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Community News

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Rotary gets new president

By **Fai Chivell**

Rotary Club of Whyalla President, Time Clements, handed over the reins to new President, Jari Peltonen at the annual Change Over Dinner held at the Red Dust Restaurant on Saturday 28 June, 2008.

The evening was celebrated with members, their families and friends, the Rotary Club of Whyalla Norrie members, Mayor, Jim Pollock and his wife, Jenny, and Federal member for Grey, Rowan Ramsey and his wife, Trish along with many familiar faces from the community.

It was a fun-filled evening that saw the first Mayor of Whyalla, Mr Keith Wilson, honoured with a Paul Harris Fellow - the highest honour awarded in Rotary - for his dedicated work as a former member of the Rotary Club of Whyalla and his service to the community.

Mr Wilson's family were present to witness the occasion.

A Paul Harris Fellow was also awarded to Mr Perry Eden, Assistant Governor of District 9500 who is one of the most hard-working and loyal members of the Rotary Club of Whyalla.

His diligence and commitment to Rotary

and the community have enabled the club to achieve its goals in the past and most assuredly in the future.

The incoming president, Mr Jari Peltonen, gave a heart-felt speech in acknowledging this year's theme - Make Dreams Real - assuring that the Rotary Club of Whyalla will continue the work of Rotary International in providing safe drinking water and to help alleviate illiteracy through education in Third World countries and nearer to home.

Mr Peltonen went on to say that Health and Hunger were major priorities in the Rotary movement and that the Rotary PolioPlus campaign has irradiated this debilitating disease in most countries in the world with only a few isolated areas where work continues.

"Rotary International has initiated another major campaign to wipe-out Malaria and with the dedication of Rotarians around the world will prove as successful as the PolioPlus campaign," Mr Peltonen said.

"Work on this has already begun and Rotarians are working hard to establish safe environments for those who are vulnerable to Malaria.

We know from past experience that when people work together to provide health and

education that miracles do happen," he said. Prior to handing over the president's role to Mr Peltonen, outgoing president, Mr Tim Clements, thanked the members of his club in making his year an enjoyable and successful one.

"The members have all worked extremely hard in establishing the goals set at the beginning of my year as president," Mr Clements said.

He went on to acknowledge the work achieved by individuals and extended his love and thanks to his wife, Sue, who has supported him in every way throughout his year.

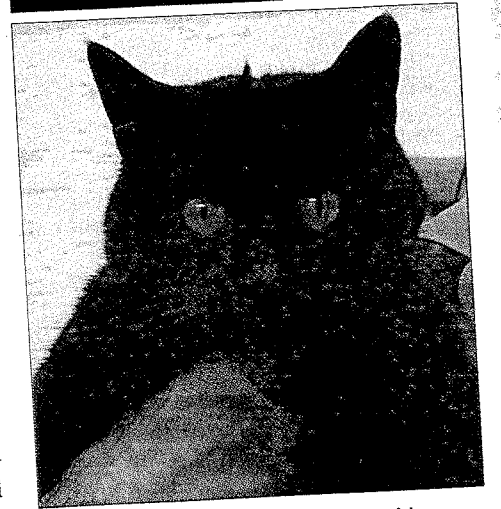
The evening was an extremely friendly occasion that saw fellowship and good food being enjoyed by all.

A highlight of the evening was Mr John Cagney who played his guitar and sang a couple of songs, one of which was a piece he wrote in appreciation of the City of Whyalla.

He also accompanied two Rotarians, Past District Governor, Glen Eden and Fai Chivell in a comedy piece that amused everyone.

The Rotary Club of Whyalla will continue its work locally and globally to help bring about a more peaceful and healthier world.

RSPCA



RSPCA has a beautiful three year old desexed tom looking for a good home. He is black in colour and shorthaired. He loves to be patted and have his tummy tickled. He is fully house trained and would suit anyone after a friendly young man. For more information please contact the RSPCA shelter during office hours on 8644 0172.

Community diary

Whyalla Dance and Social Club

Saturday, July 5 from 8pm

The Whyalla Dance and Social Club Inc will be holding a dance featuring Jimmy and the Boys at North's Football Club, Wileman Street from 8pm to 12 pm.

Entry is \$7 per head and buy your own supper. For table bookings call Pat on 8645.1647.

Yeltana Op Shop Sale

Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm

The Yeltana op shop is closing down and has a lot of items at giveaway prices. For bargains on clothes selling for as low as \$2 and a wide selection of books and bric a brac visit the shop or call Anne Drew on 8645 4218./ 0488 161492.

Neighbourhood WatchSa Area 277

Wednesday July 9 at 7.30pm

The Neighbourhood WatchSa Area 277 will have its meeting on Wednesday night in the back shed at Joan Gibbons Neighbourhood Centre, 5-7 Head Street, Whyalla Stuart. Anyone wanting to become a member should have a police clearance. For more details call Ben on 8649 2423 or John on 8649 3854.

Red Cross Whyalla Branch

Monday July 7 at 1.30pm

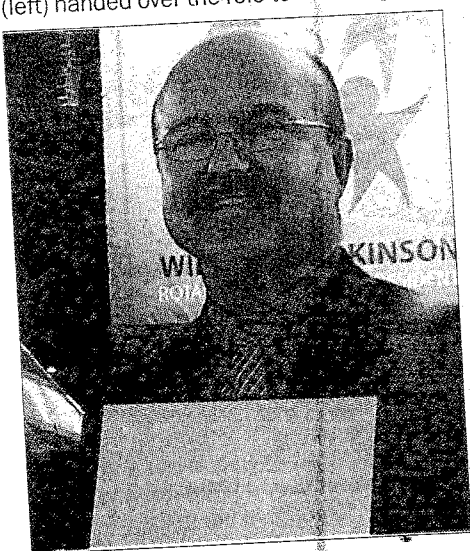
The branch will have its annual general meeting on Monday at the St Martin's Church Hall on Wood Terrace. New members are welcome as the branch faces challenges due to zone changes. If you have new ideas or suggestions and want to attend the meeting call honorary secretary Maxine Warner on 8649 3541 or 0419 800 416. Alternatively email :jm7200@bigpond.com



Handing over ... Outgoing president of the Rotary Club of Whyalla, Tim Clements (left) handed over the role to incoming president Jari Peltonen.



Memory lane ... Sharing stories from the past were : (from left) Rotary Club of Whyalla historian Vin Higgins, Mayor Jim Pollock and Whyalla's first Mayor, Mr Keith Wilson



Surprise ... Rotarian Perry Eden was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow at the dinner.



Enjoying ... Having a good time at the Rotary Club of Whyalla's Changeover Dinner was Jenny Pollock.



Parliamentarian ... Federal member for Grey Rowan Ramsey and his wife Trish enjoy an evening with Rotarians.

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