

MEETINGS

UNLEY VIEW Club (Voice, Interests and Education of Women) is a friendship group that meets once a month. Ladies are invited to attend a lunch at Mamma Carmela's Cafe, 169 Unley Rd, Unley, on Wednesday, February 10, at 11.30am. Inquiries: Helen 8264 7414.

OBSESSIVE Compulsive Disorders Meeting and Chat Night to be held at 589 South Rd, Evarard Park, on Friday, February 12, at 8pm. Guest speaker will be Joel Magarey on the struggles of O.C.D and G.A.D. Inquiries for all sessions: 8297 3063.

COURSES

CITY Daybreak Rostrum Club invites you to a workshop on using Microsoft PowerPoint for presentations at Kappys Cafe, 53 Flinders St, on Thursday, February 11, at 7.20am (to order breakfast) for a 7.30am start. Special guest Ron Johnson will instruct participants. Bookings are essential. Inquiries: Peter Martindale 0418 820 702.

OPSHOPS

GOODIES Opshop at the rear of Clayton-Wesley Uniting Church, cnr The Parade and Portrush Rd, Beulah Park. Open every weekday, from 10am to 4pm and Saturday, 10am to 1pm. Good stocks of clothing, bric-a-brac and books. Inquiries: 8332 8631.

RECYCLED Treasures Shop at Lutheran Homes, 22 Avenue Rd, Glynde. Open Tuesdays, Fridays and the last Saturday of the month, from 9am to noon. Donations of good quality, clean clothing welcomed and new clientele. Inquiries: 8336 3907 or 8336 5238.

RELIGIOUS

HOSANNA Exorcism Worldwide at Adelaide Church, 262 South Tce, Adelaide, has services every Sunday, at 10am, presented by Pastors David Gee and Terry Carter; and 2pm presented by Pastors David Gee, Darren Magow, Rachel Magow and Terry Carter. Inquiries: 8331 1470.

ONLINE

To see other events or to put your events online, visit www.easterncourier.com.au

DEADLINE

THE deadline for Noticeboard items is noon on the Wednesday preceding publication. All items must have a phone number for publication. Entries limited to two sentences are free to charitable organisations, service clubs and community groups. Due to space constraints not all entries can be published. Notices may be edited. Post to Noticeboard, PO Box 339, Adelaide, 5001; noticeboard@mng.newsthd.com.au or fax to 8341 0830.



LAUGHTER AND LOVE: Dr Blot and Dr Yum-Yum at the Women's and Children's Hospital spreading some cheer. Picture: Denys Finney H0284637

Clown doctors fixing smiles

DR BLOT and Dr Yum-Yum are ready for their rounds.

Riding the lift at the Women's and Children's Hospital, they're amusing staff with their bubble-blowing and silly banter.

Meet the Clown Doctors.

Bringing laughter since 2001, the Clown Doctors are a special program from the Humour Foundation and relies on public funding to operate.

Professional entertainers bring laughter to children (and adults) who are in hospital - part of the belief that laughter is the best medicine.

"A lot of people respond to us just by seeing us in the distance," says Dr Blot (Alan Holy).

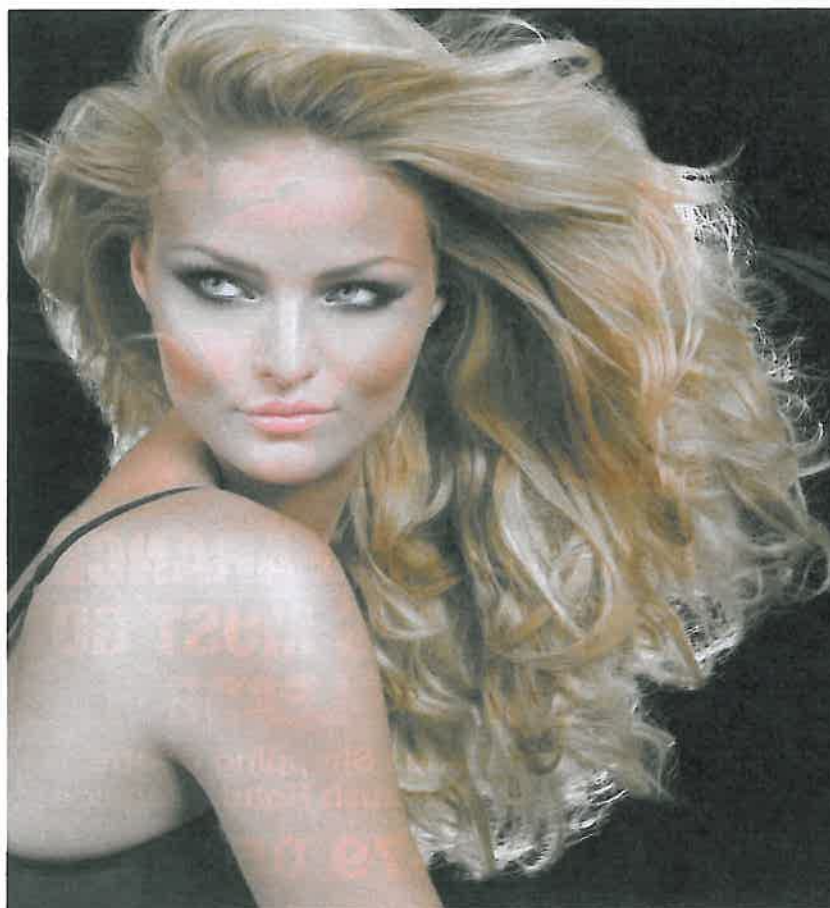
The hospital's senior play therapist Marisa Salvati says the clown doctors create a "flow-on effect."

"When the kids are relaxed, the parents are more relaxed because their kids are happier and that makes the medical staff's job so much easier," she says.

For Dr Yum-Yum (Natalie Playford), a memorable moment was when a sibling of a child with heart problems told his mum: "The doctors fixed his heart but the clown doctors fixed his smile."

"We leave memories," she says.

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