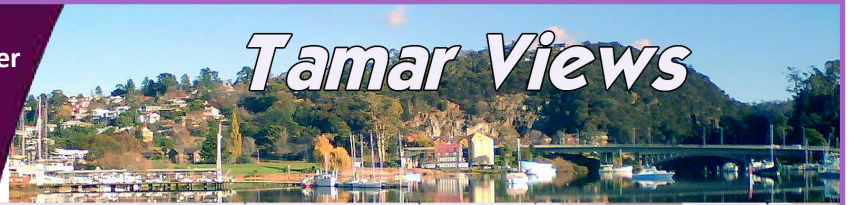


Club Meetings:
Thursday for fellowship at
6pm followed by Dinner at
6:30pm

7th December
2023

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



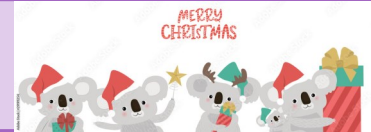
Weekly Bulletin



Rotary
Club of South Launceston



This Week
Childrens Christmas Games Night



Presidents Report

Hello Rotarians,

I hope you have had a wonderful week.

Last Thursday our meeting commenced with the AGM. The Board for 2024 – 2025 will stay the same as it is now but with a plan moving forward. PP Terry Crawford will be President elect and he will lead the club 2025 – 2026.

Following the AGM, we have a wonderful presentation from Rotarian Phil Niejalke on his outback adventures. Thank you Phil and I am looking forward to hearing more in the future.

This week is our annual family Christmas party. We all enjoy this event, and I am looking forward to catching up with our young family members. Once again PP Ian Smith will be our host for the evening. Thankyou Ian.

This Sunday is our club Christmas BBQ at Steve and Leonie Gordon's place at beautiful Low Head. The starting time is 12 noon. All food and soft drinks will be provided. Please bring your own celebration beverages. Thank you to Steve and Leonie for opening their home. The address for those who have not been to the Gordons place before is 337 Low Head Road, Low Head. If you have not yet let us know that you are coming, please do asap for catering purposes.

I am looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday at the Grand Chancellor for our family Christmas party.

Yours in Rotary
Andrea Bartholemew
President



COMING EVENTS

10th December

Rotary Christmas lunch
@Steve and Leonie
Gordon's



14th December

Motherland
Steph Trethewey. (Cheque
presentation)

January 18th

Les Baxter on 'The work of St
Vincent de Paul'

25th January

Offsite - Kosaten Japanese Res-
taurant

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	7th December	14th December	21st December
ATTENDANCE	Terry Crawford	Phil Ogden	No Meeting
WELCOME	Glenda Iles	Joyce Ogden	No Meeting
CHAIRPERSON		Dale Luck	No Meeting
THANKS		Les Baxter	No Meeting

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

Cancer Council Speaker

A few weeks ago we had Zoe Vandervelde from the Cancer Council Tasmania as Guest Speaker and to present a donation of \$1000.

Zoe took a few questions on notice which are answered below:

Most frequently diagnosed cancer: Most common cancer types in Tasmania are – Prostate, Breast, Melanoma, Bowel and Lung.

Recovery Rates: rates vary depending on cancer type, e.g. 5 year survival rates for breast and prostate cancer are over 90%, while lung cancer sits at 20%.

Join at Daffodil Day: If your rotary club is interested in participating at Daffodil Day in 2024 – please let me know and I'll pass your contacts onto the coordinator.

Water Bores for Tanzania project

A number of Bores have been completed and operational - all funded from donations over the past few years. With some hope the project will be successful in it's pursuit of Rotary International funding and then a further 5-6 bores are possible.

The WBFT group have organised signage at each bore to advertise Rotary and particularly the Tasmanian connection. In addition each sign contains one principal contributor - the photos attached highlight the South Launceston Rotary Club.



Notes of Meeting 30th November 2023

President Andrea

Notes from Tuesday's Board meeting -

- Andrea has nominated for President for 24-25
 - Terry C has nominated for President Elect 24-25
 - Les B will nominate for the following year.
- This is a very good situation for ongoing leadership of the Club
- All other Directors re-nominated for their positions

Treasurer Steve

The end of financial year financial statements have all been successfully audited, and are now official

Treasurer Terry

- Took numbers for Kids Christmas meeting next week
- Reminded us about the BBQ on the 10th – 12 noon – only need to bring drinks

Community Service – Harry G

The BBQ at Vinnies on Saturday was well attended by Club members, but not so many patrons. The leftover food will be used at the Christmas Club BBQ on the 10th at Steve and Leonie Gordon's. The event generated good fellowship, good publicity for the Club, and was well organized, despite the rain.

