

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

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

29 August  
2019

# Tamar Views

## Weekly Bulletin



# Rotary

Club of South Launceston



**This Week 29th August**  
**Guest Speaker: Keith Hodge**  
**Cancer Awareness.**

**Next Week—5th September**  
**Guest Speaker: Will Smith**

### PRESIDENT HARRY'S NOTES



Hello to all.

Last Thursday saw the induction of a new member, Rotarian Melissa McGrath. Welcome Rotarian Melissa to the club.

I mentioned at the meeting that Melissa is the 5<sup>th</sup> straight new female Rotarian. Rotary International have programs to promote gender equity. It is heartening that at South Launceston we are achieving this goal naturally and more pleasing that the achievement is a natural progression. That said, this is a good opportunity for members to spread the word and encourage further membership – male or female, young or more experienced.

A thank you to Assistant Governor, Brett Williams and our speaker Kevin Preen (Catholic Care) for their attendance and information on the District Indigenous Health Project and Helping the Homeless respectively. The South Launceston grant to CatholicCare may be small in monetary terms, but appears to fill a niche that is avoided by the much larger programs. Well done to past Rotarians who identified this deficiency and supported a funding stream.

I reminded members last week, but some of us need a gentle reminder – please check your profile on the South Launceston webpage to ensure your contact details are correct.

See most of you on Thursday's dinner meeting (incidentally another induction) and again on Saturday 31 August at the Bonfire and BBQ Member Fellowship night at the Mitchell's Relbia Property. President Harry.

### COMING EVENTS

#### Family & Friends Bonfire

##### This Saturday

Mitchell Residence  
394 Glenwood Road,  
Relbia.  
Saturday August 31st.  
4.00 pm.

#### Proposed Weekend Away—Bicheno

2nd—4th  
November 2019.  
Bicheno White Sands  
Estate.

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

#### Rotary International Conference.

6th—10th June 2020.  
Honolulu, Hawaii.



**WELCOME TO  
OUR NEWEST ROTARIAN—  
MELISSA MCGRATH.**

## CLUB DUTIES

DATE	29TH AUGUST	5TH SEPTEMBER	12TH SEPTEMBER
ATTENDANCE	DI BUTLER	NICK BUTLER	TERRY CRAWFORD
WELCOME	STEPHEN GORDON	GRAHAM GOUGH	LES GRANT
CHAIRPERSON	KATHY MACQUEEN	CRAIG MITCHELL	LANCE PFEFFER
REGALIA	LANCE PFEFFER PETER STEARNES	KEVIN PREECE PAUL SWIATKOWSKI	KRISTA PREECE DENNIS TULK
THANKS	LARA ALEXANDER	LARA ALEXANDER	GAYLENE BAKER

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



Graeme LeFevre—  
28th August—37 years

**STILL NOT FILLED IN THE CLUB  
QUESTIONNAIRE?  
IF NOT, DO IT BY THURSDAY!**

### LAST WEEK'S MEETING.

**President Harry:**

Welcomed Assistant Governor Brett Williams.

Reported on the Dinner at the Tram Bar last Saturday night - a good night.

Inducted Melissa McGrath as a new Rotarian - welcome Melissa! Melissa has a background in Social Work, Teaching, and is a registered Marriage Celebrant.

Noted the club plan for the year, setting out board member responsibilities. However, it is a live document, and input from members at any time is encouraged.

**Treasurer Steve Gordon:**

Launceston Show - a meeting was held today re this year's show. All their outstanding money has been paid, and an agreement on this year has been reached.

**Club Service - Les Baxter:**

The member questionnaire is due next week - please send in as soon as possible.

A social night is planned for after the club meeting on 12th September - a Woodstock 50th Anniversary at the Royal Oak.

**Community Project - Fundraising - Graeme Le Fevre:**

The 'All About Babies' event did not require our services in the end.

Sheep Manure collection - 'Benham' had not heard from us for some time so have had the main shed cleared out. There is another one though, and we will go there on 7th September. Numbers to be taken next week.

**Social - Kevin Preece:**

A Bonfire Night is to be held at Craig and Patty's house on 31st August. \$20.00 per head for adults and \$10.00 for kids. Starts at 4:00pm. BYO chair and drink.

