

Rotary's numbers grow

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It has been a year of economic havoc throughout all communities within Australia and the need for more volunteers has been on the increase.

The most important asset to any organisation is its members and the Rotary Club of Whyalla has been fortunate to see its membership grow.

In October two new members were inducted.

The club welcomed David Dunn and Kerry Wishart, who have been regular visitors to the Tuesday evening dinner meetings over the past few months.

They both enjoyed the camaraderie and fellowship of the meetings and learning

about the club's projects, but most of all they found their innate community spirit and individual skills would be put to good use by joining the Rotary Club of Whyalla.

This month's projects included the ongoing work on the Mobile Catering Unit (MCU) at the Rotary pavilion, with work progressing to the skeletal steel form of the new van being erected.

The outer shell will be attached in the next few weeks, which will keep Alistair Stevenson, Soto Stuppos and Brian Moody busy on the weekends.

In between his busy schedule, Alistair found time to drive to Adelaide to pick up two pallets (about 100) of newly con-

structed bird boxes from the Phoenix Society for delivery to Victoria, where they will be distributed throughout bushfire-ravaged areas.

The construction of the bird boxes was organised by John Davis of Whyalla Phoenix Society, and it is through his efforts that the project was completed with great efficiency.

As the end of the year looms, annual awards are made to outstanding workers and students, and the Rotary Club of Whyalla is continuing to contribute to these valuable acknowledgements.

Each month, Rotary has a theme and October was Vocational Service Month.

Vocational service means that Rotarians are committed

to honest business and unsalable ethics, and that they are equally committed to using their vocational skills and advantages to help others.

In this spirit, two new projects have been initiated that will come to fruition in 2010.

The projects will be of great benefit to the local community and will require the skills of the club's members.

As with any voluntary organisation the Rotary Club of Whyalla relies heavily on its members, who have been front and centre throughout the past month.

Their efforts are greatly appreciated both within the club and throughout the community.



Jane Owens with new Rotary inductee David Dunn.



Soto Stuppos (rear), Alistair Stevenson and Brian Moody busy constructing the new catering van.