

BULLETIN FOR MEETING NUMBER 3282 – held 13 July 2024 – THE MEZZANINE at THE PRECINCT

The Rotary Club of Loxton meeting #3282 due on Wednesday 10 July was deferred until Saturday 13 July and incorporated in the Changeover Dinner to inaugurate the new President and introduce the Board for 2024-25.

The venue was The Mezzanine in The Precinct complex.

CHANGEOVER DINNER

Tom Shannon and Tony Altschwager were bachelors-for-the-night so they greeted guests at the door and foisted raffle tickets upon them. A welcome drink and nibbles were provided by the venue to set the tone.

The tables were attractively dressed in white linen, with Jenny Mills and sister Margie Southam creating lovely centrepieces in the colors of the Rotary President's theme, 'The Magic of Rotary'.

Kym Walton had the honour of being MC and had the unenviable task of getting the attention of members and guests and getting proceedings under way, which he did with the careful balance of authority and cajoling.



The tables were dressed in Rotary colours

The Invocation was provided by Des Schliebs who also proposed a toast to the partners of Rotarians, an important recognition that our wives/husbands support us in what we do.

Tom then welcomed all, got everyone to introduce themselves, and read out apologies.



Jenny received a PHF from District 9510 for her Conference efforts

After Jenny Mills had proposed the toast to Rotary with a brief description of what the organisation does in the bigger picture, Craig Dowling formally responded. When he did so he called Jenny back and presented her with a Paul Harris Fellowship on behalf of District 9510, in recognition of the excellent job she did Chairing the District Conference organising committee, an effort that took almost three years in the planning. Although Craig had appropriately announced the Award at the previous week's District Changeover that Jenny could not attend, it was a privilege to present it to her in front of her home Club that made up most of her committee.

Mayor Norton then took centre-stage to comment on the value of volunteers in our community, and particularly Rotary, and to propose a toast to volunteers. He also apologised that his wife, Colleen, who had been keen to join us, was unfortunately a last-minute apology with a positive COVID test that morning.

After a break for the meal, Bert Haslam presented his report for the year just finished. His highlights included the hosting of the District 9510 Conference, the Pride of Workmanship Awards, and our Bulletin which Bert described as "the envy of other Rotary Clubs".

Partnerships with other community organisations was a feature of the report, with Bert emphasising that by joining with others we can achieve much more. He also acknowledged that under the guidance of Robert Fielke as Membership Coordinator we inducted six new members to the Club during the year – Sarah Edwards, Kate Tate, Liz Dymmott, Harry Ostendorf, and Fran and Larry Whitelaw joined us while we lost only two.

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Hosting a successful combined Rotary Clubs meeting with other Riverland Clubs and the Barossa, was also a highlight.

Of course, 8,320 volunteer hours undertaken by the Op Shop under the watchful eye of Coordinator Jenny Mills, and Community Services Director, Tony Altschwager, were significant, and led to \$68,556 being available to donate to local, regional, national and international causes.

Bert specifically thanked Des Schliebs for his dedication to Treasurer duties, Tom Shannon for his continual perseverance and dedication to youth programs where we contributed \$24,261 for the year, and to Secretary/President Elect Peter Angel for advice, support, and willingness to ‘talk it through’.

Bert then presented the President’s Award jointly to Kym Walton and Paula Nitschke (in her absence). With Kym’s efforts producing the Bulletin, and Paula’s with the Pride of Workmanship Awards and the Vocational Scholarship featuring highly, their overall efforts for the Club were acknowledged.

Highlighting where he thought extra effort needed acknowledging, Bert then announced three Paul Harris Fellow recognitions.



Kym (and Paula in her absence) received the President’s Award



Melissa was very surprised at her Paul Harris Recognition

Bert described the support from the Blythman’s, offering their ‘party shed’ each year for Mardi Gras fundraising breakfast, noting Melissa’s frequent efforts and support to her husband and Rotary member Daryl, as well as many other Club events. Even then Melissa did not realise she, personally, was being recognised with a PHF award – such is her nature. Daryl was particularly pleased that Melissa was recognised in this way.

