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History Article - Opp Shop Part 2 (supplied by Tony Moyle)

More information on the Loxton Rotary Club's Opportunity Shop – Costs and Incomes.

I don't think that there would be a single Loxton Rotary Club member who, from 1987 onwards, would not have some vivid memories (perhaps not all of them good) regarding the Op Shop!

Things that instantly come to my mind that members had mentioned to me are:



1. Never having used a vacuum cleaner before.
2. Repeatedly unable to clean the Op Shop because he didn't have a key.
3. Using a paint brush for the first time.

I'm hoping that some of the post 1987 Members who read this will add their involvement and memories.
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My own Op Shop Firsts were:

1. Catching a woman trying to steal cloths. I challenged her on the issue and she told me that the cloths were being sent to her poor relatives in a third world country. I told the very embarrassed woman not to steal, and to pick whatever she could carry and consider it a donation from the Rotary Club of Loxton.
2. In the middle of winter, a heavily pregnant young woman wearing light summer cloths, was buying worm cloths for the young child on her hip. She was obviously limited financially. I struck up a conversation with her and whilst I didn't ask her for her name, I learned enough to be able to have a couple of Club members identify her. It turned out that her husband was spending their money on alcohol. A Club member made some sort of arrangement with Clarks Supermarket enabling her to buy food at the Club's (or perhaps that member's) expense when necessary.



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A little Op Shop – Treasurer’s Story

On Saturday mornings, the Rotary Club member rostered on would go next door to McLeod Tyres and pick up the Op Shop cash tin which always had \$50.00 in it - it also contained the key to the Op Shop front door. There was no cash register in the Op Shop and it was rare that receipts on purchases were asked for, or given.

After closing the Op Shop at noon, the Rotarian on duty would count the money in the cash tin and enter the total amount into the carbon copied cash book. \$50.00 would be deducted from that amount (sales for the morning) and also entered in the cash book before the tin and its contents being returned to McLeod’s safe.

During the week, I would go to McLeods and pick up the Op Shop cash tin and take it home.

I’d count the money, ensure there was \$50.00 (of the right denominations to allow for change), tear out the taking records from the cash book, bank the takings and return the tin to McLeods.

Sometimes the takings in the cash book was not what I had counted.

Charter Member of the Loxton Rotary Club, Paul King, was the key to the Op Shop being formed and at meetings he would often report on how much money the Op Shop had taken for a particular week or period – based on the Op Shop cash book.

The discrepancies in the cash tin were usually under by no more than two dollars, and I would make up the difference!



HOWEVER, on one occasion it was OVER by about \$5.00!

PROBLEM! I can’t pocket Op Shop money to make the cash book balance!

Time for some counselling!

I shared the issue with a long term Rotarian. His response started with “You bloody Nit Wit!” and ended with “Record and bank what is correct! Some of our members are Bank Managers and Accountants – what do you expect?”

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The Loxton Rotary Club held a General Meeting at Loxton Hotel on 10 April 2024.

Members Present: Robert Fielke, Mike Woosnam, Bill Ebert, Paula Nitschke, Tony Altschwager, Peter Angel, Sarah Edwards, Daryl Blythman, Liz Dymmott, , Craig Dowling, Sue McDonald, Tom Shannon, Claude Sabiyumva

Guests: Larry & Fran Whitelaw, Armani Kakoschke, Bart & Zawadi Kakoschke, Reese Westbrook, Shelley Westbrook, Lucas Cockshell, Brendan & Larissa Cockshell

Apologies: Jenny Mills, Des Schliebs, Bert Haslam, Kym Walton, Nicolle Jachmann, Chris Smith, Kate Tate, Harry Ostendorf.

Co-Chairs – Sarah Edwards & Paula Nitschke

As Sergeant-at-Arms Robert Fielke opened the meeting, he noted the first time in his many years of Loxton Rotary history that the position of Chair would be shared.

Sarah provided the Invocation while Paula raised the loyal toast.

When introducing the Guest Speakers, Sarah noted as having been a teacher to both Armani Kakoschke and Reese Westbrook, that they boggled her mind with their creative and critical thinking. The third speaker was Lucas Cockshell.

Sarah explained that Armani was born in Tanzania, undertook some schooling in the USA, had returned to Tanzania before coming back to Australia where he finished his senior school years. She insisted his career HAD to involve science, and serious science!

