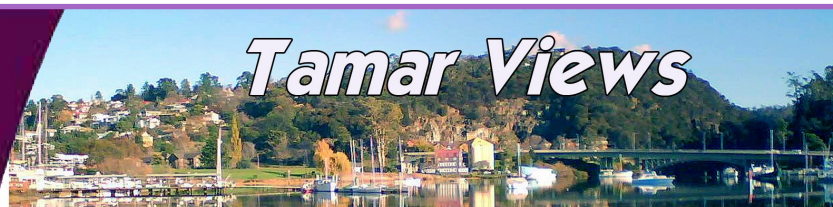


Club Meetings:
Thursday for fellowship at
6pm followed by Dinner at
6:30pm

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

11th April
2024

Tamar Views



Weekly Bulletin



Rotary
Club of South Launceston



This Week
Megan Dick

Presidents Report

Hello Rotarians, I hope you, your family and friends had a wonderful week.

We have received the sad news that Past President (1978/1979) Brian Howard passed away last weekend. He had been ill for some time and as we know, has been on dialysis for several years. Brian joined the club on 29th November 1973, was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow and as such was one of the long-standing members of the Club. Brian's main early role was to manage the Log Cabin for many years which South Launceston ran at the Show, including organising the hamburgers in his role as manager at Blue Ribbon meats. He always made himself available to help with any project he was able to and had the gift of being very analytical in terms of organisation, quantities and the like. He kept interested in Club activities right until the end...his texts and phone calls to various members about club and other matters were of great interest. He will be sadly missed by all who had the pleasure to know and participate in Rotary with him. Thank you, PP Dale, for providing information about Brian's time with us at Rotary.

This week our guest speaker is Megan Dick the curator of the Glover Prize. I am sure you will enjoy her talk.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Grand Chancellor.

Yours in Rotary
Andrea Bartholemew
President



**APOLOGIES BY 10.30 am TUESDAY TO TERRY CRAWFORD 63447033 or 0417
366 531**

(If not received by then, an invoice will be issued)

COMING EVENTS

April 11th

**Megan Dick
Glover Award**





April 18th

**Ian Smith
History of the
Photocopier**

April 25th



CLUB DUTIES

DATE	11th April	18th April	25th April
ATTENDANCE	Les Grant	Andrew Whitehead	
WELCOME	Glenda Iles	Phil Niejalke	
CHAIRPERSON	Harry Galea	Peter Stearns	
THANKS	Lara Alexander	Les Baxter	

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

Notes of Meeting 4th April 2024

President Andrea

Welcomed members and guests.
There will be no meeting on April 25th (Anzac Day)

The District Training Assembly is to be held on 5th May, and is a chance for all members, not only Directors, to hear from the District Leadership what is planned for the new Rotary year.

Club – Les B.

Les has talked to Rod Spinks at Vinnies, and they need more volunteers for the Food Van...if anyone is interested, please see Les. Rod will be a guest speaker in May, and prospective volunteers could also see him then.

Phil N. told the meeting that, from his point of view, the Food Van is an excellent community service, and would recommend it to any members and their families.

Harry G – Community Service

Food Propagation – Student Works is all completed. Construction is complete at Northern Suburbs Community Centre, and it only needs soil put in. Construction will start at the MRC on Monday. All is due for completion by the end of June, and this should be achieved.

Harry asked if any members could help with the soil at NSCC – one or 2 will suffice. Please call Harry if you can help.

Bunnings BBQ is on Sunday 28th April – 3 Rosters – numbers were taken for them.

Last week's guest speakers were our own Phil and Joyce Ogden, introducing us to their forthcoming 60 day, 3,000 km tandem bike ride from Adelaide to Sydney in aid of Polio Plus.

Phil and Joyce began by giving a history of Rotary's involvement in the aimed eradication of the polio disease from the world. They said that it has been done with smallpox – it can be done with polio, but the last remnants of it are proving hard to deal with.

Phil and Joyce said that in 1978-1979, Clem Renouf, Australian Rotary International President, became aware of moves to combat the world-wide scourge of polio-myelitis. He had contact with John Lever, an infectious diseases expert, who was a friend of Drs Salk and Sabin who had developed polio vaccines. A successful project of immunisation of children had been conducted in the Philippines and Clem questioned why this could not become a global project, with Rotary's involvement. The result was that in 1985 Rotary's Polio Plus programme was formulated.



