

NOTE! THIS WEEK.—25th March: Normal club meeting at Grand Chancellor Hotel. Guest Speaker: Tim Chugg. Principal. Giant Steps School, Deloraine. Next week—1st April: De-brief on Glover catering & Friendship Ball.

PRESIDENT HARRY'S NOTES.



Hello Rotarians.

Thank you to those that attended the Group 4/5 Forum last Wednesday at the Launceston Golf Club. The venue appeared full with healthy representation from the northern Rotary Clubs. The evening covered topics ranging from retaining/increasing membership, process for international grants to special projects of individual clubs. All subjects were of interest to all Rotarians.

March continues to be busy for the SLRC. This week we volunteered as traffic wardens at the MRC Harmony Day and a BBQ for the Grand Opening of Workwear in Kings Meadows. Thank you again you those who have given up their time. The coming week is seeking help to erect a shed at the Migrant Resource Centre

The debrief on the Friendship Ball and the Glover Opening Night was proposed for this Thursday - however bills and costs are still being finalised and therefore the debriefing will be more meaningful if we delay by one week until Thursday 1 April (yes April Fools Day!!). This night will also be a post-mortem on the Glover event so that we can identify improvements for next year.

Last Monday the Board held a meeting and I will summarise key decisions/actions at this Thursday's dinner meeting. That said, we accepted a resignation from Troy Reid and wished Troy all the best for his future.

President Harry

APOLOGIES BY 10.30am TUESDAY TO TERRY CRAWFORD 63447033 or 0417 366 531 (If not received by then, an invoice will be issued)

COMING EVENTS

Sheep Poo Collection Possible mid-week date T.B.A

Tasmania District Conference Launceston Conference Centre (Door of Hope Church) 26th-28th March.



CLUB DUTIES

DATE	25TH MARCH	1ST APRIL	8TH APRIL
ATTENDANCE	GRAEME LEFEVRE	DALE LUCK	ANNA MCGRANE
WELCOME	CATHERINE QUARRELL	IAN SMITH	PETER STEARNES
CHAIRPERSON	BRIAN BEARDWOOD	MERRILYN BRIGGS	DI BUTLER
THANKS	BERNADETTE ETCHETAMA	SUE FAULKNER	PAUL FITZPATRICK

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



21st March—Diana Butler. 22nd March—Krista Preece. 23rd March—Sharon Galea.

ONLY IN AUSTRALIA!

She's a happy little vegemite. Chuck a U-ey. A sheep short in the top paddock. He lives in Woop Woop mate.

OUR CLUB—SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES.

Membership: 35

Dinner Meetings: Thursdays 6 for 6.30pm at Launceston Grand Chancellor

(4th Thursday is a vocational visit or offsite social event broaden to include members, partners/family and Friends of Rotary).

Club Sponsored Community Service and Fund Raising Activities - 2020-2021

Volunteering for Vinnies Food Van (12 members/partners covering average 1 night per week) Help our Neighbours Program (assisting clients referred by charitable organisations - i.e. St Vincent de Paul or City Mission or Salvation Army - in household chores beyond capability of client. i.e. clean up, access ramps, security fencing etc).

Friendship Ball (proceeds shared between Care for Africa and for 2021 JLT Empowering Youth).

Migrant Resource Centre (erection of garage at Mowbray community centre plus traffic marshals on Harmony Day 19 March).

Glover Art Prize Official Opening Night Event (food and drink catering for event. Previously organised by Evandale Rotary Club - 300+ clients served with over 3,000 items of hors d'oeuvres).

Red Hot Summer Festival (Launceston Casino Country Club music festival - keeping public conveniences clean and working order - 2 days per year)

Sheep Poo Collection (pulverising, bagging and delivery of aged sheep poo as a garden fertilizer - 500 bags + per year).



FRIENDSHIP BALL PHOTOS.



PHOTOS FROM RECENT CLUB ACTIVITIES.



BBQ TEAM LAST SATURDAY.



WORK UNDERWAY AT MRC GARAGE.



SCENES FROM THIS YEAR'S SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

DRIVE FOR LIFE GARAGE PROJECT.

Migrant Resource Centre 21 Haig Street Mowbray

Apology : Unfortunately, the supplier has repeatedly delayed delivery of the shed kit which has caused some disruption to our plans and the scheduling of work on this project. The shed is due to arrive on Tuesday 23rd March, therefore (for security reasons and to limit the risk of theft) we need to make a start as soon as possible, consequently, please accept my sincere apologies for the late notice.

If any one is available, I would like to make a start **this Friday 26**th by sorting out components and working out a plan of attack. (Should only need 2/3 people other than me.)

Concrete pad footings were poured last Friday so I am hopeful that we can round up say 5 or 6 people for the following day, **Saturday 27**th to commence assembly of the frame.

