



Rotary District 9830  
Tasmania  
District Governor's  
**Newsletter**



**September 2010**

## **National Youth Science Forum Leads to London for Emily**



**Emily doing an experiment in the oldest chemistry lab at Oxford University**

Emily Wilson from Fahan School attended the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF), in Perth in January. She was sponsored by RC Salamanca. Her exposure to science and like-minded people during the NYSF motivated her to apply for an International Science Program. She was fortunate enough to be selected to represent Australia at the London International Youth Science Forum, LIYSF.

300 students attended the LIYSF in July this year, and represented over 60 different countries. The forum had a recurring theme of climate change and sustainable energy sources for the future - "The Global Challenge". With world class scientists delivering lectures and hosting debates, participants were inspired to make a difference in their scientific futures.

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### **Books' new lease of life**

Unwanted books from Tasmanian public libraries, which were destined to be pulped, will now gain a new lease of life in Third World Countries. Rotary has developed a partnership with Tasmanian public libraries so that thousands of unwanted books are handed over to Rotary's Donations – in – Kind (DIK) program.



**State Library's Susan Witek and Terry Lobban with books for Rotary's DIK Program**

District 9830 DIK Coordinator, Terry Lobban, said the agreement will result in about 25 cubic metres of books being shipped out in containers to the South Pacific. Rotary District 9830 has been sending books overseas for several decades and has the capacity, including storage space, to deal with the State Library's unwanted books.

(Article and photo courtesy of the Mercury)

**Family of Rotary Day  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February, Brickendon, Longford**

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During the forum they also had the opportunity to attend day visits to Oxford and Cambridge Universities, the famous London Museums and Art Galleries, and some of the leading scientific research venues in London.

The LIYSF allowed them to take the initiative in the programs they wished to attend. They had the opportunity to visit Stonehenge, stand on the Meridian Line in Greenwich, experience the theatre at West End, eat a traditional English pub meal, have afternoon tea with the Australian High Commissioner, and of course see the famous sights of London.



**Emily in London, standing in front of St Paul's Cathedral**

Emily had a wonderful time in London, and she would deeply encourage all future year 12 students to apply for this incredible opportunity. Not only has the LIYSF extended her vision to scientific issues within our global community, but it has also allowed her to gain an international network of like-minded people.

The support she received from her community allowed her to make the most of this life-changing experience. Emily is grateful to R C Salamanca for their support and kind words of encouragement.

## September is New Generations Month

This means it is the ideal time for your Club to become involved in New Generations projects - YEP, RYPEN, RYLA, MUNA, RYDA, NYSF, The Science Experience, Science and Engineering, Rotaract, Interact.

**New Generations Month** brings to the fore the enormous amount of work put in by the Chairmen and all Rotarians involved in the avenues of service related to youth activities e.g.: **National Youth Science Week** – see the story about Emily Wilson on page 1 and opposite.

**The Youth Exchange Program** continues to flourish. This was evident at a very successful orientation day held on 15<sup>th</sup> August. PDG Lew Pretorius opened the session with some well chosen words of advice. Chairman PP Judy Hicks outlined the YEP process and members of the YEP committee and other attending Rotarians led break-out sessions in the afternoon.

Eight students have been selected to travel overseas in January 2011. Five of the inbound students have arrived. The National YEP Chairs Conference is to be held in Hobart in October.

The success and growth of Rotary Youth Driving Awareness (**RYDA**) just continues. This is an outstanding service offered by Rotary in our community, but success results in additional costs. Funds for this will need to be found.

**Council on Legislation** has passed the formation of **Early Act Clubs**. This means that Rotary can conduct Rotary specific projects with youth under the age of 16, in schools, prior to being eligible for Interact.

PP Tony Colman, Director,  
District 9830 New Generations Program

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## From the DG

The District Conference will be held on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of April next year. The conference committee is working hard on keeping the costs down as much as possible. We are trying to have one payment cover everything so you know the total cost of the weekend up front.

The Axeman's Hall of Fame is catering for the Saturday night dinner and they have promised a great night. We are putting together an interesting program of local and international guest speakers who will keep you informed and entertained.

One keynote speaker will keep you on the edge of your seat. She is one of the most unique and inspirational women in the world. Colonel Pamela Melroy USAF (retired) has flown United States Air Force jet aircraft before becoming a NASA astronaut. She is one of only two women ever to fly the Space Shuttle. Pamela has not only done it once, she has done it three times; twice as space shuttle commander - the only women to do this.



Colonel Melroy has spent over 900 hours in space, travelled forty million kilometres, built space stations and excelled in a male dominated world. In doing this she has retained her charm and her candour. This conference will be a once in a lifetime opportunity to hear her speak.

Pamela has indicated she will attend all events at the conference and will be happy to meet and mingle.

