



# THE PERILS OF PAULINE

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Welcome to guest speaker Manish Kumar and honorary member Anne Cole.

## APRIL IS ENVIRONMENT MONTH

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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with

**Rotary**



unite for service  
unite for world peace

As the old saying goes "Many hands make light work".

Our incoming RI President Mário César Martins de Camargo of Brazil has asked us all to "Unite for Good" by using the power of human connection to welcome new members, collaborate on service projects, and build our global impact, Rotary members create positive change.

Regionalisation gives us this opportunity to work together in our community groups and to reach out to other groups for a common cause.

If we work together collaboratively, we can achieve far greater things and put Rotary front and centre. Let us pool our resources, knowledge and club members to "Unite for Good". We need as Rotarians to elevate our presence within our communities and amplify our influence.

It is time we spent some effort in promoting Rotary and all the good works undertaken around the world. We have globally approximately 1.2 million Rotarians all dedicated to make our world a better place.

I think it is time we blew our bags a bit and highlighted the work being done in promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, saving Mothers and Children, supporting Education, growing Local Economies and protecting the Environment.

**"Let's build a Rotary that unites for good and ensures a brighter future for all."**

*Pauline*



### FOR THE DIARY

#### APRIL Meetings

**1st, 8th & 15th**

First three Tuesdays  
of the month

**Next Club Meeting**  
**1284**

**7am, 08th April 2025**

Heccies

31 Fisher St, Magill

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### CLUB ASSEMBLY

We will be discussing the change of meetings, the International Project, fund-raising and membership.

Member question time.



This time spent together helps us all sing from the same hymn sheet.

## GUEST SPEAKER: MANISH KUMAR



Our guest speaker was Manish Kumar from Kangaroo Disability Services in Paradise who told us about his journey from his birthplace in India to his new home in Australia. Manish recently attended our Peace Pole unveiling ceremony in Nightingale Park where we included a peace message in Hindi, symbolic of the Indian born population in Campbelltown now standing at 4.9% compared to 3.1% in greater Adelaide and 2.5% in S.A. (2021 census figures).

Manish came from a village just 10km away from the Pakistan border in the Western Thar Desert. He is part of the Bishnoi community who are well known for their communion with nature. Bishnoi literally translates to twenty-nine, and the

community live by 29 commandments or principles that date back to the 1500s.

The Bishnoi detests any cruelty to animals and damage to the environment. Hence in 1730 when the Maharaja of Jodhpur wanted to build a new palace and ordered the trees cut down in that area, a woman named Amrita Devi literally hugged a tree to try to save it but was brutally beheaded by the king's men. This led to a massacre that saw 363 other Bishnoi killed including Amrita's three daughters all in the name of saving the trees. It is believed that the term "tree hugger" referring to a committed environmentalist dates from this event. They saved the trees at an enormous cost.

As a young lad Manish never considered leaving his homeland, but his father talked much about the benefits of seeing the world and seeking out new experiences. Living very close to the border of Pakistan where there was much conflict he wanted to join the Army when he grew up to fight the people who were portrayed as "enemies" to him. He now has many Pakistani friends and knows that this characterisation was not true. At the age of 23 Manish headed to Australia. When he arrived, he could barely speak a word of English and did not know anyone. He took up a job as a taxi driver which he found was excellent to learn both English and Australian culture. He became very interested in Aussie Rules and adopted Port Power as his favourite team (ed: proving he is an astute judge of character with impeccable taste!)

Life was very hard for him in those early years, and he slept on the floor in a shared house to save money. He eventually worked in disability support and has now been in that industry for 15 years. About three years ago he noted a gap in the support area and decided to establish his own support service with his wife: Kangaroo Disability Services. He chose the name Kangaroo because of his Bishnoi beliefs in the sanctity of animals recognising that is probably the most important and well-known Australian animal.

The main tenet of his business is to provide a "familiar face" to the care recipients. This offers them the advantage of someone who actually knows them and knows their needs well. The business has now grown to service about 20 clients through the NDIS scheme and has 23 carers and three or four administration staff. 30% of his clients are from multicultural backgrounds and amongst his employees 7 languages are spoken. Their offices are on the corner of Lower NE and Darley Roads. As a local resident Manish knew that the previous business on that site was famous for their placards with inspirational sayings on them, so although the signs had been removed from the previous tenants, he restored them and keeps an inspirational weekly saying on them. He relayed a story that a person rang recently saying that they were suffering extreme depression and were contemplating the unthinkable one morning on their way to work, but then happened by the inspirational message on his sign that made them reconsider their position in a new light and helped them out of it. Never underestimate how little things can make a big difference.

Manish's story was way more than any of us expected. We learned so much about a fascinating part of India that we would otherwise never have heard of, and an amazing story of a person who has embraced their new home and is making a major contribution to our community. A truly inspiring presentation.

