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 Rotary Club of Gawler Light

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

Presidents report: Steve McLachlan

RELAY FOR LIFE

A Great Big Thank You to all involved in the setting up and



cooking the breakfast for the "Relay For Life" last weekend. The event raised over \$71,000.00 this year from 23 teams. This brought the total raised since 2007 to over **One Million Dollars** for the Cancer Council. *A really great effort!*

Peter Harper has registered a team for our Club at next years event. **An Early Bird Rate applies if you register your commitment on or before Sunday Mar 26!**

CLUB VOCATIONAL VISIT

An Appreciative Heartfelt Thank You to ML, Ian Chase and Darryl for arranging the vocational visit to Forgies!

YOUTH EXCHANGE

Youth exchanges can build lasting relationships that bring joy like the 3am phone calls from overseas. Please have a conversation around any possible involvement.

Important Dates

1 April	President Elect Prep Day
1 April	Bunnings BBQ
2 April	Daylight Saving ENDS 
2 April	World Autism Awareness BBQ
2 April	Play in the Park
16 April	Barossa Air Show
29 April Extra Helpers Invited	Skate Park BBQ supporting Wheels in Motion 
29 April	GCFC Gatekeeping
9 May	Bring a friend night
15 May	Combined Meeting @ Nixons (Monday)
27-31 May	Rotary International Convention Melbourne
3 June	Bunnings BBQ

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**FOCUS ON GAWLER
LIGHT ROTARY**

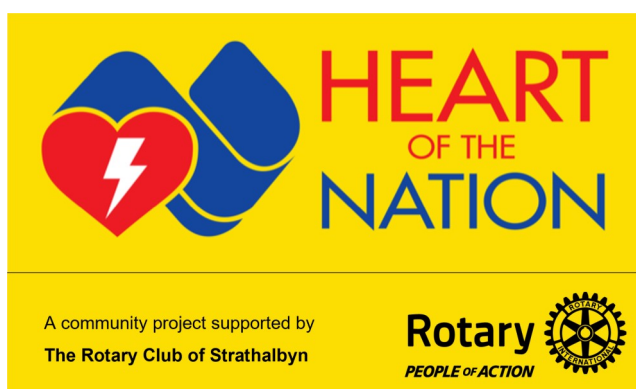
Bring a Friend—At Wednesday’s Board Meeting it was decided to conduct a bring a friend night on May 9th.

There will be a Big Focus on the activities that Our Club and Rotary World Wide are achieving. It is a great opportunity to incorporate increased awareness of promotions such as the Peace Pole, to celebrate the 100 years for Rotary in SA.

Please try and find someone to bring along that night.

**COMBINED MEET WITH
GAWLER ROTARY CLUB**

Monday May 15th we see us having a combined meeting with the members of the Gawler Club at their venue “Nixons”. The guest speaker we have arranged will be Vivienne Goodenough speaking on “The Heart of the Nation”.



**Gawler Central
Gatekeeping 2023**

- April 29th
- May 13th
- May 27th
- June 17th
- June 24th

- July 1st
- August 5th
- August 19th
- Sept 9th Semi TBC



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YOUTH EXCHANGE

Prior to the visit commencing at Taylor & Forgies, some of the challenges and joys of youth exchange were shared to bring into light matters under consideration relating to future youth exchanges. The possibility was discussed that members may choose to consider being emergency (respite?) short term hosts where volunteering assigned host parents end up with unscheduled work commitments.

