



Rotary Club of Unley Inc.

District 9520 - Chartered 17 April 1935

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Meetings: Tuesdays at 6.00 for 6.30pm

Venue: Damien on Fisher, 123 Fisher Street, Fullarton SA 5063



President Ken Haines

Our Last Meeting

Venue:	Damien on Fisher
Guest Speaker:	John Honan
Chairman:	Sheila Evans
Apologies:	Lindsay England, Leonie Kewen, Heather Kilsby, Bob Laws, Bob Mills, Joan Reed
Guests :	June Honan, Stephen Bone & the Casburn tribe (Tyler, Tane & Ella),
Attendance:	18 Members 5 Guests

President Ken's Announcements

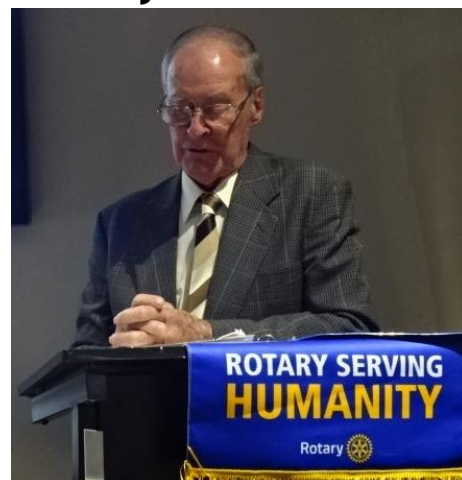
- Ken disclosed that there would be a short Board meeting after this.

Guest Speaker: John Honan - Sir Hubert Wilkins Story

Chairman Sheila Evans introduced John who had driven all the way from Hallett with June to address our meeting. We were privileged. John is a diehard resident of Hallett who has been a major contributor to the wellbeing of his town. He has researched the history of the area, and of Sir Hubert Wilkins, and fought for greater recognition of his pioneering achievements.

Hubert was born 31 October 1888 in Mt Bryan East the youngest of 13 children. After schooling both locally and in Adelaide he studied engineering at the School of Mines. His passion for filming took him to Sydney, where he stowed away and finished in Algiers. By 1910 he was learning how to fly and take films strapped to the fuselage of a plane. His combat films of the Turkish War saw him taken prisoner in 1912. Cadbury Chocolates hired him to promote its products via hot air balloons. An Arctic adventure followed in 1913-14. In 1916 he was appointed Captain and official war photographer for the Australian Army; remarkably, in addition to capturing many stark moments of the conflict, he won 2 Military Crosses. In 1920 he was on his first Antarctic expedition followed by an Arctic adventure where he walked 3000 miles.

In 1922 he was sent to Russia by the Brits to work out who was actually winning the eternal struggle and interviewed Lenin. A study of Australia's natural history followed in northern Queensland 1923-25 after which he penned 'Undiscovered Australia' in 1928. He had become a renowned naturalist, geographer and climatologist. More Arctic adventures followed that year, he was knighted by King George V, got attached to Suzanne Bennett and flew around the world in 22 days.



Determined to travel under the ice to the North Pole, he purchased a poorly performing submarine Nautilus (not Naughty Lust as one member suggested) for \$1. His crew saved the day by scuttling it. In 1940 his French plane was shot down and in 1941 he was sent to Japan to determine whether friend of foe but his analysis of *no threat* slightly missed the mark.....Japanese is a very difficult language. He believed in mental telepathy as evidenced by his book 'Thought through Space'.

The old adage that a cat has nine lives would suggest that Hubert had feline genes. He avoided the Hindenberg disaster by failing to get aboard, and survived plane crashes, a sinking submarine, a crushed ship in the ice, and the toughest of Arctic and Antarctic conditions.

He died (with a smile on his face according to Briony who was there at the time) in a car in Framingham Massachusetts in 1958 and his ashes were scattered at the North Pole via submarine.

