



# Rotary Club of Gawler Light

District 9500 | Chartered 10 July 1996

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**President:** Bron Anderson | **Secretary:** David Cockshell | **District Governor:** Jane Owens | **RI President:** Mark Maloney

## **President's Message:** Bron Anderson

It has been a difficult week for me personally and I thank you all for the messages of condolences and support that have come through. It has reminded me how valuable our connections and friendships through community organisations like Rotary really are. I have also seen it through Apex, where my father had strong friendships and ties.

The messages of support from near and far for my family has been wonderful. Thank you does not appear to be enough. We will be holding a party later down the track to reminisce on the good times with the good red wines.

From a Rotary perspective the District eConnections with DG Jane will be held on Monday evening with PDG Sue Hayward, the Rotary International President Representative for the District Conference. I encourage you to attend on Monday at 6.30pm: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/363885820?pwd=RWcxZjZiN2FIMy84NWMrZ3Z0a2xTQT09>.

The District 9510 virtual District Assembly will be held over the coming weeks. An email has been sent out by incoming DG David Jones with all the details.

The next club meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June and further information on that will be shared in the coming days.

Wishing you all the best for the week ahead

*The Rotary Club of Gawler Light  
aims to provide enjoyment and foster  
fellowship between Rotarians and  
others through projects to improve*

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7.15pm for 7.30pm meeting

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**Guest Speaker:** Sherryl Whitehead—Ness of Brodgar

- Became interested in archaeology at Adelaide University in the mid 70's where she studied classical studies and ancient history as part of her arts degree.
  - In 2014 Sherryl and her husband visited Orkney and the archaeological site
  - The Ness of Brodgar is an archaeological site covering 2.5 hectares (6.2 acres) between the Ring of Brodgar and the Stones of Stenness in the Heart of Neolithic Orkney World Heritage Site in Orkney, Scotland.
  - Ring of Brodgar is a circle of stones 104m in diameter that is older than Stonehenge
  - Excavations at the site began in 2003. The site has provided evidence of decorated stone slabs, a stone wall 6 metres (20 ft) thick with foundations, and a large building described as a Neolithic temple.
  - The earliest structures were built between 3,300 and 3,200 BC,
  - Worked as a volunteer in Small Finds for two weeks There were between 45 to 65 people working on site
  - Orkney weather is a major hindrance to digging
  - The Dig cost about 200000 pounds a season to operate
  - Much of the material excavated has archaeologists scratching their heads
  - It was stressed that everything dug out of the trenches had to be recorded no matter how insignificant
  - Worked in a portacabin with no heating and no electric lighting
  - Bone is a big component of the dig
  - The area has spectacular coastlines
- Excavations have revealed several buildings, both ritual and domestic, and the works suggest there are likely to be more in the vicinity.
  - Pottery, cremated animal bones, stone tools, and polished stone mace heads have also been discovered.
  - Some of the stone slabs are decorated with geometrical lozenges typical of other Neolithic sites.
  - The structures at the Ness of Brodgar are made of flagstone, a sedimentary rock found abundantly throughout Orkney. Flagstone is easily split into flat stones and was therefore a good material for fine building work using Neolithic tools. Some of the stone found on site is too thin for floor tiles or wall building, and is understood as the first evidence ever found of roofs.

**Members' Corner:**

- Richard Tucker: The One and All sailing ship will be back in operation in July; the Club is sponsoring a Willaston girl for a sailing experience on the ship
- Peter Maas (past member now with the Rotary Club of Coromandel Valley): Club is down to 17; close knit group; no external guest speaker for over 12 months; plant sales are main fundraiser; no new members for several years
- Greg Morris: fifth grandchild born last Thursday afternoon—Isaac An Ping Morris

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**Mystery Photo Competition:** Dick Milner

Where is the wall on which this poster is placed and what is it advocating?

Please send your guesses to Dick who will be releasing a clue each day together with a summary of failed attempts.



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