



Club of Gawler Light

District 9500 | Chartered 10 July 1996

Bulletin Edition #1191: 17 March 2020

President: Bron Anderson | **Secretary:** David Cockshell | **District Governor:** Jane Owens | **RI President:** Mark Maloney

Important Dates

29Mar20 **Relay for Life Breakfast – Princes Park - 6.00am – 8.30am (cancelled)**

16May20 **Quiz Night Fundraiser Tennis Clubrooms 7.30pm – 10.30pm (deferred)**

10/11Jun20 **Mental Health Forum - Venue and Times (deferred)**

The Rotary Club of Gawler Light aims to provide enjoyment and foster fellowship between Rotarians and others through projects to improve our local and international community.

President's Message: Bron Anderson

Our community across the world is facing a challenge with the emergency health crisis that is known as Coronavirus (COVID-19).

On the morning of Wednesday March 18, 2020, Prime Minister Scott Morrison addressed the nation announcing tougher restrictions on non-essential meetings and venues.

Following that address, our meeting venue the Gawler Arms Hotel, advertised on their Facebook page that the restrictions would apply to their venue as a whole. That is, no more than 100 people across the entire venue, including staff.

We have been fortunate to use the room at Gawler Arms with no room hire charge. The number of members paying for meals downstairs has been noted as quite low compared with those who attend the meeting in the room – and well before this crisis emerged. We certainly don't want to do the Gawler Arms a disservice by having more of us there not eating/drinking when there could be more paying customers wanting to eat/drink.

I'm sure you'll agree that the health and well being of our members and families is of the highest priority right now.

As President, I sought feedback from the club's board of directors and the majority has agreed that meetings should be deferred for the time being. Several events in our local area have been cancelled as a result of the crisis, including the ANZAC Day commemorative service, Relay for Life, the Caravan & Camping Swap Meet and our Quiz Night originally scheduled for May.

With that in mind, we will be taking a recess, a holiday of sorts, with the intention of returning to meetings, subject to a review of health and government regulations, on the first Tuesday of May 2020.

Our weekly club bulletin will continue to be sent out to keep our connections going and for further important announcements. Please update our bulletin editor Greg Morris with what's happening in your life - feel free to send photos and videos! Just because we're not seeing each other in person each week doesn't mean that we can't communicate. Technology provides us with many opportunities to engage.

Working together, our community can find a way through this. We'll be back soon and doing good in the community again. As we work through this crisis, I encourage you to visit our small businesses - help them through this because they are going to need the community support more than ever before. Thank you for your understanding and support at such a difficult time

PO Box 1577, Gawler SA 5118

Meetings: Most Tuesdays 6.15pm for 6.30pm meal, (Optional)
7.15pm for 7.30pm meeting

Venue: Gawler Arms; 102 Murray St, Gawler SA 5118.

Email: president@gawlerlightrotary.org

Web-
site :

Blasts From the Past:

Wheels in Motion: David Weatherley

- The decision has been made to temporarily suspend the Wheels in Motion Program
- The car has been relocated from Café Nova to the Shed at Willaston

Bulletin Editor: Greg Morris

- Please forward potential material for the Bulletin including:
 - Any photos you think would make a good contribution to the Blasts From The Past segment
 - Pertinent articles of interest
 - What's happening in your life
 - Rotary information
 - Humorous examples of mob psychology

Mob Psychology:

Dick Milner had an interesting experience last Friday morning.

He was in the supermarket buying cat food when he was stopped by a reasonably prominent Gawler identity who is not a member of the Rotary Club of Gawler Light; she had a cart load of toilet rolls.

Facetiously asked if she had enough and was told that she had reliable information that this was the last available for up to six months. Dick was unable to get away from her without putting a pack in his basket, she told him he would thank her for it!

Where will this madness end.



PO

Box 1577, Gawler SA 5118

Meetings: Most Tuesdays 6.15pm for 6.30pm meal, (Optional) .
7.15pm for 7.30pm meeting

Venue: Gawler Arms; 102 Murray St ,Gawler SA 5118.

Facebook: www.facebook.com/gawlerlightrotary

Instagram: @gawlerlightrotary

Renee's March Report:



So since I arrived in Germany, there are many new weather phenomenon's that I haven't had the opportunity to experience before. For example, only this week there was a hurricane! Also, I have seen some snow and I

rode my bike to school in the strongest wind I've ever seen, it knocks you off your bike!

