

This Week No Meeting

Presidents Report

Hello Rotarians, I hope you have all had a wonderful week.

Thank you to PP Harry Galea for being acting president last week whilst I was in WA.

This Thursday there is no meeting at the Grand Chancellor nor an offsite get together as we are going to Utzinger winery on Sunday 25 2024. Time is 12 noon cost is \$30 per person. This cost includes a tour of the winery, a tasting of five wines and platters.

The Board will be meeting at my place next Tuesday 27 February 2024. Please contact me or any Board member if there is something you would like us to discuss.

A little history.

Last Friday was national Tim Tam day. Yes, the famous Aussie biscuit has a day named after it. Ian Norris created the biscuit. During 1958 he took a world trip looking for inspiration for new products. In Britain he found the Penguin biscuit and decided to try and make a better version. Tim Tams went on the market in 1964. The biscuit was named by Ross Arnott who attended the 1958 Kentucky Derby and decided to name the new biscuit after the winner of the race Tim Tam.

I look forward to the function at Utzinger winery on Sunday. Yours in Rotary Andrea Bartholemew

President



COMING EVENTS

February 22nd

No Meeting

February 25th

Utzinger Winery

February 29 th

Les Baxter on 'The work of

St Vincent de Paul'

CLUB DUTIES

DATE	8th February	15th February	22nd February
ATTENDANCE	Krista Preece	Terry Crawford	No meeting
WELCOME	Glenda Iles	Peter Stearnes	No meeting
CHAIRPERSON	Craig Mitchell	Ian Smith	No meeting
THANKS	Dale Luck	Paul Swaitkowski	No meeting

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2024-2025

District Governor Elect Pam Scott asks that the following dates be placed in your club's calendar:

President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) - Incoming Club Presidents

Deloraine - Saturday 16th March 2024 Hobart - Saturday 23rd March 2024

District Training Assembly (DTA) - Incoming Board Members

Deloraine - Sunday 5th May 2024

Rotary Family Day 2024 - All Rotarians & their Families

Ulverstone - Friday > Sunday 8th - 10th November 2024

More information will be supplied closer to the above dates.

Rotary Youngtown are running this event again this year at the Cataract Gorge on the 25th Feb. We would like to have your Rotary Club putting a team together, making a cardboard boat, and racing it!!! It was won by the Rotary Club of Launceston last year. So how about living dangerously and trying to take the award away from them this year?
If any of your Rotary family would also like to compete in this year's event please encourage them to regis-

Register your team on our website www.soggybottomregatta.com.au .

All funds raised will be supporting Youth dealing with challenges.

Diabetes Camps for Kids and JCP Youths "Beast Program"

Details are on our website.



Cardboard Box Boat Regatta Family Fun Day



Sunday 25th Feb 2024 Cataract Gorge, First Basin Pool www.soggybottomregatta.com.au



Notes of Meeting 15th February 2024

Acting President Harry

Harry is standing in for President Andrea while she is in WA.

Treasurer Terry

Took final numbers for the Utzinger visit.

Harry G – Community Service

Glover Cocktail Party

Further meetings have been held, and some members have been contacted by the team leaders. Kings Meadows are in the process of being contacted by Les B., and lest year's roster has been circulated to team leaders.

Food Propagation Project

- Work at Student Works has been completed by John Faulkner, and the next one is the Migrant Resource Centre. We may organize a tour of them later
- Water Bores for Tanzania -
- The new local Rotary Club is on board, and preparation is underway for the new Global Grant. This should allow 6 to 8 extra Bores to be done.

Last week's guest speaker was Kate Ross, CEO of the Launceston Benevolent Society.

Kate was accompanied by Tyler Bakes, Client Services Officer at the Society. Also present was Montanna Crawford, Terry's daughter, who volunteers at the Society, five days per week.

Kate said that she had quite a deal of experience working in the welfare sector before coming to work at the Launceston Benevolent Society. She worked amongst indigenous communities in the Northern Territory, oversighting the debit card scheme there, which she said, in her experience, worked well. She was also involved in dealing with the aftermath of bushfires in Kinglake, Victoria.



