

Rotary works for the community

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The Rotary Club of Whyalla has donated funds to many community groups and schools during the month of November.

Donations have been extended to the Phoenix Society for the Phoenix Employee of the Year, Whyalla High School, Edward John Eyre High School and Samaritan College to encourage the continuation of their students' outstanding work during the year.

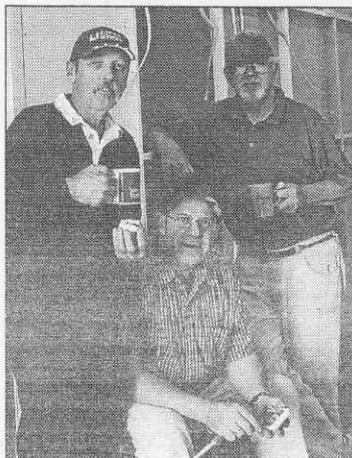
The club has also seen the results of its \$1,000 donation earlier this year to Amaroo Lodge for the renovation of a private bathroom.

This has provided easier and more comfortable access for resident, Blanche Seelander who uses the facility.

Members from the club have lent a helping hand to many other groups who require assistance to make their Christmas celebrations memorable.

A much needed air conditioner has been obtained for D'faces of Youth Art to help with the new renovations to the facility.

The ShelterBox project will be a major project for the club in the New Year as the demand for these life saving shelters is increasing with more and more people throughout the world in desperate need.



Alistair Stephenson, Soto Stuppos and Brian Moodie take a coffee and scone break during work on the new Mobile Catering Unit.

Another local project has been taken on with members volunteering to improve the facilities at the Mary Nash Kangaroo Shade Shelter.

Ms Nash works diligently to provide care and shelter for injured and orphaned kangaroos.

It is vital that the creatures have adequate shade for their recovery.

The Rotary Club of Whyalla is a major sponsor, along with Hood Sweeney and the Whyalla City Council, for the Whyalla Writers'

Group annual Short Story and Poetry Competition.

Rotary Club of Whyalla president Michele Hart, Hood Sweeney's Soto Stuppos and Whyalla City Council's head librarian Vicki Ledo congratulated the three young adult winners from Samaritan College, Lockie Barr, Ben Liffner and Lee McCann, with second, third and fourth prize respectively.

"We would not be able to offer the competition without the support of our sponsors and the major effort Vicki provides at the library," Whyalla Writers' Group president Marie Vonow said.

Work continues on the club's new mobile catering unit, which now has its outer shell and will soon see the interior fitted out.

Alistair Stephenson, Soto Stuppos and Brian Moodie have given up their weekends to get the unit to this stage.

Work will continue throughout December and into early 2010.

"The new van will be an efficient facility, which will enable the club to attend more community functions, as well as provide a wider choice to our customers," Mr Stephenson said.

All members of the Rotary Club of Whyalla extend their best wishes to the community and wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.