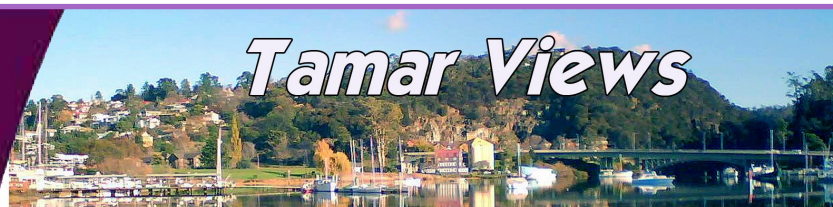


Club Meetings:
Thursday for fellowship at
6pm followed by Dinner at
6:30pm

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

28th
October
2021



Weekly Bulletin

Rotary
Club of South Launceston



**This Week's Social Evening: 'Sip and Paint', Cameron Street
Next Week's Guest Speaker: TBA**

END POLIO NOW

Rotary's goal of ridding the world of polio is within reach, global health experts said during the 2021 [World Polio Day Online Global Update](#) on 24 October. The 30-minute program, "Delivering on our Promise of a Polio-Free World," provided encouraging information about the progress and remaining challenges in the fight to end polio.

So far in 2021, only two cases of wild polio have been reported — the lowest circulation of the disease ever — with one infection each in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the two countries where polio remains endemic.

Dr. Hamid Jafari, director for the World Health Organization's Eastern Mediterranean Region, attributed the low case count to several factors. He said these include mass polio vaccination campaigns resuming after the interruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the natural immunity induced by the wild polio outbreaks of previous years, and the restrictions on travel and population movement that also were due to the pandemic. "This is truly unprecedented that we are seeing this decline simultaneously in the two countries," Jafari said. Jafari also addressed the challenges of political change and security concerns in Afghanistan and explained that the polio program there is used to adapting operationally during uncertainty. "Currently we do see opportunities coming up as well, so that we may have access to all parts of Afghanistan for implementing mass vaccination campaigns," he said.

According to the WHO and UNICEF, nationwide house-to-house polio vaccinations will resume in Afghanistan in early November, providing access to children in areas where campaigns had been banned for the last three years.

"You know with the evolving situation in Afghanistan, it is of course very, very important that we partners maintain our neutrality and impartiality of the polio eradication program," Jafari added. "As always, we will continue to work with all parties."

Niazmand said of Afghanistan, "Rotary and our partners are working with all stakeholders to ensure that polio eradication remains a top priority, even in the midst of change. Work is underway to ensure that children have access to lifesaving polio [vaccines] and other childhood vaccines."

Memon, a Rotary Foundation trustee and chair of the Pakistan PolioPlus Committee, said Rotary continues to build trust with government, community, and religious leaders. "By bringing broader health services to children and families alongside polio vaccinations, we're ensuring better health care and greater vaccine acceptance," he said.

COMING EVENTS

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

AND FUNNILY.....

What will you call a
lethargic joey?

A pouch potato

Why do kangaroo
mothers hate the rainy
season?

*Because their joeys
are stuck playing
Inside*

**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	28TH OCTOBER	4TH NOVEMBER	11TH NOVEMBER
ATTENDANCE	NO MEETING	GLENDA ILES	JUDITH KING
WELCOME	SIP AND PAINT	JOYCE OGDEN	PHIL OGDEN
CHAIRPERSON	THE TOWN RED	PAUL SWIATKOWSKI	ANDREW WHITEHEAD
THANKS	CAMERON STREET	BERNADETTE ETHEMA	PAUL FITZPATRICK

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

LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Lara

Announced to the club that Phil Ogden has offered to be the Club Protection Officer. Thanks Phil!
DG Heather attended the funeral service for Daniel – the homeless person who suffered fatal burns last week.

Secretary Andrea

Andrea now has all the new rectangular badges, and they are now kept in a file available for members each meeting. The old badge box is now for sale.

