

District Governor's Newsletter

July 2017



The District changeover of office bearers was celebrated at a lunch in Hobart on Sunday 25th June.

The Chain of office of the District Governor passed from Gerard to Tony.

Fiona, Liz and 143 Rotarians and families from across Tasmania, and visitors from Victoria, were there to witness and to celebrate the occasion.



Tony and Gerard



Liz and Fiona

Welcome to the new Rotary Year
Rotary: Making a Difference

Gerard Blizzard made his farewell address touching on the Rotary theme for this past year that was ***“Rotary Serving Humanity”***. He was proud to say that the Rotarians of Tasmania have lived this theme and could expand the motto to say:

Rotary Serving Humanity through the selflessness of ***Service above Self***.

He has served in a variety of roles at District level but discovered there was still a great deal to be learnt. It was not until personally visiting the clubs, talking to the members and boards that he realised just how much our clubs, and therefore our Rotarians do for their communities, the youth within those communities and the many national and international programs and projects that Rotary support.

He wished Tony and Liz the very best for what is to come this year and offered his full support in this position of privilege and trust. He believes our District is in great shape and that it's future is in good hands.



Rotary Tasmania Police Excellence Awards.

These Awards recognise the hard work all police officers contribute to keeping our communities safe. The officers nominated highlight that police work is both varied and challenging and greatly affects people from all walks of life. Policing is not only a job; it is a way of life.

Constable Kendra Hey. Kendra has worked tirelessly and passionately in the area of youth restorative justice. She has forged strong relationships with the local community, affected youth, their families and the relative support networks.



Sergeant Phillip Curtis. An experienced detective, Phillip is currently coordinating the first course held in Tasmania, which will focus on sexual assault investigation.



Welcome to my first District Newsletter for 2017/18

RI president, Ian Riseley has sent the following message:

“There has been an outpouring of heartfelt messages since President-elect Sam’s passing last week. Rotarians and members of the public have been sharing memories and recalling how Sam inspired them through his hard work as a Rotarian and as a dedicated civil servant. His impact and legacy were felt worldwide.”

The first few weeks of “duties” have flown! Liz and I have visited 12 clubs and are delighted with the hospitality and support we have received from the Presidents and members. I have appreciated Presidents and board members making time to meet me prior to the dinner meetings.

We are all very proud that our RI President, Ian Riseley is in Australia! He says that each of us has stayed in Rotary because it adds something to our own lives.

“Through Rotary, we are *Making a Difference* in the world” - his theme for the year.

I am concerned with our latest membership numbers of 1,220; this is the lowest number in D9830 for several years. Think about what makes your club unique and source new members to suit. Look for possible membership in younger professionals, in Rotary alumni (D9830 has supported many people in rotary programmes over many years, so where are those people now), look for possible female members, and how many local or regional ethnic groups are represented in your club? Please send me reports of your success stories. Together we must strengthen our membership.

I encourage all Rotarians to consider participating in district training; Building Future Leaders. Module one is Saturday 23rd September in the south – Sunday 24th September in the north.

We must be ever aware that we are all volunteers and your time is valuable.

Aim to work effectively with your team, maintain motivation and recognise outstanding efforts within your club and in your “Friends of Rotary”. We are all partners in Rotary – we are not employees!

August is Membership and Extension month.

Enjoy Rotary

Glenorchy Rotary Provides Water in Tanzania

The Rotary Club of Glenorchy and its supporters have funded a life changing water well in Tanzania, one of the world's poorest countries.

The newly bored well is now bringing fresh clean drinking water into the village of Komosawa in the Tarime district in Tanzania's Mara region. President of the Glenorchy Rotary Club, Mr John Berry said that, "The people of Komosawa now have access to safe, clean drinking water for the first time in their lives. This is having a direct impact on their health and well-being and even such factors as attendance at school by local children". With a population of 52 million, Tanzania is the largest country in East Africa but because of its harsh climate, almost 50% of its population does not have access to safe drinking water.

