

## The Rotary Club of Regency Park

Club Number 17650 – District 9510 – Chartered 1980 – ABN 50 754 712 409 (Incorporated in South Australia)  
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Chartered on October 28, 1980

We usually meet weekly on the traditional Country of the Kurna people at  
The Caledonian Hotel, 215 O’Connell Street, North Adelaide.

Tuesday 6:00 pm for 6:15 pm start

**VISITORS ALWAYS WELCOME**

## BULLETIN – 12<sup>th</sup> of December 2023 #2174

Theme for 2023/24 – Create Hope in the World

Role	Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> December Meeting #2175	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> January Meeting #2176	Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> January Meeting #2177	Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> January Meeting #2178
<b>Furniture</b>	Russell Green	Russell Green	Russell Green	Russell Green
<b>Welcome</b>	Angela Ellis	Les Dennis	John Goodridge	Mark Carter
<b>Speaker</b>	Rev. Dr. Mike Semmler	Ron Rogers	Pres Vic	Surprise
<b>Subject</b>	Christmas Show Caledonian Hotel Time 12.30pm Invites sent out	Loud Shirt Night	Club Forum	Easter Bunny rides again
<b>Speaker Host</b>	Santa	Vic	Vic	John Goodridge
<b>Raffle</b>	Dale Davey-Starr	Dale Davey-Starr	Dale Davey-Starr	Dale Davey-Starr



### Birthdays - November

Lumaava Elise Brown 9<sup>th</sup> December, Jane Opio 15<sup>th</sup> December,

### **Notes from Meeting #2174 – 12<sup>th</sup> of December.**

This week our club meeting with President Vic Isbester in charge.

### **Guest Speaker.**

### **Hadi Jafari**



Vic and Hadi



Hadi in action

### **Subject – Hadi Jafari – Why Nations Fail.**

On December 9, 2021, my family and I arrived from Afghanistan, armed with limited English proficiency. I am currently a student at Thebarton Senior College, facing the challenges of learning in a new language. Despite these hurdles, my aspiration is to make a positive impact on society. I am working towards becoming a lawyer in the future, driven by the desire to contribute to the betterment of our world.

Throughout the year, I immersed myself in the pages of "Why Nations Fail," a compelling exploration of the factors influencing the economic fortunes of nations. The book vividly contrasts the success stories of prosperous nations like the United States with the struggles of others such as North Korea and Zimbabwe.

"Why Nations Fail" skilfully dissects the intricate factors contributing to a nation's success or failure. It highlights how innovative adoption of technology in countries like the United States leads to sustained development and improved living standards for their citizens. Conversely, the book delves into the challenges faced by nations like North Korea and Zimbabwe, unravelling systemic issues hindering their progress.



Hadi helping at the Bunnings BBQ on Thursday.

## **Club Business**

**Vic Isbester** – Club President.

**Christmas Dinner** – To be held at the Caledonian Hotel – date Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
Time 12.30 for 1.00pm.

**Angela Ellis** – IPP AG.

The club has agreed to support Adelaide Central with the West Torrens Festival, as we did last year by providing our BBQ Trailer on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> from approximately 5.00pm. The council provides an open-air movie in the park on Brooker Tce, Richmond. Adelaide Central will provide all the food and drinks. We have to provide the BBQ Trailer and a couple of helpers. Contact Angela if you are available.

**Ron Rogers** – Chair Membership.

Invite friend and family to a club meeting.

**Club Promotion Plant 4 Bowden** – will now be in February 2024.

Carolla Capers Calendar for 2024 is now available – see Ron.



Who's the pretty boy, then Mr Rogers?

**Mark Streich** – Chair Youth.

After only 3 weeks I found our shopping trolley full of groceries. It usually takes longer to accumulate this much ready for distribution to the Homeless Youth via The Foundry in Carrington St Adelaide. We placed a Certificate of Appreciation near to the trolley and I wonder if that had any influence on the greater donation rate or is the community becoming more empathetic to the lot of the more unfortunately members of society? Perhaps it's the season as people can be generous when given the opportunity to be so.

When at Coles I spoke with management who said that they will need the space currently occupied by our trolley until early January so we should plan for a break over Christmas. The Foyer was very pleased to receive the 4 boxes of groceries and said that they will be greatly appreciated as the usual supply tends to dry up at this time of year.

In addition to this I would like to suggest that in the New Year we as a club should consider repeating a previously successful charity drive at Plant 4, The Sox Appeal, prior to winter. Think about this over Christmas.



**Mark at CHATS** Breakfast (one very busy boy is our Mark)

On 15th December I attended and enjoyed a lovely breakfast in The Masonic building at Pt Adelaide and put on by Chats, as did the 100 others that morning. As the representative of our club, I was greeted and warmly thanked for our club's support of their objectives. Rosie, its main organiser was very generous with her words of praise for our involvement with them.



Well done Mark – great effort.

## Dates for Our Calendars – new addition in green

17 <sup>th</sup> December (Sunday)	Regency Park Christmas Show.
6 <sup>th</sup> January (Saturday)	West Torrens Summer Festival – week 1
6 <sup>th</sup> January (Saturday)	Carousel
6 <sup>th</sup> January (Saturday)	Bunnings
7 <sup>th</sup> January (Sunday)	Carousel
9 <sup>th</sup> January (Tuesday)	First Night Back
13 <sup>th</sup> January (Saturday)	West Torrens Summer Festival – week 2
16 <sup>th</sup> January (Tuesday)	Club Forum
18 <sup>th</sup> January (Thursday)	Bunnings
20 <sup>th</sup> January (Saturday)	West Torrens Summer Festival – week 3
27 <sup>th</sup> January (Saturday)	Bunnings
8 <sup>th</sup> February (Thursday)	Bunnings
17 <sup>th</sup> January (Saturday)	Carousel
18 <sup>th</sup> January (Sunday)	Carousel

### Come Along and Join the Friday Morning 'Walking & Talking' Group

It usually starts outside the Barton Terrace entrance of the Caledonian Hotel at 7:45 am. BUT...  
 For weekly information please contact Russell Green at [rusgreen@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rusgreen@bigpond.net.au).

Come for a walk, stay for a coffee and chat.



**The Four-Way Test**  
 of the things we think, say or do.



Is it the **truth**?  
 Is it **fair** to all concerned?  
 Will it build **goodwill** and **better friendships**?  
 Will it be **beneficial** to all concerned?

# JOKE OF THE WEEK.

## Why Australia is in TROUBLE

The population of this country is 26 million.

11 million are retired.

That leaves 15 million to do the work.

There are 9 million in school.

Leaving 6 million to do the work.

Of these, 3 million are “employed” by the federal government.

So, there is only 3 million to do the work.

500,000 are in the armed forces.

Which leaves 2.5 million to do the work?

Take from that total the 2.1 million people who “work” for state and city governments.

Just 0.4 million left to do the work.

At any given time, there are 18,800 people in hospitals.

Leaving 381,200 to do the work.

Currently we have 381,198 people in prisons.

That leaves just two people to do the work.

You and me.

And there you are.

Sitting on your backside

At the computer, reading jokes!!!!

