



BULLETIN FOR MEETING #3286 – held 11 September 2024 – THE LOXTON HOTEL

This meeting was a Club Assembly, the previous being 8 May 2024.

Present were Members:

Peter Angel
Sarah Edwards
Mike Woosnam
Paula Nitschke
Sue McDonald
Harry Ostendorf
Jenny Mills

Bill Ebert
Des Schliebs
Fran Whitelaw
Larry Whitelaw

And guests:

Keith Payne (Rotary Club of St Peters)
Glenda Hedley (Rotary Club of Norwood)

With apologies from:

Bert Haslam
Tom Shannon
Craig Dowling
Robert Fielke
Kate Tate
Liz Dymmott
Daryl Blythman



Not-so-recent working bee at Hedley's Corner

Mike Woosnam chaired the meeting and commenced formalities.

President Peter welcomed guests Keith Payne, former Loxton Rotary member and now an active member at the Rotary Club of St Peters, and Glenda Hedley of Norwood Rotary. It was noted that Glenda's late husband was Rodger Hedley, also a former Loxton member. The 'Hedley's Corner' name remains at the fork of Drabsch St and Riverview Drive, much to the embarrassment of the Hedleys as it gained the nickname simply because they just happened to live nearby when Rotary started to maintain the garden patch there!

A change of Agenda order was mooted by Peter, with Director's reports first then followed by the President's report, in order to avoid the President inadvertently stealing the thunder of Directors, and potential confusion from variations to reports on the same subject. (This seemed to work as planned.)

Treasurer – Des Schliebs

Provided a breakdown of membership numbers of both the Rotary Club of Loxton (23) and the Loxton Rotary Satellite Club (11). The structure of the Satellite Club was also discussed.

Subs of \$190 are now due – direct credit payment easiest (ensure your name is on the transaction.)

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President Elect – Craig Dowling (apology)

Reminder of the Walk for Respect in Adelaide this Saturday 14th from Victoria Square. Craig, Kiki and Peter to attend. Loxton Rotary has contributed funds to this event so encouraged more members to be involved. (See story down further)

Rotary Foundation Celebration Dinner on 6th November in Adelaide at Hackney. Black tie event with Craig again encouraging members to consider going.



Community Service – Tony Altschwager

Snake Island shelter & seating finally installed after flood delays. Signage to be worked out.

A tidy-up has taken place at the front of the Op Shop and a maintenance schedule established for needed work.

Public Image – Kym Walton (apology)

Several members supporting Kym to get Bulletin out while work commitments continue. Someone present at each meeting will be asked to make notes, with Mrs Kym offering to format and distribute. Swog will update the rosters.

Youth – Tom Shannon (apology)

Working with LHS to encourage students to the One & All Sail Challenge, with one participant, also considering RYLA.

Vocational Service – Paula Nitschke

Has been liaising with Chamber of Commerce to collaborate on the Pride of Workmanship. Chamber now agreed to donate \$1,250 towards the event as well as Loxton Gift Cards for winners, and assist with marketing the event. The guest speaker for 2025 will be Dr Sophie Hamilton.

The Vocational Scholarship will be advertised during Term 4 at the Loxton School and on social media.

International Service – Bert Haslam (apology)/Jenny Mills

The transition for the Tanzania project to Ethiopia instead is continuing.

Kathy Schliebs is taking on the International Women's Day Breakfast committee with Jenny's departure, and Paula will be the Rotary representative.

Interplast thankful for our support, and the program will continue to support essential facial reconstruction surgery in Pacific nations without sufficient medical resources to provide this themselves.

Opportunity Shop – Jenny Mills

This year was formally part of the East Arts Trail and made \$300 from the sale of donated paintings.

To support Rotary Says No to Domestic Violence day, Rotarians asked to wear a purple ribbon the following week.

The Op Shop now has 'special needs' volunteers with supporting carers, many of whom contribute to work while they are there. There are also three FLO students from LHS.

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Carp Jamboree – Harry Ostendorf

170 tickets sold so far of 200 expected, with 34 boats. The event works with each fish being an entry to a random draw with a \$3,000 cash prize, and the winner gets a 1/50 chance to take home another \$10,000 – which is the big draw card. Apex Park is the location and catering and a bar will be available. More Rotary/Friends volunteers needed on the day, particularly for marshalling.



