

This Week - DG Mike Patten

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello Rotarians

I hope you have had a wonderful week.

Last Thursday evening we welcomed Dr Frank Madill to talk on Medical Mysteries. I hadn't seen Frank for many years and it was great to catch up. I thoroughly enjoyed Frank's talk and I invited him back and he said he would be delighted to join us again as there are many Medical Mysteries.

Our new DG Mike Patten from the Lindisfarne Rotary Club together with our new ADG Craig Perkins from Central Launceston will be joining us this week. I hope to see as many members as possible as usually the DG can only visit each club in our District 9830 once a year.

Last Thursday morning a group of our members walked from City Park to Royal Park in the Vinnies walk to promote awareness of homelessness in our city. As our population has grown over the past few years and the tough economic times have caused a significant rise in people sleeping rough. I am sure we all commend the work done by our non-for-profit organisations and our City Council in helping the homeless people. If you can help by donating non-perishable food, warm blankets, clothes, etc it would be greatly appreciated.

Moving Forward:

On August 31 we are having our annual wine and anything else auction so please come along with something to auction. The proceeds go towards making up the gap in our subs.

Our newly appointed Mayor of Launceston, Matthew Garwood will be joining us on 14 September 2023 as our guest speaker. I am sure there are plenty of questions from our club members for Matthew.

Looking forward to seeing all members on Thursday evening at the Grand Chancellor to greet our new DG and ADG.

Yours in Rotary

Andrea Bartholemew President



COMING EVENTS

17th August

Visit from DG Mike Patten

24th August

Social Evening

31st August

Wine Auction

7th September

Stephanie Trethewey From Motherland

14th September

Mayor Matthew Garwood What's happening at the City of Launceston

21st September Paul on (his passion) orchids

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	17th August	24th August	31st August
ATTENDANCE	Phil Niejalke	SOCIAL	Craig Mitchell
WELCOME	Craig Mitchell	EVENING	Paul Swiatkowski
CHAIRPERSON	Phil Ogden		Peter Stearnes
THANKS	Lara Alexander		Les Baxter

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

NOTES FROM LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President Andrea

President Andrea welcomed Dr Frank Madill, who will speak to the meeting later. She also reminded the meeting, and members who are apologies at tonight's meeting that DG Mike is attending our meeting next week, and he will be accompanied by Assistant Governor Craig Perkins, who has replaced PP Krista for our group.

Community Service – Harry Galea

Harry advised that the City of Launceston has called for the next round of Community Grants. If any member has an idea of anything we should apply for, please let Harry know.

Dale Luck

As part of Community Service, Dale will be the main liaison person with the Show Society, and report back to Harry. Dale has met with Brian Bennett, and the Show is on the 12 - 14 October this year, and we will be doing the gates as per last year. It is a big commitment, but one which has a good financial return for us. Dale will keep the club posted. Brian will attend a forthcoming meeting to meet the club in person.

LAST WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKER

Last week's guest speaker was well-known Launceston identity Dr Frank Madill. Dr Frank came to share some of his research under the title "Medical Mysteries Old and New". Frank regularly presents items from this research to the School for Seniors and also has regular spots on City Park Radio.

Frank introduced those present to two little known names from medical history – Dutchman Antonie van Leeuwenhoek and Englishman Robert Hooke, who both made a significant contribution to the development of microscopes.





Antonie van Leeuwenhoek was born in Delft, The Netherlands, in 1633 and died there in 1723 aged 90 years. He was a friend of Dutch painter Johannes Vermeer, who also came from Delft. The medical mystery associated with this story is 'who invented the microscope?' Van Leeuwenhoek certainly built a microscope, shown here. It had a remarkable tiny long which produced a magnification of 250 times. How he



remarkable tiny lens which produced a magnification of 250 times. How he managed to make such a significant and effective lens remains a mystery. Of the 400 he made only 18 remain today. However, his microscope proved difficult to use. He has been called the father of modern microbiology. He wrote two hundred scientific papers and submitted them to the Royal Society, but because they were written in Dutch and not Latin, they were not recognised. Van Leeuwenhoek had a disease which has been named after him, which results in a diaphragm flutter. It is also called Belly Dancer's Dyskinesia. It is a rare but

distressing condition. The cause of the disease remains a medical mystery. Frank said the it is ironic the Antonie van Leeuwenhoek is recognised more because of the disease he had, rather than for his scientific achievements.

