



**NEW YEAR:** Celebrating the new presidents appointment were: (From left) Eric Russell District Governor 9500, Tim Clements Assistant Governor and Soto Stuppos President Rotary Club of Whyalla

## New rotary president

By Fai CHIVELL

The new Rotary year began on July 16 when Soto Stuppos was inducted as Rotary Club of Whyalla president at a well attended dinner at the Whyalla Golf Club hosted by Assistant Governor Tim Clements.

Mayor Jim Pollock and his wife Jenny and a number of past club presidents and guests enjoyed a marvellous three course dinner provided by Ben Sharp and hospitality students from Samaritan College.

In a short speech, Mr Stuppos presented the audience with his vision of the coming year under his direction, which included having fun and achieving the planned projects that will benefit the community.

The new District Governor Eric Russell visited the Rotary Club of Whyalla on August 2 where he met Mr Stuppos's new board members and outlined plans he has for the district during his year.

Mr Russell spoke about his visit to San Diego, USA where this year's District Governors from all around the world were inducted and heard the new Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee speak on his hopes for the future.

"I was thrilled to discover how Rotarians from around the world were so impressed by the work that Australian Rotarians achieve," Mr Russell said.

"It was also very inspiring to hear Kalyan speak about the future of Rotary and to hear, first hand, the direction that Rotary is taking to achieve the goals of providing food, health, sanitation, education, environmental renewal and much more to those in need."

Rotary provides a variety of avenues for young people to become involved in projects that will enhance their education and careers, and at the same time give them an opportunity to see the world," Mr Russell said.

"It was Australian Rotary Health that provided the seed funding for Beyond Blue.

"It was through Rotary that funds were provided for research into what caused Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

"It is through Rotary that we have almost eradicated Polio world-wide."

The dream of living in a peaceful world depends on the desire to help bring this to fruition and that is what being a Rotarian is about.

"There are hundreds of people from every walk of life who have the drive to contribute to their community," he said.

"And there are hundreds of young people who desire to bring new energy (and knowledge) to those in need.

"And, Rotary provides a springboard for these wonderful people."

The Rotary Club of Whyalla encourages young people to get involved in making the world a better place and welcomes all enquiries regarding becoming a member of this worthwhile organisation.

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