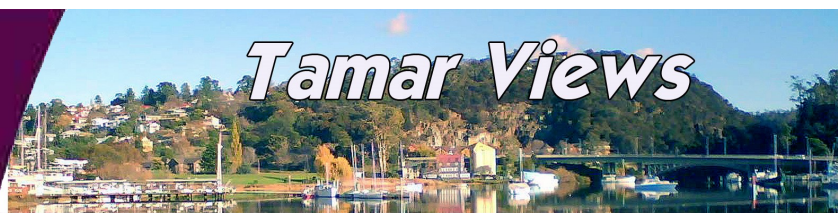


Club Meetings:
Thursday for fellowship at
6pm followed by Dinner at
6:30pm

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

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May
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Weekly Bulletin



Rotary
Club of South Launceston



Next Zoom meeting is planned for 28th May.

PRESIDENT HARRY'S NOTES



Welcome Rotarians.

We ventured into cyber space and held a video club meeting last Thursday. Thank you to the 21 members who logged in and a particular thank you to Rotarian (good) Les for the technology to make it happen.

It was evident that members were not novices to video (Zoom) meetings with most well stocked with finger food and a beverage. The meeting not only was a social occasion, to re-connect members, but allowed members to voice opinion on two important matters - member subscriptions for 2020-21 and a donations strategy in this COVID 19 environment. Thank you to all members at the meeting for voting - a strong opinion was expressed which will be considered by the board in determining a decision.

It was very evident that the video meeting was a success. So much so that members were seeking video meetings each fortnight.

Please note in your diaries a club meeting for 6.45pm Thursday 28 May. More details in next week's newsletter.

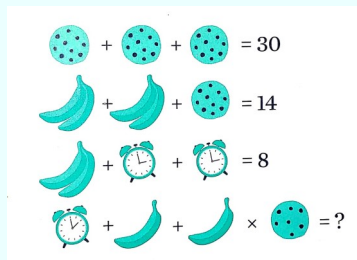
Below are the puzzles for this week. (I'm reading 'Numberland' a book on mathematics - strange eh for an engineer. I promise next week will be substantially different for those who dislike numbers.)

Bye until next week. Don't forget to make those 2 calls to members to find out how they are going. And note Thursday 28 May in your diary.

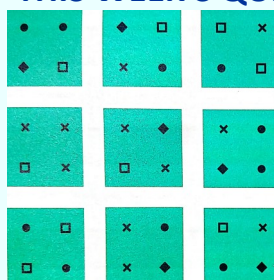
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THIS WEEK'S QUIZ.

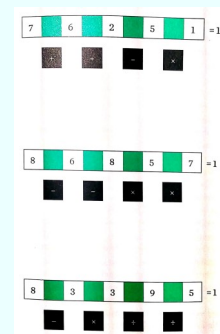
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2. Arrange a 3 by 3 grid so that the adjacent tiles show the same symbols along their touching edges. The tiles are all the right way up (i.e. no rotating) and the top left is in the correct location.

3. Between the numbers place one of the mathematics operations (+×÷-) to get the answer shown. You can only use the 4 operations shown.



18th May—Mary Whitehead.
19th May—Geoff Iles.



24th May—Andrea Bartholemew—2 years.

LAST WEEK'S ZOOM MEETING.

President Harry:

Introduced and thanked Club Service Director Les Baxter who gave a run down on how to use and get the best out of the zoom format, and overcome the inevitable start-up problems in the easiest way.

From the board meeting last week, a few matters were brought forward to this meeting :

The club's donation of \$10,000 to **BlazeAid** for the January bushfires is proceeding. A suitable handover is being arranged. In addition to the \$10,000, Graeme Le Fevre has received an extra donation of \$1,000 from an anonymous donor.

Longford Blooms: Following various items of correspondence between our club and them, it has been decided that our club will not be having any further involvement in this event.

A lot of requests have come in for donations – this is listed for discussion later.

A thank-you letter has been received from Casey Holmes, who was one of the recipients of our club's school bursaries to Queechy High School.

An application has been received from a potential member – it will be dealt with when we are able to do so.

The board discussed the matter of member fees and it will be raised later in this meeting.

