

Rotary appoints

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The Rotary Club of Whyalla held its changeover dinner on Saturday night at the Whyalla Golf and Bowling Club to celebrate the appointment of its new president for 2009/10, Michele Hart.

Guests were kept entertained with music from Just Me, raffles, an Australian quiz and a humorous reading of poetry.

Among those that attended were Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Whyalla Norrie, Colin and Maralyn Barratt and Bill Boehm and Kaye Doyle from the Rotary Club of Roxby District, along with Federal Member for Grey Rowan Ramsey and wife Teresa and Mayor Jim Pollock and wife Jenny.

Outgoing president Jari Peltonen outlined the accomplishments the club achieved during his year, including the sponsoring of research student Joanne Schinke-Stratton for a Multiple Sclerosis PhD scholarship.

The club was also recognised by Mr Peltonen for the support of an international project at the Kupu Kupu Foundation in Bali that provides education and support for disabled children and adolescents, with the numerous donations and awards given to local volunteer groups totalling \$25,000.

Members were also praised for their continued participation in volunteer activities that enabled the club to raise funds for these worthy causes.

Past president Tim Clements was particularly honoured with a Paul Harris Fellowship for his years of dedication and tireless work for Rotary.

Ms Hart is the second female president for the Rotary Club of Whyalla and in her first address praised the work Mr Peltonen put into his year.

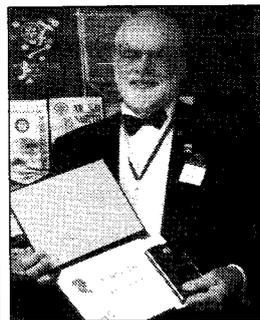
"I am proud to receive the honour of carrying on the work that Jari has put in place during his year and hope that I can do as good a job," Ms Hart said.

"I have a few projects in mind for my year as president of the Rotary Club of Whyalla and look forward to working closely with all the members in fulfilling these objectives, and to continue the worthwhile projects that are already in place."

The evening closed with members and guests taking to the dance floor after enjoying a marvellous three-course meal.



2009-2010 president Michele Hart.



Past president Tim Clements receives Paul Harris Fellowship Award.



Outgoing president Jari Peltonen.