Anyway, lots has happened other than the weather, this month I started school, the first week I was here. The system is extremely different and even now I'm still adjusting to how it works. We don't have to wear a uniform, if you don't have a lesson you can go home, lunch goes for an hour and twenty minutes and the lessons are so long! Each lesson goes for one and a half hours!! Sometimes I'm at school until 5:30pm- involuntarily.

Currently, the hardest thing I'm dealing with is the language, I have an hour tutoring session every night and I also do another half an hour daily online. I'm still struggling but am understanding more.

I'm very excited for the Eurotour in April, I've met some other students that have been here since the middle of last year and they will be on the same trip as me. I am most excited to see, France, Spain and Italy. I am also hoping to gain permission to go to England to see some of my family around July.

I have a wonderful host family; they really support me and encourage me to go out and explore. I have a 13-year-old host sister who is gradually warming up to me, so I would say all is going well. The host club is slightly less interested in me but I'm continuing to work on my relationship with them.

I have joined a roller-skating club and am looking into working with some horses near where I am living. There is a big swimming centre nearby with a water slide, when it warms up, I can't wait to try it out.

I have been into Stuttgart, which is the closest city to Filderstadt, quite a few times. There's always something new and interesting to see. I tried my first Starbucks coffee and been into famous stores that you can only gain access to from the internet in Australia.

I have days where I get quite homesick but the next day, I'm fine. To be honest I think I'm doing pretty good with that side of things. Apologies if this update seems informal, I have noticed that my English skills are getting worse and worse as I'm not practising them formally enough anymore. Although if it means gaining German as a whole new language then I'll settle.

Last Thursday, I went to the Mercedes's Benz factory where I went on a tour with the other exchange students in my district. There is seven of us, I also met the Inbound coordinator and some other Rotex members. It was the first time meeting most of them. We are hoping to catch up again soon.

I ride my bike to school every morning, it's always very cold! My favourite lesson is Biology (because it's in English). On Tuesday we are dissecting an eye which I'm really looking forward to trying.

The first photo is the first little bit of snow I saw and these two are when I went sight-seeing, Mercedes's tour and a castle in Ludwigsburg.

I Hope things are going well for you.



Trivia Corner: The Possum Lament

Twas a long winters night when the possums came to stay
They set up home in the cosy warmth between the ceiling and the roof
Once settled they filled their time replete with raucous interaction
Those cute furry creatures spent each night in rowdy play
And then they started possum footy or was it cricket amidst the ceiling joists
Through the doom and gloom an offer of a possum trap was elatedly accepted
The trap was set with apple to entice and sway
Many prisoners were captured in the possum war
And taken down the yard and released as per the law
After a long campaign night and day
Those boisterous possums retreated from the house
They left behind a frightful mess
They took their balls and bat
And made the garden shed a cosy den
All went quiet for several months but then despair set in
When all the blooming vegetables were eaten overnight
The peach tree was routed
And stood amidst a carnage of possum gnawed pits
The good wife said enough is enough; she even posted on facebook
“Not happy; I like and respect possums in the garden
I have let them eat my stone fruit and vegetables
I was happy to share, not anymore.
They have eaten all my passionfruit”
War was redeclared and trenches duly dug
Hubby and the cat were dispatched to the front
Armed with nothing but their wits
To defend the garden from those rapacious furry pests
In the escalating tensions the cat went out to recon
A mighty battle erupted near the possum nook
And then a deathly quiet descended in the area of dispute
Its been night and day and still no word back from the brave moggy
Morale plummeted, what could we do?
The tension was unbearable asunder possum calls
Come sunrise there on the ground written in possum pooh
Was a ransom note; those bastard possums have the cat

PO Box 1577, Gawler SA 5118

Meetings: Most Tuesdays 6.15pm for 6.30pm meal, (Optional)
7.15pm for 7.30pm meeting

Venue: Gawler Arms; 102 Murray St ,Gawler SA 5118.

Email: president@gawlerlightrotary.org

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/
gawlerlightrotary](https://www.facebook.com/gawlerlightrotary)

Instagram: [@gawlerlightrotary](https://www.instagram.com/gawlerlightrotary)