In contrast, Reese is born and bred Loxton. Sarah recalled interesting projects he kept coming up with, one involving a mystery white powder that he had some unknown plan to make something out of. As his teacher she didn't quite know what to make of it, and is still none the wiser!

Both students were supported by our Rotary Club to the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) in Brisbane earlier in the year.

Armani spoke first and described how the NYSF allowed him to network with other likeminded participants. They stayed at the Kings College boarding campus with around 200 other attendees. One lot of sessions was at the University of Queensland where they were introduced to specialists in each area of study. Another was at the Queensland University of Technology where they had more practical activities. Of particular interest was a workshop at Griffith Cyber Security.

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His advice to future participants included the cryptic statement – check out sunscreen! Clearly something he found interesting.

Reece noted that they went in January, before the school year started, and he considered it helped him to work out what future direction he can take, or change it he wanted to. He thought it was a very well organised event, with transport from different accommodation to daily varying locations simple to use. Although he considered being a tourist at Sea World and the Gold Coast were good experiences, he really enjoyed the ‘speed dating’ career session with NYSF alumni. He found several ecologists, which is his interest. His favourite moment was a lecture in genetic modification of Australian plants for medicinal research.

Both referred to the recreation and social aspects of the week away, including sports activities, a disco, and even an ‘a cappella’ group which involved Armani.

They then played a short video compiled by one of the fellow NYSF students from Adelaide, very much in the ‘young persons’ style. Both thanked the Rotary Club of Loxton for the support to attend the event.

Lucas Cockshell is the most recent recipient of the Vocational Scholarship which the RCL awards each year to support a local student for their first two years of university study.

Lucas started by saying that although he was only six weeks into his first year of a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering at Adelaide Uni, it was already very different and harder than he thought it was going to be. Despite getting good grades at school, he found that the need for independent study, with no teachers to help, was a challenge.

What he has had to work out is a routine, that takes in the high workload, but still provides some life balance for fun as well.

Being keen on a career in the space industry, Lucas reached out to the Space Innovation group, and has arranged a tour of their establishment next week. He is looking into an internship as a way to get a foothold into the space industry before completing his study.

Where he has discovered support is at St Marks Residential College where he is living. However, as College is not cheap, he really appreciates the financial support that the Loxton Rotary Vocational Scholarship provides him with, and he thanked Rotary for offering it.

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Reports

Paula reported that the Pride of Workmanship Awards is coming along well, with 16 individuals and 11 businesses nominated.

Secretary Peter advised that there are new State Government rules covering food safety for anyone selling food. Fortunately, not-for-profit organisations such as Rotary have less stringent requirements. The Council is assisting by requiring all individuals preparing, cooking and selling food to complete a short online course developed by the Victorian Health Department. This will help us fulfil our obligations imposed by the SA State Government. The course can be done at <https://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au/index.php/en/>. All members are encouraged to do the course as soon as practicable. For anyone not internet savvy please ask for assistance.

Thought of the Week; (Sarah Edwards)

“We are all ordinary. We are all boring. We are all spectacular. We are all shy. We are all bold. We are all heroes. We are all helpless. It just depends on the day.” - Brad Meltzer

Robert invited Shelley Westbrook, Reece’s mother, to draw the raffle, and she promptly drew her own card!

Next meeting is 24 April 2024 at the Loxton Club and guest speaker will be Sheridan Alm.

Everyone encouraged to bring a friend.

Guest Speaker 24 April 2024 – Sheridan Alm



Sheridan is involved with the strategic direction and management of the Starrs Reach Vineyard portfolio, one of the larger in the Riverland region of South Australia. Alongside her husband Craig, 6000 tonnes of premium style wine grapes are produced over 250 hectares of vineyard. Starrs Reach Vineyard is a wine grape grower and wine producer of scale, producing premium quality fruit and wine to specification.

Sheridan is also the recipient of the Australian Women in Wine Awards Viticulturist of the Year 2019.



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Generous Donation



Jason Hughes from AJ's First Aid has donated a container with all the necessary supplies in case of injuries during the Loxton Carp Jackpot Jamboree. It is very much appreciated.