A Dane named Janssen also had a hand in developing microscopes, but it was Englishman Robert Hooke who greatly advanced microscope technology. His microscope featured a lens, a water-filled sphere and an eyepiece and was easier to use than van Leeuwenhoek's model. Frank said that Robert Hooke has been described as a polymath – he had many interests and talents. One was his ability to draw what he saw through the microscope. A German named Zeiss build a binocular microscope and in 1931 the electron microscope was invented, increasing the magnification of microscopes to 400 times. Modern microscopes can produce magnifications of well over 1,000 times. More recent developments are the scanning microscope and the atomic microscope which can enable nano particles to be observed. One namometre is one billionth part of a metre. A human hair's width can measure from 50,000 to 100,000 nanometres.

Frank mentioned another more modern medical mystery - the cause of hiccups – another embarrassing condition. Theories have been advanced about the causes – eating and drinking too much, too much alcohol, diabetes, kidney disease or nervous disorders. It is more common in men than women. As well as the cause, the cure is also a mystery – how to stop them?

Frank concluded by mentioning the latest medical phenomenon – that of cryogenic preservation of one's body or head after death for future revival. It is gaining popularity in America, in spite of its significant cost. Frank said the solving of this mystery will probably take many decades to develop – if ever!

UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKERS

September

- 7 'Motherland' Steph Trethewey (Friendship Ball co recipient)
- 14 Mayor Matthew Garwood (and Mayoress) 'What's happening at the City of Launceston'
- 21 Paul on (his passion) orchids
- 28 Off site Social event

October

- 5 Family Games Night
- 12 Roderick Brown on 'The work of The Salvation Army'
- 19 Les Baxter on 'The work of St Vincent de Paul'
- 26 Off site Social event

November

- 2 Short Quiz night
- 9 Fiona de Sousa (Infectious disease unit at LGH) on 'COVID 3 years on'
- 16 Frank Madill 'Medical Mysteries Part 2'
- 23 Off-site Social event
- 30 Phil's Outback Adventures

December

- 7 Christmas Function/Games by Ian Smith
- 14 Motherland Steph Trethewey (Friendship Ball cheque presentation)
- 21 Recess (until 4/11th January)

Rotarians Phil and Joyce Ogden at the Walk to Raise Awareness at the City Park last week



A MESSAGE FROM ANGELA DRIVER, TASMANIAN LEADERS

Dear Rotarians

I hope this message finds you well.

After speaking with District Governor, Mike Patten, I am writing to extend a heartfelt invitation to my fellow Rotarians on behalf of Tasmanian Leaders.

As you may be aware, at last month's International Assembly in Orlando, Rotary International President-elect Gordon McInally unveiled his visionary theme for the 2023-24 Rotary year – Create Hope in the World.

In line with McInally's inspiring vision, Tasmanian Leaders 2023 annual leadership symposium is on the topic of **Leadership + Hope, 7-8 September, Launceston**.

The 2023 Leadership + Hope Symposium is designed to encourage individuals and communities to restore hope and collectively achieve meaningful transformations. By discovering the economic, psychological and social benefits of hope, we aim to equip leaders – like you and your fellow Rotarians – with the tools and knowledge needed to create hope in the world.

Our line-up of exceptional speakers will offer invaluable insights into virtues-based leadership, human rights advocacy, relational intelligence and behavioural economics. Through keynote presentations, panel discussions, and practical workshops, delegates will gain enhanced leadership skills, practical strategies to develop hope and resilience, and a network of like-minded peers – all crucial elements in creating hope and fostering positive change, aligning perfectly with McInally's vision of creating hope in the world.

Given the alignment we hope you can share this email with your members, print our flyer for distribution at your next meeting, or include in your next newsletter. We also encourage you to consider sending one of your younger members as an engagement tool.

You can find out more about the event, and download a brochure with the full line-up of speakers, at our website: www.tasmanianleaders.org.au/programs/leadership-sympo.

We look forward to welcoming you and your fellow Rotary Club members to this transformative event in Launceston.

Yours sincerely

Angela Driver CEO, Tasmanian Leaders Secretary, Rotary Club of Central Launceston



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ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH LAUNCESTON Officers and Duties 2023-2024

ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH LAUNCESTON

Club Chartered March 17 1962 with 23 members 62nd Year of Rotary Service

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

Make-ups & Apologies Assist-Treasurer Terry Crawford Before 10.30 am Tuesday 6344 7033 (W) 0417 366 531

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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?"