

Club Meetings:  
Thursday for fellowship at  
6pm followed by Dinner at  
6:30pm

Location:  
Hotel Grand Chancellor,  
29 Cameron Street,  
Launceston, Tasmania

11 July  
2019

*Tamar Views*



Weekly Bulletin



**Rotary**  
Club of South Launceston



**This Week—11th July  
Children's & Grandchildren's  
Games Night. Kids' meals \$11.00.**

**Next Week—18th July.  
Club Forum.**

**PROPOSED WEEKEND AWAY WHITE SANDS ESTATE BICHENO  
2ND—4TH NOVEMBER 2019.**



As previously discussed, the Social Committee have been doing advanced planning for a club social trip to White Sands Estate (Bicheno) on the Launceston Recreation Day long weekend in November (Saturday 2 November – Monday 4 November 2019).

White Sands offers a range of cabins sleeping 4, 5 & 8 people at a cost of \$180/room/night for 2 people plus \$25/night for each additional person. The resort can also cater for RVs and camper vans etc.

The resort features:

Brewhaus Bar and Café, Ironhorse Brewery, Winery and Distillery.

In addition, there are:

A range of food and wine establishments, national parks, bush walks, beaches, crafts and galleries in close proximity.

The plan is to travel there individually/car pooling etc on the Saturday and return on the Monday.

Glenda has made preliminary bookings for 10 cabins and we need to confirm these in the very near future. An announcement will be made over the next few Thursday nights and we will be taking expressions of interest. We hope that you will come along for a great time of fellowship and getting to know each other. Family, friends and other Rotarians are all welcome.

For more information, please contact Glenda, Les, Kevin or Toni.

**COMING EVENTS**

**Norwood Combined  
Probus Club Meeting.**  
Thursday 11th July  
10.00 am  
Heather Hall,  
Penquite Road  
\$15.00 for Soup &  
Sandwich Lunch.  
**Rotarians invited.**

## CLUB DUTIES

DATE	11TH JULY	18TH JULY	25TH JULY
ATTENDANCE	GAYLENE BAKER	HAYLEY BARTELS	LES BAXTER
WELCOME	MERRYLN BRIGGS	BRUCE BURKE	DI BUTLER
CHAIRPERSON	PAUL FITZPATRICK	STEPHEN GORDON	LES GRANT
REGALIA	GLENDIA ILES SONIA MORGANTI	GRAEME LEFEVRE PHIL NIEJALKE	DALE LUCK LANCE PFEFFER
THANKS	KRISTA PREECE	CATHERINE QUARRELL	IAN SMITH

**If you are unable to fulfill your rostered duty, please arrange for a replacement.**



Lara Alexander—13th July

If you want to walk the streets safely at night,  
carry a projector  
and the slides from your last holiday.

## LAST WEEK'S MEETING

### President—Harry:

Thanked all who were able to come to the Changeover Dinner last week.

Noted the passing of Past Presidents Don Fraser and David Dixon.

Welcomed guests Ayumi, Shannon and her parents Jeanette and Craig, as well as Zoe, Graeme Le Fevre's granddaughter.

Also noted the conferring of Honorary Membership status on Henry Harris.

Paul Harris Fellowship Award conferred on Martin Yates at last week's dinner.

Noted the Paul Harris Sapphire conferred on Marilyn Briggs by the District.

### Secretary—Andrea Barthemew:

There will be photos of board members next week.

### Youth—Lance Pfeffer:

National Youth Science Forum interviews 4th August. Any offers of help appreciated. Orientation for successful applicants 22nd September.

'Choosing My Career' was held last week - Students were interviewed by various experienced people in a quest to find their chosen career.

### Service/ Program - Les Baxter:

If any member has an interesting speaker available, please let Les know.

Next week there is a Family Games Night organised by Ian Smith. Kids meals \$11.

### Dale Luck:

Rotary International Conference is in Hawaii June next year. A group from the club would be a good aim. More soon.

### Terry Crawford:

Terry's Partner, Cheryl, is still in Hospital - thanks for their well wishes from the club. Visitors are welcomed Probus - on next Thursday at Heather Hall. Five members are going

**APOLOGIES BY 10.30am TUESDAY TO TERRY CRAWFORD 63447033 or 0417 366 531**  
**(If not received by then, an invoice will be issued)**

## LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKERS.



At last week's meeting our guest speakers were our club's two exchange students—incoming student from Japan, Ayumi Kado and outgoing student to Japan, Shannon Evans.

On the eve of her return home, Ayumi shared some of her experiences of being in Australia—some amusing and some quite challenging.

Ayumi said she arrived in Tasmania on 1st August 2018 feeling rather scared, being 6,800 km from home and being faced with a place of considerably smaller population than she experiences at home. She said that the small population led her to think that Tasmanians lived in the jungle amid wild animals. Upon arriving in Launceston she was relieved to see build-

ings and evidence of urban life.

First impressions of Tasmania were that it was cold but with clear skies—no pollution!

