



Important Dates

June 2021 Quiz Night

4 July 21 Changeover

President's Message: Dick Milner

- Well we are in the last stretch of this Rotary year, it's gone quickly and let's hope next year we can be back on track to normality. Operating in "caretaker" mode lacks satisfaction so thank you all for hanging in there!
- The Board is considering to cancel our regular meeting in favour of an Area 6 Intercity Dinner on Wednesday, 12 May 2021 @ The Parafield Gardens Community Club

Guest Speaker: Dick Milner – Community Projects

Wheels in Motion:

Commenced in 2018 following a successful state government grant application. The Wheels in Motion program is designed to assist young people aged between 17 and 25 across the Gawler area overcome a major barrier to their employment and further education by assisting them to access driver experience enabling them to qualify for their Ps. The program assists young people without access to either an appropriate vehicle where they live or a licensed supervising driver in the household. The program does NOT replace the need to utilise licensed driving instructors, rather supports the achievement of the recommended 120 hours of supervised driving necessary. The program mirrors those established in other local communities

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 community.



Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA):

The Club offers to fund a candidate for a week-long seminar in a suitable venue close to or in Adelaide where a range of activities are undertaken to build/enhance leadership skills for participants. There is strong competition for places in these camps and candidates are assessed by a district team for consideration.

Youth Exchange Outbound:

The Rotary Club of Gawler Light has been an active supporter of the Rotary Youth Exchange program since 1997 with sponsorship of both inbound and outbound students. A year of study overseas as a Rotary Youth Exchange gives a student an opportunity to develop their personal self confidence and maturity, a lifetime of international friendships, a real understanding of many different cultures, new language skills and a base for future education and career goals. Nominations are sought in January to the end of March; an interview takes place with the student and the parents explaining the process and costs. If the applicant is successful, training and preparation takes place until the student departs for their exchange. The student has a councillor appointed from the Rotary Club of Gawler Light and the host club overseas.

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN):

The Club offers to fund a candidate for a weekend camp in the Adelaide Hills where a range of activities are undertaken to build confidence and leadership skills for participants.

Interact

The club has recently chartered an interact club at Gawler and Districts College. Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills while discovering the power of Service.

Clean Up Australia

Clean Up Australia inspires and empowers communities to clean up, fix up and conserve our environment. The primary objectives of this initiative are to clean up rubbish hot spots, increase awareness of the scale and impact of rubbish in the region, change tourist and local community behaviours and improve local recycling and waste management infrastructure. The main focus is Dead Man's Pass, the nearby causeway and up the One Tree Road. This has been done for many years annually.

Dead Man's Pass

Bird nesting boxes have been made and installed in many trees along the river in the area. In recent years, a significant amount of shrubs have been planted to revegetate the riverbank and environs.

Quality of Life Foundation

The Club continues to support the Quality of Life Foundation in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Gawler and the Lions Club of Gawler. This foundation was established by Rotary in Gawler to provide financial assistance to those in need in our local community who could not access funding from federal, state or local government. The Foundation has continued to consider applications for assistance which meet the criteria established by the Trustees.

Village Fair

Gawler Light is now in partnership with the Rotary Club of Gawler in organising this community event. This joint event allows lots of charity, welfare and community groups an opportunity to promote their organisations and fundraise through stalls and sale of goods. It is a significant community activity held in Pioneer Park, well attended by the public over many years. The Rotary Club of Gawler Light also puts on entertainments for the event.

PO Box 1577, Gawler SA 5118

Meetings: Most Tuesdays 6.15pm for 6.30pm meal, (Optional) .
7.15pm for 7.30pm meeting

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Literacy Grants

In 2008 the Rotary Club of Gawler Light offered for the first time a grant of \$2000 to local schools with Junior Primary students to support Literacy improvement. The club recognises the personal and community value of high literacy skill and wishes to contribute to this cause. The first grant was awarded to Gawler Primary School which used the money to establish Literacy Bags for their Junior Primary students.

