



# Rotary Club of Murray Bridge

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## Bulletin

<p><b>ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR</b> Australians all let us rejoice For we are young and free We've golden soil and wealth for toil Our home is girt by sea Our land abounds in nature's gifts Of beauty rich and rare In history's page let every stage Advance Australia fair In joyful strains then let us sing Advance Australia Fair</p>	<p><b>THIS WEEK:</b></p> <p><b>TOPIC:</b> <b>SPEAKER:</b> <b>CHAIR:</b> <b>FELLOWSHIP:</b> <b>RESERVE:</b> <b>INVOCATION:</b> <b>National Anthem:</b></p>	<p><b>Meeting No 2806</b> <b>21/4/09</b> <b>Combined Bowls night with Mobilong</b></p>
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<p><b>LAST WEEK</b> ATTENDING: 34 75.5% APOLOGIES: H Beauchamp, M Jarvis, P MacCulloch, J Wilson, M Blight, B Frazer, B Kompier, M Mafara, G Schultz, T Curtis, N Gray, B Murdoch, M Whitehead, W Jackson, G Fischer, A Hay, B Lewis, G Peake, G Wilson, B Nicholson, Pia LOA: S Smart.: Makeups: J Reddin, G Peake, M Jarvis, P MacCulloch. AWC G Frazer GUESTS: Stefan Richards HEADS &amp; TAILS: The Club RAFFLE: Phil Westover <b>BIRTHDAYS:</b> 24/4 Sue Westover <b>ANNIVERSARIES:</b> 23/4 Phil &amp; Leonie Rosewall</p>	<p><b>INVOCATION:</b> <b>For good food, good fellowship, and the opportunity of service through Rotary, we give thanks.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>The Four Way Test</u></b> Of the things we think, say or do: Is it the truth? Will it build better goodwill &amp; relationships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? Is it fair to all concerned?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thought for the week: Money can't buy you happiness, but it does bring you a more pleasant form of misery. <i>Spike Milligan</i></p>
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### Calendar Draw

14/4/09	Won by	#	Sold by
\$100.00	Chris Butcher	004	MB Lawn tennis Club
\$30.00	DM Blight	159	M Blight
\$20.00	Robin Wilson	862	Unity College

### NOTICE BOARD

- The incoming exchange student for the 2009/10 year will be **Emil Melgaard** from Denmark. Jim Mason will be his counsellor and host families are wanted. Bev & Trevor Curtis are the first host family. See Jim.
- Ron Lehmann advises that the initial meeting of the **MURRAY BRIDGE PROSTATE CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at Our Wellbeing Place, 108 Swanport Road Murray Bridge at 7.30. Enquiries to 85323277.
- Our **RYLA** awardees for this year are Ryan Hage and Leesa-Marie White who will be speaking to the club on 12<sup>th</sup> May. On 19<sup>th</sup> May Caitlin Hobbs will be speaking to the club on her experience at the Murray-Darling School of **Freshwater Research**.
- **Rotary Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)** presentation evening, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May, 2009. Each of the RYPEN participants, Annalisa Mertin, Jasmin Milton, Nicky-May Mounce & Renay Persello will be presented with their Certificates of Attendance and will give a three minute talk on their personal experience at the RYPEN camp.
- **Bush For Life** Introductory Workshop, Murray Bridge: Saturday, 9th May 2009. ph 8406 0500.

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## PROGRAM

<b>NEXT WEEK:</b> <b>TOPIC:</b> <b>SPEAKER:</b> <b>CHAIR:</b> <b>FELLOWSHIP:</b> <b>RESERVE:</b> <b>INVOCATION:</b> <b>National Anthem</b> <b>Partners Night</b>	<b>28/4/09</b> <b>Carpets for Communities</b> <b>David Bacon</b> <b>John Scarvelis</b> <b>Robin LeGallez, Ron Lehmann</b> <b>Brenton Lewis</b> <b>Robin LeGallez</b> <b>Ron Lehmann</b>	<b>FOLLOWING WEEK:</b> <b>TOPIC:</b> <b>SPEAKER:</b> <b>CHAIR:</b> <b>FELLOWSHIP:</b> <b>RESERVE:</b> <b>INVOCATION:</b> <b>National Anthem</b>	<b>5/5/09</b> <b>School of St Jude</b> <b>Gemma Sisia</b> <b>John Whimpress</b> <b>Musekiwa Mafara, Kevin Male</b> <b>Peter MacCulloch</b> <b>Musekiwa Mafara</b> <b>Kevin Male</b>
<b>DIARY DATES</b>	<b>5/5/09 School of St Jude</b> <b>26/5/09 Organ Donation</b> <b>20/6/09 Changeover Dinner</b>		

