

### **Civic Reception for our Local Olympians.**

By the time you read this Bulletin our eager team of caterers will have completed this job. Thanks for the willingness of members to get involved at what was quite short notice. Reports next week.

### **Australian Girls Choir.**

The Australian Girls Choir will be visiting Murray Bridge High School on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September and will be staying until Thursday morning when they leave for Perth. Murray Bridge is their first engagement on a National Tour.

Our Club membership has been invited to attend a Concert featuring the Australian Girls Choir together with a number of local students from the High School and Primary Schools. This Concert will be held in the Gymnasium at MBHS, commencing 7.00pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

Tickets are available from MBHS, Grandisons (Main Street) and Millers (Woolworths complex)

\$10 adult, \$5 concession,

\$2 for school children and under 5 free,

family ticket for \$20 to admit 2 adults and 3 children.

Our Club membership have each also been invited to home host one or more of the girls while they are in Murray Bridge. The girls are between 10 and 17 years of age, and there are 54 girls to be placed. Please see Graham Peake or Sam Cozens for details.

Please note that this occasion coincides with the visit of Peter Shipp our District Governor. The early planning is to have a light buffet tea at the High School, hear an address by DG Peter and then all move on to the Concert in the Gymnasium. Both events are most worthy of your support.

### **RAWCS Annual Dinner**

Elizabeth and I were pleased to have attended the RAWCS function last Saturday evening at Mount Barker on behalf of our Club. The occasion was to acknowledge to great work by Rotarians supporting many people in very poor countries. The key Speaker the Hon Alexander Downer gave a great address, and as a special surprise he was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship in recognition of the many years of assistance to people in poor countries throughout our region. Report circulated at our meeting.

## **ROTARY CLUB OF MURRAY BRIDGE MEETING # 2774**

### **Bulletin # 10**

#### **This week**

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#### **02/09/08**

Who am I ?

Neil Gray

Gary Frazer

Bruce Frazer

Wayne Jackson

Murray Jarvis

Bruce Frazer

Wayne Jackson

Daryl Webb 1<sup>st</sup> Sept

Brian Thomson 6<sup>th</sup> Sept

Ruth Shakes 8<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Allan and Trudy Gogel 7<sup>th</sup> Sept.

#### **09/09/08**

Surviving Alaska

Robin LeGallez

Merilyn Klem

Chris Jarvis

Merilyn Klem

Barb Kompier

Chris Jarvis

Merilyn Klem

#### **16/09/08**

Variety Bash

TBA

Wayne Richards

Robin LeGallez

Brenton Lewis

Peter MacCulloch

Robin LeGallez

Brenton Lewis

## Guest Speaker

**MEETING Number 2773      26/08/08**

Total Membership      42  
 Number Present      28              Attendance      66%

**Apologies**              H.Beauchamp      C.Jarvis  
                                  R.Lehmann      J.Wilson  
                                  N.Gray              M.Klem  
                                  B.Lewis              B.Murdoch  
                                  D.McLean          A.Hay  
                                  B.Kompier          P.MacCulloch  
                                  J.Scarvelis          R.LeGallez  
                                  J.Mason              G.Wilson

**Make Ups**              P.Price              C.Jarvis

**Leave of Absence**      Steve Smart          Brian Foster  
                                  Jack Reddin          Margaret Whitehead

**Rotarian visitors**  
**Youth Exchange**  
**Guests**                  Pia Midtturn Eie  
                                  Marilyn Schultz  
                                  Sue Frazer  
                                  Beverley Curtis  
                                  Sabine Jericho  
                                  Marcus & Audrey Jaensch  
                                  Mike Kluge  
                                  Gerry Korzeba

**Raffle**                      Mike Kluge  
**Heads & Tails**          Ivan Winter

**Calendar Draw              19/08/08**

	WON BY	#	SOLD BY
\$100	Bill Salter Murray Bridge	838	M.Whitehead
\$30	Eileen Kenny Mannum	527	B.Kompier
\$20	Emily Mitchell Murray Bridge	077	K.Male

The Guest Speakers at our Club Assembly was Phil Latz a retired motor mechanic and pilot. Chairman Ron Jericho first met Phil 55years ago at Emmanuel College.

Following the introduction Phil presented his autobiography Flying with my Angels. Phil was born in Alice Springs and grew up on Hermannsburg Mission with Aborigines as playmates and best friends in a remote place in central Australia. His parents were lay workers and they all had a close relationship with the local Aborigines. Mr Latz said there was no electricity in his childhood home which meant no refrigerators and the like. Phil told us that there were six boys in the family but only three survived and one girl.

There were no secondary schools so he did correspondence school, lessons used to arrive by plane from Adelaide and this is when Phil's lifelong love of aircraft began.

From the age of 15, Phil spent seven years as an apprentice motor mechanic, before starting work on aircraft. He began maintaining and flying aeroplanes in Alice Springs and Darwin, becoming licensed to fly and fix both.

Then he fell in love with the chopper in 1961. By 1966, Phil was qualified to fly and service them. He subsequently flew all over Australia, the Middle East, Asia and Pacific regions, living and working with many airforce and ex navy pilots. He told us that he survived a helicopter crash on top of what was then known as Ayers Rock.

Phil had an interesting relationship with a Catholic girl and was married once and has one son. His ex wife and son returned to England.

All Rotarians were encouraged to buy a copy of `Flying with my Angel` and enjoy reading it.

Thanks to Mr Phil Latz for his efforts.

### Attendance announcements at our Club Meetings.

It was resolved by our Board that attendance announcements at our Club meetings should recognise our total membership. We have 51 members in our Rotary Club and even though the official statistics do not include some categories of membership, we should acknowledge that all our members are equally important to us.

District Statistics can still be sent as required using the new funny maths model.