Dick Smith took a keen interest in the exploits of Hubert and with a local Mt Bryan committee headed by John Honan raised \$100,000 to restore the Wilkins Homestead. In 2013 Sir Hubert was inducted into the Australian Aviation Hall of Fame.

A brilliant story of a remarkable man.....the stuff of Biggles and Boys Own.....why is he not better remembered?

John was thanked by acclamation and received the fabulous Rotary pen.

POST SCRIPT Briony knew all about this outstanding South Australian and put the rest of us to shame!

Spots

Jerry Casburn again transfixed the floor (deserves to be paid double time):

- More support needed for several shifts for *Days for Girls* on 13-15 October at Unley Shopping Centre.
- More vibrant theatre-goers wanted for *Lawrence of Arabia* on 18 November to capture theatre discount.
- Pride of Workmanship and Small Business Award night on Thursday 13 October at Unley Town Hall from 5.30 – 8.30pm with awards at 7pm.....food and refreshments are being provided. Names of attendees needed.

Valerie Bonython reminded members of the Christmas Dinner to be held at the Bombay Bicycle Club on 29 November at cost of \$50pp.....bookings to be finalised with her by 18 November.

Wendy Andrews will be holding a Community Service committee meeting next Tuesday at 6pm to discuss the research being conducted together with Ken on potential assistance for a homeless facility.

Stephen Baker ascertained that Ken would assist with the Thrift Shop on Saturday week in place of Vera Holt.

Briony Casburn announced that there would be a display of *Days for Girls* at Damien on Fisher, 9am – noon on 25 October; she will again be running her Christmas Hamper which raised \$400 last year, with members donating goodies.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Mavis Martin engineered the retrieval of Robyn Carnachan's marble for the atrocious squares.....new members are not supposed to win during their first 5 years. The best fine was undoubtedly for those who did not eat their greens. Jerry bribed Ella to praise her grand-parents. Stephen B proposed a toast to the brave SES and CFS volunteers and was delighted with the triumphs of underdogs such as Leicester City, Sturt, Western Bulldogs, and Cronulla Sharks. The roof on the Thrift Shop is again leaking.....Mr Box Gutter should have been sentenced to life imprisonment.

The meeting closed at 8.01pm.....nearly on time after a chaotic start to proceedings.

Catering is becoming a tad difficult because people are failing to notify expected absences in a timely fashion!

Rotary News

World Polio Day 2016 highlights Rotary's progress to end polio

Where are we in the fight to eradicate polio? What's left to do? And why does it cost so much? Rotary's World Polio Day event on 24 October will answer these questions and more.

Health officials from our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative will join Rotary leaders and special guests at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, to give a status update on the eradication campaign.

The wild poliovirus has caused fewer new cases of the disease so far this year than this time last year, but recent setbacks in Nigeria — which was re-classified as polio-endemic in September 2016 — underscore the need for vigilance.



Immunization efforts continue in Africa, where recent setbacks underscore the need for vigilance everywhere until polio is eradicated worldwide.

Yet the detection of new cases in northern Nigeria also demonstrates that surveillance efforts are reaching children even in areas affected by conflict. The challenge now is to contain the outbreak and boost immunity in affected areas until the virus is eradicated worldwide.

This year also saw the largest and fastest vaccine rollout in history, as 155 countries and territories switched from the trivalent oral polio vaccine to the [bivalent oral polio vaccine](#). The bivalent oral polio vaccine protects against the only two strains still in circulation and reduces the likelihood of vaccine-derived cases.

