



Rotary District 9830
Tasmania
District Governor's
Newsletter



August 2009

**Moonah Rotary Club rejuvenates itself
Eight new members since 1 July**

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- Join attendance report - Congratulations Spring Bay
- GSE Applications due shortly, now is the time for Rotarians interested in being the GSE Team Leader to save values in France or New York in the USA to apply. It is also time to actively seek out potential Team Members and encourage them to apply.
- Any enquiries to **DG Peter Marlett**, District GSE Chairman, GPO Box 1257 Hobart Tasmania Australia 7003. Phone: 0418 124 181 (mobile) 6225 2789 (home) Email: puckett@bigpond.net.au
- www.rotary.org.au
- District Governor's Newsletter for July 2009 available
- National Science and Engineering Challenge is at present being held throughout Tasmania. Run by the University of Newcastle with the Support of Rotary it attracts enquiries from most Tasmanian high schools. www.nsc.gov.au

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**The eight new members of the
Rotary Club of Moonah**

Clockwise from bottom left:
Mathew Vickers, Andrea Oliver,
Lorraine Titmus, Rob Douglas, Allan
Warren, David Devereaux, Carleene
O'Brien and Colin Harriss
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District Family of Rotary Day – Sunday 7th February 2010
At "Lovely Banks", Midlands Highway

Moonah shows how to recruit new members

The hard work undertaken by members of the Rotary Club of Moonah toward increased membership in 2009 culminated with a great meeting at the Hockey Centre on July 21 where another four new members were inducted.

Andrea Oliver, Mathew Vickers, David Devereaux and Lorraine Titmus were admitted to the club by President Wal van Schie in the presence of District Governor Ian Shuey and his wife Liz, Assistant Governor Lorraine Walker, Past District Governor Michael Perkins and Past District Governor Lew Pretorius.

Andrea, Mathew, David and Lorraine have joined recent inductees; Rob Douglas, Carleene O'Brien, Allan Warren and Col Harriss making a total of eight new members inducted by the Rotary Club of Moonah in a matter of weeks. Four more members will be inducted in the next few weeks.



Moonah's eight new Rotarians with President Wal van Schie (third left) and DG Ian Shuey (back row, right of banner)

The incredible growth of the club in the last fifteen months may all be attributable to Frank Hill who, as president, reported at the Executive meeting in February 2008 on the urgent need to admit new members.

After the cocktail night in 2008 the club admitted five new members. The night was deemed a success but feedback eventually revealed that a mentoring system was needed to provide education and support for newcomers.

Learning much from last year's cocktail night another membership function was held this year and driven by Rotarian Caroline Farquhar who is one of the club's newest members. Another successful outcome.

Since April last year, the Rotary Club of Moonah has admitted twelve new members with four more ready to be inducted. In true Rotary spirit the Moonah club will be pleased to share its strategy with any other club.

Wal van Schie
President
The Rotary Club of Moonah



From the DG

Quality Membership Growth

August is membership month and therefore a good time to think about our future. Most Rotarians are members of other organisations in which active participation is not expected. Such organisations are usually pleased to have the support of their membership with little more being expected of the average member than paying the annual subscription and a vote at the occasional election (often of secondary importance).

Rotary differs significantly from such organisations in two ways:

- First, by attendance requirements, and
- Secondly by the expectation of active participation by each Rotarian in some aspect of club work.

The responsibility of membership growth is not that of the Club's Board or membership development committee, but of every individual Rotarian in every club. The responsibility is yours and mine.

DG Ian

Koroipita 2 Housing Project in Fiji Funding Boost

The new K2 village project in Fiji is coming to fruition after NZAID announced it will provide FJ\$750,000 to the Rotary Club of Lautoka to support the first six month phase of a five year programme to resettle poor families into new homes. This will enable the construction of 160 cyclone safe houses.

District Grants Chair, Lew Pretorius said the announcement of the grant was just the beginning of the project. "We can all look forward with more certainty to the construction and completion of the project" said PDG Lew.



District 9830 Top ShelterBox Sponsor

District 9830 has done it again – it's been one of the top two districts for sponsoring ShelterBoxes since it started contributing to ShelterBoxes in 2005/06. In the year just past, District 9830 sponsored 116 boxes (\$139,000). This demonstrates the generosity of Tasmanian Rotary Clubs and the Tasmanian community.

District Simplified Grants

Has your club considered applying for a District Simplified Grant? Why not identify a project in your community or a community overseas and apply for a grant. Forms and guidelines are being forwarded to clubs at this time. US\$1000 could be available to add to your club's contribution for a project of your choice. Closing date for applications will be September 30. Please note that grants can't be used for the purchase of land and buildings, renovation of structures or the payment of salaries. For assistance please contact Grants Chairman Lew Pretorius or Foundation Chairman Kevin Shadbolt.

