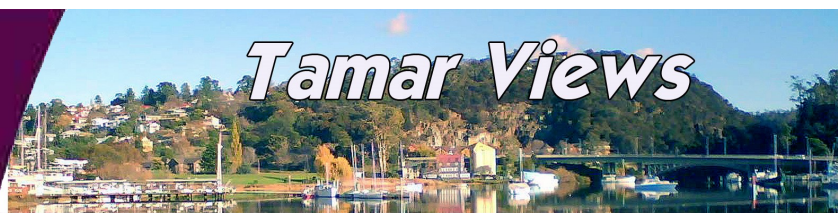


Club Meetings:
Thursday for fellowship at
6pm followed by Dinner at
6:30pm

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

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Weekly Bulletin



Rotary
Club of South Launceston



Next Zoom meeting - 11th June

PRESIDENT HARRY'S NOTES



Welcome Rotarians.

Thank you to the 20 or so that linked in to the zoom Club meeting on Thursday (and a thank you again to Rotarian Les Baxter for setting up the technology).

At the meeting we were able to present a cheque for \$10,000 to BlazeAid for the continuation of fencing replacement following last season's bush fires on the mainland. BlazeAid's Debbie Buttler was also our guest speaker, who told us the history and current work of the BlazeAid not-for-profit group. A special mention must go out to an acquaintance of Rotarian Graeme LeFevre, who had made a personal and confidential donation of \$1,000 to BlazeAid.

Last week I mentioned the resignation of Rotarians Graham Gough and Gaylene Baker - I overlooked recognising their respective membership as Rotarians - ten years for Rotarian Graham and one year for Rotarian Gaylene. As previously mentioned, we wish them the best for their futures and would welcome both back if circumstances permit.

The membership numbers of our club are now 36 full members and 8 honorary members.

As mentioned at the meeting, the board has set the membership fees for FY2020-21 at \$263. The survey of members two weeks ago provided overwhelming support to eliminate the \$40 subsidy previously applied. Invoices will be sent in the next week or so. Members can elect to pay their membership by installments - speak to Treasurer Steve and the arrangements will be made.

Pencil in your diaries our next zoom club meeting for Thursday 11 June beginning at 6.30pm. I expect we will have Rotarian Nic Butler as the guest speaker on the next phase of his Russian trip.

Please find below the quiz for this week. Hopefully less alienating for those who dislike numbers.

All the best for the next week.

President Harry.

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

1. Mechanical Alarm Clock

You have a traditional alarm clock and decide to sleep in tomorrow morning. You set it to ring at 10 and you go to bed at 9pm. How long do you sleep for?

2. Logical Series

Complete this logical series - ottffss

3. Nine points

Draw a nine point grid (ie 3 dots across and 3 dots down grid). How can you join these nine points by

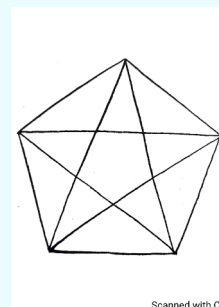
drawing four straight lines without lifting your hand?

4. Count the triangles

How many triangles are there?

5. Five lines

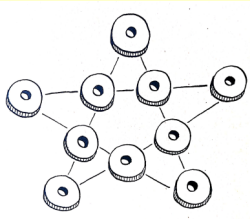
Find 10 coins of the same denomination and arrange into five lines, each made up of 4 coins. (Note: try it before looking at the answer - not easy.)



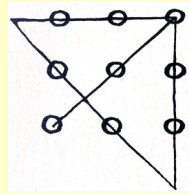
Happy Birthday!

5th June—Paul Swiatkowski
6th June—Shirley Preece

QUIZ ANSWERS



4. In total there are 35 triangles.
5.



1. 1 hour
2. entz (12345678910)
3.

PEOPLE NEWS.

Craig Mitchell is progressing well after his back surgery. His kids are all O.K. scattered in NSW, Queensland and the ACT.

Josh and Karen DeGroot are enjoying life in Inverloch, Vic. Josh is into surfing and fishing. Karen goes to Melbourne once a week for family duties. They have joined the Inverloch Rotary Club. They are renting a house while their new house is being built. Josh says that the vegie patch is finished. Koalas and kangaroos are frequent visitors. They cancelled their Queensland trip, due to the COVID 19 restrictions.

