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History Article - Opp Shop Part 3 & Battery Collection (supplied by Les Burgemeister)

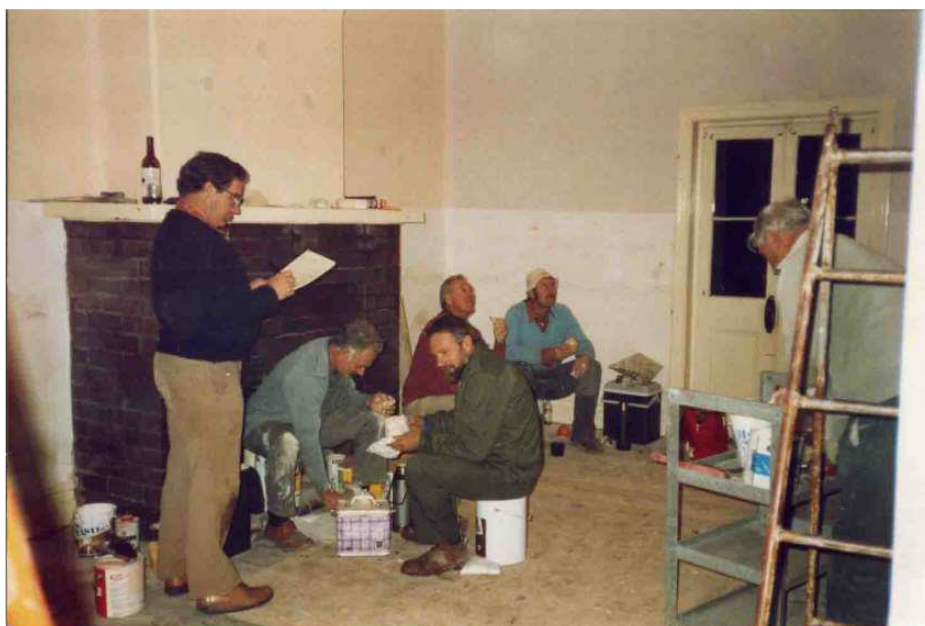
The house was purchased in 1987 from Mr & Mrs RB Nitschke for the bargain price of \$30000.

Rotary Club members commenced to renovate the internal walls by cutting out 2 large openings from the passage into the lounge and bedroom and another one between the 2 bedrooms.

Then a plasterer was employed to tidy up the walls after the members cut the openings.

Due to the limestone and lime mortar structure of the walls (as they were built on those days), it all had to be done by air chisel so as to not fracture the walls beyond the planned openings, and steel lintels were chased into the walls for support.

The house has special significance for me - Rudy Nitschke and his wife were my Uncle and Aunty.



Uncle Rudy and I were close as we both were mechanically minded and he was my Godfather.

It was never said but my connection to him may have had some influence on the final figure sales figure.

As a non-profit organization the Rotary Club couldn't borrow funds, so some Rotarians lent money for the purchase of the Op Shop.

Baizel Stirling who invited me to join Rotary, lived across the

street from me and came over one cold night in June 1988 with a bottle of District Governor's Port and sat down and said he had a possible solution on how to pay off the Op shop.

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His brother on Kangaroo Island raised money for Legacy by collecting old batteries and having them recycled. My wife Jen and I operated the field servicing business “Rural Mechanical Repairers”, and I knew every farm and fruit block in the district and our header repairing area covered a 100-kilometre radius of Loxton.

Baziel had the brain to put the plan into action and I had the brawn to make it work.

I spent the month of August every year travelling from farm to farm assessing header repairs.

That year I dragged my trailer with me every day, assessing headers and picking up batteries that were stacked behind sheds, up in the scrub, half drifted in between mallee trees, etc.

When the trailer and my ute couldn't hold anymore (about 2.5 tonnes) I would drive back to Baizel's farm, 10ks south of Loxton, and would call my son on the two way radio to come and help me unload and stack the batteries.

In those days there was no EPA, so all the acid was drained into rabbit burrows, then next day the same again!

On Sundays, Baizel and I would go again to more farms - most days doing 2 loads, while our wives would be at the farm with afternoon tea for us between the loads.

If weather permitted we would have a BBQ and a few home brews before coming home.



The farmers were extremely loyal to our cause and over the next 20 years they would have scrap metal merchants call to collect their scrap BUT the most sort after scrap was batteries and they were hands off because they belong to Burgy and Rotary.

How to write a History article for the Rotary Club of Loxton's Bulletin!

✍️📄 It's just a matter of putting pen to paper, 📞 phone Tony M, or someone who can help, 📄📄 write some more, ✍️📄📄 edit it, →🗑️ bin what is no good, 😞🕒 rest a while, ✍️📄 start again, 💡 get really animated, 🏥 seek medical intervention, ⌚🕒😌 relax for a while, ✍️📄📄😄 start again, 🖨️ and print it out, 📄 put it in an envelope 📮 post it, 📧 or email it to the Loxton Rotary Club Bulletin Editor kym.walton@onebasin.com.au

I'm hoping that some of the post 1987 Members who read this will add their involvement and memories.
Email: moylead@gmail.com

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The Loxton Rotary Club held a General Meeting at Loxton Club on 24 April 2024.