Harry reinforced the need for volunteers at Rotary events to be recorded for insurance cover purposes. A recording sheet has been developed and will be distributed to all Board Directors, and is available on file to other coordinators. Completed sheets after the event to be provided to the Secretary to be filed with monthly Board correspondence.

Mardi Gras Fundraising – Kate Tate (apology)

Rotary Club member Kate has been confirmed as our Mardi Gras Ambassador entrant.

Tickets for Blythman's Breakfast on Sunday 29 September available from *It Feels Like Home* in East Tce. Other fundraising events planned.

President's Report – Peter Angel

Postie Bike Challenge – went well and should raise around \$1,100. (See story down further.)



Catering for the Loxton Show for the Sunday/Monday of the October long weekend being coordinated by Peter, looking for someone to assist. Note this is immediately following the Carp Jamboree on Saturday, so is a BIG weekend for Rotary and will really stretch resources. All assistance available needed please.

A Loxton Rotary Club history group is trying to find historical records, publish some in the Bulletin, and organise the rest so it is preserved and retrievable in the future. The group consists of members Robert Fielke and Sue McDonald, Honorary Members Tony Moyle and Neil Schlein, and former member Les Burgemeister. Anyone who has records, sees information that needs 'correcting', or can contribute anecdotes, is encouraged to talk to one of the group.

Next meeting is at the Loxton Club on Wednesday 25 September.

The guest speaker is Angela Avery, the Manager of the Riverland Domestic Violence Support Service.

Domestic Violence is President Peter's 'theme' for Loxton Rotary for 2024-25, and has strong support from District 9510 and many other Rotary Districts across Australia with the *Rotary Says NO to Domestic Violence* campaign. Quite a few non-Rotary guests have been invited so a **FULL CLUB ATTENDANCE** is important to show our commitment, and our strength as a Rotary Club. **Apologies to President Peter please.**

This flyer has been sent outside our Club to potentially interested parties, and promoted on our social media.

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INVITATION

to hear

Angela Avery, Manager of the Riverland Domestic Violence Service

This year the Rotary Club of Loxton has a focus on domestic and family violence and wishes to raise awareness in our community of this difficult subject. In partnership with others, we are also pursuing support for emergency accommodation in Loxton for those needing refuge from to this violence.



Angela is guest speaker at Loxton Rotary's meeting next Wednesday 25 September at The Loxton Club.

This is a general Rotary meeting but this invitation is open to anyone interested in the issue.

Please RSVP your intention to attend to:

President – Peter Angel

Secretary – Sarah Edwards

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Feel free to join us at 6pm for pre-meeting drinks, for a 6:30pm meeting start.

Our Rotary meetings are 'dinner meetings' with the meal served at the end of the speaker's presentation. We welcome you to join us for dinner if you wish, questions of the speaker may follow. Order (at your own cost) at the servery on arrival and nominate you are with the Rotary group.



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ROTARY DISTRICT 9510 WALK FOR RESPECT – 14 SEPTEMBER 2024



Around 1,000 Rotarians, partners and supporters from around South Australia lined up in Victoria Square on Saturday morning (14 September) for the second annual Walk for Respect to put a spotlight on Domestic and Family Violence in the community.

26 Rotary and Rotaract clubs marched as groups under their club banners while hundreds more Rotarians participated individually, as members of District 9510. Loxton Rotary was represented by President Peter, along with PDG Craig and Kiki Dowling. And as well as Rotary, representatives of 20 other community groups and associations, carried placards and banners saying NO to Domestic Violence and YES to Respectful Relationships.



With the Marion City Band up front, at 10.00 am precisely the walkers stepped out from the Square, heading along King William Street to Elder Park. A large contingent of local, State and Federal politicians – including three State ministers – led the march, showing just how significant this cause has become in all levels of our society. The parade proceeded northwards and South Australia Police escorts halted traffic on the cross streets. Members of the public stopped, watched, listened and shouted support.



30 minutes later, in Elder Park it became a rally. The walkers were joined by others who came to listen to leaders from Rotary, the SA Government, Zonta and other partner groups. The South Australian Attorney General Kyam Maher particularly spoke with passion and commitment. This is something that is heavily on the State Government's radar.



