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Welcome to guest speaker David Cockshell and welcome back Lynne Mack.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



This week, we heard from David Cockshell OAM, from RARE (Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment). RARE is just one arm of Rotary that does extraordinary things. Starting in 1992 with a pallet of baked beans for PNG to now with around 1300 containers shipped to all corners of the world with an estimated value of over \$63

million!

This is just one example of how Rotary volunteers work hand in hand to achieve remarkable results.

Medical and school equipment is shipped to locations where they would otherwise not have any access to such facilities providing much needed supplies and better outcomes on health and survival for areas plagued with poverty, disasters and conflict.

RARE is a valuable social charity for so many communities and one which every Rotarian should be proud to support.

We can also look at Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) who provides surgical treatment to around 30 - 35 children from Oceania every year making a huge difference to their lives.

There are many life changing Rotary projects, too many to list here but there is the End Polio Now program where Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for more than 35 years and has made incredible progress in the fight to rid the world of it forever. So far polio cases have been reduced by more than 99.9% worldwide, so we are nearly there.

Many Rotary Clubs around the world also have their own projects and closer to home the RC of Morialta has a midwifery training program in PNG and a local Dementia Café. The RC of Campbelltown's project to supply 80 toilets in Rendang Village Karangasem regency Bali has transformed not only the lives but the health and hygiene of villagers who no longer dispose of their waste in open areas.

Our club is in the process of building teacher accommodation at the Lirhanzo Children's Village in Zimbabwe "One Brick at a time" so we can get teachers to the school and as Nelson Mandela said: "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world".

#### **Rotarians make a difference**



#### **FOR THE DIARY**

### **December Meetings**

**3rd, 10th & 17<sup>th</sup>** First three Tuesdays of the month

Next Club Meeting 1272

#### 7am, 03 December 2024

Heccies 31 Fisher St, Magill Club Contact: Lindsay Davis 0415 453 101

#### **GUEST SPEAKERS:**



Come along and hear from Aaliyah & Annabel who will tell us of their RYPEN experience. We will also welcome the rowing team from Norwood International High School who in April 2025, will travel to Malta to participate in a significant ANZAC Rowing competition, commemorating Malta's crucial support of ANZAC forces during World War I.



#### **GUEST SPEAKER – DAVID COCKSHELL OAM**



This week's guest speaker was David Cockshell from RARE (Rotary Australia Repurposing Equipment), formerly known as Donations in Kind (DIK). David began with a bit of standup comedy using these acronyms. Dave joined Rotary in 2001 with RC Gawler Light. He has held many positions in the club since then, including President in 2005/6. Following that he was Assistant Governor Group 9 in District 9500 for 3 years. Since 2010 he has been the Chairman/Regional Manager of Donations in Kind - Central Region (now RARE). There are five national regions for RARE under the auspices of RAWCS.

Dave is a geophysicist by profession and worked with the South Australian Government for four decades! Until retirement in 2018, he was the state's Chief Petroleum Geophysicist which covers promotion and regulation of the petroleum sector, specifically geophysical exploration. He was also involved in land and marine management and access issues in relation to the resources sector.

Dave was awarded Rotary International's Service Above Self Award in 2020. In 2024, he was awarded an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) for his service to the geophysical profession and Rotary programs.

Dave started his address with the history of RARE/DIK, which had its beginnings in 1992, sending a pallet of baked beans to PNG. From small beginnings great things happen. Nowadays, on average, RARE sends ten shipping containers per annum to overseas destinations; mainly to SE Asia, SW Pacific, and Africa. Lately there have been containers sent to Kurdistan and Mongolia. Some of the items sent in containers are medical equipment, educational material, toys, reading glasses, gardening tools, workshop equipment, sewing machines and even musical instruments. RARE also assists other organisations and charities who want to take a suitcase full of medical equipment etc. to communities in need. David said there is a need at their warehouse for those with special skills such as medicine, nursing, dentistry; not to perform medical procedures, but to sort out the drugs, and label medicines that have been donated.

