Rotary Regency Park | Unite for Good

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Regency Park Rotary Club members meet weekly at The Caledonian Hotel from 6pm
215 O'Connell Street, North Adelaide
We gather on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people
VISITORS are ALWAYS WELCOME

November is Rotary Foundation Month!
Celebrate the incredible impact we create globally and locally through the Rotary Foundation.

	Tues 18th Nov Meeting #2271	Tues 25th Nov Meeting #2272	Tues 2nd Dec Meeting #2273	Tues 9th Dec Meeting #2274
Welcome	Mark C	Vic	Mark S	Jack P
Speaker	**Board Meeting "and" AGM**	**Brian Wheatley**	**Professor Greg Crawford**	**Board Meeting**
Subject		**"The Galapagos"**	**"Palliative Care"**	
Speaker Host	Pres Jeff	Les	Brian	Pres Jeff
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Rotary | END POLIO NOW

President: *Jeff Cluse*
Secretary: *Jack Pappin*
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End Polio Now Status: Since 1988, we've seen a worldwide reduction in polio cases of 99.9%. Only two countries remain polio-endemic: Afghanistan and Pakistan.

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Diary Dates courtesy of Les Dennis:

DATE	EVENT	Details	Roster
Sat 22nd Nov	**Norwood Xmas Pageant Marshalls** **Extra numbers needed: refer Les**	8am to 11.30am Friends and family welcome to assist	Marshalls: Vic (Bands), Ron, Les, Brian, Heather, Jack K, Mark C, John O, Jeff, John G
Thurs 27th Nov	**Bunnings "thank you" event**	5.30 – 6.30pm Bunnings Prospect	
Thurs 4th Dec	**DHS Event Lightsview:** Sausage sizzle for 600	10am set-up pack-up by 2pm Vic - trailer	Mark C, Jeff, Les, Brian, Aminata, Ron, Ashley, Lillian Pam from 11.30
Sun 7th Dec	**Port Adelaide Pageant Catering**	Set up Saturday eve Note: Les will be in Santa's Cave	Team leader: Jeff Mark C, Ron, Jack P, Mark S, Vic, Jack K, Rhonda, John G
Sun 14th Dec	**Bunnings**	AM-8 to 12.15. Vic, Jack K, Rhonda, Marzila,	PM-12 to 4.30: Mark C, Rachel, Craig, Angela? Pam 12.30 to 2.30
Wed 17th Dec	**Catering Uniting Care** St Clair Rec Centre – Woodville Rd	Lunch event for 200 people	Les will help set up, Mark C, Aminata, Vic, Jack K. **1 or 2 more?**
Wed 24th Dec (Christmas Eve)	**Bunnings**	AM Vic, Jack K, Rhonda, Leanne	PM: Jack P, Les, Pam 12.30 **1 or 2 more?**
Sunday 05 April 26	**Touch-A-Truck** Regency Park Golf Club	Catering – selling?	Vic, Jack K, Les

The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into service projects that change lives both close to home and around the world.

Since it was founded more than 100 years ago, the Foundation has spent more than $4 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects.

The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary members to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment, and alleviating poverty.



What impact can one donation have?

- For as little as 60 cents, a child can be protected from polio.
- $50 can provide clean water to help fight waterborne illness.
- $500 can launch an antibullying campaign and create a safe environment for children.

Find out more: https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation

“The Nancy Wake Memorial Ride”

Last week, appropriately on Armistice Day, **Liz Wheeler** gave us an entertaining recounting of the adventure that five ex-servicewomen (“Fanny’s”) took to honour Australian / New Zealand WWII heroine, Nancy Wake.



Born in Wellington, New Zealand on 30th August 1912, Nancy Wake moved to Sydney when she was 16. However, by the 1930s, Wake was living in Marseille with her French industrialist husband, Henri Fiocca, when war broke out. After the fall of France to Nazi Germany in 1940, Wake became a courier for the Pat O'Leary escape network led by Ian Garrow and, later, Albert Guérisse.

