

This Week's Guest Speaker: Dale Luck Next Week: Paint the Town Red, Cameron Street

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello Rotarians

The week beginning the 11th October is the *Antipoverty Week*. Anti-Poverty Week aims to strengthen public understanding of the causes and consequences of poverty and hardship around the world and in Australia; and to encourage research, discussion and action to address these problems, including action by individuals, communities, organisations and governments.

It is good opportunity for us Rotarians to stand proud that we are part of a global organisation that does so much to eradicate poverty and improve the lives of millions of people. Nearly 800 million people live on less that \$1.90 a day. Through ending polio, promoting peace, fighting diseases, clean water, supporting education, growing local economies and protecting the environment, Rotarians touch so many people. In 2020, The Rotary Foundation spent \$9.2 million to grow local economies and reduce poverty.

When we reflect on the busy year we had and the projects we have assisted, the weekly and monthly community services our Club provides, we can be very proud of our own contribution to the fight against poverty, in our own backyard!

Yours in Rotary

President Lara

COMING EVENTS

RYDA

21st October RCSL members helping at 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	21ST OCTOBER	28TH OCTOBER	4TH NOVEMBER
ATTENDANCE	LES GRANT	NO MEETING	GLENDIA ILES
WELCOME	PHIL NIEJALKE	SIP AND PAINT	JOYCE OGDEN
CHAIRPERSON	PETER STEARNES	THE TOWN RED	PAUL SWIATKOWSKI
THANKS	TERRY CRAWFORD	CAMERON STREET	BERNADETTE ETCHEMA

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

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Lara

We need to nominate a new Club Protection Officer to primarily look after Working with Vulnerable cards. Would any members like to take over from the incumbent, Dale Luck, please?

Club Service – Les Baxter

There are tickets available for Mamma Mia – cost \$46 each. See Les or Glenda. Date: Saturday, 30th October Glenda Iles reminded us that on 28th October we are booked to go to 'Paint and Sip' as a social event. \$45.00 per person

lan Smith – RYDA and The Shoebox Project

Numbers are still short on Tuesday 19th. If anyone can help, please let lan know. The shoebox project is on again this year – lan has a few boxes available. They are due back by the end of October, though.

Community Service – Dale Luck

• There will be a sheep poo collection this Saturday. Need up to 10 members – volunteers names were taken.

• The Tas Fire Service has offered our club the opportunity to host an event for them which involves 300 people per day. over two days - 6th/7th November. Egg and Bacon rolls, sausages, etc.

A big commitment over two days. Given the positive response at the meeting, it was decided to accept the offer. Terry Crawford will coordinate.

• The first Glover Cocktail meeting will be held at the HGC at 5.00 pm for all members of the Community Service Committee on Thursday, 21st October

• Thanks to Harry for attending the setup for RYDA on Sunday last.

• PP Harry also gave a report on the Food Propagation Project – the first meeting of stakeholders has successfully been held.

• PP Harry also gave an update on the Water Bore project in Tanzania, and the progress with making it a District project.

LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER

Last week's guest speaker was Trish Haeusler from Plastic Free Launceston. Trish works as a Project Officer with that organisation and she also works at the Migrant Resource Centre.

Trish said that Plastic Free Launceston was launched in 2017. Fortuitously, the ABC television program, War on Waste with Craig Reucassel was aired at the same time, putting the issues they were wanting to promote prominently before the general public. Plastic-free July was also launched in W.A. around the same time and has since become a global movement.



Trish said that plastic has many advantages – it is lightweight, strong, durable, moldable, waterproof and cheap. The problem with plastic is that it does not break down easily or quickly. Trish described plastic as a conga-line of elements bonded together and most of plastic that has been created still exists.

Plastic breaks up into small pieces – some very small pieces – microplastics, nanoplastics and microfibres, much of it finding its way into waterways. Trish said that it is estimated that by 2050 there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish. Research has shown that 90% of seabirds have plastic in their stomachs. Wildlife are also consuming plastic through their food. 80% of ocean pollution comes from rivers and is therefore generated by humans.

Trish cited the case of Henderson Island, part of the Pitcairn Group, where ocean currents meet. The result is beaches heavily polluted by plastics of all descriptions.

Trish conceded that plastic cannot be eradicated – it has many valuable uses, in medicine for example. What is needed is the reduction of wasteful and unnecessary usage of plastics, particularly in packaging. There are not many alternatives, unfortunately. Materials that are degradable, bio-degradable, compostable at home or commercially are needed.

Trish promoted the slogan – Refuse, Reduce, Replace, Rethink. The Big Four of plastic pollutants are cups – mostly coffee, bottles – mostly water, straws and bags.

Some supermarkets now are developing plastic-free aisles. Natural packaging is being promoted as well as the reduction of plastic wrapping of fruit and vegetables. The use of refills and natural clothing is also being promoted. Unnecessary and excessive packaging is also being targeted, such as individually wrapped confectionary inside outer packaging.

Governments are now treating plastics as pollutants, dealt with similarly to oil spills. Bio-plastics with plant origins are now being promoted.

Trish concluded by promoting the Community Clean-Up Project which will occur on 1st-7th November and will target the Tamar Estuary including rivers.

The plastic-free movement is growing around the world, Trish said, with Plastic-Free South-East Asia, Plastic-Free New Zealand and Plastic-Free Sri Lanka as examples.









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

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"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?"