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

Location: Hotel Grand Chancellor, 29 Cameron Street, Launceston, Tasmania 22nd June 2023



Weekly Bulletin





This Week Saturday 1st July Changeover Dinner

# **Presidents Report**

Hello Rotarians,

I hope you have all had a great week.

As this is our final week of this Rotary year 2022 - 2023 I wish to thank our hardworking Board of Directors. Sue Faulkner, Steve Gordon, Dale Luck, Harry Galea, Les Baxter, Glenda Iles, Terry Crawford, Wayne Higgs and Lara Alexander. Without a dedicated Board and hard-working members our club would not be able to achieve the goals we set ourselves each year. We complete this year and start the 2023 – 2024 year at our changeover dinner this Saturday at Stelo at Pierre's. We have had a wonderful response to this year's dinner, and I am sure it will be a memorable evening.

I attended the district changeover luncheon on Sunday at the Riverside Golf Club. A great turn out with over 100 Rotarians attending from all over the state. I would like to thank now Immediate Past District Governor Bob Calvert and his team for leading our District 9830 for the past twelve months and welcome our new District Governor Mike Patten. We look forward to his visit later this year.

Some sad news this week our honorary member and our club's only District Governor (1990 – 1991) Brian Beardwood's beloved wife Dawn passed away on Friday 23 June 2023. Dawn spent her final years at Peace Haven nursing home Our club sends our deepest sympathy to Brian and his family.

Last Thursday evening a number of our members and partners enjoyed a relaxing night out at Wang's Chinese Restaurant. We will continue to have every third Thursday as a casual night.

Our first meeting after the changeover dinner will be on Thursday July 6, 2023, at the Grand Chancellor.

Looking forward to seeing members and partners who are attending the dinner on Saturday evening 6 for 6.30 pm. I am sure it will be a wonderful evening.

Yours in Rotary

Andrea Bartholemew

President

## **COMING EVENTS**

1st July

Changeover Dinner Stelo @George St.

## **CLUB DUTIES**

DATE	29th June	1st July	6th July
ATTENDANCE	NO MEETING	Change over 1st July	Phil Ogden
WELCOME	NO MEETING	Change over 1st July	Glenda Iles
CHAIRPERSON	NO MEETING	Change over 1st July	Ian Smith
THANKS	NO MEETING	Change over 1st July	Andrew Whitehead

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

## **BEARDWOOD**, Dawn Josephine

18.4.1938 - 23.6.2023

Daughter of the late George & Myra Summers.

Sister and sister-in-law of Glenn and Diane.

Loved wife of Brian.

Loving mother, mother-in-law, Nan and Great Nan to Philip, Rohan, Leigh, Lyn-Nyree, Bruce and their families.

Thank you for the love and care provided to Dawn by Peace Haven staff.

Forever in our hearts.

## **Funeral Notice**

Family and friends of Dawn are warmly invited to attend a service to celebrate her life, to be held on

Friday 30th June 2023 at

St Aiden's Anglican Church, Arthur St East Launceston

Commencing at 2pm.



Last week's guest speaker was our own PP Paul Swiatkowski, whose talk was entitled 'Local Vet to Holiday Vet'.

Paul said he was the son of Polish migrants to Tasmania. He obtained a Bachelor of Veterinary Science from the University of Melbourne and his first job was working for the RSPCA. His sporting interests include badminton and bowls. Nature-wise he has an interest in frogs and orchids, particularly native orchids. Many native orchids are very small and in the bush you have to look very carefully to find them. Paul said he likes creating new species of orchids.

Paul said that when he started out as a vet, most vets were male, now the profession is 80% female. Recent reports indicate that in 2022 there was a shortage of 700 vets in Australia. A generational change has incurred in the pro-

fession in that it is estimated that the average lifespan of vets in general practice is three years. Paul said that vets today are under a great deal of pressure – their patients do not cause too many problems, but their owners certainly do. The problem is that you can't be 100% right 100% of the time. Reports indicate that 18,000 to 54,000 deaths are caused each year as a result of medical mistakes. One difficulty vets have is convincing clients that not everything is fixable.

According to Paul, the major challenges vets face today include controlling stress, the consequences of making mistakes, resilience when clients have "full moon days" and coping with unreasonable client expectations. After 38 years in the profession, Paul says retirement is looking like an attractive option right now.

Paul then moved to 'Holiday Vet' mode. Paul said he and Kathy flew to Dubai, saying that 'there is nothing like business class'. They then joined the ship MSC World Europa in a trip to Europe – Poland in particular. The ship has an impressive range of activities and entertainment on board. It has a Japanese restaurant which appeared to be staffed by Indonesians.

In visiting Dubai, Paul indulged in some activities including dune-bashing. A major problem is keeping the dust out. He and Kathy were able to observe some major land reclamation housing projects such as 'The Palms'. Moving on to Abu Dhabi, they observed some truly palatial Sultan's Palaces, of which some Sultans own several, and an opulent marble mosque. In Oman, markets were interesting selling a range of perfumes, notably frankincense. Paul and Kathy also visited museums which gave the history of colonial occupation in the area. They also visited Jeddah in Saudi Arabia, after hassles and much expense getting the necessary visas. They found a city in decay – their advice to would-be traveler's to Jeddah – 'Give it a miss!' Their ship voyage took them through the Suez Canal.

The ship they were on was constantly shadowed by a naval destroyer to guard against pirate attacks. The canal was characterised by barren banks.

En-route to Europe they stopped at the Isle of Capri, which they found to be a very pretty place. Moving on, they visited Barcelona, where the architecture was a major point of interest and where they had to be wary of pickpockets. Arriving in Poland, they viewed the world's highest wooden radio tower. Paul and Kathy also visited salt mines, which featured a number of salt-rock carvings.

They also visited the Warsaw Uprising Museum. Paul said that Poland has become increasingly westernized in recent years. An interesting feature of restaurants they visited was the provision of a menu for dogs!

The world's tallest wooden radio tower.







# 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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Sue Faulkner (Organisation & Correspondence)
Terry Crawford
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## **Treasurers:**

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## **DIRECTORS & PORTFOLIOS**

## **Member Services &**

**Foundation:** 

**Director: Les Baxter**Members: Terry Crawford,
Judith King, Glenda Iles,
Peter Stearnes

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## **Director: Dale Luck**

Members: Lara Alexander, Les Baxter, Paul Fitzpatrick, Steve Gordon, Graeme LeFevre, Craig Mitchell, Phil Niejalke, Ian Smith

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## **Director: Glenda Iles**

Members: Les Grant, Wayne Higgs, Judith King, Graeme LeFevre, Kathy Macqueen

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**Director: Harry Galea** 

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**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?"