**KANGAROO**  
DISABILITY SERVICES  
WHERE PEOPLE COME FIRST

*Simon Brewer*



## ICE BREAKER

**Q: As you all no doubt would have read in various Rotary publications, incoming RI President Mário César Martins de Camargo of Brazil has announced that he intends to reduce the Rotary Four Way Test to a Three-Way Test by removing the "Is it the truth" clause. He believes that this change is required to make Rotary life simpler and to bring Rotary ideals more into line with current world political thinking. What do we think of that change?**

**April Fools!**

### Icebreaker

**What is the best April Fool's Day prank you can recall?**

Sadly, not too many came from the floor, so we had a little look into the history of it all on Wikipedia. It seems that April Fool's Day could date back to December 10BC when a girl named April played a prank on Emperor Claudius by placing a bucket of water above a door that subsequently fell on him. It didn't end well for her. The story then goes on that after Christ was born, December didn't seem appropriate, so they moved it to 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Hmmm, I think that sounds like Wikipedia are taking the-you-know-what out of us!

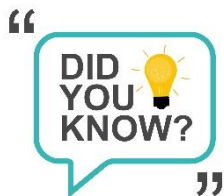
Other possibilities are Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales" of 1392 where he associated foolishness with the 32<sup>nd</sup> day of March. More likely it dates from France in 1508 from the writings of French poet Eloy d'Amerval. Really, can we know this? I don't think I believe anything about its history!

Some famous pranks related to the day are:

- January 1749, London newspapers published that a showman would squeeze his entire body into a wine bottle at the Theatre Royal Haymarket. However, the story was a bet between Duke of Portland and the Earl of Chesterfield, in which the former wanted to fool the public who filled the house, but no performer ever showed up, which eventually led to riots
- In 1958, a rhinoceros called "Cacareco" (Portuguese for "rubbish") won a city council seat in São Paulo, Brazil with 100,000 votes, due to a campaign led by students who were tired of the city's mismanagement.
- In 1978, newspapers & radio stations were abuzz when electronics millionaire and adventurer Dick Smith towed what appeared to be an iceberg into Sydney Harbour. He said that he'd towed it from Antarctica to solve Sydney's water shortage, and he'd be cutting it up & selling delicious ice cubes for 10c each. Unfortunately, it then rained, revealing the iceberg to be a barge covered in plastic, firefighting foam & shaving cream.
- Spaghetti trees: The BBC television programme Panorama ran a hoax in 1957, purporting to show the Swiss harvesting spaghetti from trees. They claimed that the despised pest, the spaghetti weevil, had been eradicated. A large number of people contacted the BBC wanting to know how to cultivate their own spaghetti trees.







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

After a 1,500-year break, the first Olympics of the modern era took place on **April 6, 1896**, in Athens.



## BIRTHDAYS

**Happy Birthday to Mark**



## \*\*\*BREAKING NEWS\*\*\*

After 29 years the Board has decided to change our meeting times in order to adapt to modern work trends and to provide added flexibility to our club. We will continue with the three meetings a month, however:-

the first two Tuesdays of the month will remain as is, 7AM-8AM at the Hectorville Sporting Club

**The Change: The third Tuesday of the month will be 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start at the Tower Hotel beginning on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May.**

It is hoped this will be more appealing to prospective members and encourage partners to join in.

We will incorporate the "Sunrise Chicks" into the evening meeting.

It is hoped the flexibility will accommodate people with busy schedules and attract a younger membership.

We can source guest speakers who require longer than 20 minutes for their presentation.

We will have the ability to hold joint meetings with other service clubs.

Please embrace this change and invite your friends, work colleagues and family to join with us on this new initiative.

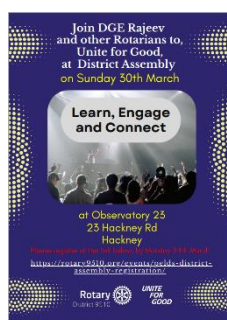
**LET'S GROW, UNITE AND CREATE A BIGGER IMPACT.**

## DISTRICT ASSEMBLY – 30 MARCH 25

DGE Rajeev invited us to "Unite for Good" at the District Assembly on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March and to Learn, Engage and Connect. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet Rotarians from other clubs and to connect with clubs in our dynamic group – Group 3.

Many thanks to Di Clements for pulling this assembly together and for all your hard work both with PELDS and the District Assembly.

Hopefully we all came away with some great ideas on how to make our clubs relevant and more exciting.



## NEW EDITION TO OUR PEACE POLE IN NIGHTINGALE RESERVE

The installation of our Peace Pole in Nightingale Reserve in February reaffirmed our commitment to Peace locally and globally and especially in our relationship with each other and in our community. Our pole which stands at the entrance of the reserve has "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in Hindi, English, Kaurna, an Auslan and now Braille.