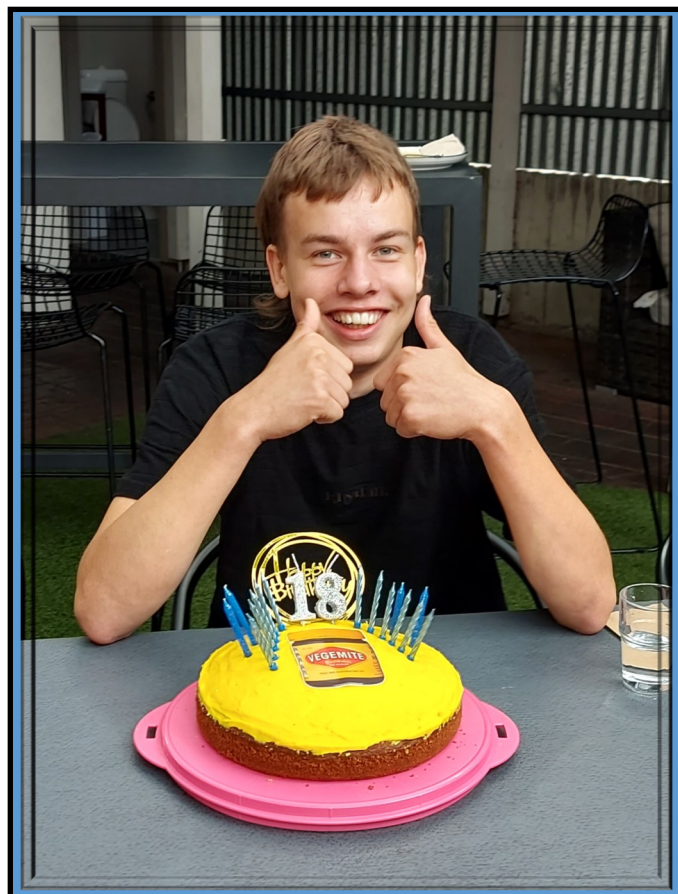
“A decision needs to be made on our involvement with the Youth Exchange Program by the end of this week coming”.

We need to know if we have enough Host Families to continue. I have contacted Kathy Heinrich to see if the Gawler Club would like to share a student. They have a board meeting Monday night and will let us know by Tuesday 28th March.

Please consider the opportunity to Host (or to assist) and let me know as soon as possible.

Supplementary Note:
ML—Laurens makes a significant

contribution to the health and wellbeing of young students at GDC Junior Breakfast Club. They are drawn to him in ever increasing numbers!



Note from Laurens:

This week I helped at the Relay for Life BBQ; enjoyed Victor Harbour and Freaky Friday on Sunday. On page 4 you can see some photos of my trip which was made possible by my host parents visiting Queensland. It was great fun.

Reminders

**Tues. 28—Arrive at Gawler Visitors Centre BEFORE 5:30pm
Bus must leave on time for Port Adelaide.**

Bunnings BBQ April 1st

Council BBQ for World Autistic Day Clonlea Park April 2nd

Barossa Air Show April 16th

First Football Gates April 29th Focus on Gawler Light May 9th



Editor: Search the web
for their good idea.




Laurens: Our International Exchange Student



Riding awesome waves at Surfers Paradise; Bumped into friends who were visiting from Germany, Tested out indoor skate park at Ipswich & more

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What was discussed last meeting?

SATURDAY

Items before 6pm will be included in the Bulletin that follows each Tuesday's meeting.

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 7.15pm for 7.30pm meeting
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Acknowledging the commitment to youth

On Mar 14 the Rotary Club of Gawler Light incorporated an Award ceremony to again re-iterate that the club is united in their endeavours to support youth.

The Paul Harris Fellowship was bestowed on Kirsten Impett for her incredible and tireless demonstration of Service Above Self. Certificates of Recognition were presented to others for their enormous effort in voluntary service with WIM.

Without the means to meet requirements for employment through obtaining a car licence & being able to freely travel for the purposes of further education and acquiring new skills, young people in Gawler and Light face formidable barriers. A car licence also enables

youth to pursue social & recreational activities assisting them to develop their potential by interacting and growing through opportunities that previously they could only dream of.

Wheels in Motion provides enriched opportunities for community minded Rotarians and non Rotarians to grow their own potential as they freely reprioritize their time and other interests to make a real difference to youth. Keith Scott, Dick Milner, Roger Brennand, Jenny Leadbeater, Brian Kupke, Alison Kennet, Jesse MacKenzie, Tony Gill, Rick Miersch, Mal McCann, Marie-Louise Lee, Grant Buik, Keith Weatherley, Lindsay Weatherley and David Weatherley were honoured for their selfless service through Certificates of Recognition.