Tom Shannon received a sapphire to add to his previous PHF recognition, mostly for his work in the Youth Portfolio, but also his general ‘over and above’ support for the



A second PHF for Tom awarded for his efforts in Youth and overall Club support

Rotary Club of Loxton. With a passion for enabling young people, Tom was always on the front foot to give them a leg-up to improve their opportunities for the future.

The third PHF was to Peter Angel who, as Secretary, supported Bert in his Presidential year, filling in where Bert was technologically challenged, and attempting to keep him from ‘putting his foot in his mouth’! Back-office functions such as establishing a new website and renewing Rotary signage around town were also appreciated.



Peter also received a PHF

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Immediate Past DG Craig inducted Peter as President

The induction of the new President took place. Our member, Craig Dowling, having just completed his year as District 9510 District Governor, undertook the formalities, with outgoing President, Bert Haslam, hoisting the collar-of-office around the neck on incoming President, Peter Angel.

That provided Peter the opportunity to outline his intentions for the year. He thanked Bert as a third-time President for mentoring him into the role, and forewarned the Club will see a difference in style between them.

After a challenging few years, some of which was outside our control, Peter would like to see enjoyment coming back into Rotary membership. With Bert sharing these thoughts, his help organising the Program aims to have several social events to help this happen. Peter also stressed the Club should only take

on new projects if it has the capacity and enthusiasm to do so, and even traditionally supported events should be carefully considered before recommitting rather than automatically doing so.

Declaring an intention to have Domestic Violence as a focus for the next Rotary year, Peter noted the issue has already been established by Rotary as an organisation across Australia, which our Club can tap into. He encouraged members to support him attending the Walk for Respect march in Adelaide on 14 September indicating Loxton's support.

An impassioned description of the issue of domestic violence followed, reinforced by recent tragic incidents interstate, with Peter suggesting that our rural Rotary Club can help in two ways, initially by promoting awareness. The other was is to assist establish emergency accommodation in Loxton for victims of domestic violence, particularly women and children. A steering committee has already been started with Council's help, and the last Rotary Board meeting committed \$25,000 to the budget over two years towards this end.

Wendy Angel then presented Kath Haslam with a beautiful bouquet of flowers to thank her for her support of Bert in his President's role the past year, and hinted Kath could provide some guidance for her expected 'role'!



Wendy presented Kath with a bouquet of flowers

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New President Peter then introduced the 2024-25 Board which consists of:

- Secretary** Sarah Edwards (an apology, on long service leave in Africa) New, young, and very welcome.
- Treasurer** Des Schliebs Many years' Rotary experience, and understands the financial software we use.
- Community Service** Tony Altschwager Continuing a much-needed maintenance program for the Op Shop.
- Youth** Tom Shannon Appreciate Tom continuing in the role for now to maintain some continuity.
- Vocational** Paula Nitschke (an apology) With a couple of years in the portfolio, she is now fine-tuning.
- Public Image/Bulletin** Kym Walton Already a great Bulletin, now find Kym help to build social media & website.
- Past Pres/International** Bert Haslam To carry on International from Jenny, and also tasked with Programs.
- Pres Elect/Foundation** Craig Dowling To promote the Foundation & share his DG experience from other Clubs



The 2024-25 Rotary Club of Loxton Board plus...

The raffle was then drawn - proceeds to go to the Walk for Respect rally. Mary Hann was very pleased to win the beautiful bouquet of flowers donated by Rachel's Flower Collective. Jenny Mills scored a bottle of Shiraz which was promptly opened and shared, while Sally Goode took home a scented candle.

As the evening wound up, many stayed on to enjoy chatter and fellowship.

Thanks to Rachel Wagner and her team at The Mezzanine, they were easy & flexible to work with, and provided great service and a good quality meal on the night.



