

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

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

18th April
2024

Tamar Views

Weekly Bulletin



Rotary

Club of South Launceston



This Week
Ian Smith

Presidents Report

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

The tragic events that have taken place in Sydney last weekend at Bondi Junction shopping mall and yesterday evening a Bishop attacked during a church service, which then caused major riots brings home to us that we in Australia are not isolated from violence. For some time, youth gangs have been out of control, mainly in our cities with authorities under huge pressure from our communities to do something to stop the violence.

Let us take a moment to reflect on the six people who lost their lives last weekend and their families who are grieving for their loved ones.

Phil and Joyce Ogden are continuing their tandem bike ride through Victoria now and heading up into NSW. They have so far raised over \$5,000 for End Polio.

Last week our guest speaker was Megan Dick, the curator of the Glover Prize. Thank you, Megan, for an informative talk. As our club is now part of the Glover Prize, I am sure all members enjoyed hearing from Megan with some of the background of the Prize and its beginnings to what it is today, the most prestigious Provincial Landscape Art Prize in Australia

This week our guest speaker is Ian Smith; Ian's talk is on the history of the photocopier. I am looking forward to that.

Please do not forget the district training is at the Rotary centre in Deloraine on 5 May 2024. Time 9.30am to 3.15pm. Morning tea and lunch is provided. It would be great if we had a good attendance from our club. I look forward to seeing you all at the Grand Chancellor this Thursday.

Yours in Rotary
Andrea Bartholemew
President



COMING EVENTS

April 18th

Ian Smith
History of the
Photocopier



April 25th



APOLOGIES BY 10.30 am
TUESDAY TO TERRY CRAW-
FORD 63447033 or 0417 366
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(If not received by then, an
invoice will be issued)

CLUB DUTIES

DATE	18th April	25th April	2nd May
ATTENDANCE	Andrew Whitehead		
WELCOME	Phil Niejalke		
CHAIRPERSON	Peter Stearns		
THANKS	Les Baxter		

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

Notes of Meeting 11th April 2024

President Andrea

Noted Brian Howard's passing, and spoke about his life in Rotary, and expanded on what she wrote in the Bulletin this week. Expressed condolences to Brians family.

This year's changeover dinner will be held at the Silos on 29th, more details to follow.

Media – Glenda I

Glenda noted the very detailed blogs we are getting from Phil and Joyce Ogden on their fundraising ride for End Polio from Adelaide to Sydney. Because of its size, it is not possible to put it on the Club Facebook page, but Glenda will keep the Club informed. The blog can be seen by members.

Harry G – Community Service

Food Propagation – Student Works is all completed. Construction is complete at Northern Suburbs Community Centre, and all the soil has been placed in the planters.. Construction has started at the MRC. All is due for completion by the end of June, and this should be achieved.

Bunnings BBQ is on Sunday 28th Aril – 3 Rosters – numbers were taken for them. Discussion on food, onions, etc.

Megan Dick, the curator of the Glover Art Prize was last week’s guest speaker.

Megan began by saying that she had a warm association with Rotary, having been an exchange student, spending a most enjoyable and enriching time in South Africa. Megan commended Rotary for its outstanding record of community service in our city, and also across the world.

Megan has always been interested in art and, in due course, had undertaken an arts and fine arts degree at university. She then worked at a number of commercial galleries in Sydney, eventually opening her own gallery in Paddington. She returned to Launceston two years ago.

Megan first heard about the Glover prize through reports of the opening cocktail party and eventually was able to attend one herself. She was amazed to see the queue in the car park of people waiting to enter. She discovered that people actually rush in to buy paintings.

When the opportunity came for her to become curator, she didn’t hesitate to accept the position. She regards it as a privilege. She said that the Glover Art Prize is the most prestigious landscape art prize in Australia, celebrating its 21st anniversary this year.

Megan mentioned that our club’s president, Andrea and her late husband, David, were involved with the prize right from its beginning. Megan said that the Glover is a bottom up, not a top down organisation, and was successful from the word go. It now attracts a very high standard of entries and its reputation and branding are highly regarded. It is a self-sustaining not-for-profit organisation.

