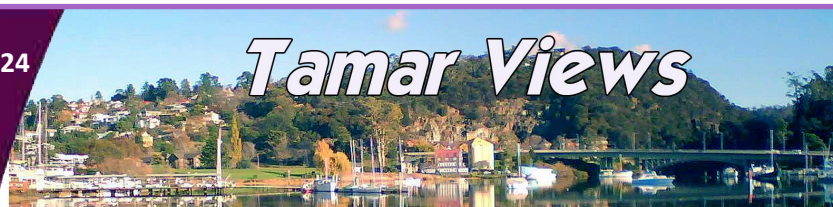


Club Meetings:  
Thursday for fellowship at 7th March 2024  
6pm followed by Dinner at 2024  
6:30pm

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



## Weekly Bulletin



**Rotary**  
Club of South Launceston



**This Week  
Quiz Night**

### Presidents Report

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

Last week we had a presentation on the work of Vinnies by PP Les Baxter. This was a highly informative report on the work of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you, Les.

This week PP Harry will be acting President as I am away on Glover duties. I do hope you all have a great meeting, and I will see you all next week.

The Glover cocktail party is upon us this Friday 8 March 2024. I want to thank everyone involved. This is a big effort for our club to cater for 450 people.

Yours in Rotary  
Andrea Bartholemew  
President



### COMING EVENTS

**March 7th**

**Quiz Night  
Brainstorming future  
Guest speaker**

**March 14th  
Vacant**

**March 21st**

**Phil & Joyce Ogden  
End Polio Now  
Bike Ride**

**March 28th**

**Off Site**

**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 March	14th March	21st March
ATTENDANCE	Joyce Ogden	Glenda Iles	Anrew Whitehead
WELCOME	Krista Preece	Lara Alexander	Phil Niejalke
CHAIRPERSON	Les Grant	Ian Smith	Harry Galea
THANKS	Phil Ogden	Craig Mitchell	Dale Luck

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

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2024-2025

#### **President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) - Incoming Club Presidents**

**Deloraine - Saturday 16th March 2024**

**Hobart - Saturday 23rd March 2024**

#### **Notes of Meeting 29th February 2024**

##### **President Andrea**

Andrea reminded us that some people are still required to fill the spots for the Glover Cocktail Party on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

The Rotary Conference is being held this weekend in Hobart

There was a Board meeting on Monday, and details will be sent to all members.

##### **Harry G – Community Service**

Food Propagation Project – Work at StudentWorks has been completed by John Faulkner, and the next one is the Migrant Resource Centre. That will be in March – it will be located at the Heritage Forest Community Garden. Will be finished in April. There will be a function organized to open the completed ones soon, and Government will be represented. Any balance of funds once all are completed will be returned to the Treasury.

Glover Cocktail Party – Further meetings have been held; rosters are near to being finalized. Les will be making further contact for any remaining places. Kings Meadows have been contacted by Les B., and last year's roster has been circulated to team leaders. Waiting and kitchen staff are asked to arrive there at 4.30/5 pm as appropriate.

Bunnings BBQ – we have been allocated Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April – more info will be provided after the Glover Party is finished.

Sheep Poo machine – the Board agreed to sell the machine to the Rotary Club who has enquired about it, and have set a preferred price. If that sale does not go ahead, it will be offered to another Rotary Club or non-for-profit organisation.

Guest Speakers – Harry has speakers organized until 4th April (that will be Phil N's 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment of his epic trip) – after that, there is not much arranged. He will have a members' forum on possible guest speakers next week, so we are all asked to put our thinking caps on!

##### **Treasurer Steve**

Budget - Steve gave a summary of the Club's financial position. The Friendship Cocktail Party made \$12,000 profit, and \$6,000 has been distributed to both Motherland and Care for Africa. Other items are all on budget

Street Swags – The last of the \$84,000 raised over the years for this significant project has been sent to the Launceston Benevolent Society to use at their discretion for the homeless. It was approx. \$4,000. This project has been going for 9 years, and was instigated by member Les Grant.

##### **Ian Smith**

Ian noted that he has had an email about the Science and Engineering Challenge this year. Members are encouraged to volunteer for this major Youth Evet – Rotary has always had a big involvement in it.

The speaker at last week's club meeting was P.P. Les Baxter on his last day as Chief Operating Officer of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Les said he is moving on to a new position as Business Manager at UTAS.

Les spoke about the mission and operations of the St Vincent de Paul Society, which is an arm of the Catholic Church.

The prime focus of the Society is on emergency relief to at-risk people. The Society provides companions who come alongside homeless and other needy people.

Les outlined two hypothetical cases which are typical of the kind Vinnies, as it is known, deals with constantly.



Les called the first the case of Donna, who sleeps at The Gorge, has ongoing health issues, including neuroses, was abused as a child, had a brother who suicided, has mental health issues, drug and alcohol addictions and is on medication costing \$150.00 per month.

The second case Les called Ralph. He was an abusive partner, he was living in social housing and is barely literate. His ability to stay in provided accommodation is problematic – he had rent arrears of \$20,000 and an outstanding Hydro bill of \$5,000.

Ralph is now sleeping in his car which needs repairs costing \$5,000. He works on a dairy farm at Latrobe.

Vinnies' aim is to provide a hand up, not a hand out, to people like Donna and Ralph. Vinnies can facilitate access to the government's No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS).

Les said that the provision of emergency relief is complex. Each case is unique, requiring a range of interventions, referrals and the meeting of on-going needs.

Les referred to Vinnies vans, at which a number of our club members volunteer. They provide food, clothing and support to at-risk people in the community several nights a week. Providing such a service is costly – there are vehicle costs, staff costs, kitchen and utilities costs, legal and compliance costs and corporate costs, which the general public does not always appreciate. Les said that it generally costs between \$1 and \$3 to deliver \$1 of assistance. Many costs in this area are not covered by the government.

Les said that fundraising campaigns focus on services provided and not on administrative and other costs which must rely on specific donations, bequests and profits from Vinnies stores for coverage.

Les then said a few words about the Vinnies stores, which, along with those of other charities, attract criticism from time to time. The stores do provide clothing for the homeless, sell an affordable range of clothing and goods and, as mentioned, produce income to cover overheads. During Covid, Vinnies stores were called upon to assist overseas students stranded in Australia with no income.

Les concluded by saying that Rotarians can assist Vinnies by advocacy, volunteering time, donating food and goods, monetary donations, both tied and untied, assisting with fundraising appeals and by buying goods at Vinnies stores.

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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**

**NEW DATE**

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 RSVP:

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Club of Launceston



**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  
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**Sheep Manure Project:**

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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?"