Sarah Edwards joins as Secretary



Paula Nitschke is again Vocational Director



Daughter Kate with mother Mary Hann who won the raffled bouquet

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The following members, partners & guests attended:

MEMBERS & PARTNERS

Tony Altschwager (Jenny an apology)
Peter Angel & Wendy
Daryl Blythman & Melissa
Craig Dowling & Kiki
Matt Goodwin was a late apology but his wife
Gita and daughter Flurette attended
Bert Haslam & Kath
Jenny Mills & sister Margie Southam
Harry Ostendorf
Des Schliebs & Kathy
Tom Shannon (Sally an apology)
Kym Walton & Kym
Honorary Members
Tony Moyle (Julie and apology)

WIVES of LATE MEMBERS

Sally Goode
Mary Hann & daughter Kate Kroemer
Representatives of other Clubs
Peter Wilson, President Waikerie
Belinda Onofria, President Renmark
Bruce Richards, President Berri, & Kathy
Paul Martin, Member Renmark

SPECIAL GUESTS

Trevor 'Nobby' Norton, Mayor LWDC (Colleen an apology)
Chloe Oldman, Rotary Mardi Gras Ambassador
Jo Oldman, Mum to Mardi Gras Ambassador

APOLOGIES

Liz Dymott
Bill Ebert
Sarah Edwards
Robert Fielke & Dawn
Nicolle Jachmann
Sue McDonald
Paula Nitschke & Nathan
Kate Tate
Noel Walker & Wendy
Larry and Fran Whitelaw
Other Club
Robert Norman, IP President Waikerie
Peter Jarvis, Member Berri
Bill Simons, Past Area/Assistant Governor
Sandie Simons, President Barossa Valley
Other Community
Marc Worsfold, Loxton Apex Club
Peter Beaton, CEO LWDC
Andrew Waters, Director Community & Business Services, LWDC



A table of guests from Rotary Clubs at Renmark, Waikerie and Berri joined our members and the Mayor

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What's Coming Up?

Date / Start Time	Event	Location
Wed 24 July – 6.30pm	General Meeting #3283 Adam Barich, Whistling Kite Wines (tastings)	Loxton Club
Wed 14 Aug – 6.30pm	Loxton Rotary Club General Meeting #3284 Paula Nitschke - Dementia	Loxton Hotel
Wed 21 Aug – 7.00pm	Board Meeting	Op Shop
Wed 28 Aug – 6.30pm	Loxton Rotary Club General Meeting #3285 Donna Neale - River Murray Queen	Bus to Renmark
Wed 11 Sep – 6.30pm	Loxton Rotary Club Assembly - Meeting #3286	Loxton Hotel
Wed 18 Sep – 7.00pm	Board Meeting	Op Shop

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 Hotel)

3rd Wed of the Month - Board Meetings (Op Shop)

4th Wed of the Month - General Meeting (Loxton Club)

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MEETING TASKS				
DATE	NOTE	VENUE	CHAIRPERSON	EQUIPMENT/PLAQUES
24/7/2024	GENERAL	CLUB	Tom Shannon	Des Schliebs
14/8/24	GENERAL	HOTEL	Des Schliebs	Tony Altschwager
28/8/24	GENERAL	CLUB	Robert Fielke	Kym Walton
11/9/24	GENERAL	HOTEL	Mike Woosnam	Tony Altschwager/Larry Whitelaw
25/9/24	GENERAL	CLUB	Craig Dowling	Bill Ebert/Liz Dymott
9/10/24	GENERAL	HOTEL	Bert Haslam	Sue McDonald/Harry Ostendorf