Tom Shannon

**The Next Meeting #3275 is on Wed 24th April 2024
– 6.30pm**

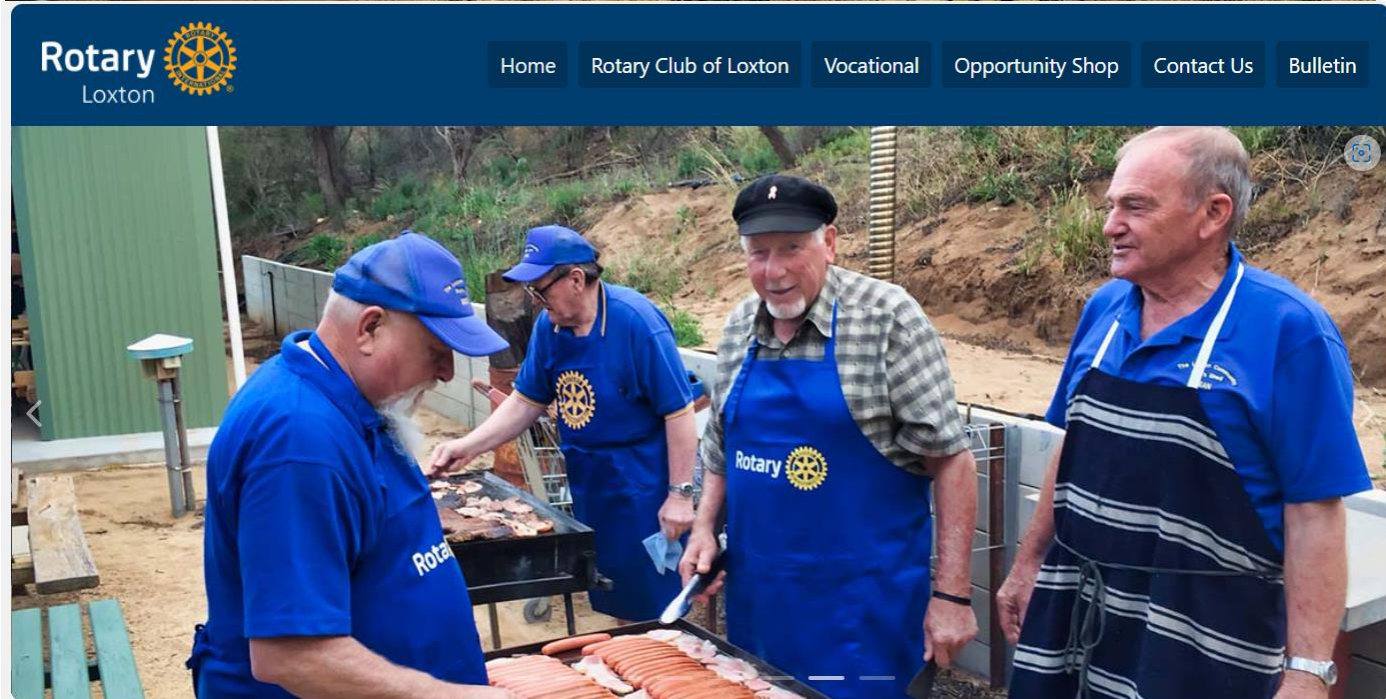
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Rotary Club of Loxton

MEETINGS

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What's Coming Up?

Date / Start Time	Event	Location
Wed 24 April – 6.30pm	Loxton Rotary Club General Meeting #3276	Loxton Club
Sat & Sun 4-5 May	SA Dirt Kart State Titles	Loxton Kart Club
Wed 8 May – 6.30pm	Loxton Rotary Club General Meeting #3277	Loxton Hotel
Sat 18 May – 6.00pm	Pride of Workmanship Awards Night	Loxton Club
Wed 22 May – 6.30pm	Loxton Rotary Club General Meeting #3278	Loxton Club

Save the Date

Sat 5 Oct – 8.00am	Loxton Carp Jackpot Jamboree	Loxton Apex Park
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Dates to note:

- 2nd Wed of the Month - General Meeting (Loxton Club)**
- 3rd Wed of the Month - Board Meetings (Op Shop)**
- 4th Wed of the Month - General Meeting (Loxton Hotel)**





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Saturday 5 October 2024, 8 am – 2 pm - Pepper Tree, Loxton Apex Park

TEST YOUR LUCK AND CATCH A \$10,000.00 JACKPOT in the Loxton Carp Jackpot Jamboree!!

Loxton's premier winter fishing tournament will be held on the mighty Murray River at Loxton, South Australia Saturday June 8th 2024.

Over \$15,000.00 in CASH PRIZES!

Anglers may choose to fish from their boat or off the bank, catching as many carp as they can to earn multiple tickets within the tournament's primary competition draw.

Every entrant automatically qualifies: and your first ticket in the draw is on us.

