Program

12.00-12.30pm  Arrival & drinks
Adelaide City Jazzmen play during the function

1.00pm  Welcome
Leon Holmes AM, President

1.15pm  Main Served

1.45pm  Life Membership Inductions
Awardees acknowledged for
15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years
Sharyn Broer, CEO

2.00pm  Presentation of  60, 50, 45 & 40 year Awardees
His Excellency the Honourable Hieu Van Le AO, Governor of South Australia

2.45pm  Dessert served

3.15pm  Close
2014 Awardees

Today we recognise those who have achieved life membership in 2014. The following Awardee list is in alphabetical order by Branch.

Our sincere congratulations and thanks to all Awardees for their continued service and commitment to Meals on Wheels South Australia.

60 YEARS
Port Adelaide
Rotary Club of Port Adelaide

50 YEARS
Payneham
Rotary Club St Peters
Renmark
Rotary Club of Renmark
Salisbury
Elizabeth Kriewaldt

45 YEARS
Berri
Betty Brand
Stirling
Gwen Harslett
Waikerie
Desma Kleemann

40 YEARS
Barossa Valley
Judith Liersch
Blackwood
Barbara Capon
Blackwood
Bonney Tomlinson
Burnside
Jill Hastwell
Christies Beach
Kay Wickes
Crystal Brook
Edna Millard
Eudunda
Lorna Baumann
Betty Marshall
Hazel Jenke
Val Goedecke
Yvonne Schulz
Gilbert Valley
Connie Haydon
Barbara Noack
Chris Kirk
Ruth Schmidtke
Glenelg
Glenelg Rotary Club

Mitcham
Helen Doley
Modbury
Ruth Dallow
Mount Gambier
Nan McGregor
Payneham
Maureen Morcom
Port Augusta
Dawn Baker
Port Pirie
Audrey Langsford
Desmond (Des) Memen
Meinwen Wade
Salisbury
Elaine Marie Dalby
Val Dutschke
Lorna Hueppauff
Desma MacTavish
Irene Voight
Stirling
Jean Carter
Willunga
Bev Egel
Rhonda Foreman
2014 Awardees

**35 YEARS**

**Barossa Valley**  
Glenys Siegele

**Burnside**  
Mary Barratt  
Marjory Warnecke

**Christies Beach**  
Glendolyn (Glen) Jarvis

**Clare**  
Julie Gibson

**Cummins**  
Rosemary Pearson

**Gawler**  
Pat Bray

**Hamley Bridge**  
Christine Anne Durdin  
Barbara Humphrys  
Josephine Kain  
Carmel McCabe  
Howard Tily

**Jamestown**  
Janet Thomas

**Kadina**  
Joan Bavington  
Kay Koerber

**Kapunda**  
Helen Ware

**Laura & Districts**  
Margaret Arbon  
Gaynor Blake  
Ruth Combe  
Mavis Crawford

Barbara Kleinig  
Maureen Schmidt

**McLaren Vale**  
Glendolyn Jarvis

**Meadows**  
Kath Thorpe  
Chris Wright

**Mitcham**  
Mary Hoad

**Mt Barker**  
Lynette Sims

**Osborne**  
Joy McGrath

**Peterborough**  
Jean Giles  
Carmel Harvey

**Port Adelaide**  
Rotary Club of West Lakes

**Port Broughton**  
Coralie Bowley  
Maureen Ireland  
Rachel Ireland

**Port Lincoln**  
Margaret Varney

**Prospect**  
Dawn Mutton

**Snowtown**  
Coralie Kotz

**Streaky Bay**  
Josephine Williams

**Yankalilla**  
Gladys Fielke

**30 YEARS**

**Booleroo Centre**  
Gwen Jones

**Campbelltown**  
Nan Delaney

**Christies Beach**  
Kath Gardner

**Clare**  
Barbara Griffin

**Crystal Brook**  
Janny Clothier  
Jean McLeod  
Val Samwell  
Gerrie Taylor  
Betty Wilson  
Carol Window  
Ruth Young

