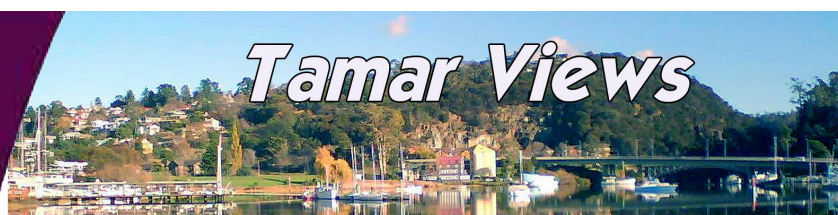


Club Meetings:
Thursday for fellowship at
6pm followed by Dinner at
6:30pm

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

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Weekly Bulletin



Rotary
Club of South Launceston



Club meetings have been suspended indefinitely due to the Coronavirus.

PRESIDENT HARRY'S NOTES



Hello Rotarians,

In these uncertain times, I hope that you're all coping well, and finding time to reconnect with yourself, distant friends and your families.

As each day passes, there appears to be further restrictions by the government, all with the aim to keep as many of us as healthy as possible. The world is in lock down. It is more important than ever to connect with your family and friends - for most the telephone should be ringing hot. All of us find happiness when we think people care about us and are thinking about us.

If you are in self isolation, then find a hobby or learn a new skill to keep busy. For me I'm finding joy in properly straightening out the garden, dusting off the piano and watching meteorology 'for dummies' videos.

If you have time and an interest where you can contribute to the newsletter then please let Ian know.

These days a week is a long time!

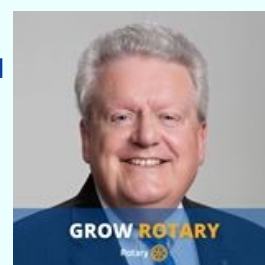
President Harry.

MESSAGE FROM ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT MARK MALONEY

The health and safety of our members are our top priorities. We are closely monitoring the outbreak of COVID-19 (coronavirus disease) and continuously assessing its potential impact on our operations, meetings, trainings, and other events.

I encourage you, as leaders in your community, to provide whatever assistance your community needs at this time. Contact your local health authorities to learn what your Rotary club can do to help prepare for and respond to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Please accept my best wishes for the health and safety of your family and of all the members of the Rotary family in your area.





31st March—Paul Fitzpatrick.

DOBBERS NEEDED!

It has been suggested that we operate a fine session in the bulletin each week until we are able to return to club meetings. As most of you are spending time at home, the opportunity for misdemeanours is limited, as is the opportunity of catching out your fellow Rotarians. We probably will need to rely on quite a deal of self-dobbing! Send me your confessions and the sergeant will catch up with you later.

PEOPLE NEWS.

Brian Howard is managing his health condition quite well and was able to attend Max Watkins' funeral service, as was **Geoff Lean**. Geoff is able to get out occasionally (not at the moment I guess) in spite of his mobility problems.

Lance Pfeffer also attended Max Watkins' funeral service. He is enjoying his involvement with the Passport Club.

Terry Crawford and **Cheryl** are currently in Melbourne. Cheryl has had surgery there and is making slow progress. She will be in hospital for about ten days. She is not able to return to Tasmania for three weeks. On arrival, she and Terry will have to submit to two weeks quarantine.

Les Baxter has left Tasmanian Alkaloids and has set up his own business. He has enough work to keep him busy at present and **Barbara** is continuing to work at Bunnings.

Gaylene Baker is still able to work, but her contact with clients is restricted to phone conversations.

Judith King is self-isolating at home, caring for about 100 animals and her 3.5 acre property. She is keeping in contact with **Neville**, who is struggling to cope with the current situation.

EXCHANGE STUDENT JOHNNY CHEN

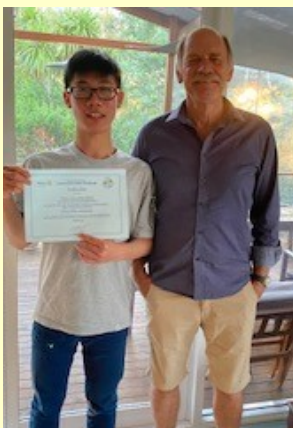
Merilyn Briggs reports: Johnny arrived in Tasmania last August, from Taiwan. He was to be here on a one year education visa, studying at Launceston College, through the District 9830 Rotary Youth Exchange Program. For the first seven months he was hosted by the Rotary Club of Tamar Sunrise. Early in March Johnny transitioned to the Rotary Club of South Launceston for the rest of his year.