Dale L thanked all who were involved in the Friendship Cocktail Party, either as attendees, helpers, or donation organisers. It was a success, despite difficulty on selling tickets, and a great night was had by all.

Media - Glenda I

Advised the Club that Harry's daughter, Jacqueline, raised money for Movember this year by solo canoeing from Launceston to Low Head – a great effort! The website is still open for donations

Pastoral – Ian S.

Ian went to see Henry Harris at Peacehaven Nursing Home last week – he looks well, and is in good spirits. Limited mobility. Greta is moving into her unit there on Monday. They pass on Christmas greetings.

Last week's guest speaker was our own Phil Niejalke, who gave an interesting account of his trip to the Northern Territory, principally to see his daughter Lora, who was working at Utopia or Arlparra at the time. (Laura is now working in Broome, W.A.) Phil, in the time allotted, was able to talk about only part of his journey, which took him to Melbourne in his vehicle and then to Adelaide, Kalgoorlie, Uluru (Ayers Rock), The Olgas, Kings Canyon, Alice Springs, the Tanami Track, Hall's Creek, Kakadu and Darwin. Phil intended to travel to Mt Isa, but road conditions forced him to back-track to Katherine, Tennant Creek, Coober Pedy and then home – a distance of 18,000 km.

Phil carried a swag in which he mostly slept under the stars, a 40 litre extra fuel can, an extra spare tyre, a solar panel and stove. Phil said that when he crossed from South Australia into Western Australia, it was difficult to know what the time was, as different devices he was carrying were giving different readings.

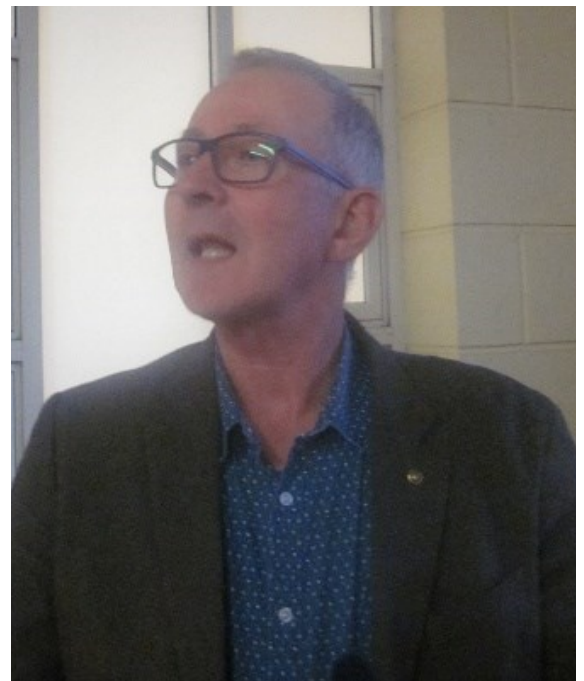
When Phil visited Ceduna, he took time to visit the old telegraph station there and then walk a short distance to the cliff overlooking the Great Australian Bight – a spectacular view. He showed the photo of the sign indicating the 90 mile straight section of the Eyre Highway.

From Kalgoorlie Phil travelled to Leonora and then undertook a 1,000 km drive to Uluru where he stayed in a very well maintained caravan park. Phil said he didn't see any native animals on the route from Leonora to Uluru. Phil found the Olgas quite spectacular, as well as the Ayers Rock sunset experience. A 250 km trip took Phil on to Kings Canyon, which was an outstanding experience, which included views of rock wallabies.

After arriving at Alice Springs, Phil visited the Transport Hall of Fame, where he was able to find a commemorative photo and information featuring the late Max Watkins, our former club member.

Phil then travelled along the Sandover Highway to Utopia or Arlparra, where Laura was a nurse at the modern local health clinic. There is no doctor there, so nurses have to respond to medical emergencies and seek advice from the flying doctor as needed. One such emergency arose while Phil was there, which involved a vehicle rollover, badly injuring the driver. Three other emergency situations arose at the same time and Phil was quickly drafted in to help.

Phil was able to sample some bush tucker at various stages of his journey. He had much more information to share about his experiences, but that will have to wait for another time!



MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Most Group Forums have now been completed. Those Rotarians who participated around the State have had the opportunity to hear amazing stories about Rotary projects in Tasmania that have an impact locally, around Australia and overseas. Each forum tried new ideas unique to its Group, all were very successful and added to the fellowship experienced. I am in awe of the projects and service our Clubs undertake and the links that Clubs create within their communities. I am constantly reminded that it is the projects we do that defines Rotarians and that our meetings are just the means by which we make those projects possible. Rotary is first and foremost a service organisation. Congratulations to the Assistant District Governors and Club Presidents who have made these forums so successful.

The District Project this year is Domestic Violence Awareness. The consequences of Domestic Violence can affect us all and every Rotarian has a responsibility to spread the message that Domestic Violence in its many forms, is not acceptable and has to stop. The perpetrator, their victim, the children in the family, the extended family and their friends and neighbours are all impacted, some for the rest of their life. Only last week I heard of an older father/grandfather who was hospitalised trying to defend his daughter from physical attack by her partner. The impact on those who support victims is also significant.

Over the last week and into next week Rotarians around Zone 8 (Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Islands) have been trying to create awareness of these consequences. Some have done this within their Clubs and other Clubs have run activities in partnership with community groups. Last week there was a community walk in Devonport, this week one in Ulverstone and next week, one in Smithton. Thank you to all those Clubs who have already participated in this project. It is not too late to arrange guest speakers from local community organisation in this field or to raise money to help provide services for those impacted. I hope Clubs continue to find ways to spread awareness.

During November the District leadership Team agreed to use \$10,000 from our Rotary Foundation funds to support a District 9705 Mental Health Project in Uganda. This project has strong links with Tasmania through the mentoring role of Dr Jenny Kerrison from RC of North Hobart and the ongoing support of the Rotary Club of Devonport South East.

A reminder for anyone thinking of attending the Rotary International Convention in Singapore, May 25th-29th 2024. This is a wonderful way to find out more about Rotary and Rotary Projects and to also meet some amazing people from all over the world. If you enjoyed Melbourne 2023 or if you missed it and want to attend a Rotary World event, this is a great opportunity attend one close to home. The Early Bird Discount ends on December the 15th so if you plan to attend, it makes sense to book before that date. Flights are also cheaper done sooner rather than later. We also need somebody who is attending to act as the official point of contact for District 9830. Please get in touch with me if you are interested in doing that role. At the moment we have six Tasmanians booked. It would be great to have a few more than that attending. You can always find the latest convention information at convention.rotary.org.

The Rotary Youth Driver Awareness Committee (RYDA) has been attending Group Forums sharing information about the success of the program in improving road safety. Tasmania is the only State where every Grade 10 student has the opportunity to take part in the Program. Thank you, State Government. Since the program started in 2006, Tasmanian provisional drivers have moved their accident record from the second worst performing cohort to the best performing one in Australia. Another success for Rotary D9830. RYDA needs more Rotarians to volunteer as guides and presenters, particularly in the North and North West. Please contact Marion Cooper 0417 371 726 if you would like to contribute.

Christmas Celebrations will dominate December activities, but great Rotary events will continue to take place. Good luck with the remaining Domestic Violence Awareness events. I hope you and you families have a great festive season. January's Newsletter will arrive in your email just before Christmas Day.

Our 2023-24 District 9830 Conference will be in Hobart on 1st-3rd March at Princes Wharf 1. We will start with a cocktail party at Government House on the Friday evening and a chance to meet the new Governor. On Saturday morning there will be an Expo of Rotary Projects and Club Achievements similar to last year. Feedback from last year was that Rotarians who attended were blown away by the range and quality of projects done by our Clubs. In the afternoon the second half of the shed will be set up as a conference area and we will hold a traditional conference opened by the Governor with speakers about Domestic Violence and Homelessness. There will be a Coffee Van in the expo area and meals can be purchased from Salamanca Market. Saturday night there will be a traditional District Dinner and Sunday morning there will be a Breakfast in the Park at Lindisfarne. Please make an effort to attend. Participants will need to pay for meals but there will be no conference fee. It is a great way to find out more about Rotary and meet some great Rotarians. Full information about the District Convention/Expo will be sent out later this month.

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DG Mike Patten

PP Margot Patten

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DECEMBER IS

DISEASE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT MONTH

Disease prevention and treatment takes on many forms, supporting studies to helping immunize people to improving drinking water and the sanitation infrastructure.

Rotary 

TAKE ACTION: Join a Project

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

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