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

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



Weekly Bulletin

Tamar Views



This week—February 13th Guest Speaker—Stephanie Groves. Prosthetics in Cambodia. Visit of Assistant Governor Brett Williams.

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> Next week—20th February. T.B.A

### **PRESIDENT HARRY'S NOTES**



Hello Rotarians.

This week we have the pleasure of AG Brett Williams attending our meeting - as always, please make Brett welcome. For our newer members, please introduce yourself to the Assistant Governor who, of course, is part of our Rotary family.

The new meeting format will start on the first week of March. On the fourth Thursday of this month will be the vocational visit to the whiskey distillery at Perth. The revised meal arrangements should also start on the first week in March - some tidying up of arrangements with the Grand Chancellor are needed first.

Don't forget if you have an interest to be in the 2020/21 Board, then please see me or ask questions.

Look forward to seeing you at Thursday's dinner meeting. President Harry

#### **COMING EVENTS**

#### NOTE! Family Fellowship Meal. Saturday 22nd February. 6.30 pm Park Hotel Bistro, Invermay.

Rotary Tasmania District Conference 27th—29th March Theatre Royal Hobart

Rotary International Conference. 6th-10th June Honolulu, Hawaii.



## WHAT IS THE ROTARY COMMUNITY CORPS?

A Rotary Community Corps is a group of non-Rotarians who share our commitment to changing the world through service projects. RCC members plan and carry out projects in their communities and support local Rotary club projects.

There are more than 10,000 corps in 100 countries. RCCs are active everywhere Rotary is present: in urban and rural areas, and in both developed and developing countries.

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DATE	13TH FEBRUARY	20TH FEBRUARY	27TH FEBRUARY
ATTENDANCE	MELISSA MCGRATH	KATHY MACQUEEN	CRAIG MITCHELL
WELCOME	KRISTA PREECE	CATHERINE QUARRELL	TROY REID
CHAIRPERSON	MARTIN YATES	LARA ALEXANDER	GAYLENE BAKER
REGALIA	NIC BUTLER TERRY CRAWFORD	BRUCE BURKE BERNADETTE ETCHETAMA	DI BUTLER SUE FAULKNER
THANKS	STEPHEN GORDON	WAYNE HIGGS	GLENDA ILES

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



9th February—Andrew Whitehead. 15th February—Terry Crawford.



9th February—Ian Smith—14 years. 11th February—Les Grant—21 years. 14th February—Kevin Preece—35 years.

# LAST WEEK'S MEETING.

#### President Harry:

Last week's questionnaire - this was substantially about the club meeting procedure.

Most members agreed with the board's suggestions, but there was a fairly even split on continuing with grace. So most changes will be implemented soon.

The fourth Thursday of the month will be a function away from the Hotel Grand Chancellor - family evening, etc. Options to be introduced for meals - instead of the standard main/dessert.

#### Social - Kevin Preece:

A night is planned at the Park Hotel on 22nd Feb. See details on Coming Events on page 1.

#### Dale Luck:

The District is looking for help within the Launceston area to host the Taiwanese Rotary Exchange Student - Johnny, until July. Members were asked to consider this and come back to Merrilyn or Dale. This is a substantial service project within the District and any help would be greatly received.

#### Community Service - Fundraising - Graeme Le Fevre:

The annual BBQ at Glen Dhu Primary School will be held on 20th Feb from 4:15 - 5:30. Helpers needed. This is purely a community service event - no fundraising.

Sheep Manure - next collection possibly 22nd February.

#### Club Service - Les Baxter:

In line with the current club policy on awarding Paul Harris Fellowship Award, members are asked to put any suggestions they might have for a suitable recipient for the award to Les.

#### Social - Glenda Iles:

A long weekend away is planned for the 7th March long weekend - more details to follow.

The District Conference is now quickly approaching - Glenda is arranging accommodation near the venue. See her for details.

APOLOGIES BY 10.30am TUESDAY TO TERRY CRAWFORD 6344 7033 or 0417 366 531

# LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER.



Last week's guest speaker was Mary Farr, an author and wife of Rotarian Andrew Whitehead, who happened to be the chairman of the night and therefore well placed to introduce her!

Mary said she realized that she had a gift for writing when she was quite young and has been writing books for as long as she can remember.

She worked for many years as a social worker and then had a sea-change and became a masseuse. During her working life, writing books became a part-time activity, but since re-tirement, she has had much more time to devote to it.

As a child, Mary said she wrote stories and poetry. Her first novel was entitled 'Harrison's Way' and the narrative was very much based on her mother's life experience.

Mary said she had to learn the art of writing for other people, rather than just for personal pleasure. Mary stressed that our lives are enriched by reading. Reading takes us to places to which we would not otherwise go. Mary spoke about the process of putting a novel together. This includes developing the plot, which Mary said sometimes changes as the novel develops, and also constructing the characters in the story. Mary said that she has proved the adage that time flies when you are enjoying what you do, in her case, writing books.

How to get started in writing a book? Mary said that in her case it starts with an idea, often sparked by something she has observed—a unused railway for example, and develops from there. Mary likes writing detective novels, for which she said a vivid imagination is required. Observing people helps also and keeping the narrative light-hearted is an advantage. Mary writes in short bursts, rather than long sessions in front of the computer.

Getting a book accepted for publishing by a major publisher is not easy and rejection is extremely disappointing and deflating, particularly if an author has put considerable effort into a book and feels it is worthy of publication. Mary said she has suffered the pain of rejection and consequently now self-publishes her books, using a printer in Queensland.

A selection of Mary's books were on display for perusal and purchase at the conclusion of the club meeting.

# **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2020-2021**

worker of mine.

Sushil Kumar Gupta, of the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest, Delhi, India, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International for 2020-21. Gupta wants to increase Rotary's humanitarian impact as well as the diversity of its membership.

"As individuals, we can only do so much," Gupta said in a statement. "But when 1.2 million Rotarians work together, there is no limit to what we can achieve, and in the process, we can truly change the world."



### AND FINALLY.....

She asked if I knew what the chirping was for. My daughter went to a Mexican fast food outlet and I explained that it signals blind people when the light is ordered a taco. green. She asked the person behind the counter for 'minimal Appalled, she responded, "What on earth are blind lettuce.' people doing driving?!" He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg She is a government employee..... lettuce. When my wife and I arrived at a car dealership to I was at the airport, checking in at the gate when an pick up our car after a service, we were told the keys airport employee asked, had been locked in it. "Has anyone put anything in your baggage without We went to the service department and found a meyour knowledge?" chanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side To which I replied, "If it was without my knowledge, door. how would I know?" As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively He smiled knowingly and nodded, "That's why we tried the door handle and discovered that it was unask." locked. The pedestrian light on the corner chirps when it's safe 'Hey," I announced to the technician, "Its open!" to cross the street. His reply, "I know. I've already done that side." I was crossing with an 'intellectually challenged' co-

# 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

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Community & Service Projects (Funding): Director: Graeme LeFevre.

Public Image: Director: Glenda Iles.

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Youth Projects: Director: Lance Pfeffer.

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