Our Upcoming Meetings

Date	Venue	Time	Speaker/Occasion	Chairman	Set-up & Welcome	Sergeant	Attendance
11 Oct	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Eric Felgate Lucky Country?	JCasburn	RElms	RMills	RLaws
18 Oct	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	Neil Jericho Microeconomics of running own business	GMcleod	SEvans	RMills	DLiddle
25 Oct	Damien on Fisher	6 for 6.30pm	HAT DAY Barbara Wheatcroft Addressing Mental Health Partners Night	GHill	AJonson	secret	TMcGuirk

Usual Meeting Venue: Damien on Fisher, 123 Fisher Street, Fullarton SA 5063

Apologies to: Wendy Andrews by **e-mail** to wendyjoyandrews@gmail.com or in an emergency on 8377 7830

Meeting Chair Enquiries to: Secretary Greg McLeod on 0417 811 838 or email to unley.secretary@rotaryclub.org.au

Venue Set-up/Bar Enquiries to: Bulletin Editor – Stephen Baker 8377 7156 or M 0403 687 015

Attendance Desk Enquiries to: Wendy Andrews by **e-mail** to wendyjoyandrews@gmail.com or in an emergency on 8377 7830

Upcoming Events

Thursday 13 October: Pride of Workmanship Awards at Unley Town Hall

Thursday 13 – 15 October: Days for Girls membership drive at Unley Shopping Centre

Tuesday 25 October AM: Days for Girls at Damien on Fisher

Sunday 23 October: Car cruise trial

29 November: Christmas Function at the Bombay Bicycle Club.....book by 18 November with Valerie

16-21 March 2017: Terrific Trip to Tassie, the journey of a life-time

Saturday Thrift Shop Roster

Week	Dates	Early Shift: 10am to 12.30pm	Late Shift: 12.30pm to 3.00pm
1	5 Nov 16	David Middleton & Jerry Casburn	Bob Laws & Robyn Carnachan
2	8 Oct 16	Jerry Casburn & Pam Trimmer (Greg McLeod & S Baker)	Wendy Andrews & Mavis Martin
3	15 Oct 16	Nathan White & Ken Haines (Vera Holt)	Pam Trimmer & Ken Haines
4	22 Oct 16	Bob Laws & Pam Trimmer	Sheila Evans & Ken Haines
5	29 Oct 16	Bob Mullins & David Pisoni	Jerry Casburn, Lachlan Reid, Reno Elms

Rotarians, who are unable to attend as rostered, please arrange a swap or as a very last resort contact:

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Bunnings Mile End Barbeque

ALL theBunnings Mile End Barbeque dates are the **last Monday** of the month from 8am to 5pm

Next Date: Monday 31 October Morning shift: 8.30am – 12.30pm Afternoon shift: 12.30 – 5pm

The Back Page

TRUE SENSITIVITY

The Three Aussie blokes were working up on an outback mobile phone tower:

Mongrel, Coot and Bluey.

As they start their descent, Coot slips, falls off the tower and is killed instantly.

As the ambulance takes the body away, Bluey says, 'Well, bugger me, someone's gotta go and tell Coot's wife.

Mongrel says, 'OK, I'm pretty good at that sensitive stuff, I'll do it.'

Two hours later, he comes back carrying a case of beer.

Bluey says, 'Where'd you get the grog, Mongrel?'

'Coot's wife gave it to me,' Mongrel replies.

'That's unbelievable, you told the Missus her husband was dead and she gave you a case of beer?'

'Well, not exactly', Mongrel says. 'When she answered the door, I said to her, "You must be Coot's widow."

She said, 'You must be mistaken. I'm not a widow.' Then I said, 'I'll betcha a case of beer you are.'

Aussies are good at that sensitive stuff.

A REAL GOOD DEAL

A retired older couple return to a Mercedes dealership where the salesman has just sold the car they were interested in to a beautiful, leggy, busty blonde in a mini skirt and a halter.

"I thought you said you would hold that car till we raised the \$155,000 asking price," said the older man. "Yet I just heard you closed the deal for \$130,000 to the lovely young lady there. You insisted there was no way you could discount this model."

"Well, what can I tell you? She had the ready cash and, just look at her, how could I resist?" replied the grinning salesman.

Just then the young woman approached the senior couple and gave the car keys to the old man.....

"There you go Dad," she said. "I told you I could get them to lower the price.....See you and Mum when you get home."