Rosemary Dixon is well and still involved with the guiding movement. Her son Scott is living with her at present, having recently moved back to Launceston from the mainland.

LAST WEEK'S ZOOM MEETING.

President Harry:

Noted that resignations have been received from Graeme Gough and Gaylene Baker. Graeme has resigned for personal reasons and Gaylene is returning to the North West Coast to live following the sad death of her father recently.

Harry has the cheque for BlazeAid for \$10,000 from the club and \$1,000 from the anonymous donor through Graeme Le Fevre. They were presented virtually to the guest speaker later in the meeting.

The board meeting last week determined that:

1. Subscriptions would be set at \$263 for 2020-21, but members can pay by instalments if desired, and, importantly, can talk to Treasurer Steve about possible discounts on the basis of financial hardship. This would be on a strictly confidential basis to preserve privacy.
2. COVID donations were decided to be made on a predominantly local basis. Recipients would be determined, based on recommendations from the appropriate director – Nic Butler.

Treasurer Steve Gordon:

Gave a quick overview on the board's reasoning for the subscription amount.

Wayne Higgs:

Spoke about the need for all of us to be careful in the light of restrictions being lifted in regard to COVID.

Kevin Preece:

Expressed his congratulations on the work done over the years by BlazeAid.

Merilyn Briggs

Spoke about the importance of members approaching the Treasurer in the circumstance of financial hardship when paying subs.

Ian Smith:

Noted that volunteering in the medium future for people over 65 will be a bit problematic, and we should be mindful of this.

Craig Mitchell:

Advised that he is getting a lot of queries for sheep manure, but is telling customers that it will be some time before we can get more.

Dale Luck:

Noted that it might be good for members to make use of the relaxing restrictions (bearing in mind what Wayne said) and go out for a meal in small groups with other club members.



LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER.



Last week's guest speaker was Debbie Buttler from BlazeAid. Debbie joined our zoom meeting from her home in Kilmore, Victoria.

She firstly thanked the club for its donation of \$10,000, plus the private donation of \$1,000 facilitated by Graeme LeFevre.

Debbie said that BlazeAid started in Victoria in 2009 following the Black Saturday bushfires there, but has now spread its operations to all states of Australia. It mainly repairs fences destroyed by bushfire, floods and cyclones, but also assists affected farmers in other ways as well, including paying attention to their mental health.

The organisation now draws volunteers from all over Australia. The average age of volunteers is 65 years—it provides a valuable avenue of service for retirees.

Where an area needs the services of BlazeAid, camps are set up. Most volunteers provide their own accommodation, but BlazeAid now provides accommodation facilities for volunteers who don't have their own, for example, backpackers who want to help.

Debbie said that BlazeAid responds to request for help from farmers. They try to support local communities by buying the materials they need locally. BlazeAid now has combat ready trailers which can be deployed rapidly, halving response and repair times.

In the eleven years of its operation, BlazeAid has repaired 12,000 km of fencing—enough to stretch right around Australia, valued at \$50 million. Debbie says it cost \$15,000 per week to keep a camp going. It currently has 20 camps around the country.

BlazeAid, apart from government support in Victoria and NSW, receives little government financial aid. It relies on donations from the public and corporate sponsorship.

As mentioned, volunteers cover their own transport and accommodation costs, but BlazeAid provides all the materials needed in its recovery programs.

Volunteers may offer one day's work or be committed for weeks at a time.

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A businessman who needed millions of dollars to clinch an important deal went to church to pray for the money.

By chance he knelt next to a man who was praying for \$100 to pay an urgent debt.

The businessman took out his wallet and pressed \$100 into the other man's hand.

Overjoyed, the man got up and left the church.

The businessman then closed his eyes and prayed, "And now, Lord, that I have your undivided attention...."

A young executive was leaving the office late one evening, when he finds the CEO standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand. "Listen," said the CEO, "this is a very sensitive and important document here, and my secretary has gone for the night. Can you make this thing work for me?"

"Certainly," the young executive says.

He turns the machine on, inserts the paper, and presses the start button.

"Excellent, excellent!" says the CEO as his paper disappeared inside the machine. "I just need one copy."

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