



## 100 Peace Poles – 100 Years

Celebrating the Centenary of the Rotary Club of Adelaide and  
Rotary in South Australia 2023-2024



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A Century of Service Since 1924

## 100 PEACE POLES ~ 100 YEARS OF ROTARY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

To recognise the centenary of the [Rotary Club of Adelaide](#) in South Australia during 2023 - 2024 a goal to donate 100 Peace Poles to schools, community groups and not for profit organisations has proven so popular that well over the 100 Peace Poles have already been installed.

The Peace Poles symbolise the message of peace, inspiring unity among people from around the world. The popular project began from an initiative inspired by the Rotary Club of Canberra Burley Griffin to celebrate the centenary of Rotary in Australia and New Zealand in 2020-2021. Rotary Clubs across South Australia are continuing this legacy. There has been an overwhelming positive response from the community, especially from schools where over three quarters of the Peace Poles have already been installed.

The Rotary Club of Adelaide is proud to lead this important community initiative, which includes a recent installation at the world famous cricket, football and entertainment precinct [The Adelaide Oval](#). The aim is to not only spread the message of peace across South Australia but to remind everyone that peace begins in our hearts, our homes and in our communities. The Peace Poles provide an opportunity for everyone to feel empowered to become Peace Builders and to inspire others to think and act in the spirit of peace.

This initiative will see all the Peace Poles mapped online, creating a Peace Pole trail across South Australia.

Our Peace Poles have also been installed in Kandy, Sri Lanka in partnership with the Rotary Club of Kandy, and in the Nakivale Refugee Settlement in Uganda in partnership with Rotary and Rotaract Clubs in the refugee settlement.

The Rotary Club of Adelaide is also in discussions with other peace building organisations to have several Peace Poles installed in a Peace Park in the centre of the city of Adelaide. The vision is to see the Peace Park revitalised, encouraging more visitors to the park and to reflect on how they as an individual have the power within to create peace. Visitors will be encouraged on reflection to make a personal commitment to help create peace in their hearts, their homes and their community.

### Benefits

The Peace Poles are being used to promote learning. They are playing an important role in furthering children and young people's understanding of peace.

In schools they help students learn to develop ethical understanding and to develop personal and social capabilities as they learn to understand themselves and others more effectively.

The Peace Poles are sparking discussion about what peace is. They help students and adults alike to express empathy and demonstrate respect for others.

With the help of Rotary, schools and community organisations across South Australia are creating a ripple effect of peace that spreads far and wide, transforming lives and leaving a lasting legacy for generations to come.

Peace Poles are helping with mental health and wellbeing, providing opportunities for children and adults to reflect and find solutions and reassurance in these difficult times.

### WORLD DAY CEREMONIES IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

This year there have been over 100 Peace Poles ceremonies across the state where the words of the Chinese Philosopher Laozi have been recited.

Together, we have pledged to carry the spirit of peace in our hearts, to uphold Rotary's ideals of service above self, and to work tirelessly to ensure that the inscription on every Peace Pole becomes a reality: 'May Peace Prevail on Earth.'

### CREATING PEACEFUL PLACES

The Peace Poles have been placed in areas that provides an opportunity for children and adults to reflect and feel at peace. Most are placed alongside a tree with shade, and seating close by.

A QR code is placed on the Peace Pole which when scanned takes observers to the Rotary Peace Poles website at <https://rotarypeacepoles.world/>

All the Peace Poles are being mapped to the interactive map at this website.

Observers will realise how citizens young and old are actively promoting peace within their communities.

*Right: The Peace Pole interactive map that shows some of the Peace Pole locations in South Australia*



### Pete – Our Peace Pole Maker

We are very fortunate to have in Australia a designated International Peace Pole maker, Peter Clapinski. Pete lovingly crafts each and every Peace Pole with positive intentions and care and works closely with the Rotary Club of Adelaide to significantly bring down the transportation costs of delivering each Peace Pole. Each of the PVC Peace Poles are now made of 90% recycled plastic. We are so grateful to Pete for being such a wonderful Peace Pole maker.