Members Present: Robert Fielke, Bill Ebert, Tony Altschwager, Bert Haslam, Peter Angel, Kate Tate, Liz Dymmott, Kym Walton, Harry Ostendorf, Chris Smith.

Guests: Larry & Fran Whitelaw, Sheridan Alm, Phil Smith, Peter Jarvis (Berri Rotary).

Apologies: Paula Nitschke, Jenny Mills, Des Schliebs, Nicolle Jachmann, Sarah Edwards, Tom Shannon, Daryl Blythman, Sue McDonald.

Guest Speaker – Sheridan Alm, Starrs Reach Wines

Our guest speaker, Sheridan Alm, is a joint owner of the Starrs Reach Vineyard near New Residence / Yatco in the Riverland. Alongside her husband Craig, 6000 tonnes of premium style wine grapes are produced over 220 Ha of vineyard & also 100 Ha of Almonds. Sheridan was also the recipient of the Australian Women in Wine Awards Viticulturist of the Year 2019.



Sheridan presented a video featuring the Riverland Wine Industry's recent marketing promotion "*The Riverland Runs Free*"

<https://www.riverlandwine.com.au/>, shown in Dusseldorf Germany @ Prowine, a different marketing approach and showcasing the unique offering the Riverland Region provides. Whilst the Riverland has a traditional reputation for growing grape tonnage, a small number of wine growers, including Starrs Reach, are establishing themselves domestically & internationally as premium wine producers.

Sheridan & Craig's Starrs Reach story started around 10 years ago when they lost a grape contract with a winery, which was the catalyst for them to head in a

different direction. Grenache & Mataro are their signature varieties. David Harris @ Monash University played a key role in their new-found direction.

The domestic wine market is challenging, hence the push to export wine. Starrs Reach now enjoys engaged, repeat customers and as a result won a Swedish tender for a 2 x standard drinks canned wine product (see photo). The design of the can incorporates sight, smell & taste, the senses used in wine drinking. Sheridan has also been working recently with a USA distributor for a potential contract to supply the large markets of New York & New Jersey.

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Canned wine has a shorter shelf life (12-18 months) than bottled wine however is aimed at a different demographic and retails for approximately \$5/can in Australia. Starrs Reach also has plans for a Rosé and Sparkling wine in a can. The local Riverland Wine Centre @ Pike River have been great supporters.

Sheridan also thanked the Loxton Rotary Club for their recent donation to St Alberts Primary School of a special whiteboard that assists her son & other students.



Robert thanked Sheridan for such a positive presentation given the recent negative press surrounding the wine industry and Tony presented a Rotary glass as is the custom for our speakers.

Loxton Dawn Service 2024

Bert Haslam & Deb Ebert as respective Presidents of the Loxton Rotary & Satellite Clubs jointly laid a wreath along with many other volunteer organisations at the Loxton Dawn Service attended by approximately 800 on 25 April 2024. (Photo credit: Stephanie Thompson – Murray Pioneer)





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New Member Induction – Harry Ostendorf

Robert Fielke, Bert Haslam & Peter Angel were all involved in the process to induct new Loxton Rotary Club member Harry Ostendorf.

Harry’s prior record of volunteer service is outstanding and he would have every reason to “put the cue in the rack” having done more than his share, yet he continues to serve the community, now with Loxton Rotary. His partial volunteer history includes:

- Apex Barossa (10 years)
- Flagstaff Hill Kiwanis
- **Life Member Apex Australia**
- Director Apex Foundation
- Lions Club President Edenhope VIC
- + many more

Harry also is currently volunteering 2 days/week @ Loxcare!

Loxton Rotary is blessed to have such a quality person join its ranks and Harry truly understands the meaning & purpose of serving others. Welcome Harry!



L-R: Peter Angel, Robert Fielke, Harry Ostendorf & Bert Haslam

Thought of the Week (Tony Altschwager)

“No matter how long you have travelled in the wrong direction, you can always turn around.”

Next meeting is a General Assembly on Wednesday 8 May 2024 at the Loxton Hotel – 6.30pm.

Everyone encouraged to bring a friend.



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ROTARY CLUB OF LOXTON INC.

invites you to participate in our annual

PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARDS 2024

The Awards consist of two categories:

Pride of Workmanship: Individual Award

This award recognises individuals who have demonstrated a high standard of commitment to a job well done and work consistently to the best of their ability. Nominations are invited from employers and from community members who have experienced a high standard of service from an employee.

