supplies, uniforms, food and any other university-related expenses to ensure they have what they need to be able to focus on their studies.

Rotary District grants & club contributions received: AU\$3,000



CYCLE FOR RECYCLING

The Rotary Club of Gawler Light is also partnered with Dana Asia on an exciting new project that is in the inception phase in the Philippines. Rotarian and Dana Asia CEO Duncan Power has raised over AU\$80,000 so far for the project that will address the environmental and economic crises in urban poor communities in Manila by implementing three key activities:

1. Construct an Eco Hub recycling facility to recycle plastic waste into eco-bricks and create new jobs within the community.
2. Facilitate microfinance loans with training opportunities in micro entrepreneurship focusing on creating new business opportunities for women.
3. Establish 5 community eco stores championing zero-waste retailing selling basic goods at low cost.

Through a series of community engagement activities, a community for the project has been identified, partnership agreements signed between various stakeholders from community, private sector, academia, and government, with the local government unit demonstrating their commitment to the project by donating the land and building as the site of the new Eco Hub.



Friends of the Garden Update - March 2023

Bunnings BBQ Fundraisers:

Thanks to everyone who put their name down to help out at the 2 Bunnings BBQ fundraisers. Our efforts added another \$1180 to the kitty to put into the garden.

IBC Workshop: 5 Ey Grove, Evanston - Mon 13 @10am

Please bring cutting tools to cut 5mm plastic and alloy cage, ie. jigsaws, appropriate PPE etc. No RSVP.

Monday Morning Gardening: Starting 20th @ 8am-11am, Onsite.

We are going to start to meet on site and get some jobs done like rabbit proofing and weeding. Bring your tools, morning tea and sense of humour. No need to RSVP.

Next Committee Meeting - Mon 3rd April @ 7pm at the Gawler Civic Centre.

All welcome to sit in and listen and help guide the development of the garden. RSVP to gawlercommunitygarden1@gmail.com

Yellow Door Street Band Donation: Sat 15th @ 11:30am @ PA Hotel Gawler.

Martin and the band will be donating \$500 to the garden from donations raised by the band.

Andrew Yip

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You are invited to join other board members
& interested Rotarians in preparation for the
2023-2024 Rotary year at the

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Sunday 2nd April

9am - 4pm

St Michael's College, 15 Mitton Ave, Henley Beach

Enjoy networking over morning tea & lunch

*Keynote
Speakers*



**Andrew Best
& Barbara Mifsud**

from Rotary International
South Pacific & Philippines
Office will share their vast
experience.

Andrew will be speaking
about ENGAGEMENT
and Barbara will share
MEMBERSHIP options and
explorations .

**Click here or tap on QR Code
to Register
from
18th Feb
to
18th March**



Life is a Journey which can begin and end in an expression of profound love.

On March 21 we have the vocational visit, 7:30pm at Cowan street. As for a meal before that is up to everyone and we can have it at Gawler Arms before our visit to Taylor & Forgie's Crematorium where we can discover expressions of dignity & love.



The Port Adelaide

Ghost Tour

Tues. 28 March '23..



Depart: Gawler Visitor Centre at 5:30 SHARP!

MEETING ROSTER

	14-Mar-23	21-Mar-23	28-Mar-23	4-Apr-23
Meeting Number	1337	1338	1339	1340
Meeting Type	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome
Chairperson	Jenny Leadbeater			Marie-louise Lees
Rotary Information	Marie-louise Lees			Darryl Matthews
Thought for the Week	Darryl Matthews			Dick Milner
Vote of Thanks	Dick Milner			Martin Monument
Fellowship	Martin Monument			Matt Saunders
Cashier	Greg Morris			Peter Harper
Guest Speaker	Renee Chamberlain	Vocational Visit	Social Night	SA Police
Subject	RYLA	Taylor & Forgie Crematorium	Ghost Tour	Traffic Marshalling
Meeting location	Gawler Arms	Cohen Street	Port Adelaide	Gawler Arms

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