A major launch of the immunisation program occurred in 1988 with the involvement of UNICEF and the Gates Foundation. In 1950 500,000 children worldwide were paralysed or killed by polio. In 1988 the number was down to 350,000 and in 2021 only 649 cases were recorded. The disease has been completely eradicated from western countries – Australia's last case was in 1972. Currently polio cases are occurring in only two countries – Afghanistan and Pakistan and eradication of the disease there is proving to be challenging. There are another eight at-risk countries who are least able to deal with an outbreak. Traces of the virus have recently been discovered in the U.K. and Indonesia.

The current campaign is predominantly funded by western countries – those with no cases. Phil and Joyce said that one of the challenges is that a post-polio chronic fatigue syndrome is emerging.

Why should Australia bother, with no cases since 1972? It is estimated that the cost of the polio eradication program will have cost \$100 billion by 2100.

Phil and Joyce pointed out that the cost of the program for the next five years is estimated to be \$4.8 billion. The Covid pandemic set the program back and time is against complete eradication. The window is closing, Phil and Joyce said, and until the disease is eradicated, everyone is at risk. Challenges include wars, Covid, climate change and time limits. The challenges for Rotary are that its membership is declining and ageing. However, Phil and Joyce pointed out that the success of the campaign so far has brought major prestige to Rotary. The challenge is for Rotary to press on.

Phil's and Joyce's response is a personal project doing what they do best – a fundraising tandem bike ride from Adelaide to Sydney beginning on Easter Saturday. The 60 day, 3,000 km ride will take a circuitous route through South Australia, Victoria and New South Wales, visiting as many Rotary Clubs en-route as they can. As a concession to their physical limitations, they will travel in daylight hours only and hope they will not have to confront adverse climatic conditions or bushfires.

Taking a cricket metaphor as their slogan, they want to 'Hit Polio for Six', encouraging people to donate the cost of a cup of coffee to the cause, i.e. \$6. Phil and Joyce said that there are 30,000 Rotarians in Australia, if each one gave \$6, a substantial amount would be raised. They had hoped for support from the Pakistani cricket team, but sadly, this did not occur.

Phil and Joyce hope to gain support from District Governors, Club Presidents, Secretaries and Rotarians, their families and friends along their route. We wish them well!

Please find the link below a youtube link for Phil and Joyce

<https://youtu.be/Qsc60JnyeA8>

Rotarians Phil and Joyce Ogden from the Rotary Club of South Launceston are riding a tandem bicycle from Adelaide to Sydney via the Great Ocean Road, connecting with Rotary clubs along the way. Please give generously to the cause via their Raise for Rotary

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Last week's guest speaker was our own Kathy MacQueen, who spoke, with some interruptions from her husband Paul, about their recent visit to Poland, which included attendance at a Polish football match.

They entered Poland by flying from Barcelona, Spain to Krakow – population 766,683 and then on to Gliwice – population 174,016. At Gliwice, Kathy said that the locals drink green beer.

Paul and Kathy were able to visit some of Paul's relatives at Gliwice. In company with relatives, they then travelled to Zakopane, which is up in snow-covered mountains. They were promised spectacular views in the snowfields and skiing opportunities. However, all they saw was fog – no views and no skiing! The area featured thermal baths and a spectacular water slide, which Kathy patronised.

After their snow experience, Kathy and Pau travelled back to Krakow to an area nearby called Wieliczka, where there are salt mines. It is necessary to climb down 370 steps to reach the mine and there are then a further 800 steps in the mine itself. Kathy said the mine features chandeliers made of salt and all the display items in the mine were also made of salt. Their visit to the salt mines was also in company with some of Paul's relatives, including his 84-year-old aunt, who happily traversed all the steps in the mine. One of Paul's relatives proudly showed off the shooting range in his backyard.