Pride of Workmanship: Small Business

This award is for a company, a small business, self employed person or 'sole trader' who is able to demonstrate a high standard of commitment to both internal and external customers. Nominations are invited from customers and clients who have personally experienced exceptional service.

Accepted Nominees will be notified by their Nominator or a Rotarian, and invited to receive their awards as Guests of the Rotary Club of Loxton Inc. at a Presentation Dinner to be held at the Loxton Club, Bookpurnong Terrace on **Saturday May 18th 2024 at 6.30pm**

Bronte Manuel, our Keynote Speaker, will present the Awards.

Bronte Manuel, Loxton born and bred, is the owner and Director of Residential Sales of Toop & Toop, a leading South Australian Real Estate company. Ten years ago, Bronte became the youngest winner ever of the Golden Gavel Auctioneering Championship, the Industry's top award. He has won a swag of similar Industry awards since, both national and South Australian. In 2023, he won the Golden Gavel again. Under Bronte's dynamic leadership, Toop & Toop continues to be one of Australia's most awarded Real Estate Agencies.





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**The Next Meeting #3277 – General Assembly is on
Wed 8th May 2024 – 6.30pm**

Location: Loxton Hotel



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Find information including a copy of the Bulletin via: [Bulletin – Rotary Club of Loxton \(rotary-loxton.org.au\)](http://Bulletin – Rotary Club of Loxton (rotary-loxton.org.au))



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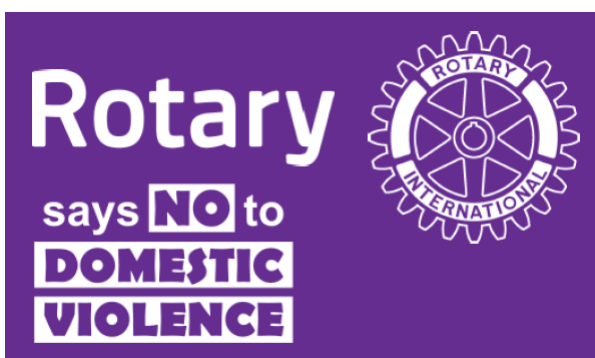


What's Coming Up?

Date / Start Time	Event	Location
Wed 8 May – 6.30pm	Loxton Rotary Club General Assembly #3277	Loxton Hotel
Sat 11 May – 8.45am	Working Bee	Sculpture Park
Sat 18 May – 6.00pm	Pride of Workmanship Awards Night	Loxton Club
Wed 22 May – 6.30pm	Loxton Rotary Club General Meeting #3278	The Precinct
Wed 5 June – 6.30pm	Loxton Rotary Club General Meeting #3279	Loxton Hotel
Wed 19 June – 6.30pm	Loxton Rotary Club General Meeting #3280	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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Rotary
Club of Loxton




PLEASE JOIN US

ALONG WITH YOUR FELLOW RIVERLAND ROTARIANS
at Loxton for an evening of good food and great fellowship
on Wednesday 22 May 2024 at 6pm for a 6:30 start.
Those at the District Conference will have seen the magnificent venue,
the Classy Mezzanine Functions Room overlooking the Loxton Oval complex.

Guest Speaker is the very interesting Jeff Wiese.

Jeff completed a 500km solo trek of the Himalayas,
but now is experiencing a different kind of journey,
one where cancer is the baggage.

Jeff is also one of us, being President of the Rotary
Club of Bordertown.



The menu is attached. Please pre-order your meal as you
accept our invitation. Payment on the night.

RSVP Wednesday 15 May
to your Rotary Club representative.
(If cancelling please give us at least 48 hours notice)



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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 October 5th 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
8/5/2024	ASSEMBLY	HOTEL	Des Schliebs	Tony Altschwager
22/5/2024	GENERAL	CLUB	Robert Fielke	Kym Walton
5/6/2024	GENERAL	HOTEL	Kym Walton	Peter Angel
19/6/2024	GENERAL	CLUB	Jenny Mills	Daryl Blythman
3/7/2024	GENERAL	HOTEL	Paula Nitschke	Bill Ebert
17/7/2024	GENERAL	CLUB	Tom Shannon	Des Schliebs

OP SHOP ROSTERS - Support			
Week Start	Weekend	Morning	Day
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
15 July 2024	21 July 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Tony Altschwager
22 July 2024	28 July 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Bert Haslam

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Saturday	OP SHOP CLEANING & RETAIL	
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
6 July 2024	Peter Angel	Kym Walton
13 July 2024	Tony Altschwager	Daryl Blythman

Wednesday 7.30am	LOXTON HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST SUPPORT Ethan Grosse (LHS) Mob: 0488 444 240
8 May 2024	Kym Walton
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	School Holidays
17 July 2024	
24 July 2024	Roger Jeffrey
31 July 2024	Bert Haslam
7 August 2024	Sue McDonald
14 August 2024	Tom Shannon
21 August 2024	Jim West