## LAST WEEK

LAST WEEK WE HEARD FROM ROTARIAN **PHIL WESTOVER** WHO SPOKE ABOUT THE **WESTERN FRONT**. PHIL IS FASCINATED BY THE STORIES OF THE ORDINARY AUSTRALIANS WHO JOINED THE ARMY AND LEFT THIS COUNTRY AND TRAVELLED TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD TO FIGHT IN A WAR THAT WAS PROBABLY NEVER GOING TO HAVE A BIG IMPACT ON THEIR DAY TO DAY LIVES IN AUSTRALIA. AUSTRALIA SENT 5 DIVISIONS TO THE WESTERN FRONT IN WW 1. EACH DIVISION WAS MADE UP OF 12 BATTALIONS OF INFANTRY, PLUS ARTILLERY, AND AT LEAST IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE WAR, EACH BATTALION CONSISTED OF 1000 MEN. TOWARDS THE END OF THE WAR IT WAS NOT UNUSUAL TO FIND A BATTALION DOWN TO ABOUT HALF THAT NUMBER.

SOME OF THE MAJOR BATTLES OF THE WESTERN FRONT IN WHICH THE AUSTRALIAN TROOPS WERE INVOLVED TOOK PLACE IN 3 AREAS, FIRSTLY AROUND FROMELLES IN NORTHERN FRANCE, SECONDLY ON THE SOMME BETWEEN AMIENS AND PERONNE, AND THIRDLY IN FLANDERS IN BELGIUM NEAR THE TOWN OF YPRES.

THE AMAZING COURAGE OF THE ORDINARY SOLDIER WAS NEVER ENOUGH TO MAKE UP FOR THE DEFICIENCIES OF THE SENIOR OFFICERS RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING THE ACTIONS. THE CASUALTY FIGURES ARE SUCH THAT TODAY IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO GET ONE'S HEAD AROUND THEM. ALTHOUGH AUSTRALIA LOST OVER 50,000 MEN, IT MUST BE REMEMBERED THAT THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY REPRESENTED ONLY A FRACTION OF THE TOTAL ALLIED FORCES ON THE WESTERN FRONT, AND THAT THE LOSSES OF THE FRENCH, THE BRITISH, THE CANADIANS AND THE OTHER COMMONWEALTH FORCES WERE ALSO HUGE. BRITAIN LOST 700,000 MEN AND FRANCE LOST 1.3 MILLION. GERMANY LOST 1.9 MILLION.

THE WAR TO END ALL WARS LED TO A PEACE THAT ONLY LASTED 20 YEARS.

OUR THANKS TO PHIL FOR A WORTHWHILE REMINDER OF THE FUTILITY OF WAR.

### ROTARY INFORMATION: HEALTH OF THE RIVER FORUM

The project has been running for over 10 years whereby Rotary clubs from the Sunraysia District host a 3 day camp at Lake Cullulleraine located approx 60 klms west of Mildura. The camp hosts 40 students. Our Community Service committee is responsible for our club's involvement.

The program is run annually between March & April in partnership with the Murray Darling Freshwater Research Centre (MDFRC) which supplies the scientific & technical resources. Some of the key aspects covered during the camp are:-

- Dealing with management of this scarce resource.
- Fish ladders & visit Lock 9
- Irrigation management systems operating at Lake Cullulleraine
- Monitoring of water quality
- Identification of river/lake species

It caters predominantly for year 9 & 10 students. The students are split up into 4 groups & they learn about the biology of the river and the impact of our use of the resource. There are a number of water activities including canoeing water safety & fishing. The Coomealla Fishing Clubs conduct a session on the edict of fishing & camping along the river. There are many other activities involving water quality testing, GPS mapping, bird survey and visiting a vineyard.

"It's just too hot to wear clothes today," Jack said as he stepped out of the shower, "Honey, what do you think the neighbours would think if I mowed the lawn like this?"  
 "Probably that I married you for your money," she replied.