The prize was very fortunate in 2020 in that the Covid lockdown was proclaimed the day after the prize exhibition for that year closed. However, Covid spawned the establishment of a virtual exhibition and also virtual galleries. In 2021 the organisation provided a professionally produced, virtual tour of the finalists on its website. It was well received by the 8,000 people who viewed it over a period of nine days.

Megan said her position of curator is a full-time one as the organisation operates all year round. The judges of the prize are carefully selected, ensuring a male/female balance, and including Tasmanian and other artists, who are all nationally recognised. The judges change each year.

Entries are limited in size and must feature a Tasmanian landscape. The organisation will soon celebrate its 25th anniversary and a special exhibition of past winners is already being planned to honour that occasion.



Monday, 8 April at Naracoorte with Ellis who drove us around his district in the rain and showed us the property that he had sold when he retired, proudly telling us it had the biggest Redgum in the whole of South Australia. It was enormous and it would've held half a dozen people in the hollow bowl.

The evening meeting to a small group (about 12) was held in the public area of a local pub restaurant and there was no microphone available. Not ideal! Their president Elisabeth, is the editor/reporter/photographer of a string of rural local papers so we may get some welcome publicity.

On Tuesday 9th we set off for Mount Gambier, 102 km, which seemed a slightly daunting as we had to follow the main road because the alternatives were much longer and were gravel roads. We were travelling through the well-known Coonawarra wine district, and passed a lot of famous wineries along there until we got to Penola, where we stopped briefly for lunch before continuing through another wine area called Wrattonbully to Tarpeena. The whole day we battled a headwind of about 25 km an hour and, in combination with the distance, it was really quite sapping.

Our Rotary hosts for the night, Brian and Jan, welcomed us into their lovely house in the suburbs of Mount Gambier and after a quick shower and change of clothes, we went to the well attended evening meeting where we received a generous donation.

The following day we had to head towards Hamilton and we always knew that it was going to be beyond our capabilities to do 130 km and then turn around and give a presentation in the evening so we had planned to take a Maxi Taxi for 30km. However Brian generously offered a lift to Casterton with the tandem in his trailer. Plus, he contacted Casterton Rotary club to meet up with us for coffee before we continued to Hamilton and he took us for a quick trip around Mount Gambier to show us the famous Blue Lake. In an extinct volcano, this lake miraculously turns bright blue over about four days in November each year and then, during the remainder of the year gradually fades back to gray. Brian said he knew of no satisfactory explanation for this, but it doesn't seem to be blue green algae because the lake is the source of the city's water supply.

It was about 60 km to Casterton where we socialised with a few of their members who were very concerned that we'd struggle on the hills ahead and offered us a lift, which we declined. They were not to be deflected and followed us to make sure we were OK. Touching! The hill scored about 2 out of ten on a Tasmanian scale.

Our hosts in Hamilton were Noel and Rose who were, again, great hosts. Noel a semiretired sheep farmer and Rose an amateur artist. All day Joyce had been developing the heavy cold that Phil had just shaken off and was not feeling her sparkling best so we freshened up and then had a nana nap before performing at the evening meeting. The meeting was very well attended and we feel that with each meeting we're improving the presentation and only hope that gets the donations rolling in.

Thursday April 11th

Joyce was not well and it's a big day of 130kms skirting the Grampians (mostly flat) to Horsham. Noel generously stepped up with the offer of a lift part way in his Ute and we gratefully accepted.

After dire warnings about the conga line of grain trucks we were likely to encounter, we were pleasantly surprised to find it was actually very quiet. The road was excellent. The verges were excellent. It could've been warmer but it was a nice ride, and we got to Horsham about midday. Thinking that it was bit early to land on our unsuspecting hosts, we had lunch in town. To our surprise, our host, Doug, found us there and directed us round to his house to freshen up, have another nap in the afternoon and just generally socialise with them.



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**ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH
LAUNCESTON**

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March 17 1962
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62nd Year of Rotary Service

Thursday Meeting

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6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

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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
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4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all
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