



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Rotary Club of Gawler Light

District 9510 | Chartered 10 July 1996

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President: Marie-louise Lees | **Secretary:** David Cockshell | **District Governor:** Jeff Neale | **RI President:** Shekhar Mehta

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- Welcomed members
- Thanked all the volunteers who helped at the football gate on Saturday
- Reminded everyone to record their volunteer hours
- Advised the end polio challenge was continuing with two cases recorded in Afghanistan and the United Arab Emirates had donated funds towards vaccinating children in Pakistan
- Will attend the Area 6 Presidents meeting on 26 Aug 21
- Confirmed that next week's meeting (24 Aug 21) would be a partners' night to farewell Jenni and Steve Redden

Youth: David Weatherley

- The Wheels In Motion vehicle will be returning to service next week

Important Dates

29 Aug 21	ROMAC Fundraising Luncheon
19 Sep 21	Swap meet (BBQ)
26 Sept 21	Spring Back Gawler Family Fun Day (Knock em down)
6 Nov 21	BBQ for Disabled children event
20-21 Nov 21	Gawler Show carparking
2021	Quiz Night

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7.15pm for 7.30pm meeting

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Guest Speaker: Marie-louise Lees—Christmas Display

- Purpose
 - To discuss current issues with the project
 - To develop a go forward plan for the project
- Background
 - Thanks to Richard Tucker for spear-heading the project for the past few years. During this time improvements have been made to the project
 - Richard submitted a report to the board following the event last year highlighting some issues with the project that must be addressed
 - Richard does not wish to continue as project champion
- Issue 1 – Suitability of Current Site
 - Pros
 - security,
 - viewing points,
 - infrastructure,
 - access to (free) power
 - a landholder who seems genuinely keen to continue supporting the project
 - Cons –
 - steep slope/track (although a number of improvements to improve safe access have been made in the last couple of years),
 - restrictive site entry due to new gates and fences, increased need to consider privacy and activities of SC and family. {reply from SC indicates this is not a problem}
 - Future track and stage maintenance.
 - Risk of damage to display and serious personal injury from falling tree limbs (potentially fatal).
- Recent Communication with Steven Clark “... we would hate not to see it happening over the festive season but fully understand the huge commitment for you in putting it together. If we can help in any way, please let us know.”
- “Please be assured that we have not been troubled at all by the club's activities throughout the year and that it is not an issue for us from a privacy or security standpoint.”
- Steven was also supportive of having an arborist assess the trees
- Issue 2 - Repairs & Maintenance Required
 - Fabricate aluminium support frames to replace heavy steel (approved)
 - Cockatoo head damaged (probably a relatively minor repair).
 - Lights on star to be replaced with brighter white LED string
 - Pivot for star pole socket
 - Top rail on nativity stage to be lowered at SW end to realigned with shade cloth height (approx.200mm).
 - Extend walking plank along behind nativity stage & clean landslip dirt off existing one
 - Fit shade cloth screen behind Bon-bon stage?
 - Main track retaining wall needs some shoring on uphill side
 - New music program
- Other Issues to be considered
 - Is the display still relevant to Gawler and today's population?
 - Potential for change but would require creative input and additional commitment from members.
 - Competition from private street front light extravaganzas.
 - Custodianship gives RCGL kudos in the community.
 - School competition had limited success – how can we improve this?
 - Can we continue unaided, particularly in a physical sense?
 - Modifications made over the years to lighten the structures have made a big improvement. The Board has already approved (09/01/21) fabrication of lighter aluminium support brackets for Santa & boomers.
 - What other groups could we partner with?
 - Is there a Rotarian prepared to be the Project Champion?

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Rotary Information: Jenny Leadbeater

Rotary’s response to the 1918 flu pandemic

An estimated 500 million people worldwide became infected. Many cities closed theaters and cinemas, and placed restrictions on public gatherings. Rotary clubs adjusted their activities while also helping the sick.

In the United States, the illness was first identified in military personnel in the spring of 1918. The second, deadliest wave peaked between September and November of that year — the final stages of World War I.

Hospitals in some areas were so overloaded with flu patients that schools, private homes, and other buildings were converted into makeshift hospitals. In Chicago, where Rotary World Headquarters was then located, the number of new cases reached 1,200 a day at one point.

Several district governors reported at the June 1919 convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, that war work and then the flu greatly interfered with club activities and their club visits — but not with the spirit of Rotary service.

Illness and upheaval “prevailed all over the world,” Charles H. Brown, then governor for District 10 (Ohio), told the convention. “But throughout Ohio you will find the Rotary clubs, in every city where a Rotary club exists, in the foremost ranks of civic and social work, doing their full share toward serving our government and humanity.”

John Napier Dyer, then governor for District 11 (Indiana), also saw Rotarians stepping forward to help during a time of need. Although traditional Rotary activities practically ceased in his district for several months, he said “many Rotarians gave themselves to the combating of the disease as directors of hospitals, visitors to the sick, or by liberal assistance to the stricken ones.”

Just like during the COVID-19 pandemic, clubs were inspired to adapt and act. They adjusted how they met, following local guidelines of the time, and took action to help give local governments and health providers necessary services and support. Much of this activity occurred in the United States, since Rotary’s international presence at the time was limited. Our response to the coronavirus is global.

MEETING ROSTER

	24-Aug-21	31-Aug-21	07-Sep-21	14-Sep-21
Meeting Number	1263	1264	1265	1266
Meeting Type	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome
Chairperson	Jenny Leadbeater	Darryl Matthews	Steve McLachlan	Dick Milner
Rotary Information	Darryl Matthews	Steve McLachlan	Dick Milner	Martin Monument
Thought for the Week	Steve McLachlan	Dick Milner	Martin Monument	Lynne Podolak
Vote of Thanks	Dick Milner	Martin Monument	Lynne Podolak	Duncan Power
Fellowship	Martin Monument	Lynne Podolak	Duncan Power	Matthew Sanders
Setup & Packup	Lynne Podolak	Duncan Power	Matthew Sanders	Deanne Tingey
Cashier	Greg Morris	Peter Harper	David Weatherley	Greg Morris
Guest Speaker	Lenard Sciancalepore	surprise	Jenny Leadbeater	D.G Jeff Neale
Subject	Cultural Night		Womens Education	Rotary International

ATTENDANCE

All apologies: contact **Susan Clift-Bowden (0438 067 894 or cliftsusan@gmail.com)**

Non-attendance must be notified by **10am Monday**.

Given the current situation please advise your intention to eat a meal.

If you are intending on being away for a lengthy period of time, please also notify the Bulletin Editor

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