Each year the Wheels in Motion Program is offered the opportunity to host a BBQ at the Gawler Skate Park. The event showcases all forms of skate including, Skateboards, Scooters, Bikes and Skates. It forms part of the SA Skate League. Our club's participation commenced in 2017 when the inaugural event was used to showcase Wheels in Motion, using the Salisbury Vehicle to garner support for our Funding bid under Fund my Neighbourhood.



The Rotary Club of Gawler Light's WIM initiative continues to use this Skate Park event as an advertising and fundraising opportunity that promotes not only Rotary but also the growing Gawler & District College youth based Interact Club. By Rotarians contributing to this event, it opens community conversations and positively supports the journey of our youth.

Indeed if ANY Rotarians (as well as Friends of Rotary) are able and willing to invest even just an hour or two at the WIM's next BBQ in the Skate Park on April 29th to cook and promote programs it will magnify the impact on youth in our local area.





Funerals are an opportunity to remember a unique individual, to celebrate a life that was and express shared grief in a supportive and empathetic environment.

During our club's vocational visit, Mark Forgie from Taylor and Forgie Funerals informatively shared with us insights behind his beautifully clean and thoughtfully planned rooms designed for a relaxed and safe atmosphere supporting people experiencing the intense loss of a loved one.

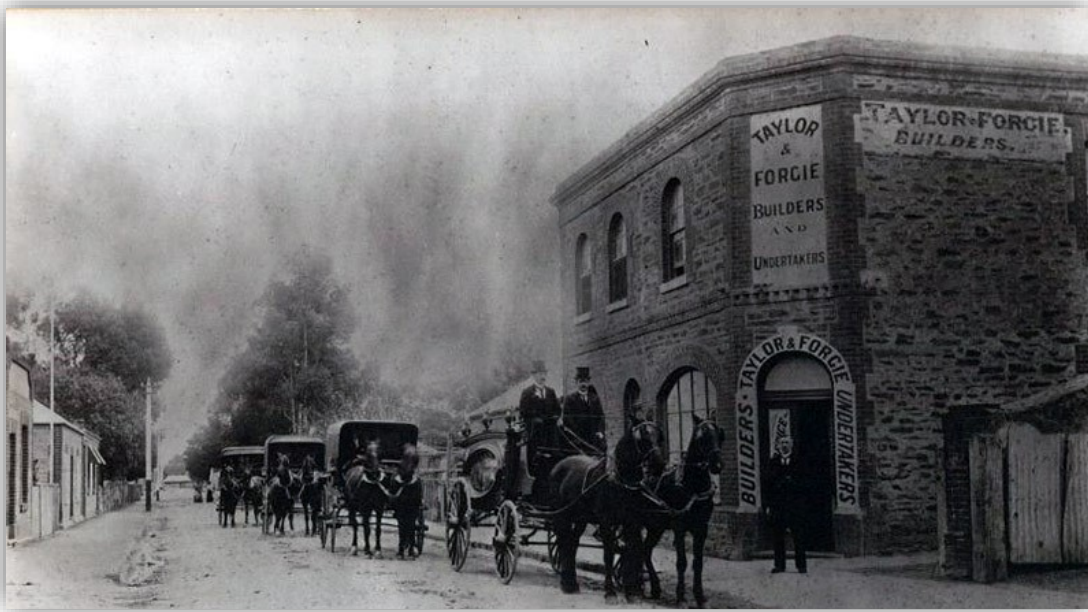
Mark earnestly fosters individually tailored services that compassionately seek to meet the needs of people right where they are, during very difficult times. People in mourning are lovingly sustained as the team goes to work sourcing death certificates from doctors or the coroner, organizing referrals for grief aftercare and utilizing insightful notes from the "Your Story" initiative. "Your Story" creates the opportunity to proactively document one's own eulogy, funeral preferences & special moments to ease the overwhelming feelings of loss and despair by loved ones when the end of life event presents.