Due to anticipated numbers, tickets will be limited - so get in early and take advantage of the 'Early Bird' prize draw.

Fishing commences at 8am and runs until 2pm, followed by prize draws on the riverfront at "Carp Central" in Loxton's Apex Park.

Winners will be drawn from 3:00pm where the First Prize winner will be asked to step-up for their chance at the \$10,000.00 Jackpot.

To register in the competition or to learn more about the event, visit <https://jackpotjamboree.org.au>.

Please like, share and follow our social media to keep up-to-date with all the excitement and announcements leading up to the day, including food, beverage and local sponsor treats. This event is made possible by Rotary Club of Loxton, supported by Apex Club of Loxton and the District Council of Loxton Waikerie.

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\$5 FRIDAY COFFEE CLUB

**What can you do with \$5???...
Buy a coffee.. OR...support the
Loxton Hospital & Aged Care Unit!!**

Forgo one coffee a week and donate that money to the Loxton Hospital. Make regular, planned giving direct from your bank account to the HAC Gift Fund Trust Account.

(YOUR DONATION COULD ADD UP TO \$250 PER YEAR!)

If you become a Friday Fiver member, donating on a regular basis, you will receive a tax receipt so you can claim it on your tax each year.

JOIN THE CLUB! Set up a regular donation using your internet banking:

ANZ BANK

BSB: 015 625

Account: 426924366

Reference: 5 DOLLAR FRIDAY



Please be sure to add your details below so that we can send you your receipt.

Post to: \$5 Friday, Loxton HAC, PO Box 1802, Loxton 5333 or email to hacfridayfiver@gmail.com

Name: _____

Address: _____



We are truly grateful for the enormous community support that is shown to the Loxton Hospital Complex and Residential Aged Care.

Rest assured that every cent of your donation will go to the Hospital. There are no administration costs attached to this fund raising.



Loxton & Districts Health Advisory Council Gift Fund Trust Account is a registered Deductible Gift Recipient – all donations above \$2 are tax deductible. ABN 28040912688

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MEETING TASKS				
DATE	NOTE	VENUE	CHAIRPERSON	EQUIPMENT/PLAQUES
24/04/2024	GENERAL	CLUB	Tom Shannon	Bill Ebert
8/05/2024	GENERAL	HOTEL	Tony Altschwager	Daryl Blythman
22/05/2024	GENERAL	CLUB	Robert Fielke	Jenny Mills

OP SHOP ROSTERS - Support			
Week Start	Weekend	Morning	Day
22 April 2024	28 April 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Tony Altschwager
29 April 2024	5 May 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Bert Haslam
6 May 2024	12 May 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Bill Ebert
13 May 2024	19 May 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Des Schliebs
20 May 2024	26 May 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Peter Angel
27 May 2024	2 June 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Robert Fielke
3 June 2024	9 June 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Tony Altschwager
10 June 2024	16 June 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Bert Haslam
17 June 2024	23 June 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Bill Ebert
24 June 2024	30 June 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Des Schliebs
1 July 2024	7 July 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Peter Angel
8 July 2024	14 July 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Robert Fielke

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Saturday	OP SHOP CLEANING & RETAIL	
27 April 2024	Liz Dymott	Jenny Mills
4 May 2024	Sue McDonald	Des Schliebs
11 May 2024	Paula Nitschke	Tom Shannon
18 May 2024	Peter Angel	Kym Walton
25 May 2024	Tony Altschwager	Daryl Blythman
1 June 2024	Bert Haslam	Nicolle Jachmann
8 June 2024	Robert Fielke	Bill Ebert
15 June 2024	Liz Dymott	Jenny Mills
22 June 2024	Sue McDonald	Des Schliebs
29 June 2024	Paula Nitschke	Tom Shannon

Wednesday 7.30am	LOXTON HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST SUPPORT Ethan Grosse (LHS) Mob: 0488 444 240
24 April 2024	School Holidays
1 May 2024	Kym Walton
8 May 2024	Marian Woodberry
15 May 2024	Roger Jeffrey
22 May 2024	Bert Haslam
29 May 2024	Sue McDonald
5 June 2024	Tom Shannon
12 June 2024	Jim West
19 June 2024	Les Burgemeister
26 June 2024	Kym Walton
3 July 2024	Marian Woodberry
10 July 2024	Roger Jeffrey
17 July 2024	Bert Haslam
24 July 2024	Sue McDonald
31 July 2024	Tom Shannon
7 August 2024	Jim West