**Findon**  
Ellen Loftus  
Joan Gurr

**Gilbert Valley**  
Maureen French  
Georgie Mould

**Glennie**  
Shirley Bolton

**Happy Valley**  
Barbara Kane

**Henley and Grange**  
Sadie Biggs

**Jamestown**  
Kathleen Cummings  
Mary Toholke

**Laura & Districts**  
Barbara Page  
Rhonda Pech

**Meadows**  
Hazel Bottrill
Betty Downing
Lesley March

**Millicent**
Valerie Clarke

**Modbury**
Trevor Leggett

**Mount Gambier**
Ella Childs
Lyn Vanderley

**Naracoorte**
Anne Hannaford
Joan Kester

**Peterborough**
Kaylene Casey

**Port Lincoln**
Margaret O’Brien

**Renmark**
Judy Dean

**Salisbury**
Beverly Delongville
Helen Stone

**Tailem Bend**
Pam Green

**Unley**
Gwenda McFarlane

**Waikerie**
Melva Leak
Beryl Loffler

**Wallaroo**
Pamela Varney

**Woodville**
June Halliday

**Yankalilla**
Joyce Blesing
Betty Gubbin

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**25 YEARS**

**Balaklava**
Marlene Bennett

**Barossa Valley**
Angela Bockmann

**Booleroo Centre**
Margaret Koch

**Brighton**
Heather Kelly
June Lawrence
Anne Lucas

**Campbelltown**
Judith Brown

**Christies Beach**
Wilma McIntosh

**Clare**
Jeanette Hammond
Joyce Mackenzie

**Crystal Brook**
Robyn Combe

**Cummins**
Joan Nelligan

**Edwardstown**
Valda Crook

**Gawler**
Margaret Evans
Gloria Ronan
Margaret Tow
Dorothy Wormald

**Gilbert Valley**
Ann Harrp

**Glenelg**
Jill Hawkes
Charmaine Palmer

**Happy Valley**
Heather Heatley

**Henley and Grange**
Garth Prideaux

**Laura & Districts**
Judy McPherson

**McLaren Vale**
Terry Day

**Meadows**
Ursula Burnard
Lorraine Kramm

**Millicent**
Maria Shanks

**Mitcham**
Julie Collett

**Modbury**
Judith Morrison

**Mount Barker**
Meredith Gepp

**Mount Gambier**
Helen Kilsby

**Onkaparinga**
Iris Rose Coulter
Rose Green

**Port Broughton**
Daphne Stringer

**Port Lincoln**
Brian Arbon
Rosemary Osborn

**Port Pirie**
Sandra Kaye Close
Lorna Langston
Margaret Mezzino
Eleanor Robinson

**Prospect**
Pat Hunt

**Renmark**
Judith Steed
2014 Awardees

25 Years Continued

Salisbury
Val Barrett
Jadwiga Bihun

Stansbury
Deidre Dry
Yvonne Faulkner
Shirley Monaghan
Margaret Page

Stirling
Natalie Mansfield

Strathalbyn
Barb Meehan
Marie Pike

Streaky Bay
Gay Fiebig

Two Wells
Lorraine Goss

Unley
Irene Kirkland

Wallaroo
Airini Warman

Warradale
Alan Vowels

Whyalla
Robyn Hunter
Jeanette Ward

Willunga
Kay Scott

Wudinna
Barbara Holman

Yankalilla
Vivienne Bamford
June Rowley

Edwardstown
Howard Bone
Audrey Govan
Margaret Hart
Sandra Vlachos

Enfield
David Drew

Eudunda
Pamela Dutschke

Findon
Felicity Pappas

Gawler
Ken Edwards

Glenelg
Margaret Browne
Des Spry

Goolwa
Glyn Creed
Graham Schuster

Happy Valley
Marie Donohue
Sandy Finlay-Smith
Beverley Jackson
Lorraine Loader
Margaret Prescott
Maureen Tremellen

Hindmarsh
Carmel Turner

Kadina
Gwenthlian Knight

Kapunda
Jennifer Goodfellow

Laura & Districts
Daphne Crossman
Janine Higgins
Meredith Sargent
Carolyn Sorensen

20 YEARS

Aldinga
Kate Manders

Barossa Valley
Elizabeth Nance
Margot Walsh

Booleroo Centre
Rowena Saltmarsh

Brighton
Joyce Carter
Judith Duval
Kaye Souter
Bev Strangways

Burnside
Heather Clarke
Anne Donnelly
Robert Hastwell
Jill Welsh

Burra
Celine Stockman

Campbelltown
Jan Hansen
Jan Moar
Keith Moar
Georgette Psaltis

Christies Beach
Shirley Boston
Heidi (Wally) Polonis
Piotr Polonis
Christine Smallacombe
Carole Wiese

Crystal Brook
John Curtis
Ken Sawyer

Cummins
Ann Challinger
Ludi Mihaljevic
McLaren Vale
Dianne Oakley

Millicent
Joyce Soule

Mitcham
Margaret Cox
Trevor Cox
Fran Newman

Modbury
Ken Sired

Mount Barker
Gordon Kramm
Lynn Walsh

Mount Gambier
Jan Casey
Norma Dean
Nessie Manser

Murray Bridge
Dora Eisen
Glenda Hand
Joy Morris
Val Stevens

Naracoorte
Margaret Montgomery

Northfield
Clem Kalleske

Norwood
Margaret McKenzie

Onkaparinga
Gloria Green
Audrey Mieglich

Osborne
Susan Holt

Payneham
Anita De Kam
Ian Young

Port Adelaide
Josephine Kelly

Port Lincoln
Tony Watherston

Port MacDonnell
Debbie Lewis

Prospect
Dianne Boland
Libby Bridgwood
Robert Sandford

Quorn
Lee-Ann Slattery

S.Y.Penninsula
Sandra Gutsche
Joan Haddow
Kaye Thompson

Salisbury
Rosa Moraw
Allan Tonissen

Snowtown
Lee Anne Strawbridge
Julie Whiting

Stirling
Marlene (Jan) Dark
Lloyd Harselett
Susan Northcott
Loretta “Sue” Temple

Strathalbyn
Dawn Armstrong
Jan Pfeiffer

Streaky Bay
Pauline Montgomerie

Unley
Colette Kalvas
Patricia Oreb

Waikerie
Nina Della Zoppa
Glenys Ziegler

Warradale
Rosalie Church
Dean Govan
Julie Lewis

Wayville
Leon Holmes AM

Whyalla
Carol Craney
Jane Daniel

Willunga
Wilma Renney

Woodville
Shirley Simcock

15 YEARS

Ardrossan
Lindsay Beer
Meg Brown
Vic Brown
Reta Burke
Lorraine Cook
Cathy Gray
Lionel Harmer
Pam Harmer
Edith Henderson
Maxine Hicks
Ray Jackson
Margaret Jones
Barbara Lodge
Bernice Mann
Neil Mann
Jan Mashford

Jan Pfeiffer
Marjorie Mitchell
Christine Moulds
Denis Moulds
Glenyse Nichols
Rob Nichols
Pam Pridham
Graham Sandercock
2014 Awardees

15 Years Continued

Shirley Sandercock
Monica Smith
Marjorie Watson
Connie Zirkle

Balaklava
Joan Appleby
Jill Dixon
Maureen Lightfoot
Jeanette Scott

Barossa Valley
Trish Gransbury
Annabel Hill Smith
Hazel Humberdross
Eric Alfred Kohlhagen
Janice Miriam Kohlhagen
Charles La Nauze
Audrey (Ruth) Rohrlach
Claire Van Der Pijl

Berri
Elaine Crowhurst
Jim Crowhurst
Graeme Kassebaum
Rosemary Kassebaum

Blackwood
Anne Fox-Heading
Douglas Gibson
Marge Gibson
Ross Handsaker

Booleroo Centre
Leon Bastian
Jasmine Martin

Brighton
Christine Edwards
Esther Gepp
Ian Grace
Liam McKeough
Pip Thomas
Val Thornley
Michael Vass

Burnside
John Hannan
Lyndall Johnson
Alan Killmier
Susan Lawrie
Elizabeth (Liz) McQuade
Joy Shepherd
Ken Shepherd
Shirley Welsh

Burra
Susan Boyes

Campbelltown
Nan Bailey
Noel Busch
Trevor Quinn
Judith Szabo

Ceduna
Colleen Stott

Christies Beach
Jeanette Lauder
Dean Lemmey
Janet Lemmey
Betty Lewis
Barbara Seamer
Robert Smith

Clare
Alan Hall
Betty Hall
John Haynes
Dorothy Mullighan
Donald Springbett
Glenda Swavley

Cowbell
Betty Franklin
Jenny Stening
Jenny Williams

Crystal Brook
Stan Darley
Helen Greig
Rod Muller

Cummins
Gladys Hall
Carolyn Martin
Maja Nagel

Edwardstown
Yvonne Freeman
Denise Hippesley
Ellen Krueger
John McBride
Raymond O’Sullivan
Jill Rowe