Ayumi said she did feel lonely—she did not find any other Japanese people here and no one to talk to in her own language. She had learned some English prior to coming to Australia, but after she arrived she realized how limited it was. She said her common response was “Yes!” when spoken to, but she frequently didn't understand what was being said. Not only was understanding English was difficult but Aussie expressions such as “Like a cuppa?” added to the confusion.

Ayumi said she was warmly welcomed by her first host family—Pfeffers and began to feel less lonely. She was also welcomed at her school—St Patrick's College. Later she moved on to two other host families.

She went of two Rotary Exchange Student camps. Again she felt her lack of English keenly. Most of the exchange students were European and spoke very good English and some of them were also fluent in European languages other than their own. But no one else could speak Japanese.

In February this year Ayumi joined the drama club at school. This proved to be a particular challenge. Learning lines in English and speaking in a drama context was quite a struggle at first. Her fellow students helped her a great deal and she soon grew in confidence.

In April this year Ayumi went on an exchange student safari, during which she celebrated her 18th birthday. Places she visited included Adelaide, Coober Pedy, Ayer's Rock, Cairns, where she found many Japanese people, and Sydney. In May, Ayumi took part in the St Patrick's College Annual Ball.

Reflecting on the total experience of coming to Australia, Ayumi said she had found it quite tough to go to a different country, but felt she had grown up as a person, her English had improved considerably and she didn't want to leave and go home.

She learned to do things in the home which she hadn't done in Japan—like making her bed and operating a washing machine. She pledged to be more helpful at home when she returned!

Ayumi concluded by saying that she now regards Tasmania as her 'other home' and hopes to return some day.

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Our outgoing student, Shannon Evans visited Japan from January to October 2018 going to the city of Imabari Aime on Shikoku Island. Her first host family was the Kado family—Ayumi's home.

The city centre is home to a spectacular castle, which is now a museum. The city's symbols are towels and boats. Towels and boats are manufactured there. It has a rich maritime history—Ayumi's father is a ship's captain.

Shannon said she was very conscious of looking different from the rest of the people and she attracted many stares. She was also taller than most of the Japanese.

She attended years 10 and 11 at school and found Japanese schools very different from Australian ones.

School went from 8.15am to 3.30pm with study time after that. School students were responsible for cleaning the school—she landed the job of cleaning the toilets! School rules were quite strict—no water or phones allowed in class and students were not allowed to speak or ask questions. Squat toilets took quite a bit of getting used to. The school did provide athletic competitions with much chanting and team marching, but not many of what Shannon would regard of fun activities.

Shannon said the school provided an extensive range of club activities including tea-making and art.

Like Ayumi, Shannon said the language barrier made it difficult to make friends. Shannon had four host families—each of them different. Shannon enjoyed experiences such as cherry blossoms in spring, picking strawberries, making sweets, going to the beach and dressing up in traditional Japanese dress and make-up.

Shannon was eventually able to make presentations to Rotary clubs in Japan in the Japanese language.

## ST VINNIES CEO SLEEPOUT



**Glenda & Geoff trying to look homeless!**

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL NEWS



Cosmos Segbefia, a member of the Rotary Club of Sekondi-Takoradi, and Derrick Ababio Kwarteng, of Global Communities, assist with the construction of a borehole in the Western Region of Ghana in 2018. A report by Johns Hopkins University prepared for Rotary International estimated that Rotary members provide about 47 million hours of volunteer effort a year at an estimated value of \$850 million.

## AND FINALLY.....

Some clever turns of phrase:

Some years ago, residents of a Melbourne suburb complained bitterly about a foul odour coming from the nearby sewerage works. A few days later the authority responsible reported that they had fixed the problem. The residents were unconvinced, claiming that some of the odour still remained, prompting the newspaper headline: "THE PONG IS ENDED, BUT THE SMELLODY LINGERS ON."

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Another song-title story:

It is possibly an urban myth, but hey! why spoil a good story for the sake of truth!

The story concerns the son of the former President of South Korea—Syngman Rhee.

The son had landed a job as a junior journalist with 'Life' magazine in New York.

One day he went missing, causing great consternation to the Life management, as he was the son of a foreign head of state.

A staff member indicated that he had an idea of where he might find him, so was dispatched to go and look for him. As expected, he found him in a bar often frequented by journalists.

On finding him, the staff member exclaimed, "AH! SWEET MR RHEE OF LIFE, AT LAST I FOUND YOU!"

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The third story concerns a women's prison in America, where most of the inmates were prostitutes before being incarcerated.

The prison authorities decided to provide an education program to uplift and possibly rehabilitate the inmates. Included in the program was a course in philosophy, which prompted the comment that it was a case of "PUTTING DESCARTES BEFORE DE WHORES."



**ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH LAUNCESTON**  
**Officers and Duties 2019-2020**

**ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH  
LAUNCESTON**

**Club Chartered**

March 17 1962  
with 23 members  
56th Year of Rotary Service

**Thursday Meeting**

Hotel Grand Chancellor  
29 Cameron St, Launceston  
6.15 pm for 6.30 pm

**Make-ups & Apologies**

Assist-Secretary Terry Crawford  
Before 10.30 am Tuesday  
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**Director:** Nic Butler.

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