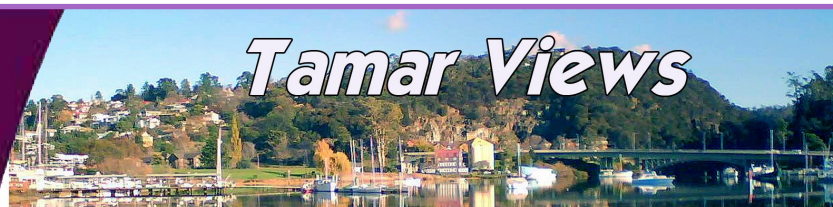


Club Meetings:
Thursday for fellowship at
6pm followed by Dinner at
6:30pm

15th June
2023

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



Weekly Bulletin

Rotary
Club of South Launceston



This Week
Kylie Tune
Reconciliation Tasmania

My Rotary Journey **Phil Ogden**

A professional life of long and irregular hours left me very little opportunity for service to the community but it was always my intention, on retirement, to find an avenue of service as 'pay back' to society. I envisaged that this would probably involve practicing my profession as an overseas volunteer but this proved difficult and, in any case, by then I was fully committed to self building a house, so a year overseas was not really practical. I had already retired to Myrtleford and knew nobody locally when a neighbor, who I had never met, unexpectedly knocked on my door and invited me along to a Rotary meeting. Until then, I was only dimly aware of the Rotary organization from seeing the logo on BBQs and park benches but at that meeting a huge and complex world-wide service organization was revealed and I was very pleased to accept the invitation to join in. It was a decision that I have never regretted, benefiting me on many different levels.

On one level there was the benefit to me of immediate introduction to a local group of like-minded and (very) sociable people who met each week over an evening meal and discussed Rotary business ranging from BBQ's and wood raffles to the world-wide eradication of polio, a stupendous initiative which particularly appealed to me.

On another level there was the sense that, acting as small part of this great organization, I could help to effect change and benefit both local and the wider society in a way that I could never hope to do alone.

I sincerely hope that my Rotary journey will continue and allow me to witness the conclusion of the polio eradication programme. But then, of course, there's still malaria.....

Phil



COMING EVENTS

15th June

Kylie Tune
Volunteer Coordinator
Reconciliation Tasmania

22nd June

TBA

1st July

Changeover Dinner
Stelo @George St.

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	15th June	22nd June	29th June
ATTENDANCE	Terry Crawford	TBA	No Meeting Change over 1st July
WELCOME	Judith King	TBA	No Meeting Change over 1st July
CHAIRPERSON	Les Baxter	TBA	No Meeting Change over 1st July
THANKS	Wayne Higgs	TBA	No Meeting Change over 1st July

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

Notes 8 June 2023

Acting President Dale

Welcomed members on behalf of President Andrea

Noted some of the content from the DG about the RI conference on Melbourne – 67 Tasmanian Rotary members attended, 13000 overall.

A documentary on Windeward Bound will be aired on ABC TV Compass on Sunday evening this coming weekend

Bulletin – PP Glenda

Glenda has had some response from members re their profiles, but still needs more

Due to the high numbers of members away at the moment, Glenda noted that rostered meeting jobs will tend to come around quite quickly for members present

Secretary Sue

Reminded Directors that their reports need to be with Sue by 16th June for publication in the annual Presidents Report

Community Service – PP Dale

The wood which was split for the Friendship Party is still at Sue and John's place. It was suggested that we could have a raffle in the immediate future, with proceeds going to the Party – we could then get another load ready for the November function

Judith's Email

As I briefly mentioned at Rotary recently my husband Neville has been breaking down barriers yet again and what we have found will hopefully help many others.

I need your and Rotary's help now. Can you please share the Go Fund Me link with Neville's story with key people/groups and ask them to share the link as well?

I have shared this information below with the national and international HD communities via FB to let them know what we are trying. I am not asking HD families for donations as I know the constant struggle and poverty they live with.

