

A busy, rollickin' Rotary Christmas

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The Rotary Club of Whyalla was out and about during the lead up to Christmas beginning with members, Brian Moodie and Clinton Garrett volunteering to build a shade shelter for Mary Nash's Kangaroo shade and shelter facility.

The club purchased and donated the materials for the project and provided the labour.

The kangaroos were living in a yard with two small sheds for shelter, which are ideal for winter and when it rains but are too hot in summer.

A shaded open shelter was constructed for the animals to get respite during the hot summer months.

UnitingCare Wesley Port Adelaide Inc. provide community services which improve the quality of life for aged, unemployed and homeless people, families, children, youth, people with mental health disability and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

The Rotary Club of Whyalla enjoyed supporting this worthwhile organisation and con-

tributed \$200 toward the UnitingCare Wesley Christmas Float that paraded at the Whyalla Christmas pageant on Saturday, November 28, and also donated \$200 to the UnitingCare Wesley barbecue at Ada Ryan Gardens on December 14 where members turned up to do the cooking.

Members of the club took great pleasure in being present at Riding for the Disabled on Friday, December 18 when president Ron Spargo received a cheque for \$10,000 from the Danks Trust, which donated \$1 million to Australian charities as part of their one-hundred-and-fiftieth anniversary celebrations.

Bruce Higgins from The Whyalla Garden Centre, a Danks member store as part of the Plants Plus Garden Centre Group, was the driving force, along with his Rotarian father Vin, in getting the grant proposal submitted.

The Garden Centre also increased the donation by \$500 taking the total amount donated to \$10,500.

"It's been a great pleasure to be part of the Danks Trust anniversary celebration and to con-

tribute to this important community service," Bruce Higgins said.

"The funds will be used to build an indoor activity room for our clients," Mr Spargo said.

"This facility will allow us to conduct activities such as horse care and maintenance, which cannot be carried out in inclement weather or when high temperature prevents outdoor activities."

Riding for the Disabled community service is an ongoing project for the Rotary Club of Whyalla.

Members conduct regular tree and shrub planting working bees and assist with a number of other requirements.

On Saturday, December 19 the Rotary Club of Whyalla Norrie generously loaned members their catering van so that cold drinks and donuts could be served to those who attended the festive event.

The Rotary Club of Whyalla resumed its regular weekly meetings on Monday and look forward to another year of service to the community.



Riding for the disabled receiving a donation from the Danks Trust and Whyalla Garden Centre: (from left) Peter Wishart, Michele Hart, Bruce Higgins, Ron Spargo and Glen Eden.



Enjoying themselves at the Uniting care Wesley Float at the Christmas pageant were: (from left) Nadine Renton, Lorna Anderson, Cheryl Norton and Melissa Bailey.