



Rotary District 9830
Tasmania
District Governor's
Newsletter



November 2009

Health and Wellbeing Expo A Resounding Success for Ulverstone West

A local paraplegic and former Department of Health employee, Scott Abbott, considered there was a lack of information on health and wellbeing issues on the North West (NW) Coast of Tasmania. Scott linked up with RC Ulverstone West member, John Lowrie. Between the two of them, they came up with the concept of an Expo for health and wellbeing issues.



Their initial concept evolved into holding an expo to showcase the health and well being providers, organisations and individuals from along the NW Coast of Tasmania.

The RC Ulverstone West took on board the concept, did the hard organisational yards and, on Friday 2nd and Saturday October 3rd, hosted the inaugural Health and Wellbeing Expo at Ulverstone Civic Centre. The Friday focus was on health with wellbeing the theme for Saturday.

The Expo was generously supported by the RC Ulverstone West's major community partner, The Advocate Newspaper. Many other organisations and individuals like the Optometrists Association of Australia gave of their time to make the Expo a resounding success.



The organising committee was particularly excited to have Stan Alves OAM open the Expo and speak at a Gala Dinner on Saturday evening. Stan kept his audience spellbound with stories of how he affected the lives of many people with his promotion of health and wellbeing.

Feedback from people attending the event and exhibitors was very positive with almost all exhibitors keen to be involved next year.

Rotary District 9830 Conference
26 – 28 March, 2010 at Hobart

District Simplified Grants

As a result of successful applications for District Simplified Grants, eight clubs will be able to support a local project in their area. These grants are made available each year through The Rotary Foundation and represent part of the money that is returned to our District from Annual Giving.

Club	Project
Spring Bay	Support of elderly \$926
Ulverstone	Support of Grandparents \$750
Devonport	Lift hoist Meercroft House \$1000
Devonport SE	Mattresses for Melaleuca Home \$950
Wynyard	BBQ for Nursing Home \$887
Longford	Tools for Eskleigh Home \$1150
Central Laun	Furniture Migrant Centre \$ 1000
Dev Nth	Liftcare bed Meercroft Home \$1500

The Rotary Foundation is supporting local and overseas communities.

District wins Publicity Grant

District 9830 has been successful in receiving a Rotary International Publicity Grant. The awareness campaign will allow for up to four months of television commercials and will help to raise the profile of Rotary. It is anticipated that the campaign will begin airing in November and will consist of two 15 second ads. You may experience people asking you about Rotary, creating a potential membership opportunity or at least, a great inroad to share the Rotary story.

Outgoing Group Study Exchange Teams selected

To D1510 (Loire Valley in France)

Member	Location	Job
PP Gill Whitehouse	Salamanca	Team leader
Lisa Abblitt	Ulverstone	Sales Agronomist
Natalie Everett	Burnie	Criminal Lawyer
Matthew Kleinig	Launceston	Production Agronomist
Mark Robertson	Dulcote	Viticulturalist

To D7230 (New York City, USA and Bermuda)