Kate said that the Launceston Benevolent Society began operations in 1883, making it the oldest charity of its kind in Australia. Its main service is providing food, along with clothing and furniture, to people in need in Launceston and the surrounding area. Case management services are available from its premises in Kings Meadows. It has no funding for outreach services.

Kate said that homelessness arises from a variety of causes – loss of employment, limited schooling, family violence and mental health issues. The 2016 census revealed that the incidence of homelessness in Australia had quadrupled, with two people in 83 homeless. In Tasmania this amounts to about 2,000 people experiencing homelessness. Kate said that there is a particular problem with young men – a significant number of them ex-prisoners or victims of family violence.

Kate questioned the effectiveness of providing swags – for a homeless person, carrying all their possessions around in a swag is not all that practicable. The problem is worse for women with children who have left a home due to violence.

Kate is a member of the Launceston Homeless Committee. She said she experienced homelessness herself as a teenager, sleeping in public toilets. She said that, in her opinion, homeless people are a segment of the community largely ignored.

At the conclusion of her talk, Acting President Harry Galea presented Kate with a donation of \$3,000.00 from the club towards the Society's work.





Sunday 25 February

On this day we have a Club (and friends/family) only event at the Utzinger Winery. Matthias and Lauren will give us a tour and explanation of the wine making process and include the tasting of 5 varieties in the barrel room. Afterwards we move to the newly completed Cellar door to share in lunch platters and wine (to purchase). If you prefer soft drink or beer then please bring that along and there is fridge space to keep it cold.

Date: Sunday 25 February

Time: 12 noon

Address: 5 Upper McEwans Road

Cost: \$30ph (bottled and glasses of wine available to purchase. BYO other drinks.)

Please reserve this date in your diaries. We will have the whole afternoon to nibble and chat as the facility will not be open to the public. PS Thursday night 22 February will NOT have any offsite Rotary event.

A Rotary Club of Launceston Centenary Event

An evening with

Leanne McLean



As the Commissioner for Children and Young People since 2018, Leanne McLean advocates for the rights, interests and wellbeing of Tasmania's children and young people. This work will continue as the reforms arising from the response to the Commission of Inquiry into the Tasmanian Government's Responses to Child Sexual Abuse in Institutional Settings are put in place.

Join us as Ms McLean answers the question:

'How can
community
organisations
such as Rotary
assist in
addressing the
challenges facing
young people?'



Q&A Session to follow address.

Wednesday 27th March 2024

5:45pm for 6:15pm Hotel Grand Chancellor Cameron Street Launceston Cost: \$25.00 per person Single course meal

RSVP: 22 March 2024

More information and DSVD

RCL-Events@outlook.com





NEW DATE

The Launceston Benevolent Society will also be hosting a movie event on National Homeless Week (Wednesday 7th August) at the University of Tasmania Auditorium which will showcase an Australian movie that covers issues relating to homelessness. We find that this event engages the wider community in the conversation of action towards assisting the needs of the Homeless situation in Launceston.

The issue of homelessness in Launceston and throughout Tasmania, is often viewed as an induvial problem, something in which the person has contributed to through their decision making or lack of decision making. The experience and causes of homelessness are a lot more complex, government legislation and service delivery alongside community values all play a role in how the issue is addressed and evolved. #We need to ensure everyone has a right and access to long term accommodation that is affordable. #We also need to ensure that our income support systems are adequate to help facilitate affordable living arrangements.

#We also need to ensure our service delivery approach to mental health, family violence and prisons uphold the dignity of all people accessing these services.

We need to have a compassion curriculum in schools so that our future generations are more responsive and inclusive of people with difference.

The Launceston Benevolent Society is very committed to assisting clients to regain control of their situation, to exit crisis situations with focus and support. To also advocate and agitate for change to involve community and build compassion. We hope the South Launceston Rotary Club will join us in many more of our endeavors to build compassionate communities.

Once again thanks so much for your support.

Please find below our bank account details.

Bank Westpac; BSB:037 Account 608560750Account name Launceston Benevolent Society.

Thanks so much for your support and I look forward to working alongside you for the long term future.

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<u>Building Compassionate Communities</u>

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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"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?"