

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

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

23rd
September
2021

Tamar Views

Weekly Bulletin



Rotary

Club of South Launceston



This Week: Social Evening
Next Week's Guest Speaker: TBA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello Rotarians

Last week we have listened to a passionate presentation from Madeline Logan about the fantastic work of ROMAC.

I think I am correct in saying, it is very emotional to see how countries do not have borders or barriers when it comes to humanity and helping people in need. How much good work are Rotarians, from Australia, doing for fellow human beings, women, children, and men in the neighboring countries as well as in our own backyard? There is compassion, humanity and respect in what Rotarians do and we should never forget that above all, we need to look after each other.

The 29th of September is *World Heart Day* so remember to be kind to yourself, look after your health. Also, don't forget, our words matter.

I have found a very interesting quote: *"When words come from the heart of anyone, they find a place in the heart of another. But when they come merely from the tongue, they don't go further than the ears."*

Yours in Rotary

President Lara

COMING EVENTS

23RD SEPTEMBER SOCIAL EVENING

Dinner at Toong
Thong Thai
Restaurant in
York Town Square

RYDA

12th - 22nd October
Symmons Plains

28TH OCTOBER SOCIAL EVENING

Paint the Town Red
"A sip and paint
experience"

25TH NOVEMBER SOCIAL EVENING

Launceston Waste
Centre Tour

6.00 pm tour of the
facilities and behind
the scene look led by
the City of
Launceston's Waste
Centre
co-ordinator

Dinner at 7.15 pm
Venue: TBA

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	23RD SEPTEMBER	30TH SEPTEMBER	7TH OCTOBER
ATTENDANCE	SOCIAL EVENING	SUE FAULKNER	PAUL FITZPATRICK
WELCOME	TOONG THONG	JUDITH KING	DALE LUCK
CHAIRPERSON	THAI RESTAURANT	KEVIN PREECE	KRISTA PREECE
THANKS	YORK TOWN SQUARE	ANDREW WHITEHEAD	LES BAXTER

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

24 September -
Steve Gordon



LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Lara

Welcomed Madeline Logan, who is speaking about ROMAC.

Community Service – Dale Luck

Noted that we have been invited to do a breakfast at the Glover Prize weekend in addition to the Cocktail Party. To be considered by the Board.

Friendship Ball – date TBA – late March or early April, depending on the venue.

PP Harry Galea has started proceedings for the first Committee meeting with potential stakeholders.

Fundraising suggestions are welcome from all members, but especially from those who can't attend other events such as sheep manure collection.

PP Craig Mitchell gave an update on the collection from last week – 142 bags, and \$781 raised.

Treasurer Terry Crawford

Took numbers for the social function next week.

Advised that virtually all subs have been paid.

Youth Services – Sue Faulkner

RYDA – we need 6 volunteers for Thursday, 21st October plus a day manager.

A MESSAGE FROM FROM DI SCHWAGERMANN, PRESIDENT, KINGS MEADOWS

The Star Theatre, Invermay will be screening "A Fire Inside" on Sunday, 26th September at 1.15 pm.

Rotarians in the Launceston area are encouraged to come along and support this very worthwhile charity event.

Proceeds will go to supporting Lifeline and the Mark Safaty Memorial Fund.

LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER

Last week's guest speaker was Madeline Logan of the Rotary Club of Launceston, District Chair of ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children). Madeline began her talk by posing the question, "Why ROMAC?" She answered it by saying, "because children suffer."

ROMAC, which is an Australian Rotary program, began in 1987 when an Australian Rotarian, Barry Oliver and his wife went on holiday to Fiji and found a girl who had suffered a serious burning accident. Her head had become fused to her chest. Burning accidents are common in developing countries where kerosene is used for lighting and heating.

The Olivers were determined not to leave Fiji until they could bring the girl to Australia for surgery.

This became possible through the support of the Kangaroo Flat Rotary Club in Victoria.

Since then, Madeline said, over 600 children have been treated in Australia for conditions for which medical interventions were not possible in their home countries.

Surgeons and medical staff give their services free of charge and Rotary covers the cost of bringing the children and support persons, usually parents, to Australia and their accommodation costs while here.

The cost is generally around \$35,000.00 per child.

Madeline pointed out the distinction between ROMAC and a similar Rotary program called Interplast. Interplast sends volunteer medical staff to overseas countries to perform procedures locally, where ROMAC brings children to Australia for treatment. Some countries lack the necessary infrastructure to enable complex medical procedures to be performed locally.

Madeline pointed out that Covid is severely restricting ROMAC operations at present, in that no children can currently come to Australia for treatment. New Zealand has been able to step into the breach in a limited manner by bring children from Covid-free Pacific countries, for example, Tonga, there for treatment. Many children are currently awaiting the chance to come to Australia for treatment and time is of the essence for many of them. Madeline stressed that treatment of children from Pacific countries does in no way affect Australian children's access to treatment.

Children selected for treatment in Australia are medically assessed in their own countries before being approved. However, some are found to have more serious issues once they arrive here than initial assessments indicated.

Madeline summed up by saying that the ROMAC program is all about giving children a chance otherwise denied them. It gives them hope, a future and a community. Sadly, many children with serious and disfiguring medical conditions are shunned and hidden away in their communities.

ROMAC demonstrates that Rotarians really care about these problems and are prepared to do something really practical, and often life-saving, about them. Madeline appealed to us as a club, and as individuals, to strongly support the ROMAC program.



WAYNE'S TRAVELS



Wayne and Rhu have been travelling on the mainland and say the vastness of our great land is hard to comprehend.

In Alice Springs they visited the Transport Hall of Fame. The exhibit is huge and mind blowing for anyone who has any interest in trains, trucks and transport (even Rhu found it interesting).

Max Watkins, a past member, is honoured amongst the 2015 HOF inductees. "When you see the who's who of trucking who have been recognised you understand what an honour was bestowed upon our friend and fellow Rotarian."

The building is not airtight so plenty of the Red Centre finds its way inside. Max wouldn't have been happy with his dusty windscreen so Wayne gave it a clean!



ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH LAUNCESTON
Officers and Duties 2021-2022

**ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH
LAUNCESTON**

Club Chartered

March 17 1962

with 23 members

59th Year of Rotary Service

Thursday Meeting

Hotel Grand Chancellor

29 Cameron St, Launceston

6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

Make-ups & Apologies

Assist-Secretary Terry Crawford

Before 10.30 am Tuesday

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Sheep Manure Project:

Graeme LeFevre

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?"