Eudunda
Des Baumann

Findon
Trevor Cryer

Gawler
Micki Godfrey
Judith Holbrook
Marie-Louise Lees
Wanda Mansell
Margaret Raggatt
Debra Ralph
Mary Stokes

Gilbert Valley
Joan Callery
Margaret Prime

Glenelg
Barbara Baird
Morva Fawcett
Vic Gregori
Sue Quinn
Joan Sargeant
Lorraine Somerfield

Hallett Cove
Doreen Hodgeman

Hamley Bridge
Debra Ralph
Happy Valley
Roseann Gill
Angie McCallum
Ian Smith
Ron Tripney

Henley and Grange
Brian Begg
Margaret Carrick
Kay Clapham
Pam Johnston
Valda Smith
Lois Winter

Hindmarsh
Pat Parsons
Ron Willis

Jamestown
Dianne Miller
Beverley Thomas
Robert Warnest
Pamela Wenham

Kadina
David Colliver
Bev Kakoschke
Bill Knight
Kevin Smitham

Laura & Districts
Margaret Humphris
Judith Wood

Maitland
Enid Baker
John Baker
Lindsay Beer
Lorraine Beer
Di Bourne
Barbie Brown
Rilda Bruhn
Anne Butler
Rosalie Cooke
Jean Cross
Faye Davey
Val Davies
Kelly Deer
Wes Deer
Bernadette Downs
Linda Dutschke
Myrna Dutschke
Anne Ferguson
Jan Flavel
Kaye Francis
Christine Geater-Johnson
Judy Gerschwitz
Jan Graham
Jean Greenslade
Maureen Honner
Sharon Honner
Gill Jarrett
Val Kelly
Bev Kinnane
Joy Kitto
Jenny Koch
John (Barry) Koch
Christine Kohlhagen
Johann (Claudia) Lehner
Debbie Lodge
Ellen McCauley
Jill Moody
Joan Morris
Deirdre Napier
Wendy Nelligan
Beryl Neumann
Patricia Nixon
Nathalie Polkinghorne
Nancy Rawlings
Alicia Reimann
Leslie Rowe
Faith Sandercock
May Sandercock
Helen Smith
Joan Sparrow
Marilyn Stock
Pat Stock
Laurette Thomson
Monica Turner
Marion Wearing
Pauline Whitehead
Margaret Wuttke

Mannum
Denise Forrest

Meadows
Jill Wishart

Millicent
Patricia Chambers
Laurene Hann
Kaylene Leopold
Ruth Low
Leigh McCallum
Joan Morgan
Pamela Packer
Dymphna Stringer
Rosslyn Varcoe
Pamela Wakelin
Tennie Wyman

Minlaton
D’Arcy Button
David Craddock

Mount Barker
Janet Stanford

Mount Gambier
Val Agnew
Val Grubb
Marg Hastings
Joyce Milich
Helen Pexton

Murray Bridge
Trudy Gogel
Max Rowe

Northfield
Barbara Grund
Graham Grund
Janice Ward
2014 Awardees

15 Years Continued

Onkaparinga
Ian Hart
Bronwen Klose
Bob Leslie
Bronwyn Stopford

Osborne
Pamela Fidock

Payneham
Bill Ryan

Peterborough
Gail Sandy
Adrian Young

Port Broughton
Coral Biddell
Peg Lane
Helen Thornton

Port Lincoln
Doreen Blewit
Ken Lindsay
Fay Ween

Port Macdonnell
Sue Button
Judy Jennings

Port Pirie
Edna Bowley
Graham Bowley
Tom Faulkner
Barbara Halvorsen
Des Halvorsen
Lenny Mezzino
Rodney Warne
Edna Zanker

Prospect
Maurice Bell
Pam Cook
Alma Fry
Keith Healey

Quorn
Pauline Colliver
Karen Hutchesson

Renmark
Joan Conway
Marion Craker
Leonie Hann
William Prestwood

S.Y.Penninsula
Dennis Huston
Jill Huston

Salisbury
Kay Goodman

Stansbury
Yvonne Welsh

Stirling
Bryce Carroll
Margaret Carroll
Maria Greg
Lois Jarrett
Shirley Willsmore

Strathalbyn
Shirley Logan
Ern Winslade

Streaky Bay
Judy Alexander
Rupert Schlink

Tumby Bay
Helen Ballard
Marlene Poole

Unley
Helen Bamford
Unity Hunt
Gaynor Robins

Victor Harbor
Rex Elliott
Jan Gulliver
Mary Perry

Waikerie
Neill Channon
Jan Conley
Pam Crowhurst
Doris Kuchel
Elizabeth (Betty) Vinall

Wallaroo
Beryl Barnes
Lyndall Bussenshutt
Louis Griffits

Warradale
Lynn Hine
Bruce Penberthy

West Torrens
Cynthia Bray
John Erwin
Richard O’Neill
Rosemary O’Neill

Willunga
Chris Cansdale
Roma Deer
Linley (Lyn) Lord

Yankalilla
Beverley Bowyer
Christopher Lewis
David Noack
Carolyn Still
Ronald Still
Judith Liersch – 40 Years’ Service

One of Barossa Valley’s original deliverers in 1972, she was ‘roped in’ to delivering every day for the first week and loved it so much, she has continued ever since! Judith started volunteering while looking after four children, working their vineyards, looking after their sheep and running a dairy! She remembers that there were mixed feelings when the packaged meals were introduced. Instead of carrying buckets of food into the homes and the extra chats whilst serving up, the meals were pre-packed ready for delivery. However, the good thing is you always knew that you would have enough food for everyone, even when you get to the end of the run! She appreciates the frozen meal service that was also introduced as they were required to drive very long distances to some of the remote areas on the outskirts of our townships. Judith says that some of her funniest times she remembers, was trying to read the directions and finding some of those ‘outback’ places and relaying her experiences to the clients. And she was always pleased to see face to the name on the run sheets when she called and enjoys the fact that she can help people who cannot manage on their own, seeing their smiles and how very appreciative they are. Her most important personal benefit from volunteering is the joy of giving.