## SOME FEEDBACK

I personally didn't expect the emotional reaction that this simple Pole would have. *Carol, Community Leader*

It was an emotional ceremony and given what is occurring around the world it is lovely to have this symbol of peace in the garden. *Ruth, Community Leader*

We have a diverse community of cultures that attend our kindy. As part of our curriculum we work with the children around the sense of belonging. As a community, we are so happy to be part of the peace pole project. *Principal of a primary school*

I was a leader in the Girl Guides and now meet with a team of volunteers every Wednesday where we work to maintain a Girl Guide campsite of 42 acres. My wish is to leave a legacy promoting peace and kindness for future visitors to the camp. I've booked the entire campsite for my 90th birthday with an open invitation to all who would like to come and make a gift, not to me but to the camp. Not necessarily a material gift but perhaps a day of volunteering. So I'd like to start getting the idea underway with a peace pole as I've been so interested in the life of the peace pole founder and his adopted daughter and their philosophy. *Eileen*

Thank you for all of the work in supporting the school and making the Peace Pole such a focal part of the school. *Principal, Adelaide High School*

I write to you with our appreciation for our Peace Pole at Roma Mitchell Secondary College. The Peace Pole aligns with our school values and our Positive Behaviours. We promote kindness throughout all we do, and we will continue to spread the message of peace and harmony throughout all we do. This afternoon we celebrate through the message of Gratitude to our Year 12's and are grateful that Peace Pole number 76 is our legacy to our Year 12 students. *Colette, Assistant Principal Wellbeing*

I was privileged to attend the unveiling of Peace Pole number 102 at Gawler Primary School this morning. The unveiling took place at an outdoor full school assembly in beautiful sunshine with a good number of parents in attendance. Kathy did a great job reading the Peace Message which was received with respect by the wonderful group of well-behaved children, many of whom read their own thoughts and messages. Celeste and the staff are very enthusiastic about this project and Celeste accepted my offer to provide sunflower seeds to plant near the pole and for children to take home and plant in their own gardens if they wish. *Brian, Rotary Club of Gawler*

It was not until I attended the Peace Pole ceremony at Adelaide Oval this week that I really experienced firsthand the 11 out of 10 referred to below. What a wonderful centre for reflection and gathering in the spirit of peace. Thanks for making this peace vision part of what our Rotary Club is committed to, and also thanks to all Peace Builders who have been a part of this wonderful Rotary initiative in the cause of peace. I think this quote captures a lot of what the Peace Pole initiative is doing: 'Peace is not something you wish for. It is something you make, something you are, something you do, and something you give away.' — Robert Fulghum. *Janine*

Yesterday my wife President Judy and I had a very enjoyable visit to Goodwood Primary School. There was a delightful ceremony followed by tea and scones. On a scale of 1 to 10 I would mark it an 11!! *Gerry, Rotarian*

Thank you for the initiative and leadership of your group in proposing such an interesting way to raise the important concept that peace is indeed the responsibility of each of us as individuals, and a reminder that we need to influence our leaders with our wishes for peace. *Sam, Rotarian*

Our school was recognised as United Nations Global Peace school in 2008 and we still follow the peace school values. We have a student Peace Committee that raise funds for our community and support charities selected by the Peace Committee. Over half of our school community are from a non-English speaking background. The Peace Pole is a lovely addition to our school and shows support to our multicultural community. *Principal*

## Location of the Centenary of Rotary in South Australia Peace Poles

*As of November 2023*

*Schools are highlighted in pink*

<b>Pole No.</b>	<b>Recipient Organisation</b>	<b>Donor</b>
1	Adelaide Oval, Stadium Management Authority	Rotary Club of Adelaide (Geoff Pitt and Phil Kleinig)
2	Adelaide City	Rotary Club of Adelaide
3	Adelaide City	Rotary Club of Adelaide
4	Adelaide City	Rotary Club of Adelaide
5	Adelaide City	Rotary Club of Adelaide
6	Community Garden, Waverley House Adelaide	Rotary Club of Adelaide
7	Murray Bridge High School	Rotary Club of Murray Bridge
8	Murray Bridge High School	Rotary Club of Murray Bridge
9	Murray Bridge High School	Rotary Club of Murray Bridge
10	Murray Bridge High School	Rotary Club of Murray Bridge
11	Murray Bridge High School	Rotary Club of Murray Bridge
12	Adelaide High School	Rotary Club of Adelaide (KD Singh and MILLAP)
13	Gillies Street Primary School	Rotary Club of Adelaide (Pete Mullinger)
14	Nunyara Conference Centre	Rotary Adelaide (Rajeev Kamineni)
15	Heidi Unferdorben - home garden	Heidi Unferdorben
16	Athelstone School	Rotary Adelaide (Trevor and Rita Stirling)
17	St Aloysius College	Rotary Club of Adelaide (Lisa Dallow)
18	Springwood Yoga Studio	Rotary Club of Adelaide (Springwood Yoga Studio)
19	Clovelly Park Primary School	Rotary Club of Adelaide Light
20	Lucy Hood MP Member for Adelaide	Rotary Club of Adelaide (Lucy Hood MP)
21	Woodcroft Primary School	Rotary Club of Morphett Vale
22	Marie-Louise Lees home garden in Cockatoo Valley	Marie-louise Lees, Rotary Club of Gawler Light
23	Rotary Park, Whyalla	Rotary Club of Whyalla
24	Paul Thomas home garden in Wallaroo	Paul Thomas, Rotary Club of Northern Yorke Peninsula
25	St James School House Circa 1848, Blakiston	Rotary Club of Blakiston Nairne
26	Scotch College Adelaide	Rotary Club of Adelaide