"In a country like Tanzania, over 3,000 children under five, die each year from preventable diarrheal diseases caused by poor water quality and sanitation." said Mr Berry, " Our Club felt we should do something tangible to address this issue and make a difference in that part of the world".

With women and children in rural Tanzania spending over two hours a day collecting water, and up to seven hours in remote areas, a village based well immediately changes the lives of families.

Mr Berry said a recent monitoring visit to assess the well's functioning, reported that over 800 people were collecting water from the Komosawa well daily and subsequently enabling an estimated 3,000 people to access clean drinking water.

"We understand that people are now walking for many kilometres from neighbouring areas to use our Rotary funded well in Komosawa."

The water well was officially opened last month on behalf of the Rotary Club of Glenorchy by the CEO of the Care for Africa Foundation, Mrs Diana Butler. Mrs Butler has been the Club's African liaison in establishing the well. "This has been a major undertaking by the Rotary Club of Glenorchy and a tribute to the people of Glenorchy who have supported our fundraising activities tirelessly," said Mr Berry. "This water well was made possible by the generosity of the Glenorchy community who continue to support us in our international outreach."



**"Thank you Glenorchy Rotary"
Club**

A Rotary Club of Howrah Happening
Fundraising with Pre-loved books

Sale of pre-loved books is providing a steady source of funds for the Rotary Club of Howrah. The project can be traced back to a dedicated group of members who had been accumulating and sorting second hand books which were distributed at various venues around Hobart, and many various functions.



Where to store the ever-increasing stockpile of books became a real issue. The work involved of putting books on display and back into storage was back-breaking work for many club members.

A solution came in the form of an offer by Hobart identity, George Spilopoulos, the owner of a vacant shop “waiting for a future use” at Tranmere Beach near Howrah. The available space at the vacant shop has enabled a considerable number of pre-loved books to be displayed, and allowed interested customers to wander around and choose books carefully at their leisure.

All the books on display are in good condition through careful selection with many literary “gems” to be found. Many of the customers become regular browsers looking for a literary “treasure”. They develop good rapport with the bookshop volunteers.

Most members of the Rotary Club of Howrah have worked in the pre-loved bookshop. A very dedicated group of Lindsay Chivers, David Mitchell and Beth Cook form the core helper group. Members operate the bookshop on Thursdays and Fridays from 10am-4pm and winter is no deterrent.

Books come into the store and go out. At times, more books go out than come in. However, the sale of pre-loved books ensures a constant trickle of funds for the Rotary Club of Howrah projects



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District Book drive for literacy: Liz Colman’s project this year is to boost literacy levels within the District by donations of children’s books to community groups chosen by your Rotary club. Please bring your books to the DG’s visit at your club.





Food Plant Solutions Milestone

On the 7th of July, 2007, the first meeting of Food Plant Solutions was held in Deloraine.

10 years on and we are internationally recognised, achieving reductions in malnutrition rates by as much as 95%

From the Chair:

PDG Una Hobday,

As I awoke this morning and listened to the news, I was appalled again at the damage human beings are doing to each other around the world. I hear about children dying in Syria and other places, and wonder, what can we do? The answer to myself was-we cannot do everything but we can work harder at doing what we know works to stop the death of children and their families in need of good nutrition. We know, from a previous newsletter, the wonderful AOG Vietnamese project, where malnutrition was reduced in one school by 95% and another by 80%. How fantastic that would be if we could do this in all the areas we have projects.

I have just returned from our district conference where I spoke about the opportunities that FPS RAG can offer clubs preparing Global Grants.

Hopefully the discussion these members will have with their clubs will light a candle in their minds to work with other clubs, to make a difference to nutrition levels in another country. In April we celebrated the creation of a publication for Tasmania, which was warmly received by the community, - 'A guide to Nutritious food plants of Tasmania'. This was made possible by funding received from the Central Coast Council. Community groups, schools and the council have been given these publications, to make a difference in their communities.