Barbara Capon – 40 Years’ Service

Barb started MoW volunteering when her husband, a member of APEX, was asked to help deliver meals for MoW as they were very short of volunteers. As members of APEX were all male, had to be younger than 40 and were all working during the day, they co-opted their wives to help! Originally starting at the Mitcham branch, one of their routes was the “hills”. Drivers had to go to a local church to collect the cans and then to the Mitcham kitchen to collect the meals and then go on delivery. After the delivery, they returned to the church where they washed up the cans and left them for the next day’s deliverers to collect. Later they collected meals prepared at the Blackwood hospital and even later, shared a kitchen at the Masonic Lodge in Blackwood. Barb says that it was a great relief when we had a “home of our own” when MoW and Rotary combined to acquire the old Blackwood Police Station. As Barb was a deliver on Friday, their group was also responsible for taking the payments for the week’s meals. This could be very difficult with clients with poor memory who couldn’t find their purses or wallets and volunteers often had to help them search. Barb remembers one client who put his money the table, all in five cent pieces! Direct debit was a godsend to the deliverers! Barb has always enjoyed meeting the clients; they are usually happy to see the deliverers and are grateful for the service and the smile. She also got a lot out of the friendships and camaraderie with the other volunteers and the local committee.
Bonney Tomlinson – 40 Years’ Service  BLACKWOOD

Bonney started with Meals on Wheels through her friendship with the daughter of Colonel Major George Frith, who took over from Doris Taylor. They were best friends from school days and helped out at Unley. Originally starting volunteering at Brighton, she then went to the Mitcham branch, until the Blackwood Branch opened in 1992. She has been a deliverer with the Blackwood branch once a fortnight for all this time. She recalls from the early days how the deliverers had to take the meals into their client’s homes in heavy stainless steel containers. They took soup, main meals and desserts in different containers inside to client’s homes. Most of the times, they had to have 3 deliverers to help with the load. In those earlier days the meals would sometimes start to run out, so some clients who did get a later delivery would have smaller portions! But if there was some extra left at the end of the run, the last person would be lucky. Bonney remembers a funny story from Brighton days, delivering meat from a tray in the boot of the car. One day the boot was left open and you guessed it, a dog ran off with the spoils! Bonney has found getting to know the clients and caring for them very satisfying. But sometimes upsetting, when they left or died of course. She feels that she has benefited from all the experiences and enjoys the friendships with other volunteers.

Jill Hastwell – 40 Years’ Service  BURNSIDE

Like so many volunteers Jill started when the kids were settled at school and she wanted to do some community work to give something back to her community. Teaming up with 3 friends she started delivering in the days of flask, ladles and trays of dessert on the lap! In later years she and husband Bob teamed up and only recently called it quits having clocked up the big 40. Whilst a little sad, Jill does not miss the wandering up hill and down dale as the deliverer. She says some days you just got puffed out. She really enjoyed the volunteering, the chats and the opportunity to help people and on occasions really make a difference. Like the time they came to deliver to a gentleman who had fallen and could not get up. That is a story we hear repeated in so many branches.

Kay Wickes – 40 Years’ Service  CHRISTIES BEACH

Kay was prompted to assist when Aldinga Branch first started to help the elderly residents for that area, when a young mother with a 3 year old child! The different containers for delivering, the meal options, more paperwork and more brochures are just some of the changes she’s noticed over the years. It’s been so enjoyable seeing the smiling faces of our clients when delivering their meals and meeting other hard working volunteers. It has benefited personally as Kay feels she is giving back to the community and has gained so many long lasting friendships. A hilarious moment for her was when she was offered almonds from a client to then be told... “I sucked the chocolate off them”!!!
Edna Millard – 40 Years’ Service  
Edna became a volunteer deliverer at the inception of the Crystal Brook Branch of Meals on Wheels in 1970. She wanted to support the new venture to ensure its success. But as she helped run the family business with husband John, she began as an emergency volunteer but at times filled in two or three times in a week. Edna has now done 40 years’ Service as a permanent deliverer of meals and is a valued member on the committee. She enjoys the contact with the recipients, which a lot of them, she classes as friends. Knowing that MoW makes a difference to many, with a simple chat and a little friendship as well as delivering a hot meal, is important to Edna. In Edna’s time, she has seen many changes from serving soup from a billy, packaged meals to wearing the yellow vests for safety and identification. One funny thing she remembers is a person not wanting them to leave before they had a prune preserved in green ginger wine, which wasn’t to everyone’s taste! Congratulations to Edna on forty years of dedicated service from all at Crystal Brook.

Lorna Baumann – 40 Years’ Service  
Lorna was local lady that thought the establishment of Meals on wheels in Eudunda was an opportunity to help somebody else and a real good cause. She served the branch as Welfare Officer for 16 years and still enjoys the pleasure to visit those needing the service and to have that friendly chat. The biggest change she thought that was worth commenting on, was the gradual decline in numbers requiring the service. In the latter years she has enjoyed the opportunity to deliver the meals tag teaming up with her husband.

Val Goedecke – 40 Years’ Service  
Val’s mother was a Meals on Wheels client living in Laura, and that sparked the urge to volunteer in her home town of Eudunda. “If somebody will do this volunteering to help my mother, I can do it for somebody else” she thought. So from that time, Val has continued enjoying the privilege of serving others. The chats and catch ups with the clients have been a very enjoyable aspect, which may not have occurred if not for volunteering. Lots of changes have been seen especially in the delivery of the meals. From carrying containers and dishing the meals, to now using recyclable meal containers. Val remembers with laughter the time a dog stood guard and would let them out of the car, let alone deliver the meal! The more the dog barked, the more they tooted the horn, until the client helped out and let them deliver.

Hazel Jenke – 40 Years’ Service  
Hazel lived on a farm just outside Eudunda and wanted to do something for her community. Meals on Wheels were a new organisation and a great opportunity for her to get involved with it in the earlier years. The “feeling useful” and “doing
something for others” thoughts still remain. The regular visits and the appreciative chats are still enjoyable for Hazel. Receiving Meals on Wheels for a short time recently reinforced, the usefulness of the organisation to her. Although the numbers have declined, the early days were busy, delivering and having to dish the meals up and be mindful not to run out. Now the Hot boxes and recyclable meals packaging make delivering much easier.

**Betty Marshall – 40 Years’ Service**

Betty started volunteering in Eudunda with the newly established branch of Meals on Wheels. Still an active member in the community, Betty gets great satisfaction helping others. The way the meals are now presented, from dishing the meals up, to the convenience of recyclable containers used now are some of the gradual changes noted by Betty. The privilege to talk to the clients and checking on their welfare is still important today as the first time she delivered.

**Yvonne Schulz – 40 Years’ Service**

Yvonne was married to Gil, who was on the hospital board when the branch for Meals on Wheels was first set up. Both were very active community members. Yvonne was encouraged to help establish the client list with a local Doctor at the time. So, for many years, Yvonne continued to support the branch and serve as Branch Welfare Officer (now Client Service Coordinator). Being able to assist with regular meals so clients can stay in their own homes and seeing the branch continue to serve the community, is the biggest delight Yvonne gets. The containers used from billy’s to recyclable packaging has been most noticeable change within the Branch along with the fluctuation of numbers.