27	St Johns Grammar School	Rotary Club of Adelaide
28	Pultney Grammar School	Rotary Club of Adelaide
29	Unley High School	Rotary Club of Unley
30	Sri Lanka Buddhist Vihara	Rotary Club of Adelaide
31	Rotary Club of Kandy, Sri Lanka	Rotary Club of Adelaide
32	City of Norwood Payneham and St Peters	Rotary Club of St Peters
33	Fulham Gardens Primary School	Rotary Club of Henley Beach
34	Tea Tree Gully Primary School	Rotary Club of Tea Tree Gully
35	City of West Torrens, Library	Rotaract Clubs of District 9510
36	Keller Road Primary School	Rotary Club of Salisbury
37	Gulfview Heights Primary School	Rotary Club of Salisbury
38	Golden Grove Lutheran Primary School	Rotary Club of Modbury Golden Grove
39	Bridgewater Primary School	Rotary Club of Stirling
40	Marryatville Primary School	Rotary Club of St Peters
41	Goodwood Primary School	Rotary Club of Hyde Park
42	Grange Primary School	Rotary Club of Charles Sturt Grange
43	Challa Gardens Primary School	Rotary Club of Regency Park
44	Kilkenny Primary School	Rotary Club of Adelaide (Kay Dowling)
45	Mary MacKillop College	Rotary Club of Adelaide (Heidi Unferdorben)
46	East Marden Primary School	Rotary Club of Adelaide (Dave Everett)
47	Charles Campbell College (senior)	Rotary Club of Campbelltown
48	Charles Campbell College (junior)	Rotary Club of Campbelltown
49	Thorndon Park Primary School	Rotary Club of Campbelltown
50	Paradise Primary School	Rotary Club of Campbelltown
51	Dernancourt Primary School	Rotary Club of Campbelltown
52	Stradbroke Primary School	Rotary Club of Magill Sunrise
53	Victor Harbor Primary School	Rotary Club of Victor Harbor
54	Riverdale Primary School	Rotary Club of Adelaide (Helen and Grant King)
55	Keithcot Farm Primary School	Rotary Club of Adelaide (Simon Drew and KD Singh MILAAP)
56	Elizabeth Vale Primary School	Rotary Club of Elizabeth (partnered with Terry Jones)
57	Wallaroo Primary School	Rotary Club of Northern Yorke Peninsula
58	Craigmore South Primary School	Rotary Club of Playford
59	Highgate Primary School	Rotary Club of Mitcham
60	City of Port Lincoln, along the beachfront	Rotary Club of Port Lincoln
61	City of Port Lincoln	Rotary Club of Port Lincoln
62	Our Lady of the Visitation	Rotary Club of Largs Bay
63	Hendon Primary School	Rotary Club of West Lakes
64	Basket Range Primary School	Rotary Club of Stirling and Rotary Club of Onkaparinga
65	Brompton Primary School	Rotary Club of Adelaide (Cam Pearce)
66	Errington Special Education Unit	Rotary Club of West Torrens
67	Loxton Council - reserved number	Rotary Club of Loxton
68	Waikerie Council - Cliff Top Walk	Rotary Club of Waikerie

