



Bulletin Edition #1312 : 16 August 2022

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

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- Welcomed the members, the zoomers and guests including Lindsay Weatherley, baby Benjamin, Lance Hatcher and our exchange student Laurens van Eeten
- Thank you to those who pulled down the playground equipment
- We still need 6 beds for the Hyson Trail walkers
- 4 people are going to the Uganda presentation next week
- Rob Eley has spent time getting the BBQ trailers ready for new decals
- Richard Tucker will chat later about shelter bags.
- Please bring back the fund raiser money for chocolate sales by the end of this month

Important Dates

27-28 Aug 22	Gawler Show carparking
1 Sep 22	Health E Advice chemist opening day sausage sizzle
18 Sep 22	Gawler Car Club Swap Meet
25 Sep 22	Community Picnic Clonlea Park
11 Oct 22	ARHF Walkers
22 Oct 22	Bunnings BBQ
5 Nov 22	Village Fair
2-3 Dec 22	Christmas Display (TBC)
2022	Quiz Night
27-31 May 23	Rotary International Convention Melbourne

International Exchange Student: Laurens

- I have been here for almost a month now, thank you for having me I am having fun and really like it
- Last week I went to the Interact Club at the School
- Wednesday I went to Salisbury Rotaract Club
- Thursday I did a trip with the School to the City to watch – comedy
- Saturday, I went to football with Joan, this was a new experience, it was a bigger stadium than I thought it would be
- Friday I had a little problem—I locked my phone and had no code for it, its all sorted now
- The School is good and I am doing different things, tomorrow I am going Rock Climbing with the school.

Rotary Information: David Cockshell

- A topical project that started in Victoria in 2013 is now in SA: the removal and relocation of playgrounds to needy countries
- About 10% of playgrounds are being recycled
- The Rotary Club of Mt Barker have the recipe for removing playgrounds
- During last week we dismantled the Gawler West playground

Fundraising: Ian Chase

- More volunteers are needed for the Gawler Show Parking
- Swap Meet: 18Sep22; would all members please make themselves available; It is an early morning start on the Sunday, roster is circulating

Solar Water Project: The solar water project uses solar panels to produce clean drinking water while providing training in entrepreneurial skills to high school students to develop a social business that sells affordable clean water within a rural community. In rural villages, wells often run dry during the hot summer and families have no option but to purchase bottled water. This is not only expensive, but also contributes to the country's plastic waste problem. Producing clean water with solar energy gives the community a vital resource during dry season and the water can be sold at affordable prices for community members to generate a small income for the school and community. Partnered with the local high school, the site for the panel setup has been identified (pictured left) and plans have been drawn up for a secure platform that will be constructed to ensure the panels are protected from damage or theft. Dana Asia is also working with the school director and teachers to develop the training curriculum that will be taught to senior high school students. The aim of the training session is to equip students with practical business skills that can be used in the solar water social business and other business ventures in the future. Students will learn the basics of entrepreneurship including how to conduct market research, how to draft a business plan, marketing, and financial management.



Outgrower Project: The Rotary's supported outgrower farmer Mr. Sokum has now been successfully managing his outgrower small business for almost two years. His eldest son has also completed the training program on KJC Farm and they manage the outgrower farm between them. Sokum's wife is struggling with long-term sickness and Sokum often has to spend time with her at the hospital, leaving his son to take care of the chickens.



In his most recent batch, Sokum achieved an astonishing 96% survival rate and earned a total income of AU\$358. The extra income that outgrower farms can give has been a lifeline during difficult Covid times. The pandemic has left many people without work, and families like Sokum's are struggling more and more as time passes. Without the supplementary income stream provided by their outgrower farm, his family would struggle to pay medical expenses and afford food.

English Scholarships: Rotary also supports three students to study English at the Australian Centre for Education (ACE) in Siem Reap. English is an essential skill for study and work in Cambodia, but young people from remote rural communities often have fewer opportunities for further education due to financial barriers. Scholarships at ACE aim to reduce education inequalities and give impoverished high school graduates an equal opportunity to access quality further education to help them find skilled work. The three students, Kon Kea, Cherrk Sokhem, and Khorn Socheat, are studying in their first term and are doing well. Face-to-face classes have returned in Cambodia, which the students find much more accessible than online learning. Based on the results of their placement tests, Socheat and Kea started on the General English Program at Level 3, and Sokhem started at Level 4. With quite a good foundation to start from they are able to understand their teachers quite well and can respond to the questions in English. For all three, they will continue to work on their confidence to become strong English speakers.



“Studying at ACE will make a big difference in my life. If I can improve my knowledge, experience, skills and be good at English I can study at university to become a teacher to earn a good salary and support my family.” – Kon Kea

Kon Kea

Cherrk Sokhem

Khorn Socheat

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Guest Speakers: Bev and Roger Freeman—Travels in Morocco

We had reason to be in Marrakech, Morocco in 2018 for the celebration of our son's wedding to his Moroccan bride at a lovely Riad at Marrakech.

