



Magill Sunrise  
**Rotary**  
Club



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Welcome & Apologies

**Apologies from Don, Bernard, Greg and Simon**

## **Brewer's Banter**

THIS MORNING'S MEETING WAS CONDUCTED BY VICE PRESIDENT MARK THOMPSON, SO IT'S:-  
"TIME TRAVEL WITH THOMMO"

- It was my pleasure to sub in for President Simon who was away checking on the state of the River Murray.
- Treasurer Ian reported that the net proceeds from last Sunday's Magill Market was \$1200 and put a dent in our clubs contribution to Shelter Box for two boxes that will go to the victims of the recent Tongan volcano explosion and tidal wave.

### **AGM – 01 MARCH 2022 - NOMINATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

- **Lindsay Davis is our President Elect for 22/23.**
- For the club to continue and prosper, we need a President Elect for 23/24 who should ideally be appointed at the AGM. Please think about nominating yourself.
- Rotary does tend to encourage rotation of club positions to bring new ideas and new approaches to clubs. We tend to remain fairly static, but one example of a position that may change is that Lindsay's role he does so well in the youth area may now need to be handed over
- The main message is that if you feel you'd like to change your current role then now is the time! Lindsay intends to speak to everyone in the near future to find out who's interested in roles, so please think about it ASAP

### **"BEHIND THE BADGE"**



**Rick, Mark & Peter**

Just to prove that Peter and Rick are a slick team. Rick had the honour of drawing a card for the lucky card game.

Peter suggested that Rick draw eight of clubs (Peter's card) and low and behold that was the very card that Rick pulled from the pack.

We are still wondering how he staged this sleight of hand



## **GUEST SPEAKERS: PETER MACAULAY & RICK CALDWELL**

Peter and Rick are to be inducted into the club on 1 March and then shoot off overseas to Britain for a well-deserved holiday, so we thought we could ask them to address the club now. The dynamic duo ran the Athelstone Post Office for eight years and their experiences there was the theme of their address to the club.

Athelstone is a licensed PO (not corporate run by Australia Post). Apart from the purchase of the licence there are no other fees. Having said that, Peter estimates the purchase of the Athelstone licence would be around \$550,000. Having just sold the business, the Sword of Damocles is still hanging over their heads if the new proprietors pull out or are terminated within two years. Peter and Rick were known as 'the boys' and the new proprietors are known as 'the girls'. Whatever you do don't go to Athelstone and ask 'where are the boys?' It's a sensitive issue.

Licensed POs can vary in the services that they provide. Peter and Rick's income came from commissions on Australia Post products and mark up on other stock. Other LPOs can offer more such as news agencies, Lotto or a general store.

Rick grew up in country SA and Peter in suburban Melbourne. They moved to SA to buy an LPO licence because they were cheaper than Melbourne and the rolling foothills matched their Melbourne residence of Croydon. In addition the residents were the right demographic for them. Peter's background was banking and finance, while Rick's was warehouse management, so each complemented the other in running the PO.

The big mistake in running any business is not taking time off, so the lads would take a break every 18 months and factored in \$5,000 to cover the cost of experienced staff. 'You are always on holidays' were frequent comments.

When they first came to Athelstone they observed that 1/3 of their customers were away on cruises during the winter, another 1/3 caravanning with the remainder bitching about their children. This is now changing with younger people infilling as the oldies sell up. Covid was good for business with more parcel deliveries and people running business from home (mainly young mums).

Peter and Rick gave us some handy tips. Australia Post insures every item for up to \$100. If you are sending gift cards make sure that it is registered or express, so that it can be tracked. It's amazing how many gift cards go astray when sent by ordinary mail. Clothes sent to an Australian address should be sent as a parcel and not a box because Australia Post works on space/volume not weight.

In summary use a Licensed Post Office because in general, the service and staff is better/friendlier and 'flexible'

They finished off with some funny customer encounters, but not for publication to protect the guilty.