As a member of the SOE escape network, she helped Allied airmen evade capture by the Germans and escape to neutral Spain. In 1943, when the Germans became aware of her, she escaped to Spain and then went to the United Kingdom. Her husband was captured and executed. Until the war ended, she was unaware of her husband's death, and she subsequently blamed herself for it.

The Germans were advancing; however, the radio operator had left his radio and codes behind and the SOE team needed to be in contact with London. The nearest SOE radio and operator were in Châteauroux, Wake borrowed a bicycle and rode it to Châteauroux, found a radio near there, updated London on the situation, and then bicycled back to Saint-Santin, traveling 500 kilometres (310 miles) in 72 hours. Fortunately for her, there were few Germans in the areas through which she bicycled.

The **Nancy Wake Memorial Ride** was born, and five ex-servicewomen took on the challenge of recreating that ride. What started as a way of quietly memorialising Nancy Wake, soon became bigger and better, with locals along the way showing massive support for the event.



Cycling in the 'wake' of The White Mouse to support research for female veterans of the ADF.

Last week at the Caledonian:



We welcomed back Les's brother **Bluey**, who is on an extended caravan adventure down the east coast of Australia.

Thanks to young Rotarian **Hadi Jafari**, pictured handing over a donation to Treasurer Brian. He took it upon himself to work at several local businesses to raise $300 towards *End Polio Now.*



We wish him well as this week he embarks on a journey to London. His main objective is to attend a "Best Diplomats" conference, dedicated to developing individuals, teams, and organizations into world-class diplomats, expert negotiators, and visionary leaders. No doubt that he has the skills and potential to become a visionary leader in the future.

Hadi also attended the SA Rotary Membership summit on Saturday with Ron Rogers. We look forward to hearing a summary of the event.



President's Project Support Request:
Project 1,
We have been asked to assist with the Western Domestic Violence Service Christmas Show on Wednesday 17th December (We do have another project on, but we can easily do both)

We have been asked to provide the following.
a/ Father Christmas – Les has agreed to organise.
b/ Provide a Face Painter/Tattooist (for kids) – This is a small cost $150 – I have organised this through a friend.
c/ Provide Christmas presents for the children – approximately 10 children aged between 2 to 16.

Les is providing some from Second Chances, but I am asking for club members to consider supporting.
The below pictures are of 4 items I (Jeff) is donating – 1 bag of Lago pieces, 3 wooden toys built by a friend of my wife's husband.
Please consider what you can offer and please bring to Jeff on a Tuesday night to help the children have a wonderful Christmas.



Project 2,
The Western Domestic Violence Services has asked us to pick up 80 Christmas Hampers, as we have done the last 2 years.
Mark Carter and I will pick them up – no assistance needed here, on Saturday 29th November – 9.00am.
Mark will bring his trailer, and I will pick up the large trailer from Salisbury.
We will need assistance to unload these items at Woodville about 10.00 to 10.30am.
Please advise Jeff if you are available to assist.

REGENCY PARK HOLDS 5 LTL WALKS

For the past 5 years Regency Park Rotary Club (North of Adelaide) has run a regular Hat Day Walk. This year we opted for change.

Because our club conducts a weekly walk every Friday (7:45am start, then followed by caffeine) we decided to incorporate our Friday walks with Lift The Lid walks.

This year, our difference was that being 5 Fridays in October, each of those Friday walks was to be a part of Lift The Lid. Our walkers being members of Regency Park, members of other clubs and members of the public were urged to add the Kilometres from each Friday and provide a total for the month. It worked well with some walkers achieving 15 to 20km over the course of October.

The first four walks were done in and around North Adelaide, but the last walk on 31st October was held in neighbouring suburb Prospect, culminating at Muratti, a premier cake shop), where everyone enjoyed the fare.

A medallion was struck to commemorate the event and presented to each participant.

Funds raised, $500, will shortly be forwarded to ARH. Another successful year.