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What:	Construction/assembly of a steel framed Colorbond Garage.	
When:	Subject to the kit being delivered on the 23 rd	
	Friday 26 th March - to unpack and sort out components - <u>(2 or 3 people)</u>	
	Saturday 27 th March - to begin assembly of the frame - (5 or 6 people)	
Who:	YOU many hands make light work so please come along and pitch in!	
Bring:	Most tools will be on hand but if possible bring	
	Basic builders' tools if you have them, and tin snips, shifters/socket sets etc.	
	Electric and or cordless drills.	
	Electric and or cordless rattler/driver/screwdriver.	
Wear:	Wear: Suitable clothing for outdoor work, think safety & sun smart .	
Smoko & Lunch: Please bring your lunch and something to drink.		
Can you assist?	? Contact: Wayne Higgs M: 0428 617 447 E: big@bigroup.org.au	

GROUP 4/5 FORUM LAST WEEK.

A number of speakers addressed the forum on a variety of Rotary subjects.

The first was District Governor Michael Plunkett. He began by mentioning the Windeward Bound Rotary 100th Anniversary in Australia voyages, which will run from July to December. In the course of the program, the vessel will travel from Hobart up the east coast of Australia.

Michael gave a brief 'state of play' of Rotary Clubs in Tasmania. Some, he said are plagued by internal division, with older, long-standing members happy for the status quo to continue and newer members wanting to do things differently. Michael also said that many clubs face the challenge of an ageing membership. They must take a hard look at where their club will be in ten years time when most of the older members will be gone from the club. Michael said that the average age of a Tasmanian Rotarian is over 70 years.

Michael was glad to see clubs starting events again after the Covid restrictions. Clubs involvement in International Women's Day was one example.

The next speaker was Jodie Lowe, the District Membership Director. She said that DG Michael Plunkett was happy to continue his predecessor emphasis of Welcomed, Respected and Valued. It is important, Jodie said that members are encouraged to present ideas without negative reactions. Rotarians' families need to be recognized and valued. Recruitment of new members is important, but the retention of existing members is more important. Many Rotarians resign within two years of joining. Rotary clubs and Rotarians must encourage innovation and support change makers.

Jodie highlighted the Rotary International Action Plan 2020-2024, the main priorities of which are 1. Increase our Impact. 2. Expand our Reach. 3. Enhance Participant Engagement. 4. Increase our Ability to Adapt (to the community's changing needs.)

President Eve Gibbons gave a brief summary of the activities of her club—Tamar Sunrise. Eve said that Covid caused the cancellation of their main fundraiser—Carols by Candlelight. The club then turned to providing hands-on service to the community, including preparing meals for people in lockdown and assisting school students with in-home learning. Members of the club found the meaningful acts of service they performed very rewarding and they had fun in the process. Eve said that membership of their club has grown by one third in the last year.

Ros Tierney, the District International Service Director spoke next. She quoted the African principle of Ubutu we are only human through the humanity of others. Rotary's international service promotes core values of friendship, integrity, diversity, service and leadership. Ros recognized the international service projects that clubs in Tasmania had engaged in and supported, including our club's projects in Fiji and our support for Care for Africa. John Carswell from the Central Launceston club encouraged clubs to support their club's project to accelerate the water-bore provision program of Care for Africa to enable more bores to be installed more quickly. Many women in Africa spend most of their time carting water, sometimes over quite long distances. The final speaker was Past District Governor John Dare who talked about the Rotary Tasmania Community Care Program. This initiative was only started about twelve months ago. Its aim is to improve the health of rural Tasmanians. Its first major project was to obtain and fit out two former Metro Tasmania buses as mobile health hubs to be operated by the Royal Flying Doctor Service. The premier donated the buses and a \$100,000 grant was secured from the federal government. An additional \$60,000 was required to complete the project and this sum was raised from industry and the community. John said the program does not expect Rotary clubs to fund its projects—they can contribute if they wish, but the main target for fundraising for future projects will be industry.

The program is currently working with 'Are you Bogged Mate?', 'Rural Alive and Well' and 'Tasmanian Women in Agriculture' to help people in rural areas with mental health issues.

John said that last year in Tasmania there were 119 deaths by suicide, compared to 78 the previous year. The Tasmanian suicide rate is the second highest in the country after the Northern Territory, so addressing mental health issues is a matter of urgency.

AND FINALLY What does a house wear? A dress. What did the coffee report to the police? A mugging. What is the preferred food of runners? Fast food. Why were they called the Dark Ages. Because there were lots of Knights.	Why don't eggs tell jokes? They'd crack each other up. What kind of haircuts do bees get? Buzzcuts. What is more important than a talking parrot? A spelling bee! Why was the broom running late? He over-swept! How does the moon cut his hair? Eclipse it!
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ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH LAUNCESTON Officers and Duties 2020-2021

ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH LAUNCESTON

Club Chartered March 17 1962 with 23 members 58th Year of Rotary Service

Thursday Meeting Hotel Grand Chancellor 29 Cameron St, Launceston 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

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