



Rotary Club of Gawler Light

District 9500 | Chartered 10 July 1996

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President: Dick Milner | **Secretary:** David Cockshell | **District Governor:** David Jones | **RI President:** Holger Knaack

President's Message: Dick Milner

First of all I am sure we all wish Carol a speedy recovery from her recent fall.

Best wishes to Marilyn Curtis too who has just arrived home after a major operation. Ian tells me all went well.

Last week our DG gave us an insight into what is happening in the new district 9510, the planned celebrations for the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Rotary Club of Melbourne and thus the start of Rotary in Australia.

Walter Drummond of Melbourne originally visited Paul Harris in 1943 and came back to Australia fired up to initiate Rotary here but WW1 got in the way and things were delayed. Walter was a charter member of the club and secretary for the first nine years.

His wife Lynn also talked about her project in helping the mentally ill.

There will be no meeting this Tuesday due to the changeover on Friday, the following Tuesday will be a zoom meeting with Mark Young the CEO of Adelaide Airport Authority as the guest speaker.

Hope to see you all on Friday.

*The Rotary Club of Gawler Light
aims to provide enjoyment and foster
fellowship between Rotarians and
others through projects to improve
our local and international*

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Blasts from the Past—



Barry Treloar, John Dowling and Dick Milner celebrating the Club's 10th anniversary July 2006



Ian Curtis at DIK June 2015



Presentation of certificates of appreciation by Greg Morris to Joe McCaffery, Keith Weatherley and David Giles Jnr for their help in erecting the Shed March 2015



Scott and Jake Rathman playing at a Club Auction Night March 2014

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Guest Speaker: District Governor David Jones

- Rotary Vision Statement: Together we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change across the globe in our communities and in ourselves
 - Strategic priorities to:
 - Increase our impact
 - Expand our reach
 - Enhance participant engagement
 - Increase our ability to adapt
 - Strategic plan to encourage leadership, service, fellowship, diversity, integrity and leadership
 - District profile: 2167 members, 394 honorary members, 80 Rotaractors; 36 clubs have less than 20 members
 - Provided an overview of the District 9510 structure
 - District 9510 vision:
 - Supporting and strengthening clubs in the District
 - Focusing on humanitarian service
 - Enhancing public image and awareness
 - Encouraging diversity and awareness across membership
 - Being innovative, creative and engaging with membership and community
 - District leadership board role:
 - Identify areas of concern
 - Develop strategies to address those concerns
 - Determine the role of district leaders in addressing concerns
 - Next district conference planned for 16-18 April 2021 in Bendigo
- Virtual conference ride and/or walk 615km from Adelaide to Bendigo to raise money -download Strava app to track progress
 - Lynn Jones' project: Mental Health First Aid ; Lift the Lid to raise money for research into mental illness

Entertainment Books

It's that time of year again! All Entertainment Book memberships are now digital. Support the Rotary Club of Gawler Light by buying your Entertainment Book here: <https://www.entertainment.com.au/orderbooks/166e375> OR sharing the link or Facebook post with your networks

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Local Points of Interest:

Phillips Avenue to Calton Road Reserve Biodiversity Project : Richard Tucker

Earlier this year Gawler Environment & Heritage Association (GEHA) was approved for a Commonwealth Communities Environment Grant to re-establish native grassland habitat on Gawler Council Phillips Avenue Reserve (the ElectraNet powerline corridor) between Calton Road and Phillips Ave.

The project aims to create a space which combines an improved natural environment plus higher community value as a place for observing nature, walking, exercising dogs and other activities. This is being done through the establishment of 1 hectare of native grassland in the centre of the corridor, which will contain a highly diverse mix of native plants; and a surrounding area of native grasses as a buffer to help suppress weeds. An informal walking track around the reserve will enable community walking and recreation.

Due to time constraints the project used an innovative method to control weeds. Rather than a long term weed control program a layer of top soil containing the weed seedbank (depth of about 8cm) was removed from the central area and relocated on the perimeter area to a similar depth. Ridges of soil (swales) were also created across the area to catch water run-off

Direct seeding of grasses and some broad leaf native plants has already taken place with seedlings starting to germinate now. GEHA members and local residents have been busy this week following up with hand planting of many other ground layer native species in small patches along the swales where careful weed control can occur to allow these species to establish, set seed and spread in future years.

The original vegetation of the Gawler East area was native grasslands with scattered areas of trees and shrubs – mainly on steeper stony areas or on creeklines. The vegetation and the insect and bug populations which thrive in grasslands provided the food supply and habitat for many mammals, birds and reptiles. Birds such as Diamond

Firetail Finches, Red-browed Finches, Stubble Quail, Brown Quail, Pipit and Songlarks, now rarely seen in the area, will hopefully be attracted back to the area by the restored food supply.

Many native lizard species will be able to use the habitat including Blue-tongues, Bearded Dragons and smaller skink species. Insect-eating native bat species will also benefit.

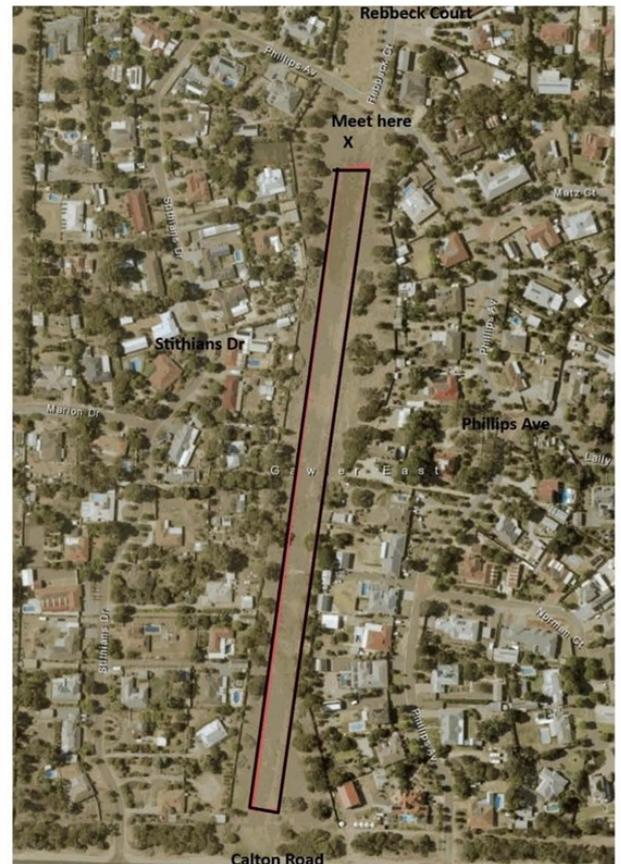
Grasslands are vital habitat for many native butterflies and moths – the rare Chequered Copper Butterfly relying on native Oxalis plants is an example (photo courtesy Butterfly Conservation SA).



Diamond Firetail Finch c 10 cm tall



Chequered Copper Butterfly c 2cm across



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