

# Help provided to Phoenix, Orana

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The Rotary Club of Whyalla is winding up for the year, but still found time to distribute funds to groups offering employment opportunities for people with disabilities.

Phoenix Society general manager John Davis and Orana Respite Care chief executive officer, Nicholas Mihalaras, were guests at the weekly Rotary Club of Whyalla's dinner meeting at the Eyre Hotel on Tuesday, May 19 to receive their donations.

Rotary president Jari Peltonen warmly welcomed the guests who spent an enjoyable evening with local Rotary members.

"It is a great pleasure to be able to assist these two worthy organisations," Mr Peltonen said.

"The Phoenix Society carries out a multitude of activities in providing employment for disabled people as well as training in various areas."

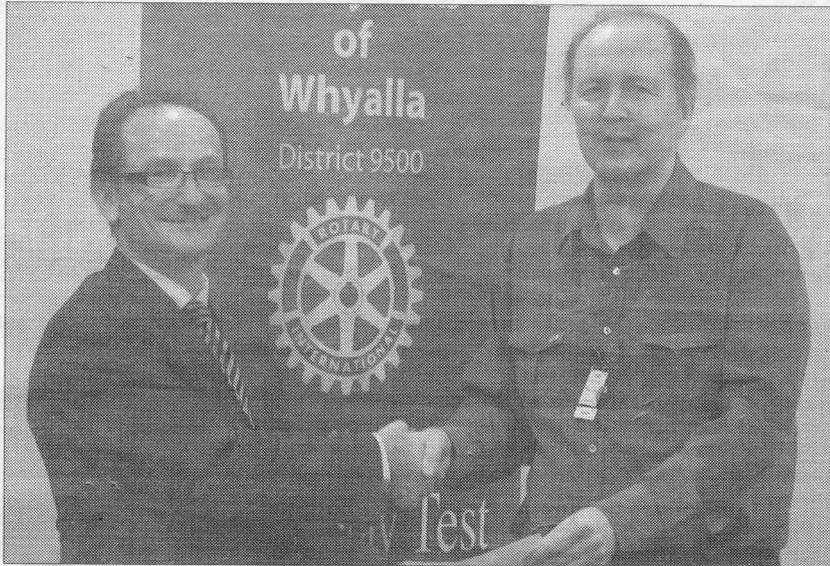
Mr Peltonen presented John Davis with a cheque for \$1995 for the purchase of an industrial sewing machine.

"Having an industrial sewing machine allows Phoenix to take on heavy duty jobs that have, up to now, been a big burden on our lighter machines," Mr Davis said.

"It comes at a fortunate time for Phoenix and will provide another skill level for our workers who all like a challenge.

"I would like to extend an invitation to the club members to visit Phoenix to see the work that is carried out."

Mr Davis was invited



Orana Respite Care chief executive officer Nicholas Mihalaras receives a donation from Whyalla Rotary Club president Jari Peltonen.

to be a guest on the Rotary Radio Show, which is aired on 5YYY (107.7 FM) on the third Monday of each month between 11.30am and midday.

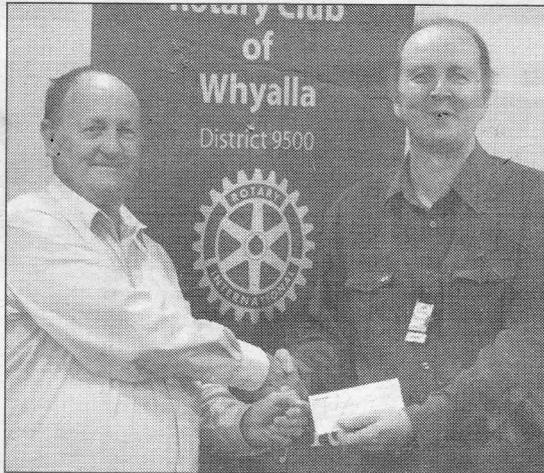
In March the club was fortunate to have Monica Fernandez Manager of the Orana Respite Care as a guest speaker.

The Rotary club members were impressed with the insight that Monica presented on the work that Orana provides for periodic respite for those with disabilities and their carers who require time to attend to their own needs.

Orana chief executive officer Nicholas Mihalaras travelled to Whyalla from Port Augusta and was presented with a cheque for \$1000 from Rotary Club of Whyalla president Jari Peltonen.

"I am extremely pleased the Rotary Club of Whyalla considered Orana worthy of receiving this donation," Mr Mihalaras said.

"It will go a long way



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in helping Orana provide the necessary requirements for its clients."

Orana presently provides for 52 clients in Whyalla and the Eyre

Peninsula who utilise their services, and they are presently investigating the possibility of building a purpose-home to widen their respite opportunities.

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