While in Gliwice, Paul and Kathy were taken to a local football match. They were supplied with bespoke Tasmanian supporter T-shirts, which attracted quite a deal of interest, including by media representatives at the match. They were somewhat of a loss to understand why two people would travel 15,993 km to support a local team. Kathy said that the team they were supporting won the match, but she wasn't sure who they were! The stadium can seat 13,752 spectators, but holds a total of 17,175 people because the rest stand throughout the game. The local sporting match custom is to eat sunflower seed and spit out the husks. The ground is covered with them by the end of the match. A feature of football matches in Poland is chanting and singing by the spectators and also the letting off of pyrotechnic flares and fireworks. Security searches at the entrances failed to prevent the pyrotechnic devices entering the stadium. Kathy said the flares and fireworks were let off at full time, even though extra time had been called. The players continued playing amidst the mayhem in the crowd.

Altogether, a unique experience, said Kathy.



As a result of the recent request for expressions of interest for the positions of Rotary Community Leaders in District 9830 I am pleased to announce the three provisional appointments of Community Leaders in Tasmania who will start their term of office on 1st July 2024

North West D9830-1	Russell Brownlie	RC of Devonport North
North D9830-2	Alan Harris	RC of Central Launceston
South D9830-3	Bert Dorgelo	RC of Tasman

Rotary guidelines on conducting these elections require that in the interest of transparency, there be a 14-day opportunity for Clubs to register their objection to the appointment in their Community Group. The closing date for such appeals will be 5pm on Friday 19th 2024. Appointments will be confirmed after that process is completed.

In the North, there was only one applicant, Alan Harris. I am sharing with you the information provided by Alan in his application in case you or your club members would like to know more about him. I am sure you will agree that he is a very experienced Rotarian with much to offer your Community Group.

Mike Patten
District Governor



A brief overview of your involvement in Rotary and/or Rotaract*

I am an active member of the Rotary Club of Central Launceston since 2003, undertaking all Club Directorships and leadership roles except Treasurer. I was the Director of the Rotary Duck Race fundraiser 2005 & 2006, Club President in 2010/11 where I was awarded a Presidential Citation with Distinction in 2011. I was the Group Study Exchange Team Leader to Denmark in 2012, an Assistant Governor 2012 to 2014. I was involved in establishment of the Sally's Ride fundraiser in 2009 and I continue that involvement through to today. In 2022, I helped to establish the very successful Rotary Readers reading and mentoring program at Ravenswood Heights Primary School and love to see the changes it brings to the students. I have presented the regular monthly "Rotary Roundup" of all Northern Tasmanian Rotary Clubs past and upcoming activities on City Park Radio since 2011.

Brief overview of your professional and/or employment experience relevant to the role of Rotary Community Leader

I worked for Telecom/Telstra for 35 years until 2013, the last 20 years as an Account Executive working with the largest Northern Tasmanian based Corporate and Government customers. I worked in the Bass Federal MP's office during 2013 -2016, dealing with constituent's enquiries across all manner of Federal Government area of responsibilities. I then moved into the Aged Care industry, helping older people understand their options when planning to move from their family homes to a retirement village or an aged care facility. In November 2018, I was first elected as a Councillor to City of Launceston Council & I was re-elected in 2022.

I retired from full time work in September 2021 to devote my time to the role of a City Councillor and to provide more time to undertake my Rotary activities.

Explanation of your proposed approach to acting as a Rotary Community Leader, and the strengths you will bring to the position.

I have a passion to help people and have developed a "consultative" approach to personal interactions. I have an effective communication technique, first to listen to understand the issues, research the necessary responses and I'm able to explain complicated information in a simple and easy to understand format. Throughout the past 20 years, I have gained an in-depth knowledge of Rotary's program and processes and more importantly I have the ability to identify what I don't know and find out where to go to get help. I see the role of Rotary Community Leader as one of providing support to all Rotary Clubs in the Northern Tasmanian region, particularly the Club Presidents and Board members with regular visits to club meetings, telephone or on-line meetings. I will be available to help the Presidents and their boards to implement their programs and make Rotary an attractive and worthwhile service organisation that benefits their local community. I have experience in getting Rotary Clubs to work together and in sharing successful local programs with other Rotary Clubs and I am able to devote the time necessary to ensure the success of Rotary Community Leader role.



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Hotel Grand Chancellor
29 Cameron St, Launceston
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