**Connie Haydon – 40 Years’ Service**

Connie likes helping people. With time on her hands, when she heard there was meeting in Saddleworth to set up Meals on Wheels, she went along to the meeting and offered her services. When Connie began volunteering she was one of the original volunteers in Saddleworth. There have been many changes that make it easier to be a volunteer now – the individually packed meals for one. Connie can remember the billycans and ladles. There was separate billycan for each individual vegetable, meat and gravy, sweets and custard. At the end of the deliveries, the volunteers had to wash out the billycans ready for the next day. There used to be 3 – 4 people that would do the deliveries, not like today where they have only 2 people. Connie likes meeting the elderly and checking they are ok, as well as letting them know that someone cares for them. Through Meals on Wheels, Connie has learnt how to relate to older people and to see to their needs, and be ready to help them, when help is required. Connie can always get a smile and a laugh from the clients. She enjoys the repartee with them…most enjoy a good joke, she says, but some are a bit staid.
Chris Kirk – 40 Years’ Service

Chris started volunteering for Meals on Wheels when her friend, who was on the hospital committee, told her about the branch being formed in Riverton. She immediately joined up. Chris is still delivering meals at a very fit 92 years of age! She has seen many great and good changes. When Meals on Wheels first started the meals were sent out from the hospital in cans, and each person’s meal was dished up at their home from the can with a ladle. The last client on the round either got a small meal if you too generous with the earlier deliveries or an enormous meal if you did not serve enough on the earlier ones. She says it is a privilege to deliver the meals – always enjoyable to catch up with the helpers and clients. One benefit is having to go out on a cold or hot day, when you would otherwise have stayed at home. She has a client with a galah who welcomes the delivery team when they arrive. That client recently got a new puppy, and now the galah won’t talk to them, until they make a fuss of the dog! Chris only forgot to deliver once in the forty years! She lived on a farm 10 k’s from the hospital, so would do her shopping and then do her Meals on Wheels deliveries. Got home to the farm on one occasion and her husband asked how many meals she delivered that day? She had to make a very rushed trip back in to town to do the deliveries. When she arrived with a delivery she found the client had had a fall, and was stunned and bleeding and she was able to help the client before finishing the round.

Barbara Noack – 40 Years’ Service

Barb’s neighbour was on the original Meals on Wheels Committee in Saddleworth and he asked her to be a volunteer driver. She willingly said yes as she enjoys the feeling of being able to help people. There have been many changes for the better since she started. She can remember having to carry the billycans in a very heavy wooden tray. Barb was Treasurer and Staff Officer for many years and can remember having to collect the money for the meals and do the banking each fortnight. She can also recall herself and two other volunteers getting together regularly to work out the rosters. When Barb was Treasurer, she loved the extra time she could spend with the clients without having to rush off to deliver the next meals. This allowed Barb extra time to check on clients. The rosters run on a five week turnaround and Barb loves seeing the clients every five weeks and helping them out. Barb also remembers ladling out the meals from the billycans, with the last client usually getting an extra-large meal. She finds that clients have different tastes – some really enjoy the meals and sometimes others complain.

Ruth Schmidtke – 40 Years’ Service

Ruth went along to the Saddleworth Institute to the first meeting called to form Meals on wheels in the area and commenced delivering soon after that meeting. She has been on the committee and been responsible for the rosters during that time. The biggest change that Ruth can recall was serving from billycans and
worrying whether you had enough food left for the last person. Could not have been happier when the meals became individually packed, and of course, it made it more hygienic too. The best part of volunteering is to see the faces of the recipients when you walk in with their food. They are so happy to have visitors, and to get their meals. Ruth enjoys helping people, but she also feels so very grateful to the people who give their time to be on the Meals on Wheels Committees, as they have kept the organisation going. She knows personally how hard it is to do rosters and to find replacements, and feels that people should be commended for doing this work. The only different experience that Ruth encountered on deliveries was one day when they arrived and could not find the client. The front door was open but they couldn’t make her hear. Ruth went looking around outside for her and then went inside to look. When opening the door to one of the inside rooms, a very deep voice startled Ruth saying “you’re early!” (Which they weren’t) As most clients are sitting and waiting for their meals to arrive!

Glenelg Rotary Club – 40 Years’ Service

Glenelg Rotary Club’s 40 years’ service to Meals on Wheels began well before the kitchen opened on 24th June, 1967, in the presence of founder, Miss Doris Taylor. The kitchen was built with the combined help of Glenelg Rotary, Glenelg Lions and Glenelg Apex Clubs and the Glenelg Council. The meal service began with a $40 advance from Central Office and a supply of groceries! The cost of meals during that year was 26 cents and by 1972 had risen to only 30 cents due to the efforts of the creatively frugal kitchen staff. Since 1967, members of Glenelg Rotary Club have continued their support through their members’ participation in meal deliveries. In spite of their many other commitments, teams continue to arrive on Wednesdays to ensure that clients receive their meals. Clients and volunteer staff throughout the years have been and are grateful for their commitment and we congratulate the Rotary Club of Glenelg on their unbroken record of 40 years’ service to their community and MoW at Glenelg.

Helen Doley – 40 Years’ Service

When Helen’s youngest child started school at Westbourne Park Primary, a Welfare Officer from Meals on Wheels came to speak to the “Mother’s Club”, asking people to consider volunteering with them. This is what prompted her to start her volunteering path with Meals on Wheels, now spanning 40 Years’ Service. Helen enjoys knowing she is delivering meals to people that can no longer cater for themselves at home and she feels an essential part of the job is to take a little time to talk with the clients. She has enjoyed the many friendships she has formed with other volunteers over the years. Helen first started delivering when 3 volunteers would drive off on the round with insulated thermos flasks for meats, gravy, vegetables and potatoes, together with a baking dish with dessert on the back seat and another thermos with custard, and serving the food out onto client’s plates. She remembers one day having to buy a chicken from the chicken shop when their
supplies ran low. Delivering seemed to take twice as long then, compared with delivering the pre-packed meals of today. Helen has never forgotten the client that would always leave a 20 cent donation in a little tin, over and above what she had paid for her meals.