Maybe the cool cloudy weather prevented an even larger crowd from attending this year. Many clubs and groups of clubs around the State and in the Sunraysia are planning their own Say NO to Domestic Violence events later this year and the 2025 Walk for Respect is already being planned. In SA and across Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Rotary has become the catalyst for what promises to be real and positive action against domestic violence.



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POSTIE BIKE CHALLENGE - HOSPITALITY

The Postie Bike Challenge reached out to us a few months ago as they had experienced Loxton Rotary hospitality twice the past 15 years and were looking for it again. The Postie Bikes are tiny 110cc Honda former Australia Post step-through motorcycles, and the 'Challenge' is a long ride through regional areas of Australia as a fun event, that also brings funds to not-for-profit organisations in small towns by paying for their catering as they pass through. They also contribute to national charities at the end of the event, of which the RFDS is always one. The event this year started in Brisbane and was due to culminate in Adelaide two nights after their Loxton stopover.

We approached the Loxton Hockey Club to provide their evening meal on Sunday 8th September, and the hockey field and clubrooms were made available for camping in their single-person tents. Council assisted with provision of clean ablution blocks, and marking the fields to avoid pegs puncturing irrigation.

Tony Moyle and Peter Angel, as representatives of both Loxton Rotary and the International Fellowship of Motorcycling Rotarians, welcomed the riders as they drifted in from their previous night in Mildura.

The Hockey Club cooked a BBQ, which was welcomed by the riders as they did not get many of these on the way, contrary to what we thought would happen! The Challenge mechanics plugged into the clubrooms' power and serviced the bikes under the protection of the verandah – ideal for their needs.

The following morning, they packed up camp and headed out to Blythman's Party Shed where Daryl & Melissa had kindly offered to host them. It was an interesting sight to see 46 postie bikes, with riders resplendent in lime green hi-vis vests, coming up Blythman's track with barely a sound from their tiny motors.



As always with first-time visitors to Blythman's, they were blown away with the river view and the rustic shed, and appreciated the traditional bacon & egg breakfast, with a muesli and fruit option thrown in for good measure.

The feedback from the organisers and the riders themselves was generous and complimentary.

Once again thanks to Melissa and Daryl for their hospitality, and the work they always do in preparing and cleaning up for events. Also thanks to breakfast cooks Harry, Larry, Tom, Peter, Swog and Des. We also supplied a cut lunch for the riders and their support crew, so thanks to sandwich makers Swog, Des, Kathy Schliebs and Peter, and suppliers of cakes & slices Sarah, Liz, Kath Haslam and Jen Altschwager.

Our Rotary Club will net around \$1,200 from the visit, and it is anticipated the Hockey Club should make a similar amount, so the purpose for the 'Challengers' was fulfilled.



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SPORTS & RECREATION EXPO - BBQ

When the Council asked us to cook a BBQ for the Sport and Recreation Expo at The Precinct on Sunday 15 September, I was very conscious of our busy schedule at the moment and asked...are you just after our free labour? It was not intended as a challenge, but conscious that Rotary is now the only remaining active service club (Apex is still going but not very active), that we are not just 'used up'. Nick Dillon, the coordinator of the event, was up front responding that 'yes, we are after your labour', but they made the request so the event could remain free to the community. And as Council is very supportive of many of our activities, especially providing 'their' labour to us free of charge at events, on behalf of Rotary I accepted. We provided the BBQ, gas and utensils, and they provided the rest for a simple, free, sausage sizzle.



So, with an early chilly wind making the BBQ hard to light, Harry, Craig & Peter got the cooking going from 9am, with the smell enticing a few takers for a mid-morning snack. Turnover was steady, with quite a crowd passing through to the many sports and recreational activities on show. We even had 'knights in armour' from the Warhounds Armoured Combat Club in Adelaide clunking their way awkwardly for some burnt meat. It's hard to hold a sausage in bread when you are wearing metal gauntlets on your hands!

Daryl, Melissa and Tom took over for the second shift, and were a little busier over the lunchtime period, ultimately running out of bread with just a few snags remaining. They wound up at 1:30pm as arranged, and the BBQ was returned home to the Op Shop shed.

As a goodwill gesture to Council it was appreciated, and we had the Rotary brand prominent to people in our community, as well as guests from around the Riverland, and further afield.



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What's Coming Up?