David told us of the largest ever Rotary operation in SA, the removal of the old RAH's equipment. The RAH's equipment filled 29 shipping containers that that included 7,393 medical items, were sent to 20 different countries, to the value of between \$3M to \$12M (depending on who values it). Operation RAH took 17 weeks, with one day off every Tuesday. The State Government offered the job to Rotary because of its quality brand name. During Covid, six ventilators were taken from RARE's warehouse and given to the RAH to help out with the overwhelming number of patients. In 2020, the merging of Calvary's North Adelaide and Wakefield Street premises was another mammoth job for RARE. Not all goods are sent to other countries; one unusual request was for ten dental chairs to be sent to rural Tasmania. Most mechanical beds (no electricity required) are sent overseas, but RARE can also help locals who may need special beds, walkers and wheelchairs.

David has done some follow up visits to the recipients of RARE's equipment. He once visited four hospitals in Nepal and northern India. The fact that a child can lie in a comfortable bed makes it seem worthwhile or how moving it is to see a man in Fiji being able to sit in a wheelchair instead of on the ground.

Thank you, David, for reminding us of this wonderful Rotary Charity.

Mark Thompson







# **QUIZ QUESTION**

Over the past week world leaders have been meeting in Lima, Peru for the APEC summit. What is notable about Lima that it is number one in the world for?

**Answer:** Lima is the driest capital city in the world with average annual rainfall of just 6.4mm (0.3 inches) of rain per year. It is also unusual as it is the only capital city of a country that is effectively entirely located in a desert.

It did beg the question: where does a city of more than 10M people and such a dry climate get its water? It appears that this happens via rivers and springs that deliver water from much higher up in the Andes where there is consistent rainfall.

The top 10 driest cities in the world are:

- 1. Lima, Peru
- 2. Cairo, Egypt
- 3. Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 4. Nouakchott, Mauritania
- 5. Doha, Qatar

- 6. Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- 7. Manama, Bahrain
- 8. Khartoum, Sudan
- 9. Muscat, Oman
- 10. Kuwait City, Kuwait



#### ICE BREAKER



Without being political, the world leaders have been meeting for APEC and G20 this week. If you were a world leader, what are the most pressing world issues you would raise?

Maybe the question was a bit deep for that time of the morning because there were only a few responses. Unsurprisingly given our humanitarian focus as Rotarians, they

included poverty, food security, climate adaptation and decarbonisation. Sadly, issues like these are generally glossed over or avoided at forums like this with few tangible outcomes

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO LYNNE & GODFREY ENJOY YOUR SPECIAL DAY

















#### PRESIDENT'S - "DID YOU KNOW?"

#### An Octopus has three hearts, blue blood and nine brains.

Octopuses have nine brains. They have one central brain (with overall control) wrapped around the oesophagus. There are eight additional mini brains in each of their eight arms. The mini brains control the arms semi-independently even if the arms detach.



No wonder Starfish have no brains, the octopuses have them all.

#### NORWOOD INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION



#### Rotary Club of Magill Sunrise "Service Above Self Award"

Donated by the Rotary Club of Magill Sunrise to the student who best displays commitment to serve in the school and/or broader community. Rotary's vision for Service above Self is to promote high ethical stands, to advance world understanding, goodwill, peace and fellowship.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November Alison Lynch represented the club at the Norwood International High School Graduation Night at the Town Hall to present the "service Above Self Award".

#### This year's award was won by Yung Xin Hwang

As this year's ceremony was interrupted with some unscheduled excitement by a fire alarm and evacuation from the Town Hall, Alison was unable to catch up with him after the event, but we will have him along to the club as a guest speaker soon. **Congratulations Yung!** 

#### JINGLE AND MINGLE

Alice will be holding her annual AFADU Christmas lunch at the Lutheran Homes Community Centre, 22 Avenue Road, Glynde on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of November at 1pm. All club members, family and friends are invited to this event to raise money for AFADU and the Lirhanzo Children's Village. The money raised will go to provide food and some Christmas Cheer to the children in the village.

As you all know we are working closely with AFADU and the Lirhanzo Children's Village with our International project and we will be selling "Bricks" on the day at \$5.00 a brick. These bricks will go to building teacher accommodation so we can we get more teachers to help educate these children and the broader Chikombedzi community.

Please come along and support Alice. Your RSVPs should be directed to Alice on **0413 681 535** before the 20<sup>th</sup> of November for catering purposes. See the flyer below.















# **ARE YOU THE MISSING PIECE?**







The Magill Sunrise Rotary Club Presents:

# OUR MAGILL SUNRISE MEGA CHRISTMAS MARKET

Discover the perfect Christmas gift!!