Our thanks go to Heidi Unferdorben from Peace Poles Oceania who sourced a Braille Plaque from the USA to attach to our pole making it more inclusive in the community.







## THE MULTI DISTRICT IMPACT SUMMIT.

MORPHETTVILLE RACECOURSE,  
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.  
16TH - 18TH MAY 2025

Rotary  
District 9510

Rotary  
District 9800

**You are Invited!** 🍷

### **District Conference 2025 – Multi-District Impact Summit 2025**

**When: 16-18 May 2025**

**Where: Morphettville Racecourse, Morphettville, SA**

Join fellow Rotarians from Districts 9800 (Central Victoria) and 9510 (South Australia, Broken Hill, Sunraysia, and Alice Springs) for an inspiring and impactful summit focused on driving meaningful change in our communities.

#### **Program Highlights:**

Keynote Speakers

Club Project Showcase

Networking Opportunities

Interactive Breakout Sessions

Duck Racing Fundraiser

Gala Dinner

Cocktail Party

Foundation

Breakfast

End Polio Walk

#### **"Why Should I Attend?"**

- Engage with influential speakers and community leaders.
- Discover innovative projects and strategies to showcase Rotary's impact.
- Expand your network and collaborate with fellow Rotarians.

Together, we can make a greater difference! Don't miss this opportunity to  
**CONNECT, SHARE, and LEARN.**

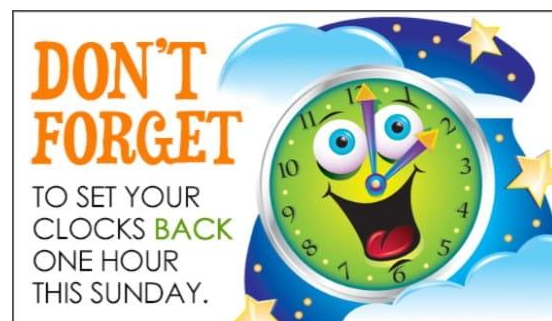
**Register Now:** [www.rotaryimpactsummit.org](http://www.rotaryimpactsummit.org)

**Be part of SUMMIT 2025!**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 6 April	<b>DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS</b>
Tuesday 08 April	<b>CLUB MEETING 1284 – 7AM</b> Heccies Sporting Club, Fisher St, Magill  <b>AFL GATHER ROUND</b> 10 -13 APRIL 2025
Friday 11 April	<b>MAGILL RSL SCHNITZEL NIGHT – 5.45PM</b> 8 Lorne Avenue, Magill
Sunday 13 April	<b>ROTARY MONTHLY MARKET 9.00AM – 2.00PM</b> Campbelltown Memorial Oval
Tuesday 15 April	<b>CLUB MEETING 1285 7.00AM</b> Heccies Sporting Club, Fisher St, Magill, 5072
Friday 18 April	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
Sunday 20 April	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>  <b>BAROSSA VINTAGE FESTIVAL</b> 23 -27 APRIL 2025
Thursday 24 April	<b>MEMORIAL SEAT CLEANING "THE GUMS"</b>
Thursday 24 April	<b>BOARD MEETING – 6.00PM for 6.30PM</b> Venue: Café Va Bene
Friday 25 April	<b>ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE AT THE GUMS</b>  <b>SOUTH AUSTRALIAN WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL – GOOLWA</b> 26 – 27 APRIL 2025



## GROUP 3 CLUBS

### Monday

**Campbelltown:** 0407 724 699 - 6.30pm

**Coromandel Valley:** 0431 012 142 - 6.30pm - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon:

San Giorgio Club, Henry St, Payneham  
St John's Anglican Parish Hall

### Tuesday

**Magill Sunrise:** 0415 453 101 - 7.00am - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 - 6.45pm The Edinburgh Hotel, Mitcham

**Morialta:** 0497 159 737 - 6.30pm Tower Hotel, Magill Rd Magill

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

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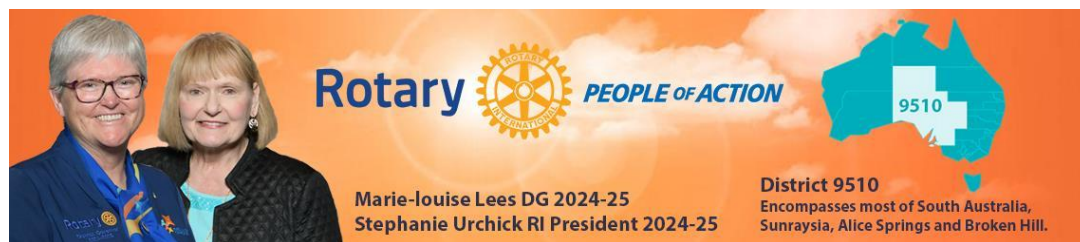
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ROTARY DISTRICT 9510

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## PRESIDENT

Pauline Hill



## SECRETARY

Simon Brewer



*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.*