Member	Location	Job
PP Kim Pitt	Kingston	Team Leader
Patrick Fagan	Devonport	Financial Advisor
Danny Gibson	Launceston	Promotions Manager
Tamara Palmer	Geilston Bay	Child/Family Health Nurse
Laura Richardson	Ulverstone	Osteopath

~~~~~ Car Stickers Have Arrived



In tandem with the television campaign, the car stickers are currently being distributed to clubs. Please get behind this initiative by sticking these on your cars, and help raise the profile of Rotary in Tasmania.

Great Benefits to Tasmania through the Rotary Foundation!!!

Each November we celebrate The Rotary Foundation, enabling Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Clubs and individuals throughout our District must surely be proud of our accomplishments in recent times. This year the Rotary Foundation education program has enabled Helen Mitev [University of Tasmania] to receive a University Teaching Grant and the opportunity to teach the much-needed discipline of Forensic Accounting in Fiji.

We have also just completed the selection of two outstanding teams of professional young people to go to the Loire Valley in France and to New York, to study their vocations and be culturally enriched, again financed through The Rotary Foundation. Selected Tasmanian clubs will have the privilege of hosting the inbound teams and we all look forward to meeting them at our March District Conference.

Our District can also be extremely proud of our Foundation 3H program [Health, Hunger and Humanitarian], which has enabled hundreds of Rotarians, partners and people in Tasmania to undertake rewarding volunteer activities, mainly in Fiji and The Solomon Islands. Both these destinations will provide further opportunities for volunteer starting April/May next year.

Eight clubs have also qualified to receive District Simplified Grants, bringing Foundation funding into our local communities.

With each contribution to The Rotary Foundation, we review the spirit of Rotary by taking one more step along the road to international good will.

DG Ian Shuey

Annual Giving Day/Family of Rotary Day

Sunday February 7th

At "Lovely Banks"

Melton Mowbray

All clubs to attend to present their cheques for the Rotary Foundation to DG Ian



The Rotary Club of Sullivans Cove Cocktail Party
 With Guest Speaker International Fashion Designer Jo Le Grew
 Blue Skies Café Bar and Restaurant 6.00pm – 7.45pm
 \$30.00 per person
 Proceedings go to ShelterBox

Glass Art Theme for Tasmanian Craft Fair

This year's theme for the 29th Tasmanian Craft Fair is **Glass Art**. A Centre of Excellence exhibition, Furnace: Contemporary Australian Glass Art, curated by Douglas McManus, a lecturer at Melbourne's RMIT University, will be a centrepiece of the fair. The exhibition will showcase the works of contemporary Australian glass artists and highlight artists working with glass media who produce sculptural, installation and object-based forms.



Renowned Melbourne-based glass blower, Pauline Delaney will host workshops throughout the Fair on glass bead making. These one hour workshops will show you how to make two blown glass beads which you can use for jewellery, decoration or any other purpose.

Unique and beautiful sea creatures will be captured in glass in 20-minute children's workshops run by Latrobe artist Jenny Hutton. Children can select a mould of their favourite creature, then use glass to fill them and have them fired in the furnace. There will also be glass blowing demonstrations by James Dodson during the four-day event.

This year's Craft Fair will also feature an expanded gourmet food area showcasing the state's finest producers as well as a display by Tasmanian Micro Brewers. There will be a variety of family activities conducted by local community group Fusion, as well as a Specialist Plant Exhibition showcasing a dozen quality nurseries which are specialists in their field.



This will be the 29th Fair organised by the Rotary Club of Deloraine. In the 28 years the Craft Fair has been held, more than \$2 million has been raised to fund a variety of community projects.

For further details visit

www.tascraftfair.com.au

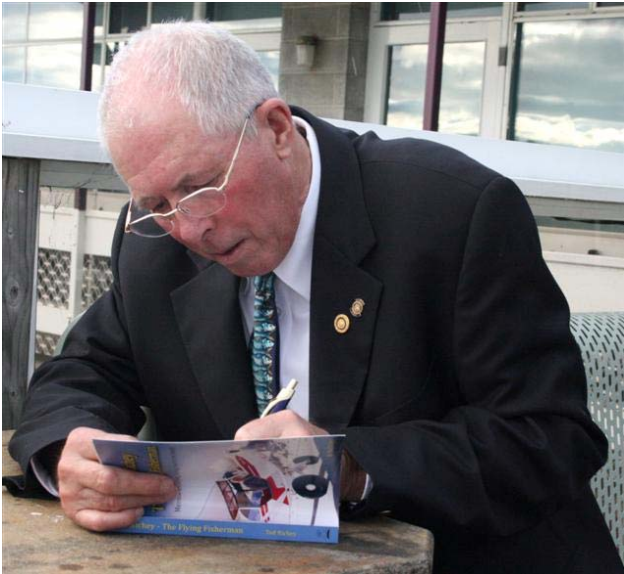
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## R C Hobart provides \$16,000 to support tsunami and earthquake recovery

The R C Hobart has provided \$16,000 in support to the Samoan Tsunami Relief Appeal and for provision of emergency accommodation in countries such as Indonesia and the Philippines. Club President Tony Reidy said that a \$10,000 donation had been made to the District Samoan Tsunami Appeal to restore order and provide shelter in directly affected areas. In addition \$6,000 had been donated to provide five ShelterBoxes for dispatch to the most urgent areas of need.

**Ted Richey – Incoming DG and Author**  
**His book “Dick Richey – The Flying Fisherman”**

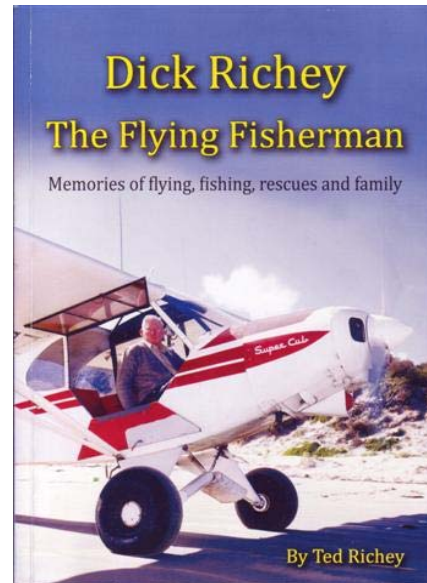
Incoming Rotary District 9830 Governor, Ted Richey, has cleared the deck of a monumental task, before taking office next year. After twenty years banging away at the keyboard, Ted has completed writing the book “*Dick Richey – The Flying Fisherman*” about his father, a pioneer of the fishing industry in Southern Australia.



**Incoming District Governor Ted Richey signing a book at the book launch**

Ted has described how his father got started at Lakes Entrance in Victoria, and then moved to Bridport in Tasmania before settling in Devonport. As the Richey Fishing Company grew, the fleet of company fishing boats in the company livery of grey and white grew in number and size. Dick’s sons stepped into skippering the boats.

