Important Dates

Sunday 5May19	Caravan and Camping Swap Meet
Saturday 22Jun19	Woollies BBQ
Sunday 30Jun19	Changeover Celebration
Ongoing	Rotary Shed Working Bees (see Richard Tucker)

President: Stephen Arthur

- Welcome to all members and guests
- Thanks to all the volunteers who helped unload a shipping container for a local person in need
- Reminder—4May19 Leading Rotary Now
- Our Exchange Student, Amalie is on the Rock and Reef tour

Treasurer: Peter Harper

- Donations to the Rotary Foundation will close for this financial year on 31May19

Community Service: Darryl Matthews

- Gawler Caravan & Camping Swap Meet – Sunday 5May19
- Woollies BBQ Saturday 22Jun19

International: Dave Cockshell

- There is an opportunity to support the Rotary Club of Gawler on a Birthing Kit Assembly Evening - 22May19 at the Gawler Sports and Recreation Centre

Guest Speakers List: Steve McLachlan

- Speaker next week will be from the Police Major Crash Investigation Team who will be on call so program may change at the last moment

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Youth: David Weatherley

- Bookings for 'Wheels in Motion" going well and now have waiting list of 25
- Effort being made to co-ordinate Youth activities in the district

Members' Corner:

- Susan gave birth to a baby boy, Rory
- Rob E car finished
- Dave W meeting with Calvary Hospital re moving to new location. Possible involvement for DIK
- Marilyn C: County Women's Association 90th anniversary next year
- Steve McL finished 460 hour job

Rotary Information: Dick Milner

In 1922 U.S. Rotarians organised an attendance contest; the challenge was that the losing clubs would join in giving the winning club a prize. The Rotary Club of New York City was declared the winner and was awarded a bell from a popular patrol boat, which was placed on wood that came from HMS Victory Admiral Nelson's flagship at the battle of Trafalgar. Since then the bell used at Rotary meetings started to represent, as on the ships, order, discipline and regulated the time to guide the club through the weekly hour and a half meeting. The bell signals the start of a Rotary meeting at which time people present should stand to show respect for Rotary and their national flag. The gavel symbolises the authority invested in the Rotarian to the highest position in the club and reminds those present of his authority. When the president's year of office ends they should give the bell one last sounding as they turn the gavel over to their successor symbolising the transfer of authority. In a survey of young Rotarians in Australia some years ago tradition came third in reasons for joining Rotary.

President's Reminders: Stephen Arthur

- 30Apr19 meeting - quiz down stairs

Guest Speaker: Richard Tucker - Ship Bells

- Bells have traditionally been used to communicate or broadcast a variety of information within and from ships at sea.
- All ships are required to have a bell in the forepart or bow of the vessel and often have a smaller one on the navigating bridge.
- In olden days, time keeping for watches, generally of four hours in length, was kept with one stroke of the bell for every half hour of the watch ending with eight bells at the end of the watch. Even numbers are struck in pairs.
- On New Year's Eve there is a tradition of ringing out the old year and ringing in the new year with 8 bells being struck at midnight by the oldest crew member followed by 8 bells struck by the youngest. I was the youngest member of the crew on my first trip to sea as a deck cadet in 1973 and did just that on a ship anchored in Sydney Harbour.
- On sailing ships and on most ships in poor visibility or busy sealanes a lookout was posted on the focsle head (at the bow). If a light was sighted or a fog signal of another vessel heard they would inform the watch officer on the bridge by striking the bell, once if on the port bow, two to starboard and 3 right ahead. This has been superseded by the use of radios and the plethora of electronic watchkeeping equipment now required.
- A vessel at anchor in fog must ring the bell near the bow rapidly for at least 5 seconds at intervals of one minute, and on a large vessel is immediately followed by the beating of a gong or similar in after part of the vessel. In more modern times this signal became automated. It is still a requirement of the International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea which also stipulates the material and mass of the bell and striker to give an appropriate tone.
- When a ship anchors or heaves up the anchor a crewman will indicate to the master or officer of the watch on the bridge how much chain cable is out. This is in lengths of 15 fathoms (approx. 30m) called shackles connected by larger joining links which are usually marked with white paint. Also when the anchor is aweigh (observed or estimated to be off the sea bed) this is indicated by a rapid ringing of the bell. This is generally the most common use of the ship's bell today.
- There have been many more traditional uses of the ship's bell over the years on both Merchant and Royal Navy vessels.

PO Box 1577, Gawler SA 5118
Meetings: Most Tuesdays 6.15pm for 6.30pm meal, (Optional)
    7.15pm for 7.30pm meeting

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MEETING ROSTER

	16-Apr-19	23-Apr-19	30-Apr-19	07-May-19
Meeting Type	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome	Partners Welcome
Chairperson	Bron Anderson	Steve McLachlan		Rob Eley
Cashier	David Weatherley	Greg Morris		Peter Harper
Rotary Information	Dick Milner	Martin Monument		David Perry
Thought for the Week	Marilyn Curtis	Ian Curtis		Roger Freeman
Vote of Thanks	Bron Anderson	David Cockshell		Marilyn Curtis
Fellowship	Ian Curtis	Rob Eley		Roger Freeman
Setup & Packup	David Cockshell	Bron Anderson		Peter Harper
Guest Speaker	NYSF Student	Jason Thiele	Gawler Arms	
Subject		Police Major Crash	Trivia Quiz	

ATTENDANCE

All apologies contact **Greg Morris (gregory.morris.gm1@gmail.com)**

Non-attendance must be notified by **10am Monday**

If you do not intend to eat a meal, a notification is also required.

If you are intending on being away for a lengthy period of time, please notify Bulletin Editor

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OF THE THINGS WE THINK, SAY, OR DO.

- IS IT THE TRUTH?
- IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
- WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL & BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

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