*Mark T*

GET WELL SOON BERNARD  
BEST WISHES FROM US ALL



## Upcoming Events

Wednesday 23 February

### BOARD MEETING

Café Va Bene, cnr of Gorge & LNE Rds at 6.30pm

Tuesday 01 March

### RCMS AGM & INDUCTION

Peter Macaulay and Rick Caldwell will be inducted into the club

Friday 1 April - Sunday 3 April

### 9510 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Tanunda, Barossa Valley. See Lindsay if you wish to attend.

Saturday 14 May

### 1st ANNUAL DISTRICT 9510 QUIZ CHAMPIONSHIP

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Adelaide Parks. \$100.00 per team (up to 8 people.)

#### DID YOU KNOW?

In 1978 the Rotary Club of Duarte (California) admitted three women in contravention of the Rotary constitution.

How many Supreme Court justices voted for and how many justices opposed the final decision that decided the issue?

The Supreme Court, in a 7-0 decision in 1987, agreed that clubs could admit women.

Sylvia Whitlock was the first president of the Duarte Club, and therefore the first woman president of any Rotary Club.



## the 4 Way Test

... OF WHAT WE THINK, SAY OR DO

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to All Concerned?
3. Will it Build **GOODWILL** and Better Friendships?
4. Will it Be **BENEFICIAL** to All Concerned?



The Labor party has said they will reinstate the Adelaide 500 should they win the state election, and hold the V8 Supercars finale in December.

**Do you think Adelaide wants or needs the return of this street race? Is this a good move by the Labor Party? Do you think this decision may hamper their chances of winning and favour the Liberal party?**

**Responses:** This was unanimous – **no** Adelaide does not need a V8 Supercar street race. If it was not financially viable before what makes the Labor Party think it would be any different?

If they really want to hold the finale of the V8 supercars then take it out to the track at Tailem Bend where it does not impact residences and businesses in the city

This decision could help Steven Marshall hold onto his seat of Dunstan, as many of his electorate would be greatly affected by the disruption.

(If Simon, had been at the meeting, he may have had a different take on this question.)



I had a fighting joke...  
...But I forgot the punch line.

**JACKPOT**  
Winner: Peter Macaulay

Next week  
**\$5.00**

## Quiz Question

**What is Australia's tallest single drop waterfall?**

**Answer: Wallaman Falls** which is a series of cascades on Stony Creek near Ingham in Qld. The most significant feature is an abrupt plunge of 268 metres down a sheer cliff to create Australia's tallest single drop waterfall.



Wallaman Falls





**Next Meeting: 7:00 am, 01 MARCH 2022**

**Heccies - 31 Fisher Street, Magill**  
**Club Contact: 0415 453 101 (Lindsay Davis)**  
**RCMS AGM & MEMBERSHIP INDUCTION**

**Meetings for Makeups:** Please check with the club before attending

**Mondays**

• 6.30pm Campbelltown San Giorgio Club Henry St, Payneham 0407 724 699

**Tuesdays**

• 6.15pm St Peter's "Peripatetic" Check before Attending 0428 246 352  
 • 30pm Kent Town Lord Melbourne Hotel 63 Melbourne Street, Nth Adelaide 0433 387 082

**Wednesdays**

• 7.15am Eastwood Royal Coach 24 Dequetteville Tce, Kent Town (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday then 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays Bocelli Cafe Hutt St.) 0416 367 289  
 • 1.00pm Norwood Manto Café Parade, Norwood 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays  
 • 6.30pm Norwood Kensi Hotel 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 0412 305 660  
 • 6:30pm Burnside Kensi Hotel 23 Regent St, Kensington 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays 0481 373 266  
 • 6.30pm Morialta Tower Hotel 23 Regent St, Kensington Cnr St Bernards & Magill Rd, Magill 0497 159 737

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**President**



**Simon Brewer**



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

**Secretary**



**Colin Hill**

*In the spirit of reconciliation, the Rotary Club of Magill Sunrise acknowledges that we meet on the traditional country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land and pay our respects to their elders past and present.*