



This year's changeover dinner was held at the Glenelg Golf Club to celebrate the achievements the Rotary Club of Glenelg and ongoing President, Rosie Erasmus

President Rosie greeted guests as they arrived to the sounds of Nigel Woolmer and his band. It was lovely surprise to see Rhona Finn make a guest appearance with the band



**The sounds of Nigel and the band**



**Meridith and Terry Beaston enjoying the evening**

MC for the evening was special guest, Tony Lagozzino from the Rotary Club of Campbelltown. Heather Earle was called upon to give the Four Way Test.

MC Tony welcomed President Rosie who welcomed and introduced special guests including DG Tim Klar and his wife, Bronwyn, Immediate past presidents and PDg's, the previous mayor of Holdfast Bay, Ken Rolland and wife Anne

President Rosie then introduced her family and guests



Toasts:

David Binks was called upon to propose a toast to Rotary International and DG Tim Klar was called upon to respond to a toast to RI

Fellowship followed in between courses

Following main course, President Rosie was called upon to present her report for 2018 – 2019. This was done in the form of a power point presentation to music by Chris Rea "Lets Dance". It was a light hearted introduction to "the year that was the Rotary Club of Glenelg in 2019"



Two Paul Harris awards were to be presented however Eman Rahim, the founder of Heart and Soul, was taken to emergency hours earlier. Eman's award will be made at a later date  
To the delight of everyone at the dinner, Jennifer Dowdy was skyped in to receive a Paul Harris Fellow sapphire. Jennifer's sister, Mary Sachs, was asked to come up to the podium to receive the award on behalf of Jennifer.





Presentations continued with the induction of our newest member to the club, Brett Taylor.

Brett was introduced by his sponsor and mentor, Kerry E and inducted by DG Tim Klar

Following presentations, MC Tony called upon President Rosie to speak about the club's plans and aspirations for the coming year

President Rosie started by welcoming once again the club's newest member, Brett Taylor. She also congratulated Jennifer Dowdy for her well-deserved Paul Harris Fellow and thanked Jennifer for the enormous contribution she has made in the community, truly epitomising Service above Self

President Rosie was honoured to have the opportunity to again lead the club as president this year. She started the year by laying out the club's plans in line with RI Barry Rassin's strategic priorities which were to

- Support and strengthen our clubs
- Increase our humanitarian service and
- Enhance rotary's image and public awareness

This year RI president Mark Daniel Maloney's theme for 2019 – 2020 "Rotary Connects the World" speaks of uniting people and taking action

One message which is becoming very loud and clear is that the focus must be on hands on projects and service in the community. There remain misconceptions of what Rotary is about and it is up to us to tell the story if we are to remain relevant and survive

Earlier during the year, Kerry Erasmus was tasked with revamping the club's Face book page, the Website and has also set the club with and Instagram account. The Facebook page will be used to engage the community in hands on projects by asking for volunteers and explained that events in the future will be open to all, not only club members.

President Rosie spoke of local grass roots charities which will be supported on an ongoing basis. These included helping out at a special breakfast assisting AJ and our Street Family Matters for the homeless and assisting those in need helping out at Heart and Soul Free Food Market. Invitations for volunteers will be extended to members of other clubs and external volunteers

Other community projects include our signature event, the Cold Plunge in August which will support local grass roots charities, Our Street Family Matters and HYPAs (Helping Young People Achieve), the Christmas float in November, a gifting drive at a local shopping centre, collecting Christmas gifts and an Easter egg drive to distribute to disadvantaged children, the collection of foods for Christmas and the purchase of Foodbank Christmas hampers for the needy

The club will maintain its support and promote a range of Youth programmes including RYLA, RYPEN, NYSE, the One and All Sailing experience and Health of the River by sponsoring students to attend these programmes.

The Youth committee will keep up its work on establishing an Interact Club at one of the local High Schools. Planning is underway where we will engage with schools in local programmes such as Clean up Australia Day and a gardening and landscaping day

Support continues for international projects including raising awareness and funds for the end polio campaign. From 6 - 12<sup>th</sup> October, the KI Wilderness Trek is being held which will raise funds for Shelter box. Other ongoing initiatives include a working bee for Days for Girls, promoting Shoes that Grow, Rotarians Against Malaria and the School of St Judes.

The Environment focus will forge ahead in the area of eliminating plastics in local venues on Jetty Road and the near precinct.

Club focus is on hands on projects. However, in order to progress our work, fundraising is also an important aspect and in addition to our signature event, the Cold Plunge, there are our trusted and on-going Coles and Bunnings BBQs. Rosie thanked Wayne Sachs and his team for the enormous effort they put in for their on-going commitment

Other fundraisers include our fabulous bubbles at sunset, thanks to Peter and Dianne Heysen, Quizz nights, helping out at a wedding afternoon tea, film events, the sale of entertainment books and wines, a guess who's coming to dinner. It is all of these fundraising activities that enables the club to promote and support a range of very worthy causes.

In order for the club to be a success, it needs to be strong, vibrant and relevant and this in turn will help attract potential new members who want to contribute.

Rotary is a service organisation. Our focus should be on service and doing more which enhances our impact in the community.

President Rosie acknowledged and thanked all in the club who had contributed in their own way

President Rosie then introduced the new board for 2019 / 2020



RI's strategic plan is underpinned by 4 key priorities

1. To increase our impact
2. Expand our reach for example using social media and our club website
3. Enhance participant engagement through hands on project participation
4. Increase our ability to adapt

And the club is on the way to covering these bases in line with RI's new strategic plan



In closing, Rosie thanked those that had made the evening and presented flowers including Nigel Woolmer and the band for the entertainment, Mary Sachs for her support in the club, Tim and Bronwyn Klar wishing them well for the coming year, Pam and David Binks for organizing the changeover dinner, MC Tony Lagozzino for providing a fun and light hearted evening, and husband Kerry E for his tremendous support

RI president Mark Daniel Maloney's theme for 2019 – 2020 "Rotary Connects the World"

He asks Rotarians to strengthen the many ways that Rotary connects the world, building the connections that allow talented, thoughtful and generous people to unite and take meaningful action through Rotary service



Bronwyn Klar and President Rosie