



# THE ROTARY CLUB OF ELIZABETH INC

District 9500 - Charter granted 23 Nov 1966  
PO Box 233, Elizabeth SA 5112

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DIFFERENCE

Rotary International President: Ian HS Riseley  
District Governor 9500: Peter Schaefer  
AG Group 4: Rick Henke  
President Elizabeth Rotary: Alan Murphy

## BULLETIN

MEETING 2571 – MONDAY 4 JUNE 2018

### Report from meeting held on Monday 28 May 2018 at the Grenville Community Connections Hub

Acting President Elizabeth in her opening of the meeting welcomed members – Anthony James, Delwyn Watts, Lesley Trevilyan, Theo Nitz, Gay Smallwood-Smith, Raelene Trickett, Birgitta Gbeintor, David Adamson, Shirley Halls, Eryn Halls, and Jim Buckoke, and guests Robin Trevilyan from the Rotary Club of Playford, Daniel Herrmann, Russell Herrmann and Chris Herrmann.

Apologies: Sharka Byrne, Jackie Webb, Viv Valladares and Alan Murphy

Sergeant Lesley gave the toast to the Queen, the people of Australia, and the invocation.

Chairperson Raelene called for spots.

✚ AP Elizabeth reminded members that Paul Harris Fellow nominations should be given to Viv, Alan and Elizabeth.

Ron Watts Award nominations need to be given to Delwyn as soon as possible. If you need a form please speak to Delwyn.

Five members attended the Civic Events committee thankyou last Wednesday, 23 May. The club was given a basket of 'goodies' from Charlesworth Nuts which will be a prize at the Presidential changeover.

Next week's meeting will be at St Patrick's Technical College, 2-6 Hooke Rd, Edinburgh Rd at 6:30pm. The school will be catering for the meeting. Elizabeth circulated a list for people to put their names on if they're going. Members will be asked to make a \$10 donation per person towards St Patrick's next trip to Cambodia.

✚ Jim informed members on Birgitta's behalf that she looks after children financially in Liberia. She has a home over there and pays for the children's schooling etc. Are we able to run a fundraiser to help her?

✚ Delwyn informed members that the Literacy barbecue at the Elizabeth Grove Schools went well. We were assisted by Frank Gratton from the Elizabeth Playford Lions Club. Delwyn and Elizabeth received thankyou emails and Janet Lesley from Literacy SA has offered to be a guest speaker at one of our meetings.

✚ Shirley informed members about she has People Choice raffle books for the Playford Christmas Pageant. Let her know if you would like to take some books to sell.

✚ Lesley informed members that Monday 25 June will be a fun night. The details are still being finalised.

✚ Eryn attended the Rotary Leadership Institute last week for a three day program that was run over two days (a hectic schedule). She spent time learning about Rotary's roots and programs that other

Rotary clubs are doing. Eryn also learned that Interact clubs can now be community clubs rather than needing to be connected to a school.



Chris Herrmann

After dinner Chairperson Raelene introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Chris Herrmann from the Rotary Club of Mill Point. Chris came to speak about his “Senior Gap Year”. This is a story not just about his travels but also about Rotary making a difference. This is how an opportunity discovered in the middle of the desert kick started a Rotary project to benefit charities worth around now close to half a million dollars. That was just the start of the journey.

*After retiring Chris found himself single and with no dependents after his wife passed away. He has 3 children and seven grandchildren. He decided to take a gap year traveling the world with only an outline of what he was going to do with no firm plans to any great detail. During his preparations he sold his house and thought of many reasons not to take a gap year but proceeded with his plans anyway.*

*His plan was to spend some time in Spain, Central America and Asia. First though he travelled through the Outback on his way to Darwin to visit his children. He found something in the desert that changed things as he had some difficulty finding a purpose.*

*Over the year Chris spent time living in different parts of the world from renting an apartment in Spain to backpacking in Central America and traveling through South East Asia. He plans weren't firm. The original plan was to spend two days in Nicaragua and he stayed for several weeks for example.*

*Back in the Outback Chris had found that a mining company was dumping good quality bed linen. He contacted his Rotary Club back in Perth who started giving charity ideas. Those involved in the dumping weren't happy it but weren't sure of what else could be done. Chris contacted the manager in charge of the mine by email.*

*When Chris went to the company the manager took him to a container and told him he could have all the bed linen if he could get it to Perth. The Rotary Club of Mill Point set about organising the bed linen for different charities.*

*Chris received a phone call about another 40 pallets of bed linen. He thought he must have misheard about 14 pallets. It was actually 50 pallets. He contacted Donations in Kind in Melbourne. They said they'd take it if he could arrange for its delivery to Melbourne. Linfox transported it to DIK for free.*

*Some of the bed linen has now travelled to South East Asia where it has been used in hostels that look after children. The children were very grateful to get the bed linen.*

Sergeant Lesley handed out fines.

The raffle was drawn by Chris and won by Lesley and Birgitta.

AP Elizabeth thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

DUTIES	4 JUNE	11 JUNE	18 JUNE	25 JUNE
	<b>2571</b>		<b>2572</b>	<b>2573</b>
Chairperson	Meeting held	Queen's Birthday	Committees and	Gay Smallwood-Smith
Cashier	at St Patrick's	Public Holiday	Board night	Anthony James
Visitors	Technical College	No meeting	7pm Start	Sharka Byrne
Regalia	6:30pm Start			Anthony James
Sergeant				Lesley Trevilyan
Speaker				<b>Fun Night</b>

**N.B. If you are unable to attend please arrange a replacement for your duties. Thank you.**

<b>DIARY DATES:</b>				
2017	DATE	EVENT	VENUE	TIME
MONDAY	4 JUNE	Visit to St Patrick's	St Patrick's Technical College	6:30pm
SATURDAY	14 JULY	Presidential Changeover	TBA	TBA
MONDAY	30 JULY	Two Wells CFS Station Visit	Two Wells CFS Station	6pm
MONDAY	30 JULY	Two Wells Meal	Two Wells Tavern	7pm



## Who is celebrating in June?

**BIRTHDAYS:** -

None

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:** Pandiyan and Suganthi Thevar 5<sup>th</sup> Shirley and Andrew Halls 28<sup>th</sup>

**INDUCTION ANNIVERSARIES:** Gay Smallwood-Smith 17<sup>th</sup> Brian Alford 28<sup>th</sup>

**CONTACT DETAILS:- RC of Elizabeth**

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<http://www.elizabeth.rotaryaust.org/>

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**Meet at the Grenville Community Hub, Playford Boulevard, Elizabeth  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the Month 6:15 p.m. for 6:45 p.m. start**

**If not attending please send apology to Delwyn Watts – Club Secretary**

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**to assist with catering for meal numbers**