

ROTARY MEETING No. 1786

Chairman Nick Capon opened the meeting with a Bristol invocation and a toast to Australia. President Elizabeth welcomed guests Wanda Taylor, and Garth Zerbe who is from Port Pirie but now lives locally. Jeff Hunter welcomed Alex Janssens, her mum Jacquie, dad Steve, and brother Brad.

Announcements. Board meeting tonight. GSE Team Mexico will make their return presentation on Friday, July 8 at Cha Chas on Glen Osmond Rd at 6:30 pm – new members particularly encouraged to come. Catering letters sent out to partners to help with Art Show opening night. To help caterers for Rotary meetings please let Sue Wymond (or Eric Cotton when he's back) or the Gulf Club know if you're going to be away for a particular week, and for two or more absences contact Russell or Elizabeth and write to the Board to request a leave of absence for the inclusive dates that you will be unable to attend meetings. Joyce Tolley is in hospital for bowel cancer surgery. Elizabeth reminded everyone to have bowel C check-ups; they're not painful or intrusive (she says), "just a bit shitty".

Make-ups: Michael McClaren, Kadina Club. Elizabeth has been busy over the past week: Wed Mitcham change-over (with Russell), Sat GSE debrief, Sun Magill sunrise club, Mon Campbelltown change-over, Fri (1st July) Coro Valley change-over, and Noarlunga East change-over. "Virtual" make-ups, ie on the web (see Ken's talk below) – zero. Quasi make-ups: Bob Arnold, Thebarton Inner Wheel club which is 52 years old (plus a message from Bob: we're fortunate, and we're good); and Helen Henbest, Pasadena Lions Club change-over ☺.

Ladies Auxiliary. The next meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held on Monday, 4th July at the home of Margaret Wicks, 21 Wilpena Street, Eden Hills at 7.45 p.m. where Mary Thomas will talk to us on "Plants of some description". All Welcome.

Alex Janssens. Jeff Hunter introduced Alex, a Year 11 student, who with four other students from Unley High and Urbrae went by bus to the Murray-Darling School of Freshwater Research in Albury-Wodonga and spent five days there with 47 students from around Australia. She presented a passionate talk about her research project on water quality at the Wonga Wetlands, the "brilliant" foster family, physical activities, the chef's cooking, walks and "heart traps" for bats – which we were assured didn't hurt them. She reported that the trip furthered her passion for the environment and thanked the club. Jeff thanked her too.

Speakers for the good of Rotary. Bob Lehman gave an update on Joyce Tolley and George Sargent's progress: Joyce will need further treatment after returning home at the end of this week; and George is coming along well but it will be some time before he is able to attend Rotary meetings. Bob Richter called for volunteers to help with selling Art Show raffle tickets at Foodland from 9am - 1pm Sat; he passed around raffle books for people to take and sell. Helen mentioned that Sarah Cumpston is having a great time in Denmark; she recently gave her speech to her club all in Danish. Cherylyn – Art Show meeting tonight; 300 invitees to the opening night but brought invitation slips to the meeting in case more were wanted; Elizabeth has distributed hospitality requests; Stan is planning on being around on the setting up date, and Joyce was going to help with hanging artwork, but given her health we should cover for Stan apart from that day (Barry responded with an assurance that Joyce would be covered). Robyn reported that the airport was flooded with tears when Shauna left; and she cried all the way to Calgary; because there was a problem with delayed flights and connections, Shauna had to leave on an earlier flight and therefore missed some who went to see her off; Shauna's comments about mosquitos etc back home indicate it might take her a lot longer than the Venus's to settle in again. Ken Roscrow – Bernie's having a great time, and has caught up with Dillibazar Rotarians. Ken thanked Robyn for mentoring Shauna – much applause. Elizabeth echoed everyone's feelings of sympathy for family and friends of the Rotarians from around London, Ontario, who died in a plane crash near Wagga Wagga.

Raffle: John Pearce. **Attendance:** 37 present, 73%.

Sergeant John Walters, with Trevor holding the box, fined everyone: those with a tie, those without; even visitor Garth, and Terry T despite the immunity badge; Bob L for the club President's Award (for he & Marlene); Sue W for sitting by the fire; Ken R twice for separate traffic violations, and Sue W for similar driving; Neville for putting out the Coro badges; Barry for two misdemeanours; Mark a contra fine for congratulating a customer on her wedding anniversary before her husband said anything; ... Sergeant John gave a series of amusing and convenient dietary, exercise and lifestyle maxims.

Speaker – Ken Roscrow, topic – *The Webmaster*. As webmaster Ken:

- Updates contents and pages
- Ensures links are working
- Implements new technologies (at about this point he used his laser pointer).

Ken showed us significant Rotary websites:

- www.rotary.org international. For club and district information, do a make-up on the web, download club and district administrative documents, download Rotary logos and emblems.
- www.rotanet.com.au/d9520 district. This site has club and district information, and you can download club and district administrative documents, download Rotary logos and emblems, find club and district officers' details in the secure area (username 9520, and password Xxxx Xxxxxx – where case is important).
- www.rotanet.com.au/blackwood local Blackwood. Contains meeting dates, rosters, newsletters and club photo gallery.

He also showed us other goodies: archives; blogs; web cams; weather; banking; shopping; and downloading music, books, videos (rentals), etc. "Get out there and start surfing". Questions: How long does he spend on webmaster duties? Answer: half an hour a week. Must be a web guru to do it that quickly [Ed]. Terry T asked a question about 1st and 2nd language users, in which he referred to we Rotarians as *troglydites*; Ken suggested *Luddites* as an alternative – that's got to warrant fines for both of them next week. Nick thanked Ken on our behalf with a Rotary crystal goblet.

President Elizabeth stood in front of the lightpro and offered to sing to close (very droll). She thanked Alex, Garth & Wanda, and reminded us about the Art Show raffle. Her thought for the week, "Be yourself; nobody is better qualified".



DUTY ROSTERS

MEETING NO:	1787	1788	1789	1790
DATE:	5.7.05	12.7.05	19.7.05	26.7.05
FELLOWSHIP:	K Prime	D. Rusk	T Tierney	Ian Wicks
REG. ASST:	B Perry	S. Sedivy	A Thelander	Trevor Abbott
FURNITURE:	B Richter	R Tannebring	R Wheaton	Bob Arnold
	K Roscrow	G. Taylor	N White	Nick Capon
CHAIRMAN:	N Newton	E. Caldicott	G Lough	Ken Roscrow
SPEAKER:	Bill Flynn		Mark Burns	Rodger Irvine
TOPIC:	This is my Life	Club Assembly	This is my life	Fresh Water Wells

COMING EVENTS	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
15 July Art Show	12 July Neil White	nil