Ruth Dallow – 40 Years’ Service MODBUry

Ruth started in December 1994 after seeing an advertisement in the local paper. She was raising 8 year old twins at the time! Ruth says she has seen many changes from; delivering meals in billy’s onto client’s plates, getting frozen meals out at night to thaw for heating the next day, cooking at the Masonic Village to have them freshly cooked and finally in 1994 having their own premises to prepare the cook chill meals. The number of special meals has been a significant factor in improving the delivery service and now the clients have a choice of meals. When Ruth started they were delivering 28 meals a day to a much larger area than they have now. It was reduced when the Northfield kitchen started but they are now delivering over 140 meals on some days, with up to 30 frozen meals being delivered too. As Client Service Coordinator, Ruth enjoys contact with the clients and the fellowship with her fellow volunteers. She also enjoys meeting volunteers from other branches and discussing the meals with them. The satisfaction of helping the clients, and the fact that she has made many friends over 40 years both within and outside the branch has been rewarding. She particularly liked serving on the then Services Development committee for approximately 23 years. During that time saw head office move from Kent to Town to Wayville. Some of the more comical moments were when she received a phone call from a client who said she did not get a meal. When the deliverer came back it was found he went to the wrong house in fact the person had died two days earlier. The deliverer had said he had definitely spoken to the person at that house. He was stuck for words when told the person was dead! One woman came back one day and said that a gentleman had not covered himself properly. Laughing, it was said it was not a pretty sight. The next day it happened again and he promptly received a phone call from Ruth! On another occasion deliverers went to a person who had moved six months earlier and they came back and reprimanded Ruth for putting the wrong unit number on the sheet. Ruth then reminded them that it was a Lutheran Village and the clients name was a common German name, so back they dutifully went. Ruth became Volunteer Coordinator for around four years after starting and has been a committee member since that time holding all positions except chair.

Nan McGregor – 40 Years’ Service MOUNT GAMBIER

Nan McGregor began volunteering for MoW when her children were all at school and she found herself with time on her hands and looking for something to do. She responded to an advertising campaign and was asked if she was interested in helping in the kitchen or on the Rounds. She chose the rounds and ended up driving a round for over 20 years. She still does a round fortnightly but someone else drives. When Nan began she recalls they had to take a great, big, heavy
soup container in the car and ladle the soup out of it at each address. When they returned from Rounds they had to wash dishes and the last person to leave the premises had to drop the key off at the Police Station for the next day’s crew to collect. She feels the Volunteers all got to know each other better because they worked together and so spent more time together. Nan enjoys the social aspect of being a Volunteer with MOW. She finds that she gets quite attached to the clients and takes an interest in them. She and her MoW partner try not to rush through the Round, they like to talk to people and feel that they are an important contact in the Client’s day. Over the years there have been very few whingers, most people do the best they can with their lot in life. Nan loves being with Meals on Wheels. Her day at MoW is very important to her and she arranges her timetable around it. A lifetime of seeing how other people live has taught Nan that her life has not really been so hard - she has seen many whose lives have been really hard and it has helped her to be thankful for her own life experiences. A few years ago Nan and her MoW partner, Peter, tried to deliver a meal to an old lady who had locked herself in her house. They tried slipping the meal under a partially opened window but it wouldn’t fit. They discovered there was a connecting door unlocked in the garage but the garage was locked! The old lady couldn’t find the key and was thoroughly locked in, unable to get out. They were there for half an hour trying to get her meal to her. Finally they were able to contact a relative who had a key and he came to the rescue. Nan will keep doing MoW while she is able to do it and hopes that means that will be quite some time yet!

Maureen Morcom – 40 Years’ Service PAYNEHAM

Maureen’s grandmother received Meals from Norwood Branch when it first started. When she passed away, her mother joined Norwood in the kitchen in about 1957. Maureen used to help out sometimes in the kitchen too. She was about 23 years old when she began volunteering and moved to Payneham branch when she was 32. There have been too many changes to list, but hot boxes, pre packed meals, modern equipment and additions to buildings are most notable. The best thing about volunteering has been the opportunity of meeting people with the benefits of working and meeting a lot of dedicated people. Over the years, there have been numerous funny and unusual experiences. Too numerous to mention!

Dawn Baker – 40 Years’ Service PORT AUGUSTA

Dawn, a deliverer with Port Augusta MoW, really enjoys volunteering and the opportunity it provides to catch up with people. She says that she feels as if she is ‘delivering to friends!”. She finds it personally satisfying and would love to see more of the younger generation joining in and reaping the benefits. Dawn remembers having to take big food containers out to the clients homes, and having to ladle out the soup. She says that it is a lot easier these days, now that the process has become more streamlined.
Audrey Langsford – 40 Years’ Service

Audrey was introduced to Meals on Wheels by her neighbour, who was a volunteer at the Port Pirie branch and has spent half her life volunteering with MoW. Over the 40 years that Audrey has been volunteering, she has noticed considerable change. She says that is much easier and quicker now to deliver meals. She remembers in the early days that rounds would take a lot longer, and that everyone needed a good cup of tea afterwards! Audrey has enjoyed having something worthwhile to fill her time and has enjoyed meeting lots of new people. Audrey retires from Meals on Wheels this year and we would like to thank and wish her well.

Desmond (Des) Memen – 40 Years’ Service

Des was driving past the Port Pirie Meals on Wheels branch and thought to himself “I wonder what happens in there”? Now a Kitchen Supervisor he’s noticed many changes like not having to deliver in bulk and a focus on safety, are just two. Working with the volunteers and clients has been an invaluable experience. He believes MoW has benefited him in many ways including developing good public speaking skills. On one occasion when delivering soup, dessert etc, in thermos’s he arrived at a house where 12 cats wandered around the kitchen inspecting all the food as they tried to serve it to the client. In the earlier days, 3 people would be on the round, the third person sat in the back seat of the car holding the dessert tray. One day they drove through a spoon drain a bit too quickly and the desserts went up in the air. Amazingly they all lobbed back in the tray, intact!!

Meinwen Wade – 40 Years’ Service

Meinwen’s mother received Meals on Wheels, which prompted her to join the team. The packaging and the importance on food nutrition were the biggest changes she has seen. The opportunity to work with other people, meeting and helping the elderly, has kept Meinwen feeling young and valued. She recalls on her first day, delivering to an elderly lady with cottage pie from an open container in the boot. Having delivered the meal she returned to the car but they had left the boot open and to her shock and astonishment, out jumped a cat. Not a good start for her first day!!! Again in the early days, jam tarts and tomato soup were in large containers in the boot. We went around the corner too quickly and the soup toppled over and soup ended up in the jam tarts!!

