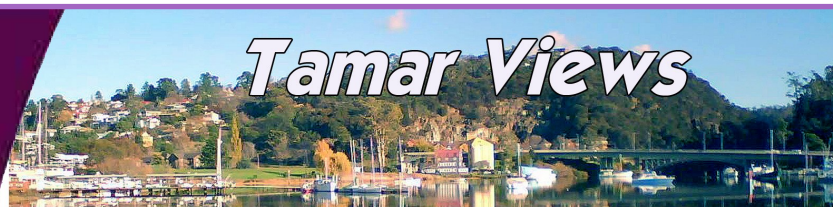


Club Meetings:
Thursday for fellowship at
6pm followed by Dinner at
6:30pm

22nd June
2023

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



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Weekly Bulletin

Rotary

Club of South Launceston



**This Week
NO MEETING**

Presidents Report

Hello Rotarians

I hope you have all had a great week.

Last week our guest speakers were volunteers representing Reconciliation Tasmania, Dr Paul Spillane and Kylie Tune, promoting the yes campaign. They explained what the Voice to Parliament would look like. The necessary changes made to the Constitution to recognise our First Nations peoples, which can only be made by a majority vote in a referendum which was set down by our original constitution of 1901. To pass there will have to be a majority yes vote from all eligible citizens of Australia together with a majority yes vote in each of the six states which prior to federation in 1901 were the six original and independent colonies in Australia. This means to pass, at least four states need to have a majority yes vote. The two territories in Australia being the Northern Territory and the ACT are not counted in the state majority vote. Voting is of course compulsory.

This week we are going to Wang's for our casual night out. 75 George Street in Launceston. 6 for 6.30pm. The banquet is \$40 per head.

There will be no meeting at the Grand Chancellor on Thursday 29 June 2023 as our changeover dinner is on Saturday 1 July 2023 at Stelo at Pierre's 6 for 6.30 pm. We have had a wonderful attendance response to this annual dinner. If you have not already responded, please let Terry know no later than this Friday 23 June 2023. The cost is \$75 per head.

We will return to a new Rotary year on Thursday 6 July 2023 at the Grand Chancellor.

This week we had a resignation from Rotarian Judith King. Judith joined Rotary in April 2015. Judith is leaving as she is heavily involved with raising money for Huntington's Disease. We wish Judith all the best for the future and thank her for her service to the South Launceston Rotary club.

Looking forward to seeing members and partners who are attending Wang's on Thursday.

Yours in Rotary
Andrea Bartholemew
President

COMING EVENTS

22nd June

WANGS Chinese Restaurant

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	22nd June	29th June	1st July
ATTENDANCE	Wangs	NO MEETING	Change over 1st July
WELCOME	Wangs	NO MEETING	Change over 1st July
CHAIRPERSON	Wangs	NO MEETING	Change over 1st July
THANKS	Wangs	NO MEETING	Change over 1st July

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

Notes 15 June 2023

President Andrea

Welcomed members and guests, including PP Harry who has just returned from overseas

Reminded members that next week's meeting will be at the Wang Chinese Restaurant, at 6 for 6.30.

Asked Directors to have reports ready for Sue Faulkner by tomorrow or soon thereafter

Community Service – PP Dale

A meeting was held on the Community Food Project, and it is proceeding – materials to be procured first, but we will be looking for a supervisor for the project.

Another successful water bore was achieved in Tarime – that brings us up to 7 now.

Funding is being sought for further bores as per our programme.



Last week's guest speaker was Dr Paul Spillane from Reconciliation Tasmania. He was accompanied by Kylie Tune, also from Reconciliation Tasmania.

Dr Paul is a volunteer with the organisation and Kylie is a volunteer coordinator. Both have worked in the Northern Territory, Paul as an emergency specialist doctor and Kylie as a nurse. Their experience in the Northern Territory gave them hands-on experience in dealing with aboriginal issues.

Dr Paul began by asking how many present had close contacts with aboriginal people, how many could say they were familiar with aboriginal history and how many have read the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

Dr Paul said that Reconciliation Tasmania supports the Uluru Statement and the referendum on the Voice to Parliament, but definitely does not want to dictate how people vote. However, the organisation will be active in providing information promoting the 'Yes' vote. The Australian Constitution was approved at Federation in 1901 and is a document that reflects its time. Federation was a difficult process to achieve agreement amongst six colonies to come together as one nation. Western Australia nearly opted not to join. The constitution also had to be signed by Queen Victoria, who had to be persuaded to approve it. It defines the powers of the Federal Government, for example, regulating marriage. The referendum process is difficult. To be successful, a referendum must be approved by a majority of people in a majority of states. Residents of territories, i.e. ACT and NT, can vote, but the territories are not part of the majority of states requirement. Only the people of Australia can change the constitution and only by way of referendum. Forty-four referenda have been held, but only eight have been successful.

Section 127 of the constitution excluded aboriginal people. Section 26 contained a clause allowing the federal government to make laws based on race. In 1964 the Federal Government passed legislation giving aboriginal people a vote. In 1967 the constitution was amended to give aboriginal people citizenship and to be included in the population census.

The Mabo High Court decision in 1992 was ground-breaking, considerably advancing the cause of aboriginal recognition. Another significant event was the apology in 2008 by Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. Dr Paul said the proposed referendum to amend the constitution to enable the establishment of an indigenous voice to parliament is another important step in that process. The establishment of an indigenous voice to parliament is the result of extensive consultation with aboriginal peoples to discover what they want. The Uluru Statement from the Heart is a significant document in the process. It has three sections – 1. Outlining history, 2. Spelling out the chaos aboriginal people have endured in the last 250 years and 3. Solutions determined by aboriginal people.

Dr Paul pointed out that aboriginal people are the most incarcerated on our planet. He commended our current labor federal government for deciding that the time for action is now and putting that objective into practice. He encouraged those present to vote 'Yes'.

Kylie contributed by answering some of the questions raised at the conclusion.

If any member would like more information on the Voice to parliament proposal, they can go to the following web-site: <https://ulurustatement.org/training/#/>

ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH LAUNCESTON

Officers and Duties 2022-2023

ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH LAUNCESTON

Club Chartered

March 17 1962
with 23 members
61st Year of Rotary Service

Thursday Meeting

Hotel Grand Chancellor
29 Cameron St, Launceston
6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

Make-ups & Apologies

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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?"