

# District Governor's Newsletter

November 2017

## Book Drive for Literacy

"Thank you all so much for your wonderful donation of the quality children's books (79!!) to the Clarence Plains Child and Family Centre (CFC). Reading books to young children plays a vital role in child development not only in language and literacy skills but also in the areas social, emotional, cognitive and creative development. The books you have donated will enhance learning and attachment in children throughout our community. The team at the CFC will distribute the books to new babies born in the Clarence Plains community in our new parent packs. We will also be creating some educational book kits with some of the books to enhance the engagement and learning outcomes for families."

(Carolyn George CFC, pictured right, with her team and RC of Salamanca members)



On Tues 7 November, at Rotary Club of North Hobart, Liz Colman (District Governor's wife, pictured above) presented a short speech emphasising the need to encourage development of literacy through early introduction of reading of books to children. Liz presented our Club's donation of 46 children's books to Cate Harding, Migrant Resource Centre. More details on the centre:

<http://mrctas.org.au/>

Rotary State Conference: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 2018  
Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart

## ROTARACT

The Rotaract Club of Central Coast has members from Port Sorell to Burnie. Rotaract is for those aged 18 to 30, and each club has a Rotary parent club who guides and supports them, ours being the Rotary Club of Ulverstone West. As is tradition in our club, we had a themed dress up night for our District Governor meeting with Tony Colman. This year the theme was bright colours to celebrate spring and the local Bloomin' Tulips Festival in Wynyard.

There are three Rotaract Clubs in the State: Central Coast in the North West Coast, Tamar Valley in the North, and Sandy Bay in the South. We each have our own projects, but try and do some cross-club projects as well as plan social events. As a Rotaract Club, we enjoy the ability to collaborate with a range of Rotary Clubs, and two of the main projects for the Central Coast Rotaract are Festival in the Park, and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Christmas Lunch, which are both organised with the Rotary Clubs of Ulverstone and Ulverstone West. Our independent project is the Bright Cider Life Festival, held within the Devonport Food and Wine Festival, and this is a family friendly day at the Spreyton Cider Co. with whom we collaborate for this event. We open the Leven Theatre Kiosk when there are shows performed there, and this is our main fundraising revenue.

In March 2018 Rotaract is celebrating 50 years, with the Rotaract Club of North Charlotte, Carolina, chartered in 1968, so we will be looking to organise some events and bring together past and present Rotaractors. If you have never visited your local Rotaract Club, come along to a meeting and see what we do, and this is a great time to invite a potential member along with you too if you can!

(Stephanie Clayton)



**From The District Governor:**

NOVEMBER –  
ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

NOVEMBER IS



TAKE ACTION: [www.rotary.org/give](http://www.rotary.org/give)

November is the Rotary month when we focus on the Rotary Foundation. It has been suggested that we think of The Foundation as a “Giving Tree” that delivers outcomes that really make a difference. We should be inspired and committed to continue to do good in the world and really make a difference.

The Rotary Foundation tells us that this month we celebrate Public Toilet Day, Tolerance Day, Diabetes Day, Universal Children’s Day, Rotaract, People with Disabilities; what a selection to learn about and all so aligned and connected right back to Rotary’s first project in Chicago – a public toilet! This of course reflects Rotary’s goal of helping humanity through tolerance, through to our support of Rotaract which teaches young people the work of Rotary.

It is easy to see why Paul Harris chose the cog wheel as our emblem. The Rotary Foundation is our own charity through our grants programmes. Rotary Clubs are required to maintain a financial commitment to The Rotary Foundation. The Foundation grants programmes serve communities in need.

Enjoy Rotary!  
DG Tony

## Iris Pan

I come from Taiwan, now I'm living in Hobart, at New Town.

I like to run, exercise, listen to music and watch movies.

In the school, I made some very good friends, we have a lot of same interests and topics, and the teacher is also very nice to me.

In the subjects, example English, we have to read a novel called "the wave", although I have some difficulty reading English, but I tried to check the words, to catch up with everyone's progress, so the language is not the most difficult.

Then I hope to speak fluently as soon as possible in this year.



## Iñaki Sanchez

Hello, I'm Rotary youth exchange student from Spain living in Launceston.

I have learned so many things and realized how nice and warm Australians are.

I chose Australia because I really wanted a place where I could speak English and I really wanted to have a lot of nature around me so I fell very lucky and I can't think of a better place than Tasmania for that.