I encourage each of you to urge your clubs to support Food Plant Solutions Rotary Action Group.

ROTARY CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

In 2015, approximately 2,600,000 children under the age of 5 died from malnutrition linked causes.

Like polio, hunger and malnutrition is preventable

We are calling on all Rotarians to follow 'End Polio Now' with 'End Malnutrition NOW'

Please contact us at

info@foodplantsolutions.org to become part of End Malnutrition Now



Rotarians against Malaria (RAM)

From Jenny Kerrison (North Hobart):
On RAM's recent visit to Timor Leste - our team of volunteers from NSW, ACT and Queensland (photo from left to right) at a mass bed nets distribution - these nets are for new families as well as replacements for nets that have been in homes for three years. The Timor Leste Ministry of Health, together with WHO, holds regular and targeted bed nets distributions through their network of health and community volunteers. Their latest statistics show that they reduced malaria from 220 per 1,000 to 0.08 per 1,000 in 2016. They hope to eliminate malaria from the country in 2020. To do this, they need \$1.5 million over the 3 years. RAM is in partnership with the Timor Leste government. Do YOU want to be a part of their history in the fight against malaria?

RAM conference, Sydney
August 19th-20th



Rotary Events

Launceston White Ribbon Committee

Invites your workplace members to breakfast to share

'Small Steps in the Workplace'

Friday August 4th 2017

7.00 - 8.30am \$40

Hotel Grand Chancellor

RSVP:- Friday 28th July

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Rotary Club of Hobart



State Conference 2018

Grand Chancellor Hotel

Hobart

6th, 7th & 8th April

www.rotarytasconference2018.com.au

"Aspire to be Inspired"

Peter Murfett
District Director The Rotary Foundation

A BIG THANK YOU to all clubs which made donations during the 2016-17 year, it will mean 50% of those donations come back to the District in three years to enable us to do good work in our local and international communities.

The office is sitting on over \$14,000 unallocated because they do not know which Club sent the contribution

It would be much appreciated if Clubs paying direct use their Club Number followed by AF for Annual Fund or POL for Polio when sending donations. This indicates which Club sent the funds and where they want it allocated.

From Hobart City Central Club, Warwick Pease was awarded the Paul Harris Sapphire pin



With DG Tony

Youth Exchange Program students have begun arriving in the state. Alec Buchs from Bern in Switzerland will be hosted by RC of Salamanca. Here with Wilmar Bouman and President Karen Badcock.



Membership and Awards

New Members:

- Dianne Underwood (Sandy Bay)
- Ms Jan Foote (Evandale)
- Philip Woods (Evandale)
- Annabel Palmer (Bellerive)
- Grant Bingley (Devonport South East)
- Jan Bingley (Devonport South East)
- Marcel McLeod (Kingston from Townsville daybreak)
- Dale Eastley (Sullivans Cove)

Honorary Member

- Bill Casimaty (Hobart)

Paul Harris Fellows:

- Sue Waterston (member's spouse) (Central Launceston)
- David Pretorius (Central Launceston)
- Craig Perkins (Central Launceston)
- Tim Robertson (Central Launceston)
- Rob Warren (Howrah)
- Bev Ritchie (Deloraine)
- Julie Creed (Kingston)
- Janine Cullen (Kingston)
- Rae Wells (Kingston)
- Stephen and Anne Reynolds (Kingston)
- Brian Gallagher- Sapphire (Hobart)
- Gary von Schill (Devonport South East)
- Tim Blair (Devonport South East)
- Bill Cruz (Ulverstone West)
- Sue Van Dongen (Launceston West) and Marilyn Quaile (Launceston West) both wives of Rotarians)
- Dianne Fromholtz(Launceston West)
- John Loche-Waters-Sapphire (Launceston West)
- Geoffrey O'Halloran-Sapphire (Kings Meadows)
- Tim Henty-Sapphire (Kings Meadows)
- Peter Broun (Latrobe)