Mark shepherded us through the facilities fondly revealing features within the rooms that carried special significance, and in their own discreet way reflected Mark's philosophy that he incorporates into funerals. He has functional wood components in

one room that are a testimony to the life and work of his forebears who worked in the original funeral premises well over 165 years ago. In other rooms there are comfortable chairs and tables to foster relaxed conversations and open dialogue. This philosophy of maintaining a fitting memorial to a past life, while ensuring great importance for addressing current needs is at the heart of his funerals, celebrating precious memories of the deceased while placing even greater value on meeting current needs of those still living.

Mark Fergie proudly & humbly continues the unbroken family tradition being a 5th generation Funeral Director and continues to evolve his funeral services and facilities. From the humble beginning in 1855 when his ancestor Alexander Forgie became part of the Builders and Undertakers known as W.S. Taylor in Tod Street Gawler, Taylor & Forgie has continued to evolve as it recognizes changes in values, health crises and so much more.

Mark Fergie acknowledges that with changing times there are regrettably some people who have a differing perspective to the way he values people in their time of need. Indeed he makes no apology for being at odds with the occasional Funeral Directors & the press "who seem to emphasize things that focus on death and dying".



respect and empathy. This is no easy task as emotions from conflicts within families as well as divided relationships can potentially have the effect of spilling over threatening to disrupt the vibe of the service and also negatively impact-

He explained that death can be sensationalized and the emphasis can be focused more on coffins and the actual burial of a loved one. In contrast, prior to & after a funeral, there needs to be an emphasis about celebrating life through precious memories and how these can uplift the living. Mark and his team believes in providing an experience that simply and quietly does the heavy lifting by professionally and competently attending to all the details necessary to allow an appropriate "send-off". Mark expounded that "the send off" must go way further than being focused on death. It is also more than just a ritualistic act of dignity and respect for the deceased, it needs to be have a strong focus on caring for the wellbeing of the living who are experiencing shared grief.

To support changing needs while keeping to his core beliefs, the team offers a range of supports such as refreshment lounges, live streaming, a state of the art Crematorium (seen in the photos), as well as ecologically aware options such as living memorial trees & donating a tree for life in lieu of traditional flowers.

They understand that the loss of a loved one is a highly emotional time so great care and awareness is shown to emphasize

ing on staff who take such loving care when organizing all the details of a funeral. However the team at Taylor & Forgie have proactively been supported and equipped to understand and seek support when emotional trauma seems to be directed at them.

Covid made times complicated for staff and those in grief, however Taylor & Forgie navigated it confidently providing services with minimal disruptions. Mark & his team were applauded for their enduring & sustaining love & service to this community.





**Celebrating
Life**

**Gawler Relay for Life
Cancer Council SA**

First time we did Relay for Life—signed up as a team around 6 weeks before the event. Our team, “Gottabecrazy” raised more than \$2500 and did 313 laps of walking. Bron.



**30%
Discount**

Contact Peter Harper for details

**Early Bird
Discount
Ceases Monday Mar 27**



**Celebrate.
Remember.
Fight Back.**

**GAWLER LIGHT
TEAM 2024**



The Port Adelaide Ghost Tour

Tuesday March 28

Leaving Gawler Visitor Centre 5:30pm

Have you placed your menu order with Martin?

MEETING ROSTER

	28-Mar-23	4-Apr-23	11 Apr-23	18-Apr-23
Meeting Number	1339	1340	1341	1342
Meeting Type	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome
Chairperson		Marie-louise Lees	Darryl Matthews	Dick Milner
Rotary Information		Darryl Matthews	Dick Milner	Martin Monument
Thought for the Week		Dick Milner	Martin Monument	Matt Saunders
Vote of Thanks		Martin Monument	Matt Saunders	Deanne Tingey
Fellowship		Matt Saunders	Deanne Tingey	Joan Tingey
Cashier		Peter Harper	David Weatherley	Greg Morris
Guest Speaker	Social Night	SA Police		Crafty the Music Man
Subject	Ghost Tour	Traffic Marshalling	Committees	Life Story
Meeting location	Port Adelaide	Gawler Arms	Gawler Arms	Gawler Arms

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