Now is the time to be involved in Group Study Exchanges in 2010

In autumn 2010, District 9830 will host GSE teams from:



- **District 1510 – Loire Valley, France,**

and



- **District 7230 – New York, USA**

District 9830 will reciprocate by sending out GSE teams to the above Districts.

Applications are now being called for Team Leaders and Team Members for both outgoing teams. Rotarians looking for an exciting and challenging opportunity should consider applying for the team leader positions.

The challenge for Rotary is to make young (25 – 40) Tasmanian business or professional people aware of GSE and the opportunities now available. It's a fantastic personal development opportunity. The greater number of applicants, the stronger the GSE teams to represent D9830 (Tasmania)

Information can be located on the web as follows:

www.rotary9830.org.au/gse

Closing dates for applications are:

- Team Leader: 26 August
- Team Member: 16 September

For more information, contact Peter Murfett:

Mob: 0418 124 181

Email: murfettp@bigpond.net.au

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE
A CULTURAL VOCATIONAL & FELLOWSHIP EXPERIENCE

2 EXCHANGES this year:

Inwards:

- D 1510 Loire Valley**
28 Feb 2010 – 1 April 2010
- D 7230 New York**
22 March 2010 – 27 April 2010

Outwards:

- D1510 Loire Valley**
1 March 2010 – 4 April 2010
- D7230 New York**
22 April 2010 – 27 May 2010

GET INVOLVED WITH GSE

Participants will:

- ✓ Be 25 to 40 years of age
- ✓ Meet non-rotarian rules
- ✓ Have been 2 years full-time in their business/profession

Nominations will be sought in July 2009 for Team Leader (Rotarian) and Team Members. Selection is competitive. Clubs should indicate now if they wish to host an incoming team. This will include responsibility for organising some of the program for the visit.

Your contact is:
District GSE Chairman
Peter Murfett – 0418 124 181.

Longest Serving District Officer Steps Down

District 9830's longest serving District Officer, Kevin Watkins, has stepped down due to other commitments. As District Property Officer, Kevin has looked after the District's collection of flags and holders for a quarter of a century.

Kevin's role as District Property Officer dovetailed neatly with his business interests involving Kevin Watkins Transport. Kevin went well beyond just being the Rotarian who looked after the District flags. He became the "Go To" man for moving Rotary goods around the state e.g. goods donated to be shipped to ports for loading into containers.

Congratulations Kevin on a job really well done.



Twenty Dollar Meal Club

The Twenty Dollar Meal Club is a joint venture between the RC Tamar Sunrise and RC Kalayaan de Oro City in the Philippines. The two clubs have adopted a depressed school in Barangay District of Kalayaan de Oro City and set up a breakfast program.

On two days a week many malnourished children are provided with a healthy breakfast to start their day. Last year the meal club supported a record number of students in the breakfast program.

This year because of the rising costs in the Philippines e.g. the cost of rice, many more donors for the Twenty Dollar Club are needed. For more information, contact Rodney Spinks. Tel: 6334 0711

District Property Officer Position Vacant

With Kevin Watkins stepping down from this position, a Rotarian is needed to look after the District's flag collection of about 40 flags.

Main tasks are to store the flags and holders, carry out repairs as needed, despatch flags to Rotary events and keep track of loaned out flags and holders. :

Ideally this job would suit a Rotarian based in the centre of the State i.e. near Launceston. The duties will not include handling donated goods. The District would consider hiring storage space for the flags and holders.

If you think you may be able to help out, please discuss with DG Ian Shuey on 0409 979 947



Individual Rotary Friendship Exchange to New York

Ellen Haggerty, the Rotary Friendship Exchange Chairperson for Rotary District 7210 which is situated between one and three hours from New York in the Hudson River Valley has contacted District 9830.

Ellen is looking for two Rotarian women who would be interested in doing an individual Rotary Friendship exchange in Nov 2009. Ellen is also interested in hosting one or two Rotarians before the Rotary International Convention in Montreal in June 2009.

For more information, email Ellen Haggerty at Ellenkhaggerty@hotmail.com or contact Paul Grubb on grubbfamily@bigpond.com

Mike Whitehouse reports on Bush Fire Relief in Traralgon, Gippsland

"As we were driven around the area we noticed the signs of new growth - green grass, gums sprouting, heavy machinery such as excavators busy at work.

But there were also signs of the tragedy which had unfolded – burnt out wrecks of cars and trucks, house sites which had not yet been cleared and police tape across drives, the red and white denoting a crime scene, the blue and white denoting deceased persons.



Most of the latter had been removed. The areas of pine plantation were most striking – bare black trees and white ash covering the ground. Some of the sights like the burnt children's trampolines were the most poignant. We got the impression that life had been idyllic but now the challenge was to get back a basic standard of living.

