

In 2000 The Rotary Club of Morialta met June and her son Damien at a Christmas Party for CARA (Community Accommodation and Respite Agency) at Woodville, where the Club was providing a BBQ. The Club heard that June was going to start a Disco for young people with disabilities and their families and offered to assist by paying for a DJ and the cost of hiring a venue.

The first Disco was held in January 2001, followed by another in November 2001. There has been one held every year since and the Club now provides the ever popular sausage sizzle as well. 2009 will be the tenth Disco and we are all very proud to be involved.

Fifty people attended the first Disco and now over 200 attend.

June and her family and friends spend months sourcing and preparing prizes for the raffle which everyone looks forward to. The sale of tickets for these prizes has enabled the project to be run at virtually no cost and sometimes a profit. June has also spent time negotiating new venues when required and decorates the hall each year with decorations she has made herself. All this while responsible for the care of her now adult son Damien who lives with her.

June promotes the Disco and Rotary through her son's school and among the many people she knows who also have a family member with a disability. Many of these people donate prizes and assist with preparation and on the night. The Club assists with the cost of items such as tea, coffee, milk etc.

The 2008 Disco had about twelve volunteers from the Rotary Club. Three of June's friends helped put together the prizes. Alistair and his wife Robyn donated donuts and Alistair spent the night as a clown giving out gifts that June collected throughout the year. Another young lady called Emma (who June has met through the Disability Day Options program) also assisted as a clown. It is quite easy to become involved just by meeting June, just ask her hairdresser!

Five young people came as Star Wars characters as they also did the previous year. They were very popular and they enjoyed the evening themselves.

Cakes were donated by Farmhouse Bakery at Holden Hill (arranged by June). Four of June's friends worked in the kitchen serving out the sausage sandwiches, tea, coffee and cordial. They also helped with setting up the hall and cleaning up afterwards.

The raffle raised about \$1000. There were 40 large baskets of donated gifts with several smaller ones.

THE FINAL DISCO WAS HELD IN NOVEMBER 2010.