



Club of Gawler Light

District 9500 | Chartered 10 July 1996

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

Important Dates

29 Mar 20 **Relay for Life
Breakfast – Princes
Park - 6.00am –
8.30am (cancelled)**

16 May 20 **Quiz Night
Fundraiser Tennis
Clubrooms 7.30pm –
10.30pm (deferred)**

10/11 Jun 20 **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*

President's Message: Bron Anderson

Every day brings change, a new challenge and a new way of doing things. **Paul Harris**, founder of Rotary, said *"This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again."*

While our in-person meetings are suspended for the time being, our connecting with one another isn't. Technology gives us the opportunity to still check in with each other and especially with those who may be doing it tough. We have email, Facebook, Instagram, Zoom, Skype, WhatsApp, Messenger...the list goes on.

On Thursday night, we held the board meeting via Zoom. On this occasion, we were limited by time but thanks to the District we can use a shared license. During this meeting we focussed on a few key items, details of which will be provided via the minutes which will be available via our Members section on the Website in due course.

I take pleasure in announcing the following good news:

The Club has donated \$1,000 to The Australian Rotary Foundation.

Two new Friends of Rotary – **Brett Wright** and **Vicki de Witt**. Most of you would have met Brett at a meeting and Vicki will hopefully join us at a meeting or project when we resume back to some sort of normality. Vicki has been quite involved with Donations in Kind.

One new Member – **Vera Yeboah**. She has attended several meetings previously and been involved with Donations in Kind too. It's a different world now so the formal induction will occur in the near future.

Many congratulations to **Daniel Niutta** who will be President of the Salisbury City Rotaract Club next Rotary year.

Certificates of Appreciation are being sent to the **Gawler Caravan Centre & Gawler BodyWorks** for assistance on the BBQ trailer – modifications to ensure safety with the gas lines & repainting.

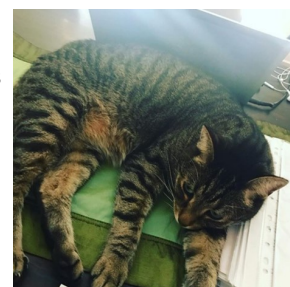
Sadly, our exchange student from Germany, **Gesa**, is returning home early due to the pandemic. She's booked on a flight departing Sunday 29th March and we wish her all the very best for a safe return to her family.

A note of sad news, District Governor **Jane Owens** announced the passing of Past District Governor, **John Pohl**, on Friday. A private family funeral will be held however a celebration of his life will occur at a later date.

It's pleasing to see the connection amongst our members continuing through shared photos and stories on email from many of you. On a personal note, I am one of the fortunate ones who can work from home and despite the social distancing rules, my work colleague still tries to get close and I have to say, is quite lazy most of the time!

Please keep up the communication, send your stories and photos to **Greg Morris** for inclusion in the bulletin as well.

Stay safe, keep well and think positive – this too shall pass. We will come through it. Wishing you well



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Blasts From the Past:

Donations In Kind: David Cockshell

The National RAWCS Board has directed that DIK operations be suspended as we know it for the duration. This will have a significant impact on our ability to collect, sort and subsequently deliver donated goods to needy throughout the world - for those and all our regular volunteers.

Some of you may have seen the Channel 9 news on Tuesday regarding coronavirus management preparations at the old Calvary Rehabilitation Hospital; Rotary was mentioned.

The contribution that DIK has provided is considerable (about \$500,000 worth) as well as the timeliness of being able to deliver the goods. The SA Minister of Health, Stephen Wade, took time out to phone me personally last Friday to thank Rotary and Donations in Kind for this assistance. Such phone calls from an exceptionally busy person don't come along too often.



Queen of Hearts 2012

Exchange Students: Steve McLachlan

Firstly Gesa is on her way home. She left on Sunday bound for Melbourne to connect with her flights home. We received a text to say she had arrived in Melbourne.

Renee's parents are looking at bringing her home which is not an easy task at this time. We will keep the Club informed on progress.



Dick with hair June 2010

Song Competition: Steve McLachlan

In the light of the Covid 19 Virus I have made a playlist of songs relating to it. I have named it Rockin' Pneumonia (which is pretty hard to spell). There are 26 songs in an Apple playlist. My challenge to the Club is to find more songs that they think could be added. Some songs are title related only, others are directly related (eg U can't Touch This, Don't Stand So Close to Me).



DIK October 2010

Outgrower Project Update **March 2020:** Duncan Power

Training:

The first round of Outgrower training began on 23 March 2020, conducted on KJC Farm by the very capable KJC team.



A comprehensive training manual has been developed between KJC advisers and the local KJC Farm team for Outgrower farmers to take away and use for guidance throughout their training.

Farmers are given support and mentorship throughout the training on KJC, and throughout the project on their own farms.



Site Preparation:

Construction on Mr. Soung Sokon and Ms. Som Nerm's outgrower shed is underway and will be completed before the training is complete.



All labour and resources for the build are being sourced from the local community, adding further impact to the project.



Construction:

The shed has been carefully designed and adapted based on learnings from our pilot farm.

It is constructed from readily available local materials, and designed for optimum effectiveness within the local environment taking into account factors such as temperature and sun and wind direction.



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Wheels in Motion – an insight by Rotarian Grant

Wheels in Motion is a significant part of my brief journey with Gawler Light. I find the ongoing situation with which we all face very mentally challenging and uprooting. Now I find the time that I would usually spend with the Wheels in Motion Program needing to be filled with other activities, which I struggle to find. I therefore find myself reflecting on this relatively new program and what it means moving forward.

Whether stuck calf deep in mud, coming to rest amidst plastic bollards or being asked the question, "Do you want me to turn here?" (when there is no street to turn into), the Wheels in Motion program has indeed made a significant difference to youth as well as myself. The enlightening stories shared confidentially during the drive have revealed the incredible hardship and challenges faced by many participants and reveal a precious insight into how this program helps these youth in their continued embrace to break free. For me personally I continue to be significantly challenged on my life's journey through mental health issues and enormous workload stress, but when I sit beside participants, I put this to one side, knowing every hour behind the wheel for these participants makes a huge difference. There are times to off-load black humour and times to encourage through a positive mindset - especially to those who find the journey with learning to drive a car an enormous challenge for a host of confidential reasons. We rejoice together at milestones such as birthdays, engagements and a whole lot more.

On the other hand, this program very capably initiated and coordinated by David and Kirsten is not for the faint-hearted volunteer mentor. There have been times long after the drive when I eventually close my eyes to sleep that I still see sessions such as motoring through the Hills at night with guard rails whizzing by centimetres from the place from where I sit, as well as times when I wish there had been an additional brake to push to the floor when things suddenly appear pear shaped. However, without the opportunity to offer my participation in the program and the program's capacity to make a difference, these youth would face even greater challenges in life. This indeed is an awesome program that empowers so many well into the future!

I hold onto these thoughts as well as I can in the face of ongoing challenges, knowing that this program, irrespective of my involvement has had and will have well into the future, a powerful impact.

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