While in Morocco, we took a tour around a country that we might never get a chance to visit again. We took the safe option for lunches and ate fresh tagines most days. Tagines are like a stew, lots of lamb and vegetables and while most of the cafes and road stops that we visited offered some western food, we chose the tagines. Breakfasts consisted mainly of a pancake type dish with jam and fresh fruit and yogurt.

Morocco is a North Africa country bordered by the Mediterranean Sea to the north and the Atlantic Ocean to the west Algeria to the east and the Western Sahara Desert to the south.

A large part of Morocco is mountainous with the High Atlas, Middle Atlas and Anti Atlas Mountains located mainly in the centre and south of the country. Before independence, Morocco was a French protectorate, and as a result, both Moroccan Arabic and French are official languages.

Marrakech is the fourth largest Moroccan city and is situated west of the foothills of the Atlas Mountains. Marrakech apparently is one of the busiest cities in Africa and serves as a major economic centre and tourist destination.

Casablanca is the most famous city in Morocco – made famous by Hollywood, but in name only as the film was never shot in Casablanca. Settled in 12th century the settlement grew into 1 of the most infamous Barbary Coast pirate bases being located on the Atlantic Coast. Originally called Casa Branca meaning “white house” modern Casablanca is considered the economic and business center of Morocco.

From Casablanca we travelled along the Atlantic Coast to the Imperial City of **Rabat** - the political capital of Morocco. The Rabat area was settled as far back as 3rd Century BC with the original settlement of Challah made into a Roman settlement. In 17th century Rabat was another haven for Barbary pirates and after Morocco achieved independence in 1955 Rabat became the nation's capital.

Meknes was settled around the 8th Century, the city contains examples of 17th Century fortified town, where a massive imperial palace complex, granaries, stables and water reserves endowed the city with extensive fortifications and sufficient supplies to last the entire population for 12 months. From 45AD to 285AD Volubilis was the most important town in ancient Rome's African province – the capital of the ancient Kingdom of Mauritania.

Fes is said to be the cultural and cuisine capital of Morocco, and is one of the oldest medieval cities in the world being settled around 789AD. We took a camel trek that afternoon heading for a traditional Berber desert camp which was our accommodation for the night. Our trusty camels took a couple of hours to plod over the desert dunes to reach our camp as the sun set. The dunes change colour with the sun and the weather and are apparently at their most beautiful at sunset and sunrise. The Berber camp was surprisingly civilised with a flush toilet and solar lighting. We were treated to a traditional tagine dinner with fresh fruit for sweets. Our Berber tent was complete with floor rugs and mattresses – hard but surprisingly comfortable. At first morning light we were on our camels trekking back across the sand dunes as the sun rose. It was a cool morning with a skiff of rain, causing us to find out that camels don't like walking into the breeze or rain. Eventually we plodded our way back to our Kasbah and the hearty breakfast awaiting us.

Ouarzazate is the principal town of Morocco's Sahara Desert region and is strategically located on the cross roads of an old caravan trading route between Marrakech and the Southern Sahara. It also became a French Foreign Legion garrison town during the French colonial period. More recently it has been the home of Morocco's film industry with a couple of movie studios and film lots. Films such as Babel, Salmon Fishing in Yemon, Gladiator, Star Wars, Alexander, Jewel of the Nile, Troy and Lawrence of Arabia are just a few of those shot in Morocco.

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Duncan's Epic Adventure: Greg Morris -

- Duncan cycled 90 kms today (Monday 22Aug22) to reach Barrow Creek which is just over 300 kms north of Alice Springs; he had his first puncture along the way.

Karna Acknowledgement: Joan Tingey

- Has been able to confirm the acknowledgement should not be done every week, only when it means something and preferably on important occasions

On Line Meetings: Bron Anderson

- If anyone wants to attend a meeting via online, please register via the website at: <https://www.gawlerlightrotary.org/event>

Treasurer: Peter Harper

- Members are reminded the Club's annual subscription should be paid as soon as practical

MEETING ROSTER

	23-Aug-22	30-Aug-22	6-Sep-22	13-Sep-22
Meeting Number	1313	1314	1315	1316
Meeting Type	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome
Chairperson	David Cockshell	Marilyn Curtis	Ian Curtis	Rob Eley
Rotary Information	Marilyn Curtis	Ian Curtis	Rob Eley	Roger Freeman
Thought for the Week	Ian Curtis	Rob Eley	Roger Freeman	Jenny Leadbeater
Vote of Thanks	Rob Eley	Roger Freeman	Jenny Leadbeater	Marie-louise Lees
Fellowship	Roger Freeman	Jenny Leadbeater	Marie-louise Lees	Darryl Matthews
Cashier	Greg Morris	David Weatherley	Peter Harper	Greg Morris
Guest Speaker	Exchange Student	Brian Barnett	Darryl Matthews	Ethan White
Subject	Autobiography	Driver Training Industry	Interview Mental Health Show	The Importance of Getting off the Couch

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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