Val Dutschke – 40 Years’ Service

Val’s church group volunteered for one day per week. Initially not having a car at her disposal, she babysat for friends who drove. She was able to drive later, but only in school holidays due to work commitments. Over the years, it has been obvious to Val that the drivers and helpers are getting older and fewer. The kitchen has become more modern and the meals have become packaged with choices available. It’s been enjoyable catching up on family news with my navigator as
we drove, saying “hi” to people mainly living on their own to ensure that they are ok. The benefits of volunteering have been finding the nooks, crannies and housing that you otherwise would not know about. The opportunity to meet very interesting and different people with differing needs has been good too. One unusual experience on delivery, was with my passenger, evacuating a sick person from her gas filled house (which she insisted she had no gas appliances) Not funny!!

Lorna Hueppauff – 40 Years’ Service

Lorna was working shift work at Holden’s in 1978 when she joined Meals on Wheels. A big change has been the implementation of disposable containers, it has made it much easier than carrying the large soup containers! It’s really enjoyable knowing that the clients are so happy to see you. By volunteering, I feel I am contributing to the community which is very rewarding.

Desma MacTavish – 40 Years’ Service

Desma’s mother and sister encouraged her to deliver meals and when she found they were very short of drivers, decided to help and go on a roster for the Lutheran Church at Elizabeth North. (The church has been volunteering for 50 plus years!) She began volunteering in 1974, when her children had started school. In the early years, meals were served out of bucket type containers onto client’s plates in their homes. (meat, potato, vegetables and soup in separate buckets) Dessert was carried in baking trays and portioned out. The first of our clients got smaller amounts because we were frightened that we would run out of food, so sometimes clients on the end of the run got twice as much. Now with foil containers for the main meal, cardboard cups for the soup and plastic containers for dessert, all clients get the same amount. And now clients have a choice menu for each day of the week, they can choose from a choice of main and they can order frozen meals for weekends. Friendship, companionship and meeting new people, who share the same ideals and motivations in volunteering is rewarding. Everyone is so enthusiastic about helping people who need help and can’t go shopping or cook for themselves. As well as the enjoyment that often we are the only people that they see from one day to the next. In the very early days, we delivered to two elderly men in Smithfield. They were wealthy and owned the majority of the land in the township of Smithfield. But they had no electricity so we had trouble finding the table to put their meals on. To drive out they said; go around the dirt track, around the old fig tree to find your way back to the main road! Another call was to an elderly lady who always had the postman’s bike by the front fence. We asked on day, “Where is the postman?” and she replied, “He’s under my bed”. We never did see the postman.
Irene Voight – 40 Years’ Service  

Irene said the branch was calling for volunteers so she decided to join. With the changes that have occurred over the years, the introduction of the recyclable containers has made it much easier than having to carry the large containers. An enjoyable aspect of volunteering is catching up with the “gang”, feeling useful and helping the community. “People are always happy to see us and always have a joke to tell.”

Jean Carter – 40 Years’ Service  

Jean’s youngest son had just started kindergarten when her sister-in-law asked her to help her with Meals on Wheels deliveries some forty years ago. She enjoyed meeting all the different people, both volunteers and clients and found that it was “a good couple of hours well spent’ each time she went out on her run. She also found it very satisfying to be helping in such a practical way. Jean remembers many funny incidents from years ago when things were different, but she still has a good time when she’s doing her current run around Stirling on Wednesdays. A couple of weeks ago she was with her friend Annette. Both battling knee problems and were faced with a steep downhill walk to do their delivery, they found themselves clinging to each other and getting the giggles as they carefully navigated the slope.

Bev Egel – 40 Years’ Service  

Beverley Egel became involved with Willunga Meals on Wheels 40 years ago when “coerced” by her sister-in-law, foundation member and branch staff officer for 37 years, Beverley Miller. Beverley’s involvement in Meals on Wheels has been all encompassing. For many years, all volunteers picked up the key for the local hall from “Miller’s Electrical Store” to collect the delivery route/client book and containers. All alterations were done through the two “Beverley’s” and with Beverley Miller’s departure from the district, not only is Beverley the Client Co-coordinator, but is the Volunteer Co-coordinator as well. Bev has seen many changes in the Willunga meals over the years. When the branch first started, all meals were cooked by the Christies Beach Kitchen then brought back to Willunga to be delivered, a trip in itself of about 20kms before starting the delivery round! Approximately 30 years ago Willunga became a hospital based kitchen and meals cooked at the McLaren Vale Hospital, which reduced the distance considerably. The change in the mode of food containers has been one of the better changes Bev has seen. No more Thermos containers and ladles or washing up to do, and no fear that you may run out of soup!!! Bev enjoys delivering as ‘it enables our older citizens to stay at home for longer and it is always nice to have a chat with them. Some recipients live in “way out” places and on occasions Bev has had to dodge donkeys, peacocks, snakes and more, just to get to the front door and then find the cooks or the cats inside also waiting for Meals on Wheels!!
Rhonda Foreman – 40 Years’ Service

Rhonda Foreman has been delivering Meals for the Willunga Meals on Wheels since its inception 40 years ago. Elizabeth Beare, the local Headmasters wife, called a meeting to inform people of Meals on Wheels and those who were interested including Rhonda, started the branch in January 1974. Rhonda who was in her early 40’s when she started delivering has seen many changes during this time. Willunga meals were cooked at the Christies Beach Meals on Wheels and the deliverers travelled to Christie’s beach and helped to prepare the meals - mainly peeling the vegetables – packed the meals into large containers and brought the food back to Willunga to be served out at the recipient’s homes. This was all very well, as long as the first recipients weren’t given an “EXTRA” spoonful resulting in the last recipient of the round getting a “little less”. The change to individual containers per client has certainly solved that problem. The camaraderie of working in the kitchen was something ‘special’. The satisfaction of helping people who are generally pleased to see us each day and in some cases, knowing we are the only people they see in a day, makes 40 years of delivering very, very worthwhile. One of our clients, who was “as deaf as a post” and not always thrilled to see us, had a loyal dog as his companion, who would meet us at the gate and lead us to the bedroom to let the client know that his lunch was there. The dog was very pleased to see us as Meals on Wheels helped him as well!!!