Johnny moved in with Dale Luck several weeks ago, for the last part of his exchange. The plan was for Johnny to spend time between Dale's and Glenda's homes, until he returned to Taiwan in July.

Because of the global concerns for the Covid-19, Johnny's parents asked for him to return home. He left this past Sunday, feeling sad, not to be able to complete his exchange year.

Even though Johnny was unable to attend our Rotary meeting, he and Dale were able to build on Johnny's great experiences in the north of the state.

Johnny has been a wonderful advocate for the exchange program, with his English improving considerably. This was one of his aims in applying to the program. What a delightful young man he has been.



Jonny receiving his Exchange Certificate.



< Entertaining guests at a dinner party.

Preparing dessert at Anna's home. v



Cooking his farewell dinner.

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Going home.



From Rotarian Di Butler:

I know that you are all very busy, trying desperately to sort your lives, your futures, families, work and businesses now whilst maintaining the necessary social distancing to self-isolation rules, which are imperative to prevent the spread of COVID -19.

As you are all aware, I am a registered nurse and work in the role as After-Hours Nurse Manager at the Launceston General Hospital. In my role, I am the overall site manager of the hospital. I care greatly for our staff. It is the doctors and nurses who will save your lives or the life of your loved ones. I am now on call 24/7 working with them all. We are all committing ourselves to you and are privileged to be able to do this for you all.

I am currently developing a newsletter with Elisha Summers our graphic designer. This newsletter will keep you all up to date with what is happening to our people both in Tarime and here. I am also very active on social media, both individually and with Care for Africa. I have a strong presence with Facebook, LinkedIn and Instagram.

If anyone has any ideas or would like to write something for our newsletter please let me know, I welcome all your wonderful thoughts, support and happenings.

It is important that we keep Care for Africa alive. Our people are in our hearts and deserve the best of what we can give them. Last night we held a board meeting. Our board is committed to our people and the future of Care for Africa, for which I am incredibly grateful for and in appreciation of. Our board will continue to meet via teleconference, which has been set up through Zoom.

Tanzania has closed its borders. Twelve cases are now confirmed in Tanzania. More than 2,000 COVID -19 cases have now been confirmed in Africa.

I am in discussion with Abdallah, the Care for Africa Coordinator in Tanzania, to set up the Bisarwi women to make masks for the Tanzanian Government's hospitals and health facilities.

We are hoping to complete "Jo's House of Love." If we are able to this will provide a safe haven for many of the women and children, in particular those that will have no home or family.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for working with me to set up our integrated program of water (and sanitation), health, education and enterprise. The people that we have set this up with, will hopefully have a chance of surviving this pandemic if they adhere to the social distancing rules. This model creates sustainability because it is driven from the people, enables self-reliance, dignity, and has positive and lasting impact with every community member that it reaches.

Thank you enabling this vital program. This program, your program, will hopefully save many lives in our Tarime communities during this COVID -19 pandemic.

Abdallah and his family are well. They are totally aware and understand the short term and long-term consequences of this dire COVID -19 situation. Johari, Safina and Diana have chosen to self-isolate at our wonderful centre. Abdallah only leaves the centre to collect essential supplies for his family and keep an eye on our community people and their needs. I am in constant contact with Abdallah and consequently our people in Tarime.

As a result of COVID-19, much of the fundraising has been suspended. Donations are desperately needed to support the wage of Abdullah—\$12,500 is needed. If you can help, go to www.careforafrica.org.au and click on 'Donate Today'.

AND FINALLY..... SIGNS OF THE TIMES!



Andrew Whitehead has discovered that, as a result of the toilet paper fiasco, the pandemic has been dubbed the Caroma Virus!

ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH LAUNCESTON
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57th Year of Rotary Service

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