Donations:

The board has received many requests for donations recently, particularly from club reserves to COVID related causes, be they local, national or international. The matter of Rotarians making personal donations to charities was also advocated, considering members

have not had to pay dinner fees over the past few weeks. In order to assist the

board, a survey of members' opinions regarding donations was taken during the meeting. Les Baxter is to collate and report back to the board.

Membership Fees:

A discussion was held on options to deal with membership fees next year, given the inability to meet during this period. The total cost of member dues the club has to pay are \$263 per member.

Membership fees are currently \$210 per member.

Options presented were 1. To keep fees at the current level, 2. To increase them by CPI, or 3. To raise them by slightly more than CPI.

Other options were 1. Paying fees in instalments, 2. Voluntary payment of the full amount, and 3. The giving of discounts in the case of hardship. It was noted that RI's position is not to give any refunds due to COVID.

A survey of those present on these various fee options was taken and Les Baxter will collate the results and present them to the next meeting of the board.

Lara Alexander, Ian Smith:

Lara and Ian both gave a summary of the funding problems which charities are facing at this time due to the Virus. It is having an impact of their ability to both raise funds and provide services.

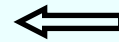
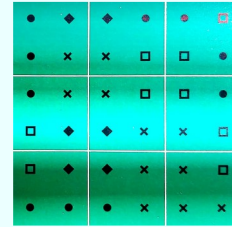


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3. Order: $-x++$; $x-x-$; $\div--\div x$



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LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER.

The guest speaker at last week's Zoom meeting was our own Nick Butler. Nick gave us part one of a Powerpoint presentation of his trip to Russia last year. He travelled with his daughter and some friends.

His trip suffered a slight delay when he arrived in Sydney and discovered he'd brought the wrong passport!

He travelled to Moscow via Seoul and Helsinki. He was there for a month—tourist visas are issued for 30 days only.

The first day in Moscow was a public holiday—Red Square was awash with garlic sausage and vodka. He visited an historical building which is now a very large shopping centre featuring men on trikes selling ice cream.



Nick and his friends visited St Basil's cathedral, which was absolutely spectacular, Nick said. Each dome is a separate room and is lavishly decorated. The party also visited the State Historical Museum and the Kremlin Museum. They were even more lavishly decorated—each door and ceiling different. There was an abundant display of wealth—large jewels, a gold covered bible, a large gold and silver meat tray and a seven foot diameter globe which predated Australia and New Zealand.. One ceiling featured the czars' family tree. There were also stone carving displays. At the end of the day, Nick said he was suffering from cultural overload!

Nick's party then travelled by train to southern Siberia and the Altai mountain area to begin an 11 day, 1,100 km walk. The train passed through pastureland and over a number of rivers—the River Ob was massive. They passed red currant, silver birch and pine plantations.

The walk experience was similar to bushwalks in Tasmania, Nick said. The Belukha mountains were snow-capped and straddle the border with Kazakhstan. They required permits to visit the area. People ride the trails on horseback as well as walking them. They swam in one lake, but found the water a trifle chilly! They were awoken one morning by a rocket, which turned out to be a Chinese ICBM test. They passed through some quite



spectacular scenery, which changed constantly with volcanic rocks and waterfalls encountered. They also passed many lakes, often snow-fed and strikingly blue—some with amazing reflections. Nick said that the food provided to the walkers was not exciting—mostly canned meat and fish. They encountered a stone labyrinth and prayer poles were a feature at the top of passes. River crossings varied from wobbly suspension bridges to single logs and ferries.

In one area, blue Aquilegia flowers were in abundance.

We will look forward to part two of Nick's account of his trip.

AND FINALLY.....QUOTABLE QUOTES:

There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about.

Oscar Wilde.

My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Occasionally, she stops to take a breath. **Jimmy Durante.**

I never hated a man enough to give him his diamonds back. **Zsa Zsa Gabor.**

The secret of staying young is live honestly, eat slowly and lie about your age. **Lucille Ball.**

I never drink water because of the disgusting things fish do in it. **W.C. Fields.**

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending and having the two as close together as possible. **George Burns.**

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