I'm really grateful because I've been also able to do things I love here in Tassie so I'm playing hockey, which is one of my passions, at the school team and I've been taking amazing shots with my drone and I'm doing video editing too so, is just being amazing.



**2017-18 RYDA Program**

**Rotary Youth Driver Awareness**

This is a community road safety initiative delivering practical road safety information targeting attitude and awareness of young drivers and passengers. The program is facilitated in partnership with Rotary, presented by professionals and supported by corporate sponsors. The Program about road safety is directed towards our young people as they approach the period in their life when they start driving a car and ride as a passenger in a car driven by one of their peers. In Tasmania it is presented to students in grade 10.

Presenters include road safety experts, driving instructors, police, recovering survivors of road crashes and drug and alcohol educators

The 2017/18 Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) program commenced in Huonville on 24th August with 113 students participating.

The Hobart program commenced on 27th August and ran until 15th September with 2086 students participating.

A huge thank you must go to Southern coordinator, Marion Cooper, and Northern coordinator, Annette Viney, for their mighty efforts in the organisation of these programs.

The Symmons Plains program was held 23rd October to 2nd November with 1046 students.

The Rotary Club of Devonport North took a team to King Island on 8th November for presentation to 18 students. A big thank you to Peter Chalk for organising this trip (Peter did not even travel to King Island).

**A total of 3263 students to date for this Rotary year have participated in the RYDA program.**

Further sessions for this Rotary year are scheduled for Smithton, Queenstown (1 day each) and Camp Clayton (8 days).





### **Muster for Mental Health**



This is an initiative of Australian Rotary Health focussing on mental health and emphasising youth issues.

Lesley and I are ready to leave on the MUSTER to enjoy three weeks of spectacular scenery, great fun and fellowship, travelling for a great cause. We will be golfing, fishing and MUSTERING during the tour around Tasmania, so come and join with us as we rediscover the hidden beauty of Tasmania.

The MUSTER commences on 4th February 2018 at Deloraine

The purpose of the MUSTER is to raise awareness of mental health and to assist Rotary Clubs to raise funds for research into mental illness and youth suicide.

The MUSTER committee is organising seven mental health forums around Tasmania which will be free to all in each of the communities.

For more detailed information and to sign up for the MUSTER please contact me on 0410557598.

You can bring your motor home, caravan, camping trailer, slide on or tent. Whatever you bring you will be welcome

John Dare

Here's your chance to see the real Fiji and help change lives



Join us on Interplast's 2018 Fiji Trek, experience the culture, and explore what truly makes this country unique. While taking in its picturesque villages and hinterland, help Interplast to continue to change futures for people in some of the poorest countries across the Asia Pacific region.

In places such as Fiji, conditions that would only require basic surgery in Australia or New Zealand can go untreated. A damaged hand can affect your ability to work and provide for your family. A child with a cleft palate can experience struggles with eating, learning how to speak and being accepted by other children.

With your support and the ongoing commitment of our amazing medical volunteers, we can continue to provide life-changing surgery to people across the Asia Pacific, along with training local medical staff to ensure they can provide high-quality services into the future.

**We constantly receive requests for assistance from all over the Asia Pacific region. We are only limited by funding. Will you help us continue to repair bodies and rebuild lives?**

Every dollar you raise through this trek will make a huge difference. I hope you can join us for this adventure of a lifetime.

email: [info@inspiredadventures.com.au](mailto:info@inspiredadventures.com.au)

call: 1300 905 188

*MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY*

Sandy Bay Rotarians and friends celebrated Hat Day by having a 'Mad Hatters Tea Party' at the Revolving Restaurant at the top of Wrest Point. With its recent renovations complete, and the magnificent views it offered, the venue was a fitting place to enjoy a glass of champagne and a delicious high tea. There were many and varied hats, from the fun to the beautiful, from handmade to specialty designs, and all were worn to 'lift the lid' on mental illness and raise awareness of, and funds for, mental health research by **Australian Rotary Health**. The President donated 6 fine wines to be raffled, which added to the funds raised and the enjoyment of those who won them! What an enjoyable and worthwhile fundraiser.



Past ARH Chair Bidy Fisk and husband Tom



2018-19 DG Ross Carlyle and wife Penny



RC of Sandy Bay President Brian Shearer & wife Helen

**Membership and Awards**

**New Members:**

Max Cole (Ulverstone West)

**Rotary Events**

The Rotary Tasmania Page on **facebook** has a full list of Rotary events  
<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryTasmania/>

**WANTED**

**Volunteers**

**Nepal Eye Camps.**

February 2018.

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