

# ROAD TRAUMA SUPPORT TEAM OF SA ASSOC INC

## Newsletter Spring 2010



### A message from the committee

*Welcome to this edition of the RTST newsletter!*

*It was reported in our January newsletter that Rod and Pam Kershaw were due to retire from their positions of office on the committee in April 2010. Albeit April has come and gone, the current committee wish to publically thank and acknowledge Rod and Pam for the years of dedicated service to the community in both a paid and voluntary capacity. The committee wish them both a very safe, happy and memorable journey around Australia.*

*In the coming months we will announce the date of our AGM. Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you there. The committee is passionate about supporting members of the community that have been affected by road trauma and that can only continue with volunteers and additional funding.*

*The committee would like to thank Mr Michael O'Connell, Commissioner for Victim's Rights for his continued support to RTST.*

### **Care & Share Group Meeting**

*7pm Monday 6 September 2010*

*86 George Street, Thebarton*

*Joanne Sperou, Andy Kirk, Cliff and Tracy will be there to support you. Please phone Sharon on the number below to let us know you be there.*

### **Contact Details**

**Road Trauma Support Team SA  
86 George Street, Thebarton, SA  
5031**

**PO Box 292 PROSPECT, SA 5082**

**Office phone: (08) 815 20600**

**FREE CALL: 1800 069 528**

**Mobile: 0400 705 066**

**Email:**

**[www.roadtraumasupportsa.com.au](http://www.roadtraumasupportsa.com.au)**

*Please note that all telephone numbers for RTST are monitored between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm 7 days a week. If the line is busy please leave a message and your call will be returned. It should be noted that RTST does not provide a counselling service by phone. Please refer to our web site [www.roadtraumasupportsa.com.au](http://www.roadtraumasupportsa.com.au) for a list of emergency phone numbers.*

*Many of you would have been affected by the change in frequency of our Care & Share meetings during 2010. The committee wish to apologise for any inconvenience or perceived lack of support however it was beyond our control. It is anticipated that monthly Care & Share Meetings will resume in 2011.*

### Increasing demand for RTST services

Despite generous donations from Victims of Crime funding it is not keeping pace with the ever increasing demand for RTST services and support. Our core responsibility of providing invaluable support to members of the community affected by road trauma will continue in a 'limited capacity' if we do not achieve an increase in funding.

In an effort to continue provide adequate support to members of the community affected by road trauma RTST has for the first time in 2010 embarked on fund raising events. In the first half of 2010 RTST held two community fund raising BBQ's at Bunnings, Mile End and \$900.00 was raised. It is anticipated that fund raising activities will be increased in 2011 in an effort to boost funding to provide support to those affected by road trauma.

## Next Fundraising Event

The final community fund raising BBQ will be held at Bunnings, Mile End on 1 October 2010 and we would be grateful for any assistance you can provide. **Can you donate some time to help us out on the day?** The committee will be grateful for any help so if you can cut onions, cook sausages or prepare sausage sandwiches please call Sharon on 1800 069 528.

## REFLECTION NIGHT

RTST Reflection Night will be held on Monday 6 December 2010 at Mead Hall, Flinders Street Baptist Church, Flinders Street, Adelaide. Further information regarding this evening will be published closer to the date.

### Spring jobs around the house.

- Open the windows and let in the fresh air.
- Clean your windows and mirrors.
- Clean out a drawer or wardrobe - give away or donate unwanted items and replace drawer liners.
- Consider having large items laundered.

### **Committee Members**

Sharon Neville  
Di Litton  
Jackie Schirripa  
Tracy Gentgall  
Cliff Pinkard  
Marco Pillen  
Corey Frazer  
Kevin McIntosh  
Stephen Murray  
Kylee Simpson

**Remember, with support, patience and effort, you will survive grief. Some day the pain will lessen, leaving you with cherished memories.**