Another task we undertook was delivering supplies of dry firewood to homes in various parts of the Traralgon South area, as well as small wood heaters to help them through the cold winter. As we visited homes we took time to talk to them and listen to their accounts of the fire. We met some lovely people and the gifts we brought from Tasmania were very well received. Our experience was most fulfilling. We were very well received by the local people including Rotarians from three local clubs. We really felt that we had made a difference in the lives of a few people and we all left with a feeling that we intended to return."

Your District Website

Have you visited the **District website** lately?

Make it a regular occurrence, read the **Latest News** and click on the **What's New** button to see what you've missed.

The website contains

- A Calendar of events
- Updates to contact details
- Links to Club websites
- Ideas for projects
- What's happening in the District
- A search function which even includes all last year's DG Newsletters.

An easier way to access it is now available www.rotarytasmania.org.au

Include this address in your banners and publicity materials.

BUT

It's only as good as the material it receives.

Ensure your District activity or Club events are included so everyone can find out about them.

Send details to PP Reg Emmett,
webmaster@rotary9830.org.au
Ph 6248 6824

August 2009

Club Attendance Report for June 2009

Club	Attendance	Rank
Spring Bay	95.83%	1
Bellerive	91.00%	2
Devonport	91.00%	3
West Tamar	87.00%	4
Kingston	85.75%	5
Devonport North	85.71%	6
Ulverstone	84.36%	7
Moonah	82.72%	7
Launceston West	82.70%	9
Ulverstone West	82.40%	10
Scottsdale	81.32%	11
Devonport South East	81.10%	12
Georgetown	81.00%	13
Howrah	80.84%	14
Kangaroo Bay	80.76%	15
Sandy Bay	80.06%	16
Longford	79.06%	17
Westbury	75.00%	18
Somerset	74.30%	19
South Launceston	74.10%	20

Congratulations to RC Spring Bay. For a full report, go to the District website at www.rotary9830.org.au

100% Meeting Attendance Achievers

- Fourteen members of the RC Bellerive achieved 100% attendance for Rotary Year 2008/09
- Cyril Dann of the Bellerive Club achieved 100 % attendance for the 27th year in a row
- Assistant Governor Colin Heron presented awards to the Bellerive "hundred percenters"
- Geoff Squibb of the Rotary Club of Hobart achieved a hundred percent meeting attendance record over a period "30 years less than his age!"

New Paul Harris Fellows

Name	Club
Mike Waldock	South Launceston
Rodney Spinks	Tamar Sunrise
Richard Hooper	West Tamar
Alex Loane	Latrobe
Margaret Elliston	Glenorchy
Mike Berry	Glenorchy
Geoff Hyland	Glenorchy
Bob Pitt	Longford
Jane Bennett	Deloraine

Sapphire Pin Award to Paul Harris Fellows

Anne Palmer	Salamanca
Jack Eaton	Glenorchy
Roger Sewell	Hobart – 2 nd Sapphire



Welcome to New Members

Rotarians	Club
Penny Johnson	Tamar Sunrise
Julie Imlach Davies	Tamar Sunrise
Gemma Hine	Tamar Sunrise
Geoff Brayford	Launceston
Chris Ashley	George Town
Joan and Paul Hodges	George Town
Carleene O'Brien	Moonah
Colin Harriss	Moonah
Jim Playsted	Dev. North
Graeme Salmon	Dev. North
Allan Warren	Moonah
Rob Douglas	Moonah
David Devereaux	Moonah
Andrea Oliver	Moonah
Lorraine Titmus	Moonah
Mathew Vickers	Moonah


Congratulations to RC Moonah on eight new members.

August 2009

The Rotary Club of City Central Hobart presents

STORM THE STAGE

A great Saturday's afternoon's entertainment – you won't be disappointed.



President John Glen of the RC Burnie Scaling the Nepalese Heights

John is standing on the right in the back row with his brother John in the centre at back

The Rotary Club of City Central Hobart presents

STORM THE STAGE

STATE FINAL
2PM SEPTEMBER 5
Dwight Brown Auditorium
ROSNY COLLEGE

A unique drama and musical theatre competition for 16-19 year olds, hosted by CHRISTOPHER LAWRENCE

Tickets available from Centertainment
Adults \$22 Concession & Groups (6+) \$18 Family \$65
www.centertainment.com.au Hobart: 62345998
Launceston: 63233666 Devonport: 64202900 Burnie: 64305850

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Learn♦Grow

Bruce French, the intellectual force behind Learn♦Grow has been appointed as an Honorary Associate of the School of Agricultural Science at the University of Tasmania. This will strengthen ties between the University of Tasmania and Learn♦Grow, especially in the area of training overseas agriculturalists in the principles and practices of Learn♦Grow. Learn♦Grow is looking to arrange for an Ambassadorial Scholar to study Learn♦Grow at the University.

"Children – Our Future" – District Conference – 26 -28 March 2010