The Literacy Grants have grown in the amount and scope, with the Club now offering three \$1000 donations and 25 book bags to selected local primary schools. The schools use the funding to purchase children's books along with stimulus materials related to the books, which often include toys, construction models, puzzles etc. Schools report that the bags are a very successful innovation in stimulating children to read and involve family members in supporting interest in reading.

Local Schools

The Club supports the Kersbrook Primary School with the provision of BBQ catering at the school. The event is a good fundraiser for the Club for a relatively short amount of time needed.

Occasionally the club provides funding for specific items needed by the Evanston Gardens Primary school.

The Club also sponsor an annual award to the best all rounder student at Gawler District College which comes with a RYPEN invitation as part of their prize.

Christmas Donations

Funding is provided to UCare for them to prepare and distribute Christmas hampers to needy families in the area.

Rotarians provide presents for Salvos to give to needy families. Occasionally funding is provided for this and other of their activities by the Club.

Relay for Life

Club supports the Relay For Life event by cooking the breakfast BBQ on the Club's trailer.

Donations in Kind

Though essentially an international program the Club continues to provide substantial support to the RAWCS Donations in Kind program, physically, financially and with governance. Dave Cockshell and Joan Tingey lead a dedicated committee managing this very dynamic program getting donated goods to areas of need in South Australia and needy communities around the world.

Riverbank Christmas Display:

The Club manages a large-scale display of Australiana themed Christmas display which is erected on the South Para Riverbank adjacent the Mill Bridge for public enjoyment. Lights and music are a feature of the display. It is erected at end November and taken down early January each year. There is an ongoing refurbishment program for the characters and infrastructure. A substantial physical effort is required to carry out the display refurbishment, erection and pulldown. The club recognises the use of the site and power supplied by Clark Lawyers.

Thanks for a successful 2020 Christmas Display. The shortage of other projects and fundraising activities has led to a few more members focusing on the future of the display and how it can more easily be managed, particularly as members' physical ability decreases with age. There are a few points for discussion needed at board level and also a list of tasks that need to be carried out prior to next Christmas.

Suitability of site.

Pros - security, viewing points, infrastructure, access to (free) power and a landholder who seems genuinely keen to continue supporting us.

Cons – steep slope/track (although a number of improvements to 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 the Clark family.

There is a risk of damage to display and serious personal injury from falling tree limbs (potentially fatal).



Alternative sites could be sought but site ownership, lack of security (or security at a cost), access to power and the probable need for new support frames and other infrastructure to consider.

The future - management/custodianship: 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. 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 aluminum support brackets for Santa & boomers.

What other groups could we share with? Numbers, commitment and reliability? Succession plan? Custodianship gives RCGL kudos in the community. School competition had limited success.

Repairs and maintenance:

- Fabricate aluminum 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 Bonbon stage?
- Main track retaining wall needs some shoring on uphill side
- New music program

Members' Corner:

- Rob Eley: Will ensure distribution of a link to vote for the Channel Seven Young achievers of the year nominee Renee Chamberlain who has been nominated for Young Achiever Award Regional Service Category

MEETING ROSTER

	20-Apr-21	27-Apr-21	04-May-21	11-May-21
Meeting Type	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome
Chairperson	Martin Monument	Lynne Podolak	Duncan Power	Steve Redden
Rotary Information	Lynne Podolak	Duncan Power	Steve Redden	Matthew Sanders
Thought for the Week	Duncan Power	Steve Redden	Matthew Sanders	Deanne Tingey
Vote of Thanks	Steve Redden	Matthew Sanders	Deanne Tingey	Joan Tingey
Fellowship	Matthew Sanders	Deanne Tingey	Joan Tingey	Richard Tucker
Setup & Packup	Deanne Tingey	Joan Tingey	Richard Tucker	Ian Chase
Cashier	Peter Harper	David Weatherley	Greg Morris	Peter Harper
Guest Speaker	surprise	Dick Milner	Marie-louise Lees	surprise
Subject	Project Night		Autobiography	

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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