**Assistant Governor Brett Williams:**

Outlined the District (and National) project - Purple House - this is to assist in indigenous health, and is strongly supported by our district.

**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



Last week's guest speaker was Kevin Preen, CEO of CatholicCare. Kevin said that CatholicCare operates in three regions in Tasmania. It has one centre in the North, one in the South and two in the North-West. It provides housing for victims of family violence and also helps multicultural aged persons. CatholicCare provides 70% of housing support services in Northern Tasmania. The organisation deals with 70-100 referrals each month. Its referrals are in the area of family violence and family support for clients not involved in the criminal justice system.

It also helps aged people in need of help—for example a person who has lost their partner and still has a mortgage on their house. They need assistance with refinancing or finding alternative accommodation.

CatholicCare also helps young people who have left home, often because of family disputes.

One of the issues that CatholicCare helps clients with, and one which has been supported financially by our club for the past four years, is that of establishing identity documentation. If people, particularly women, flee a domestic violence situation, they are not able to gather together their personal identity papers, such as birth certificates and driver's licences. CatholicCare also helps people with police and credit checks, which are required by people seeking rental accommodation.

Clients are not in a position to afford the fees associated with obtaining these items and this is where our club's assistance has been invaluable. Kevin said that state or federal government funding they receive to assist clients is subject to strict criteria, which doesn't include the cost of replacing identity documents and obtaining credit checks. So far this year CatholicCare has helped 400 people with identity documents and 100 with credit checks. It also receives about 30 family violence referrals per month and has three teams specifically helping disabled people who experience family violence.

CatholicCare also employs counsellors in most Catholic schools, where family violence is the main issue they encounter. It is also the main issue that presents for homeless and aged care clients. Clients often bring multiple issues with them—mental health, drug and alcohol problems and housing issues. Kevin said that a major problem is that there is simply not enough public housing and support services available. These matters just add to client trauma.



Assistant Governor Brett Williams was also present at last week's club meeting and he spoke briefly about a major project that the District is promoting this year. It is aiming to support Purple House, an indigenous owned and run health service based in Alice Springs. Its CEO is Sarah Brown. It helps indigenous people who need kidney dialysis, by operating 16 clinics and a mobile unit called 'The Purple Truck.' The aim of their services is to help people who need dialysis to stay close to their families.

The organisation also provides practical help to remote aboriginal communities using volunteers with carpentry and building skills. District Governor Michael Cooke's wife, Corinna, is also promoting a project to provide hygiene items for aboriginal women.



## YES! IT'S ON THIS SATURDAY.

**Family BBQ and Bonfire at Craig and Patti Mitchell's home, 394 Glenwood Road, Relbia.**

**4.00pm start. August 31st - this Saturday.**

BBQ food, salads and desserts provided. Cost—Adults \$20.00, children \$10.00.

BYO liquid refreshment and chairs.

Quality food will be provided at minimal cost with a view to a modest profit towards club administration costs.

## AND FINALLY.....

"Your usual flat white?" the barista asked one of the regular customers as he walked through the café door. Taking his order from the barista, the customer took a sip and grimaced. "My coffee tastes like dirt," he complained.

"That's probably because it was just ground this morning," the barista replied.

**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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Terry Crawford.  
(Attendance & Recording)

**Treasurers:**

Stephen Gordon. (Accounting)  
Terry Crawford. (Banking)

**DIRECTORS & PORTFOLIOS**

**Club Services**

**Director:** Les Baxter

**Community & Service Projects**

**(Delivery):**

**Director:** Nic Butler.

**Community & Service Projects**

**(Funding):**

**Director:** Graeme LeFevre.

**Public Image:**

**Director:** Glenda Iles.

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**Vocational Projects:**

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**Youth Projects:**

**Director:** Lance Pfeffer.

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**Sergeant:** Phil Niejalke.

**Bulletin:** Ian Smith.

**Information Technology:**

Dennis Tulk.

**Pastoral Care:** Ian Smith.

**Photography:** Brian Beardwood.

**Programme:** Les Baxter.

**Social:** Toni Binns.

**History:** Bruce Burke,  
Henry Harris.

**Sheep Manure Project:**

Josh de Groot.