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

Location: Hotel Grand Chancellor, 29 Cameron Street, Launceston, Tasmania 12th August 2021



Weekly Bulletin





This week's Guest Speaker: Will Smith, JCP Youth

PRESIDENT LARA'S NOTES



Hello Rotarians

I would like to share with you this week some of the information I have learned about our current International Rotary President, Shekhar Mehta, a well accomplished Rotarian who lives in Kolkata, India, with his lovely wife, Rashi. A member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, Shektar has been a Rotarian since 1985. He trained as an accountant and is a director of the India arm of *Operation Eyesight Universal*, a Canada-based nonprofit focused on preventing avoidable blindness. He helped establish more than 15 eye hospitals, in several Indian states, that together carry out nearly 50,000 surgeries each year.

Shekhar started *Saving Little Hearts*, a project that has facilitated more than 2,500 heart surgeries for children from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, and some African countries which is now an India-wide program. And he is also the architect of the *TEACH* program, which aims to do nothing less than end illiteracy in India!

I was impressed with his tremendous amount of work and if you want to know more about our International President, you will find more information on the International Rotary website.

Yours in Rotary

President Lara

COMING EVENTS

19th August

District Governor Visit Heather Chong will be visiting our club

26th August Social Evening

Dinner at Ding Sing Chinese Restaurant, 63-65 York Street Partners and friends welcome to attend

Sheep Manure

TBA

RYPEN

17th - 19th September Woodfield Adventure Park

RYDA

12th - 22nd October Symmons Plains

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

CLUB DUTIES

DATE	12TH AUGUST	19TH AUGUST	26TH AUGUST
ATTENDANCE	BRIAN BEARDWOOD	DI BUTLER	SOCIAL EVENING
WELCOME	HARRY GALEA	STEVE GORDON	DING SING
CHAIRPERSON	KATHY MACQUEEN	CRAIG MITCHELL	YORK STREET
THANKS	KRISTA PREECE	CATHERINE QUARRELL	6.00 FOR 6.30 PM

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

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Lara

Gave an update on the Vinnies Van after the vandalism. Club volunteers are being contacted directly by Vinnies.

Treasurer Terry Crawford

Club dues are almost fully paid – thanks to members.

PP Harry Galea

Carols by Candlelight – we expressed an interest, and so did other clubs. It will now be a greater Launceston Club event. Sandy Astill coordinating. The Passport club is doing the organising. More info to come.

Members Services and Foundation – Les Baxter

Fourth Thursday meeting at Ding Sing Chinese Restaurant, York Street – Terry taking numbers next week.

Community Services - Dale Luck

More Sheep Poo collections to be organised – may be a week day one if enough takers. We have been approached by the Show Society to gauge our interest in the Quercus Park event. We are in discussions with them at the moment.

AND FINALLY.....

What goes up and down but does not move? Stairs

If Cinderella's shoe fit perfectly, then why did it fall off?

So you're staying inside, practicing social distancing and cleaning yourself? Congratulations! You've become a house cat.

How is an English teacher like a judge? They both give out sentences.

LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER

Last week's guest speaker was Karen Enkelaar. Karen's usual job is editing technical books. However, she has recently become an author by publishing a history of the Master Builders Association of Northern Tasmania, which recently celebrated its centenary. Master Builders' Associations in Tasmania were previously organised on a regional basis, but over time, they merged into a state-wide body.

Karen became interested in the history of the Master Builders Association of Northern Tasmania, through contact with Wayne Higgs She was fascinated to read the minutes of the board meetings of the association, spanning almost one hundred years. Karen said that the master builders' associations traditionally looked after the smaller builders, not the large construction firms.



Karen has now produced a book documenting the history of the Master Builders Association in Launceston. The process of completing this narrative involved collecting and perusing many source documents, including board minute books, and newspaper clippings.

As a by-product of the research for the book, these documents have now been classified and lodged with the Tasmanian Archives and Heritage Office in Hobart, where they will be preserved for posterity and available for future generations to access. Karen mentioned that, too often, valuable historical material is discarded by people who don't appreciate or understand its worth.

Another by-product of the book preparation was the production of an honour board, recording the names of the presidents of the association over the years.

Karen said the project opened a new world for her through discovering the names of builders of many of Launceston's significant and historical houses and commercial buildings.

Karen shared what the project meant to her. It was the integrity of the members who, while competing with each other for work, established codes of conduct and assisted on getting legislation covering building standards passed into law. The association has worked with other building groups and the result has been the establishment of a National Building Code. A significant development in Tasmania occurred in the year 2000, when the Tasmanian Building Act was passed, establishing an accreditation process for builders.

The association has been active in lobbying the government to employ local labour in its building projects, rather than importing cheaper labour from the mainland. It also put pressure on the government when it failed to tender locally for important building works, effectively shutting out local firms from such opportunities.

Karen invited those present to read her book in they are interested in the history of building in Tasmania.

ROTARY NEWS

Rotary is dedicated to six areas of focus to build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support our peace efforts and end polio forever. One of these causes is:

Disease Prevention and Treatment

Our health is everything. Yet 400 million people in the world can't afford or don't have access to basic health care. We, as Rotarians, believe good health care is everyone's right.

Our members combat diseases like malaria, HIV/AIDS, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis, diabetes and polio. Prevention is important, which is why we also focus on health education, food plant solutions and bringing people routine hearing, vision and dental care.



ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH LAUNCESTON Officers and Duties 2021-2022

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Club Chartered

March 17 1962 with 23 members 59th Year of Rotary Service

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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

"Of the things we think, say or do:

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?
- **2.** Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- **3.** Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"