69	Morphett Vale East Primary School	Rotary Club of Morphett Vale
70	Mount Barker South Primary School	Rotary Club of Mt Barker
71	McLaren Flat Primary School	Rotary Club of McLaren Vale
72	City of Salisbury	Rotary Club of Salisbury
73	McLaren Vale Primary School	Rotary Club of McLaren Vale
74	Gawler District College	Rotary Club of Gawler Light and Interact Club
75	Gawler District College	Rotary Club of Gawler Light
76	Roma Mitchell Secondary College	Rotary Club of Adelaide (Frida Cheok)
77	Burton Primary School	Rotary Club of Adelaide (The Neals and KD Singh MILLAP)
78	Roxby Downs Council, city park	Rotary Club of Roxby Districts
79	City of Onkaparinga, wetlands park	Rotary Club of Seaford
80	City of Playford, ANZAC memorial	Rotary Club of Elizabeth
81	Berri Regional Secondary College	Rotary Club of Berri
82	City of Prospect	Rotary Club of Prospect
83	Prospect North Primary School	Rotary Club of Prospect
84	Whyalla Rotary Park	Rotary Club of Whyalla (Whyalla - Comfort Inn)
85	Whyalla Rotary Park	Rotary Club of Whyalla (Eddie Hughes MP Member for Giles)
86	Whyalla Rotary Park	Rotary Club of Whyalla (Des's Taxi and Minibus)
87	Whyalla Rotary Park	Rotary Club of Whyalla (McLeod's Whyalla Automotive)
88	Whyalla Rotary Park	Rotary Club of Whyalla (Terry White Chemmart)
89	Whyalla Rotary Park	Rotary Club of Whyalla (Unearth Whyalla)
90	Rose Park Primary School	Rotary Club of St Peters
91	Community Garden - Munno Para (Behind Anglican church)	Rotary Club of Playford
92	St Columba College	Rotary Club of Playford
93	Parafield Gardens Primary School	Rotary Club of Adelaide (Kelly Abbas and David Motteram)
94	East Para Primary School	Rotary Club of Modbury Golden Grove
95	Balaklava High School	Rotary Club of Clare
96	Meredith Westbrook, home garden in Wallaroo	Rotary Club of Northern York Peninsula (Meredith Westbrook)
97	Nakivale Refugee Settlement in Uganda	Rotary Club of Adelaide
98	Nakivale Refugee Settlement in Uganda	Rotary Club of Adelaide
99	Stirling Primary School – to be installed	Rotary Club of Stirling
100	Rotary Club of Adelaide	Rotary Club of Adelaide
101	Rotary Club of Adelaide	Rotary Club of Adelaide
102	Gawler Primary School	Rotary Club of Gawler
103	Mawson Lakes Park	Rotary Club of Mawson Lakes
104	Willunga Primary School	Rotary Club of McLaren Vale
105	Henley Community Garden - Henley Beach	Rotary Club of Henley Beach

106	Pinnacle College	Rotary Club of Adelaide
107	Pinnacle College	Rotary Club of Adelaide
108	Karrendi Primary School	Rotary Club of Adelaide (and KD Singh MILLAP)
109	Old Noarlunga Primary School	Rotary Club of Adelaide
110	Virginia Primary School	Rotary Club of Playford
111	Uniting SA, Port Adelaide	Rotary Club of Adelaide (Sponsored by Uniting SA)
112	St Leonards Primary School	Rotary Club of Glenelg
113	St Mary's College	Rotary Club of Adelaide Central
114	Modbury P-6 Primary School	Rotary Club of Modbury Golden Grove
115	McAuley Community School	Rotary Club of Holdfast Bay
116	Lantana Kindergarten	Rotary Club of Salisbury
117	Millicent North Primary School	Rotary Club of Millicent
118	Cynthia Nicholson home garden, Strathalbyn	Cynthia Nicholson (arranged via Rotary Club of Murray Bridge)
119	Noarlunga Downs Primary School	Rotary Club of Adelaide
120	Roma Mitchell Secondary College, Girls Campus	Rotary Club of Adelaide (Barry and Di Noble)

At the time of writing, we are waiting on at least another 10 schools and organisations to provide us with the languages they would like on their Peace Poles so we can have them made up. We also have around 50 additional expressions of interest to follow up.

## POPULATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Source: <https://www.abs.gov.au/articles/snapshot-sa-2021>

In the 2021 Census, the number of people counted as usual residents of South Australia (SA) was 1.8 million. In 2021, almost four out of five people in SA lived in the capital city area of Greater Adelaide (1.4 million).

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### ROTARY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA (DISTRICT 9510)

There are over 90 Rotary and Rotaract Club's across our district. Visit the Rotary 9510 District webpage at [Home Page | District 9510 \(rotary9510.org\)](http://Home Page | District 9510 (rotary9510.org))