Betty Brand – 45 Years’ Service

Betty has lived in Berri for most of her married life. She has been a busy lady, raising 3 girls and 4 boys. Betty’s friend Marg asked her to help with Meals on Wheels when her regular delivery partner left. Betty was 40 years old at the time. When she started volunteering for Meals on Wheels, her youngest daughter Jane was not yet at school. Jane used to go along too and was given the nickname of “the gravy girl” as it was always her job to carry the small gravy container! During the first 12 months, Betty’s delivery day started by collecting the food containers from the kitchen of the old Berri RSL on the riverfront. She and her partner then drove the 22 kilometres to Renmark, where they worked in the kitchen from 9am until 11am. Meals were brought back to Berri in large stainless steel containers and delivered to clients. Each meal was served out separately at the client’s house. Betty recalled that the last on the round could be either lucky or unlucky, depending on how generous the servers had been with the earlier meals! Betty just likes helping other people. She loved the interaction with the elderly and regularly took her grandchildren along during the school holidays. When asked if anything funny had stayed in her memory, Betty remembered one dear old client who was always hungry. If she thought the meals were too late, thought nothing of hitting the deliverers with her walking cane!! When asked what changes she had seen over the years, Betty was quick to reply that “the meals are much better now!”
Gwen Harslett 45 Years’ Service

Gwen from Bridgewater has been delivering meals from the Stirling kitchen for forty five years. She began when her neighbour, who had attended the inaugural meeting to establish the service in the district, invited her to go out on deliveries with her. In those days, three volunteers went out to serve the meals on each run. Gwen’s neighbour Min and her husband, went with Gwen from the very beginning of the service up at Stirling. Now Gwen delivers meals with her husband Lloyd and they have got to know many of the people on whom they call each fortnight very well after all these years. Gwen has seen a lot of changes in the way the meals are served over the years and still enjoys visiting the clients who are always pleased to see her friendly smile and have a chat when she calls with their lunch.

Desma Kleemann – 45 Years’ Service

Desma’s husband was a Rotarian and part of the team setting it up the branch as well as building the kitchen. She felt it was a very worthwhile project and that it was something people could do and be very useful. I was 31 years of age with 2 children at primary school and one still at home. She had grandparents living across the road to stay with and when they were busy bowling, her daughter went with here to the kitchen. Rules and regulations are the biggest changes she’s noticed over the years and that the customer numbers have increased a little. She enjoys the rapport with team members and the knowledge that assisting helps people remain in their homes as they become less mobile. She’s picked up some good recipes and learned a lot about life and living from fellow volunteers. When her preschool daughter used to go to the kitchen and help stir the pot, the kitchen supervisor asked that Desma to put her name down as a team member. She did that and we were all delighted, when she received a thank you letter at the end of the year!

Rotary Club of St Peters – 50 Years’ Service

Typical of the early MoW history, the Rotary Club of St Peters was there at the beginning of MoW Payneham. It also happened to be the time that the Rotary Club of St Peters had started and they were looking for a project to be involved in. A meeting with Doris Taylor, the Council, the Rotary Club and others, set up the first kitchen. A 2000 pound donation also helped the establishment budget and the Club has been involved in supporting the Payneham branch ever since with equipment purchases. They have also supplied a driver every week for 50 years!
Rotary Club of Renmark – 50 Years’ Service

The Renmark Rotary Club is proud to have been involved with the Renmark Meals on Wheels Branch for the past 50 years. The Club, along with other community minded groups in the Renmark district, was approached in 1963 by Doris Taylor with a view to determine if there was a need for Meals on Wheels in the area and what help in founding a branch would be available. After several meetings the Branch opened in 1964 with a Rotary volunteer rostered to assist twice a week. In 1994 this commitment was reduced to once a week and in later times to once a month. Over the years our volunteers have seen changes in both the kitchen and the equipment used to prepare and deliver the meals to local people in need. Gone are the cumbersome old insulated containers used to keep food warm, now meals are packed in foil containers ready for the client to eat. For many of our members it was a husband and wife commitment with the men delivering meals and the wives cooking in the kitchens. A real team effort. Mr. Ken Stephens, husband of long serving Renmark Meals on Wheels supervisor Erino Stephens, was a dab hand at preserving fruit in the summer months. After his day as Principal at the local school both he and his wife could be found at the kitchen preserving fruit long into the evening. Fellow Rotarian and his wife Zeta Brown (also a kitchen supervisor for many years) made the round trip to Barmera (he best part of 80km) each week to collect the fruit and vegetables for the meal preparation. The Rotary Club of Renmark continually looks for ways to serve its local community and will happily continue to assist Meals on Wheels to help our local residents maintain their independence for as long as possible. Rotary and Meals on Wheels...a great team achieving great things.

Elizabeth Kriewaldt – 50 Years’ Service

The Elizabeth Lutheran Ladies were asked by the Salisbury Lutheran Ladies, to take over their involvement roster with Meals on Wheels as they could no longer participate. They were only too happy to do so, as they thought it was a wonderful way in to help needy people. The different packaging, serving and delivery of meals have been the biggest changes. In the early days, they took the food to the resident’s homes in canisters, and food was prepared on each plate, bowl and cup on site. Meeting and interacting with the people that Elizabeth served was great and the team felt sad that they couldn’t stay longer with them for a chat, as many seemed very lonely. Providing a service for house bound frail, sick and elderly people and knowing that by this method many of them were able to stay in their homes a little longer, is powerful too. There was a lady that always had a different joke to tell us each time we delivered meals to her. Sometimes dogs could be a problem, and finding a new address could be a ‘temporary’ problem. On the whole, MoW continues to be a wonderful experience for Elizabeth as she has a
great affection for the elderly and ill people. She served as a nurse in nursing home for many years. Elizabeth has no hesitation in recommending the MoW service to everybody she meets, as she believes it is a wonderful organisation. She has met some lovely people over the 50 years who have been very appreciative of the service provided by Meals on Wheels.

**Rotary Club of Port Adelaide – 60 Years’ Service**

Stories are legend about Doris Taylor and her efforts to get MoW started, with the first Kitchen in Port Adelaide. One such legend is that she set Port Adelaide and her own area, Norwood, up against each other to vie for the title of first! It is believed that amongst others, Rotarians from the Port were involved in discussions about a new meals service in the area. One thing we do know is that on the third day of opening for business, MoW had the first delivery by a member of the Rotary Club of Port Adelaide. And members still drive every Wednesday, as they have been doing for over 60 years. That has to be some sort of record. The recognition today is for all the members of the Rotary Club of Port Adelaide and we thanks them for their service.

The Board and Management of Meals on Wheels SA wish to acknowledge and thank all volunteer Life Members for their continued support and contribution.

We would also like to thank everyone for coming today and making it a great success!

Our thanks to the Adelaide City Jazzmen for their great music.