Date / Start Time	Event	Location
Wed 25 Sep – 6.30pm	Loxton Rotary Club - Meeting #3287	Loxton Club
Sun 29 Sept – 9am	Blythman's Breakfast - M/Gras fundraiser	Party Shed, Blythman's
Sat 5 Oct – 8.00am	Loxton Carp Jackpot Jamboree	Loxton Apex Park
Sun 6/Mon 7 Oct	Loxton Show – catering van	Loxton Oval
Wed 9 Oct – 6.30pm	Loxton Rotary Club - Meeting #3288	Heaven – Social BBQ
Wed 16 Oct – TBA	Beautiful Bogan, Men's Health Night (cooking BBQ)	Historical Village
Wed 17 Oct – 7:00pm	Loxton Rotary Board Meeting (changed from 16 th)	Op Shop
Wed 23 Oct – 6:30pm	Loxton Rotary Club - Meeting #3289	Loxton Club

Save the Date

Wed 9 Oct -	Dementia Expo	The Precinct
Thurs 17 Oct – 9am	Loxton Men's Health Breakfast	Loxton Men's Shed
March 2025	Rotary Club of Loxton weekend away (proposed)	Lake Cullulleraine???

Regular dates to remember

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)

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND PLEASE SUBMIT AN APOLOGY, IF NOT IT IS ASSUMED YOU WILL BE THERE AND THE VENUE ADVISED ACCORDINGLY.

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ROSTERS

If you cannot fulfil an obligation, it's your job to find a replacement.

MEETING TASKS				
DATE	NOTE	VENUE	CHAIRPERSON	EQUIPMENT/PLAQUES
25/09/2024	GENERAL	CLUB	Craig Dowling	Bill Ebert/Liz Dymmott
9/10/2024	GENERAL	HEAVEN	Bert Haslam	Sue McDonald/Harry Ostendorf
23/10/2024	GENERAL	CLUB	Kym Walton	Daryl Blythman
13/11/2024	GENERAL	HOTEL	Paula Nitschke	Des Schliebs
27/11/2024	GENERAL	CLUB	Tom Shannon	Rob Fielke
11/12/2024	GENERAL	HOTEL	Harry Ostendorf	Tony Altschwager
25/12/2024	NO MEETING	BREAK FOR CHRISTMAS		
8/01/2025	GENERAL	HOTEL	Bill Ebert	Larry Whitelaw

OP SHOP CLEANING & RETAIL		
28 September 2024	Sue McDonald	Des Schliebs
5 October 2024	Paula Nitschke	Tom Shannon/Fran Whitelaw
12 October 2024	Peter Angel	Kym Walton/Harry Ostendorf
19 October 2024	Sarah Edwards	Bert Haslam
26 October 2024	Daryl Blythman	Tony Altschwager
2 November 2024	Bill Ebert	Robert Fielke
9 November 2024	Liz Dymmott	Sue McDonald

OP SHOP SUPPORT			
Week start	Week end	Morning	Day
23 September 2024	29 September 2024	Peter Kennedy / Greg Schell	Harry Ostendorf
30 September 2024	6 October 2024	Peter Kennedy / Greg Schell	Larry Whitelaw
7 October 2024	13 October 2024	Peter Kennedy / Greg Schell	Peter Angel
14 October 2024	20 October 2024	Peter Kennedy / Greg Schell	Robert Fielke
21 October 2024	27 October 2024	Peter Kennedy / Greg Schell	Tony Altschwager
28 October 2024	3 November 2024	Peter Kennedy / Greg Schell	Bert Haslam
4 November 2024	10 November 2024	Peter Kennedy / Greg Schell	Bill Ebert
11 November 2024	17 November 2024	Peter Kennedy / Greg Schell	Des Schliebs
18 November 2024	24 November 2024	Peter Kennedy / Greg Schell	Harry Ostendorf

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Wednesday 7.30am	LOXTON HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST SUPPORT
	Ethan Grosse (LHS) Mob: 0488 444 240
25 September 2024	Sue McDonald
2 October 2024	Tom Shannon
9 October 2024	Jim West
16 October 2024	Les Burgemeister
23 October 2024	Kym Walton
30 October 2024	Marian Woodberry
6 November 2024	Bert Haslam
13 November 2024	Sue McDonald
20 November 2024	Tom Shannon