Registrations will open later this month and will be available on the District 9830 website. Be early.

D G Ted



**The Board of R C West Tamar**  
(Art work courtesy of Geoff Frost)

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## Polio Victim's Passion Preserved

John Palotta was a polio victim living right here in Tasmania. He had the use of only three fingers on his right hand. There was no movement at all in his left arm and fingers. He spent most of his life in a wheelchair.

During that time, he built an amazing model village, comprising replicas of buildings in his home town of Chilham, Kent in England. The village is built of match sticks and dental plaster. John painted the village with his mouth. It took 11 years to complete. Sadly, John died in 1979 but his village lives on, lovingly restored and presently housed at Brookfield Vineyard.



The model village lovingly created by polio victim, John Palotta.

Friends of the vineyard helped restore Mr Palotta's creation. Lesley Perkins took home all the figurines and dusted and mended every one of them. The present owners of Brookfield Vineyard, John and Helene Hurd, and the former owner, Jan Beadle saved the antique display from being moved to the mainland and lost to Tasmania forever. Other attractions at Brookfield include a German Model Train World featuring Markham trains and a collection of piggy banks.

Southern Rotary Clubs should consider doing a club visit to RC D'Entrecasteaux Channel on a Tuesday night and include a tour of the model village at 6.00pm before a meal with the host club at 7.00pm. Cost is \$5.00 to visit the model village and \$20.00 for the meal.

## Rotary puts Margate on the Web

Three years ago, the Friends of Margate were successful in winning a grant to beautify the Township of Margate. Among the projects undertaken was the design and installation of "Welcome to Margate" signs at the three entrances to the township.

Following an initial approach by Kees Wierenga to Kingborough Council, RC D'Entrecasteaux persuaded the council to include the Margate web address ([www.margatetas.com](http://www.margatetas.com)) included on the "Welcome to Margate" signs.



RC D'Entrecasteaux Channel members, PP Helen Lindsay and Bert Vanderaa flanking the "Welcome to Margate" sign with the website address listed at the bottom.

The initiative is proving very popular, gaining lots of hits from people wanting local information about local bushwalking, times the tip shop is open, what festivals are coming up, where to eat, even who to vote for. The website is being used for businesses, clubs, events, schools and churches. "Take the time to look up [www.margatetas.com](http://www.margatetas.com) or better still you can put your business or event on the website. It's so easy" said Rotarian Bert Vanderaa.



**Margate** tasmania  
online

## The Rotary Foundation Our Own Charity

Have you considered making a personal donation to The Rotary Foundation? An increasing number of Rotarians are contributing each year – it's our charity and we can be proud of the great humanitarian work our Foundation is doing.

There are a number of ways a member can support the Foundation. By donating \$100 you can become a **Centurion** or you may choose to be a **Benefactor** by including a contribution of \$1000 in your will. Another option is to become a member of the **Paul Harris Society** by donating \$1000.

A contribution for Centurion or PH Society is accredited to your club's annual giving total and also counts towards PHF credits. Donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

The Rotary Foundation passes on 100% of all monies raised to the target recipients whereas a number of well known charities retain up to 85% of donations for administrative and advertising purposes.

Please contact me if you require a contribution form.

Kevin Shadbolt  
Chairman



## District Simplified Grants

A grant of up to \$1000 could be available to support a project in your local area.

There is still time to complete your grant application and have it to Grants Chairman Lew Pretorius by September 30.

## Twenty Dollar Meal Club

RC Tamar Sunrise has a sister club relationship with RC Kayalaan in Cagayan de Oro City in the Philippines. The two clubs have combined to adopt a depressed school in the Barangay district of Cagayan de Oro City and set up a breakfast program.



### Children lining up for breakfast at Malasag Elementary School in the Philippines

One day a week, for the whole school year, many malnourished children in the Malasag Elementary School are provided with a healthy breakfast to start their day. The breakfast is provided by members of RC Kalayaan with the help of parents from the school. The menu varies weekly but is developed by a dietician who is a member of the Rotary Club.

There has been a significant improvement in the children. The school has improved its ranking from 65<sup>th</sup> of 69 public schools to 41<sup>st</sup>. The number of students below normal height and weight has dropped. As a result of these improvements, the school is no longer classified as a Low Performing School.



## Cocktails for a Cause (A project of RC Tamar Sunrise)

At Launceston BMW  
Friday October 15<sup>th</sup>

Pre-purchase tickets on

[www.tamarsunrise.com.au/cocktail](http://www.tamarsunrise.com.au/cocktail)

## Abbeyfield Houses Seek Rotary Partnerships

Abbeyfield Houses provide an affordable, secure housing option for older people who wish to maintain their independence. In Tasmania, Abbeyfield Houses are located at Glenorchy, Huonville, Chigwell, Launceston and Burnie. Each house provides accommodation for ten residents with separate bed sitter and ensuite units. Other facilities e.g. dining and garden are shared.