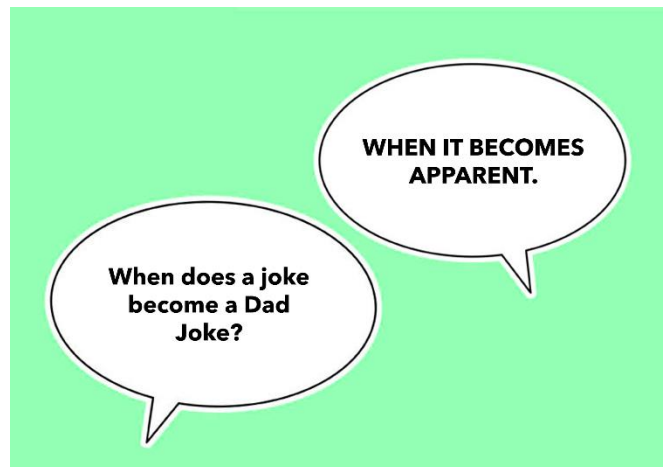
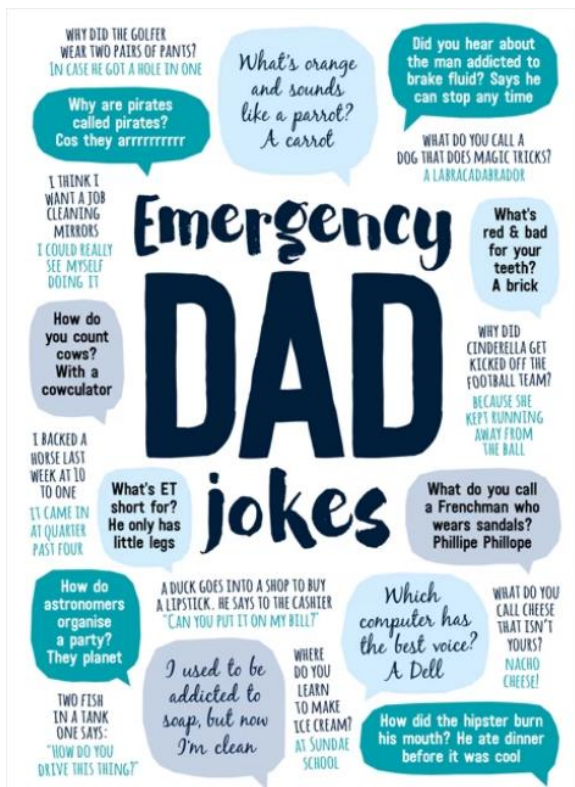
Saturday	OP SHOP CLEANING & RETAIL	
27 July 2024	Robert Fielke	Bill Ebert
3 Aug 2024	Liz Dymott	Jenny Mills
10 Aug 2024	Sue McDonald	Des Schliebs
17 Aug 2024	Paula Nitschke	Tom Shannon
24 Aug 2024	Peter Angel	Kym Walton
31 Aug 2024	Tony Altschwager	Daryl Blythman/Larry Whitelaw
7 Sep 2024	Bert Haslam	Nicolle Jachmann
14 Sep 2024	Robert Fielke	Bill Ebert
21 Sep 2024	Liz Dymott	Jenny Mills
28 Sep 2024	Sue McDonald	Des Schliebs
5 Oct 2024	Paula Nitschke	Tom Shannon/Fran Whitelaw
12 Oct 2024	Peter Angel	Kym Walton/Harry Ostendorf

OP SHOP ROSTERS - Support			
Week Start	Weekend	Morning	Day
22 July 2024	28 July 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Bert Haslam
29 July 2024	4 Aug 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Bill Ebert
5 Aug 2024	11 Aug 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Des Schliebs
12 Aug 2024	18 Aug 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Peter Angel
19 Aug 2024	25 Aug 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Robert Fielke
26 Aug 2024	1 Sep 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Tony Altschwager

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2 Sep 2024	8 Sep 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Bert Haslam
9 Sep 2024	15 Sep 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Bill Ebert
16 Sep 2024	22 Sep 2024	Peter Kennedy (Mon) Greg Schell (Tue-Fri)	Des Schliebs

Wednesday 7.30am	LOXTON HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST SUPPORT Ethan Grosse (LHS) Mob: 0488 444 240
24 July 2024	Kym Walton
31 July 2024	Bert Haslam
7 August 2024	Sue McDonald
14 August 2024	Tom Shannon
21 August 2024	Jim West
28 August 2024	Les Burgemeister
4 September 2024	Kym Walton
11 September 2024	Marian Woodberry
18 September 2024	Bert Haslam



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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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