



Rotary Club of Murray Bridge

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2008/09 President: Sam Cozens Secretary: Jerry Wilson



Bulletin

<p>ADVANCE AUSTRALIA FAIR 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>THIS WEEK:</p> <p>TOPIC:</p> <p>SPEAKER:</p> <p>CHAIR:</p> <p>FELLOWSHIP:</p> <p>RESERVE:</p> <p>INVOCATION:</p> <p>National Anthem:</p>	<p>Meeting No. : 2799 3/3/09 School of St Jude Arthur Manser David Mellen Gary Fischer, Brian Foster Bruce Frazer Gary Fischer Brian Foster</p>
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<p>LAST WEEK ATTENDING: 40 91% APOLOGIES: R Jericho, H Beauchamp, R Lehmann, D Webb, W Jackson, G March, M Blight, M Jarvis, I Winter, I Elston, R LeGallez. Makeups: D Shakes, N Gleeson, R Jericho, M Jarvis, C Jarvis; LOA: S Smart. AWC: B Lewis. Visiting Rotarians L Hurrell of Mobilong & many from Unley & Mt Barker GUESTS: D Altmann, guests of members & many from Unley & Mt Barker HEADS & TAILS: Not held RAFFLE: V Mason & S Frazer</p>	<p>INVOCATION: For good food, good fellowship, and the opportunity of service through Rotary, we give thanks.</p>
<p>BIRTHDAYS: 8/3 Jerry Wilson, 10/3 Bev Scarvelis, 14/3 Rosemary MacCulloch ANNIVERSARIES: 4/3 Gordon & Marilyn Schultz, Phil & Sue Westover, 5/3 Jerry & Kerry Wilson, 9/3 Malcolm & Jan Blight, John & Bev Scarvelis, 10/3 Murray & Chris Jarvis, Wayne & Julie Richards, 12/3 Paul & Lyndall Price, 13/3 Gary & Anne March</p>	<p>The Four Way Test Of the things we think, say or do: Is it the truth? Will it build better goodwill & relationships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? Is it fair to all concerned?</p> <p>Thought for the week: Don't argue with an idiot; people watching may not be able to tell the difference</p>

Calendar Draw

24/2/09	Won by	#	Sold by
\$100.00	Gordon & Marilyn Schultz	346	G Schultz
\$30.00	Peter & Bev Paech	376	Mason Westover
\$20.00	Sylvio Molinara	517	MB Pistol Club

Speedway Roster

7/3/09	4 - 7 pm	Greg Wilson	Gordon Schultz	X	X
8/3/09	4 - 7 pm	Kevin Male	Malcolm Blight	X	X

NOTICE BOARD

- MEMBERS who do not have any **Rotary merchandise** when we are on public display are encouraged to obtain some as it is very good public relations. Shirts and vests can be obtained from Garry March at Grandsons and Kerry Wilson can do the embroidery. Hats and other merchandise can be obtained online at the Rotary Down Under website: - www.rotanet.com.au
- Note that **Sam Cozens' telephone number is 0429 145 532** (was incorrect in the summer supplement)
- Contact Brian Foster to register your interest for accommodation for the **District Conference** in Lobethal on 9th - 11th October 2009.
- **GOING BUSH No 9:** RALY is planning to conduct the **Going Bush with Rotary** project to the Flinders Ranges again this year. Naturally its success depends entirely on members' support, so we again ask for your help this year. The trip will run from **Sunday 27th September to Saturday 3rd October**. Please consider whether you can help in some way, eg as a driver with vehicle or sponsor. Queries to Jim Mason or Robin LeGallez.
- The **MAKE A MOVE YOUTH ART EXHIBITION** will be held at The Station, 3-5 Railway Terrace Murray Bridge from the 30th March to the 2nd April 2009. For more information visit www.headspace.org.au/murraylands

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THE RURAL CITY OF MURRAY BRIDGE

PROGRAM

<u>NEXT WEEK:</u>	10/3/09	<u>FOLLOWING WEEK:</u>	18/3/09
TOPIC:	Life Education	TOPIC:	(WEDNESDAY)
SPEAKER:	Mark Herselman	SPEAKER:	
CHAIR:	Merilyn Klem	CHAIR:	
FELLOWSHIP:	Gary Frazer, Naomi Gleeson	FELLOWSHIP:	Trivia Night
RESERVE:	Allan Gogel	RESERVE:	with Mobilong
INVOCATION:	Gary Frazer	INVOCATION:	
National Anthem	Naomi Gleeson	National Anthem	
Partners Night			
DIARY DATES	18/3/09 Trivia night with Mobilong (Wednesday) 31/3/09 Progressive Dinner 21/4/09 Combined Bowls Night with Mobilong 20/6/09 Changeover Dinner		

LAST WEEK

A combined meeting of the members of the Rotary Clubs of Murray Bridge, Unley and Mount Barker, hosted by the Murray Bridge club, heard a talk by **Dr David Paton**, the well known expert on the environment of the Lower Lakes and Coorong.

Dr Paton, an Associate Professor in the School of Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of Adelaide gave a substantial presentation regarding the ecology of the system and its current problems, and in particular the lessons to be learned from the Coorong itself. He pointed out that for most of their history the lakes have been fresh, with fresh flows to the Murray Mouth for 99% of the time. The first indicators that there was too much extraction of water from the Murray-Darling system was in 1982/83, when the Murray Mouth closed briefly. Continued over-extraction led to the mouth closing again in 2002. Dredging, meant to be temporary to maintain Coorong estuary in an appropriate condition for migratory birds, commenced then and continues today. Notwithstanding that he said that "the population of migratory small waders has dropped from 250,000 in the sixties in this region to about 5,000 now In the south lagoon a plant critical in the food chains for birds and fish, *ruppia tuberosa*, has disappeared over the last 8 years, and the now high salinities of this lagoon exceed the tolerances of fish and chironomid larvae (midges)."

Rotarians and their guests heard Dr Paton confirm that the essential problem is lack of environmental flows resulting partly from the current drought but more significantly from long term over exploitation of water resources. "The two lagoons of the Coorong are now disconnecting in summer contributing to the south lagoon having salinities that are now five to six time saltier than sea water" he said. "Some birds such as the fairy tern are close to extinction and there is an infestation of brine shrimp."

As has become increasingly apparent throughout the region the environment is not valued highly enough according to Dr Paton, who believes that "the RAMSAR convention and state and federal legislation are ineffective" and that salinity problems must be urgently addressed. Various engineering proposals may help in the short term but ultimately increased environmental flows are really the only solution. "This is really the acid test of Australia being able to meet environmental sustainability in the eyes of the world" he said.

ROTARY INFORMATION: INTERACT

Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 14 to 18. Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting. In our club the RALY committee is responsible for Interact in conjunction with Helen Peake at the High School.

Each year, Interact clubs complete at least two community service projects, one of which furthers international understanding and goodwill. Through these efforts, Interactors develop a network of friendships with local and overseas clubs and learn the importance of

- Developing leadership skills and personal integrity
- Demonstrating helpfulness and respect for others
- Understanding the value of individual responsibility and hard work
- Advancing international understanding and goodwill

As one of the most significant and fastest-growing programs of Rotary service, with more than 10,700 clubs in 109 countries and geographical areas, Interact has become a worldwide phenomenon. Almost 200,000 young people are involved in Interact.