Jackie McDermody, a member of the committee that runs the Abbeyfield House at Chigwell, believes partnerships between Abbeyfield Houses and local Rotary Clubs could enhance the lives of residents.

It is not funds that the Abbeyfield Houses need, but assistance for residents in small, but important areas. Examples of the type of assistance could be:

- Disposal of unwanted household goods when people move into Abbeyfield Houses
- Small maintenance jobs around the houses – painting and gardening
- Transport of heavy items
- Including some residents in Rotary outings.

Contact details for Abbeyfield Houses are listed in local telephone directories.



## End Polio Now Bracelets

The sale of small bracelets was one of the ideas that the GSE team to France brought home from their exchange in the Loire Valley in France.

The bracelet consists of an adjustable elastic bracelet with a small disc with two inscriptions on it - "End Polio in the World" and the Rotary Wheel.



The bracelets have sold like hot cakes in France. They are especially attractive to the younger generation who consider the bracelets to be essential "cool" adornments.

As well as raising funds, the bracelets help to raise awareness of Rotary. Sale of the bracelets is a wonderful opportunity for any club when holding a community event.

RC Hobart will run the Bracelet Program, with the full support of the District. The club has generously agreed to provide seed funding and arrange to production and distribution of 5,000 bracelets.

Purchase price is \$1.00 per bracelet. RRP is \$5.00. Donate \$4.00 to the "End Polio Now" Appeal.

Further information is available from Trina D'Ozario. (Email: [family@rotary.org.au](mailto:family@rotary.org.au) or mobile 0413 344 331)

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### Welcome to new Rotarians

New Rotarian	Club
Deidre Flint	Glenorchy
Beth Gilligan	Glenorchy
Rhonda Walker	Glenorchy
Stephanie Barrett	Glenorchy
Cheryl Osborne	Glenorchy
Lazlo Faludi	Ulverstone West
Marianne Faludi	Ulverstone West
Gilbert Griffiths	Sorell
Angela Holzberger	Sullivans Cove
Wendy Mitchell	Tamar Sunrise
Brenda Tsiaousis	Hobart
Michael Round	Hobart
Nick Preece	South Launceston
Di Butler	South Launceston
Steve Rockliff	Devonport North
Tony Hartley	Devonport North
Don Brett Young	Lindisfarne
Holger Ostersen	Scottsdale
Rod McMahon	North Hobart



**DG Ted presents new RC Glenorchy members (from left) Rhonda Walker, Stephanie Barrett and Cheryl Osborne with their Rotary pins.**

New Paul Harris Fellows	Club
Peter Gibson	Sullivans Cove
Graeme Page	Westbury
Gregory Smith	Wynyard
Wolf Friedersdorff	Wynyard
Stan Payne	Launceston
Tracy Dance	City Central Hobart
Warwick Pease	City Central Hobart
Derek Chambers	North Hobart
<b>Paul Harris Sapphire Pins</b>	
Ian Chalk	Somerset
Miho Howard	George Town

### July 2010

#### Club Attendance Report

Club	Attendance	Rank
Brighton	100.00%	1
Youngtown	93.20%	2
Howrah	91.30%	3
Wynyard	88.46%	4
St. Helens	85.30%	5
Kingston	84.30%	6
Devonport South East	83.75%	7
Sandy Bay	83.00%	8
Scottsdale	82.84%	9
Huon Valley	81.20%	10
North Launceston	80.77%	11
Salamanca	80.71%	12
Longford	80.00%	Equal 13
Burnie	80.00%	Equal 13
Ulverstone	80.00%	Equal 13
West Tamar	80.00%	Equal 13
Georgetown	80.00%	Equal 13
Moonah	78.03%	18
Ulverstone West	77.00%	19
Somerset	75.50%	20

#### Congratulations to RC Brighton



**DG Ted congratulates PP Miho Howard of RC George Town on being awarded a Paul Harris Sapphire Pin in recognition of her work for ROMAC**

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Outgoing Rotary Youth Exchange Students, (from left) Alexandra Crosswell, Rebekah Dudley and Amy Duerinckx at the Orientation Day in Launceston



RC Youngtown working in the Punchbowl Community Garden Centre with Club President and AG Ian Smith put to work, pushing the blue wheelbarrow

Note: these are great examples of District 9830 living the Rotary theme for 2010 – 2011: *“Building Communities, Bridging Continents”*



RC Claremont set up outside K & D Warehouse in Hobart  
Some of the customers said they buy a sausage because it is for Rotary



RC Kingston hard at work on a Sunday morning at a Strategic Planning Session to map out the future direction for the club



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