Asking people for money makes me really uncomfortable so I am asking friends to share the Go Fund Me link with any groups they may be involved with. Neville was a very proud member of South Launceston Rotary Club until his disease prevented attendance. I still read the Rotary newsletter to him every week, so he has Rotary in his heart and is up to date with what our club is doing. So, I am really hoping that Rotary can support the circulation of this Go Fund Me link.

Below is what I have posted on Facebook. Click on the link to see the actual Go Fund Me page.

'We need your help. This post is about my husband Neville who has advanced Late Onset Huntington's Disease. We need to raise funds to help his broken body to communicate. The shorter story is on this Go Fund me link. <https://gofundme.com/f/fund-igaze-support-for-professor-neville-king>

Being over 65 years old Neville does not qualify for the National Disability Insurance Scheme of the Australian Government that funds costs associated with disability. People who have contributed to society all their lives are rejected because of their age but that is a battle for another day. In 2018 Neville received an Officer of the Order of Australia award AO for his services to humanity. Now I need humanity to help him. <https://gofundme.com/f/fund-igaze-support-for-professor-neville-king>
The longer story is to imagine this is happening to you. You have a few symptoms then you are told you have inherited a horrid life-destroying disease. Over time Huntington's Disease ruins your ability to work, socialize, enjoy family, and friends, steals your ability to walk due to being no longer able to coordinate your arms and legs. You are becoming trapped in a non-functioning body.

But you are still aware. Finally, you lose the ability to communicate in any way. You are trapped inside your body unable to move in a purposeful way. People walk past as you slowly become invisible. That is what has happened to my husband Neville and so many others afflicted with Huntington's Disease. It is awful.

I noticed Neville watched me intently via Skype when I read to him. He has control of his eye muscles. There is a technology called eye gaze technology that uses a computer with a laser that follows your eye movements. So started this saga.

Neville's wonderful cousin Lib, a speech pathologist, borrowed this prohibitively expensive equipment, gave her time for free and tested Neville... he demonstrated he could use it. He is the first person with Huntington's Disease in Australia to use eye gaze technology to communicate.



His cousin Lib rang me with her phone on speaker. While talking I heard a male voice say, 'I can speak.' I stopped stunned and asked, 'Neville is that you?' And he replied via computer 'Yes, it is'. The hairs on my arms stood up!

The joy about the possibility of Neville having some quality of life by being able to communicate his needs rather than being locked in his body is indescribable.

I do not like asking others for money so instead I ask you to share this GFM link with groups/people who may be able to show financial assistance for this much needed equipment and ongoing support.

Many thanks to Lib's husband Stuart, an IT guy for setting up <https://gofundme.com/f/fund-igaze-support-for-professor-neville-king> . It is wonderful to have family help.

The project money will be used for:

- Purchase of the initial TD Pilot eye gaze equipment
- Specialist expertise for the instigation of Neville's communication program
- Project research and data collection throughout the case study
- Training for a communication partners support team
- Stipendiary for support team expenses
- ...and as far as possible, additional eye gaze equipment for the HD Tasmania equipment library

Please support this important ground-breaking project. Your generosity will be much appreciated by Neville and others who will benefit from this initiative.

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Hopefully if any Rotarians visit Devonport and call in to see Neville, at Meercroft Nursing Home, he will be able to speak directly with you via computer support. The male voice even has an Aussie accent!

If we are able to get more than one piece of equipment, I will recommend that we start eye/screen computer training early in the Huntington's Disease course and before communication is disrupted. I believe that pre-emptive training will see a lessening of the frustration and despair suffered by people with Huntington's Disease. What has been described as psychosis in HD as people lose their ability to communicate may well just be utter desperation to be heard!

I will be busy with this for the next few weeks and hope to get the equipment and program in place sooner, rather than later.

Many thanks

Jude
0448 980 698

ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH LAUNCESTON

Officers and Duties 2022-2023

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Club Chartered

March 17 1962
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61st 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?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"