Sunday December 8th, 9am - 3pm Campbelltown Memorial Oval Cnr Lower North East Rd & Darley Rd

Stalls indoors and outdoors. Free entry!!
Enquiries: magillsunrisemarket@gmail.com



Magill Sunrise
Rotary
Club



- Rotary BBQ
- Coffee Van
- Food Vendors
- Jams and Chutneus
- Baked Goods
- · Gin, Beer and Wine

- Arts and Crafts
- Jewelleru
- Plants
- Christmas Raffle
- Kids Playground
- Santa Appearing

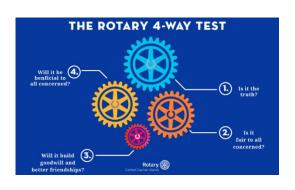




















#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Thursday 21 November **BOARD MEETING 6.00PM for 6.30PM** 

Indian Club, 613 Magill Rd, Magill

Saturday 30 November 'JINGLE & MINGLE' IN AID OF AFADU - 1.00PM

Lutheran Homes Community Centre

22, Avenue Rd, Glynde.

RSVP: Alice 0413 681 535 by 20NOV

Tuesday 3 December CLUB MEETING – 7.00AM

Heccies Sporting Club, Fisher St, Magill

Guest Speakers: RYPEN students and NIHS Rowing Team

Tuesday 3 December **VETERANS LUNCH – 12NOON** 

8, Lorne Avenue, Magill. Bookings essential.

Wednesday 4 December MARKET COMMITTEE MEETING - 6.00PM

5, Piccadilly Crescent, Campbelltown.

Thursday 5 December INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 7PM

Venue TBA

Friday 6 December MOONLIGHT MARKET – 5.30PM

Thorndon Park, Paradise

Saturday 07 December MARKET SET-UP -2.00PM (Members Only)

Campbelltown Memorial Oval

Sunday 08 December RCMS CHRISTMAS MARKET 0830 – 3.00PM

Campbelltown Memorial Oval

Tuesday 10 December CLUB MEETING – 7.00AM

Heccies Sporting Club, Fisher St, Magill

Thursday 12 December **BOARD MEETING 6.00PM for 6.30PM** 

Venue TBA

Friday 13 December MAGILL RSL SCHNITZEL NIGHT – 5.45PM

8, Lorne Avenue, Magill. Bookings essential.

Saturday 14 December CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY – 12NOON

Magill RSL, 8, Lorne Avenue, Magill. \$25.00pp

Please let Alison know if you are attending

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Tuesday 19 December LAST CLUB MEETING FOR 2024 – 7.00AM

Heccies Sporting Club, Fisher St, Magill Fellowship Meeting – no guest speaker.

**2025 HAPPY NEW YEAR** 







#### **GROUP 3 CLUBS**

**Monday** 

**Campbelltown:** 0407 724 699 - 6.30pm San Giorgio Club, Henry St, Payneham

**Coromandel Valley:** 0431 012 142 – 6.30pm - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon: St John's Anglican Parish Hall

**Tuesday** 

**Magill Sunrise:** 0415 453 101 - 7.00am - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3rd Tue: Hectorville Sporting Club, Magill

**St Peters:** 0493 281 503 - 6.15pm Kensi Hotel, 23 Regent St, Kensington

**Blackwood:** 0477 788 660 - 6.30pm - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue: Blackwood RSL

**Edwardstown**: 0437 760 420 - 6.15pm - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tue: The Maid of Auckland Hotel **Unley:** 0431 618 359 - 6.00pm - Living Choice, Fullarton

Wednesdays

**Eastwood:** 0416 367 289 - 7.00am - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed: Royal Coach, 24 Dequetteville Tce, Kent Town

**Norwood:** 0412 305 660 - 6.30pm - 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wed: Kensi Hotel, 23 Regent St, Kensington

Hyde Park: 0417 855 182 - 6.15pm - 2nd & 4th Wed: The Goody Hotel, Goodwood

**Burnside:** 0401 627 339 - 6:30pm - 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wed: Kensi Hotel, 23 Regent St, Kensington

Mitcham:0437 112 907 – 6.45pmThe Edinburgh Hotel, MitchamMorialta:0497 159 737 - 6.30pmTower Hotel, Magill Rd Magill

Times stated are when the **GONG** is rung.

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In the spirit of reconciliation, the Rotary Club of Magill Sunrise acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land where we serve the community, the Kaurna people of Tandanya, and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.