Treasurer Terry

The recent sheep manure collection grossed \$1540. Well done !

Public Image – Glenda

'Paint the Town Red' is the club social function next week. Maybe meet at the HCG at 6:30 pm.
BYO cheese platter or other nibbles.

Friendship Ball – donations are now needed for the silent auction, or balloon items. Cash or actual items are all welcome. Otherwise, members might like to contact a local business for a donation of goods.

PP Harry

Confirmed that any type of food may be brought into the venue. Drinks are available for purchase there.

Sheep Manure – Craig

There were only 7 people at the last collection, but we got 280 bags in total. Well done!

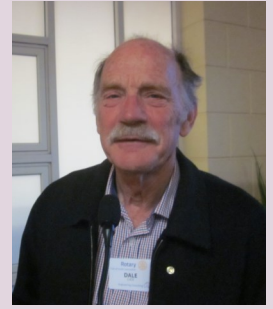
Community Service – Dale

Terry Crawford is organising the Fire Service event on 6th and 7th November.
The first meeting of the Glover Cocktail Party was held earlier in the evening. Reports will be brought back to the club as we progress.

LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER

Last week's guest speaker was Past President Dale Luck.

Dale gave an illustrated account of his recent bushwalking experiences under the heading, 'An Old Man's Wanderings'.



His first experience was walking the 60km Overland Track with four friends in March this year. Dale said that the area is usually dry at that time of the year, but rain started on the day the group left and continued until the day they completed the walk. Consequently, the photos they took feature dull misty rain! It was Dale's first major bushwalk since his early twenties. He explained that walkers are given a comprehensive briefing at Cradle Mountain Visitor Centre before they embark on the track. Their equipment is checked to ensure their tents and supplies are adequate for their walk. They were briefed about the signs of hypothermia – being crabby, stumbling and mumbling.

The walk took six days, 30% of which was on a boardwalk, the rest on rough, rocky and often waterlogged tracks. Walkers carried a sizeable 80kg pack and care had to be taken in turning around, as the wind would quickly throw you off balance. Wet feet and wet clothes soon became part of the experience. After a sleepless night together in a hut due to loud snoring, the party members opted to sleep in individual tents from then on. Dale said he found the bush along the track absolutely magical. Packs should have got lighter as food was consumed, but the packs got progressively wet and therefore ended up heavier. The walkers learned to turn and land on their packs when falling over. The group climbed almost to the top of Mt Ossa, Tasmania's highest mountain, but the presence of ice forced them to abandon the last few metres of climb to the top. The sixth day of the walk provided views of stunning waterfalls at the headwaters of the Mersey River. Dale said that currawongs are proficient in opening zips and stealing food in packs. The packs therefore need to be covered with the waterproof sheets and secured by ties with the pressure plastic fasteners. The currawongs haven't figured out how to open these – yet! Dale said that during the walk they encountered a group on a \$3,000 organised tour, which included a lady dressed in a cocktail outfit complete with jewelry.

Dale then continued his account with details of other walks he had undertaken. He went to Mt Victoria in the state's north-east. It featured snow and quite slippery tracks. Dale's next walk was to Mt Roland, a 950 metre climb and to Minnow Falls which involved a rope descent.



Dale's next walk involved a 25-minute flight to Flinders Island and ascents of Mt Strzelecki and Mt Leventhorpe. Castle Rock is an interesting geographical feature on the island.

Other walks Dale has undertaken recently included one to Mt Elephant on the east coast where Dale encountered leech bites, which involved a considerable loss of blood and a trip to the emergency department of the LGH. Dale has also walked to North Sister near St Marys, Dasher Falls near Railton, Mt Douglas near Buckland, Liffey falls and Stacks Bluff near Ben Lomond. Dale said that bushwalks often feature the presence of eagles, which seem to monitor the walkers for a time and then move on.

Dale generally walks with members of the Boots N All and Launceston Walking Clubs.

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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THE FOUR-WAY TEST

"Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
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