“Dick Richey – The Flying Fisherman” graphically portrays Dick Richey as a gifted flying fish spotter in his ever reliable and robust Piper Super Cub light aircraft. This is the story of a man at one with his aircraft, knowing how hard he could push his beloved machine.



The book also highlights Dick Richey’s exploits as a search and rescue pilot along the Tasmanian coastline. Hair raising feats like landing on short beaches to pick up shipwrecked or injured seamen were stock in trade for Dick. Rescuing a snake expert who was bitten on a Bass Strait Island by a Tiger snake and ferrying him back to Devonport just before his life was due to expire from the snake bite was all in a day’s work for Dick Richey.

Typical of the man, he never charged for his time or the cost of fuel used in search and rescue missions.

“*Dick Richey – The Flying Fisherman*” is an excellent read about a genuine Tasmanian pioneer and hero. Available at Tasmanian bookstores for \$39.95.

## RC Glenorchy's 14<sup>th</sup> Rotary Medical Fellow

Dr Haydee Paiva is the 2009 Rotary Medical Fellow for the RC Glenorchy. As the Fellow, Dr Paiva will stay in Hobart for a month and study at the Royal Hobart Hospital with expert guidance from specialists in her field of medicine.



**Dr Paiva (second left) Kerry Bowerman (left), and Drs Andrew Messner and Haydn Perndt (right)**

Dr Paiva comes from Papua New Guinea. She works at the main hospital in Port Moresby in the areas of Obstetrics, Gynaecology and Anaesthesia. She comes from a medical family, is married to a doctor and has two children.

Dr Paiva is the 14<sup>th</sup> Rotary Medical Fellow. The Fellowship was originally called the Rotary Hand Surgery Fellowship with the aim to provide plastic surgery assistance to the people of the Pacific Basin.

PDG, the late Leigh Milburn and Kerry Bowerman were involved in the Rotary Hand Surgery Fellowship. The RC Glenorchy contributed \$4,000 to set up funding for the Fellowship. In 1998, funds were handed over to the RC Glenorchy to administer.

## J-Ro

### What is J-Ro?

J-Ro stands for Junior Rotary. A project of the RC Somerset, J-Ro has been trialled in grades 5 and 6 at Somerset Primary School.

### Aims of J-Ro

1. To build connections between Rotary and schools
2. To provide an additional opportunity for leadership development for primary school students
3. For the program to add to the positive culture of the school
4. For the students to recognise that they can make a difference both locally and internationally

These aims have been achieved by Somerset J-Ro. In fact the Rotary Club members have been blown away by the positive, socially responsible and mature actions of these young people. In their short time as a club, J-Ro members have raised \$1420 and contributed to a ShelterBox and the Victorian Bush Fire Appeal. This has been achieved through sausage sizzles, pizza days, frog in the ponds, ice cream sundaes, talent quests, calendar and free dress days.

### Some thoughts from J- Ro Members

*"J-Ro has helped me develop my leadership skills. It has been good to learn about how to chair meetings and about how to present motions. We organised a fun run to be held at Somerset Rotary Club's Foreshore Fiesta. I think this has been our best activity so far. It was awesome when we went to the Rotary meeting and gave a presentation to the members about what we had achieved."*  
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## Welcome to New Rotarians

| Rotarians           | Club                   |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Robert Brand        | Hobart                 |
| Dennis Woolcock     | Hobart                 |
| Belinda Keogh       | City Central<br>Hobart |
| Michael Riall       | Westbury               |
| Julia Smith         | City Central<br>Hobart |
| Tim Rixon           | Westbury               |
| Kathryn Hobart      | Moonah                 |
| Stuart Brownlea     | Westbury               |
| Peter and Trish Ray | George Town            |



**RC Tamar Sunrise's Cocktails for a Cause organiser Kirsty Dunphey and Club President Verity Tunevitsch**

(Photo courtesy of The Examiner)

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*"J-Ro has given me confidence to present my ideas and to speak in public. It has really helped me with my organisational skills. My favourite J-Ro activity was the breakfast that we held for our parents when the President of Somerset Rotary presented us with our badges."*

*"J-Ro has made me a better leader. As a President I have to make sure that everyone's ideas are heard and that the meeting is kept under control. It has made me more confident. It has been great learning how to chair meetings. Reed and I surveyed the whole school to find out how much physical activity the students do. We presented a report and found that our school is a very active school and that most students enjoy sport and being fit."*

As District Chairman of J-Ro, I believe that working with young people provides us older people with an exciting opportunity. The young people of today are confident, well educated and enjoy working on community service projects to make a difference to people's lives.

J-Ro gives Rotarians the chance to work with primary school students, to learn about the way they think, to find out about their issues and concerns and then to support these future adults and leaders by teaching them additional skills such as leadership, meeting procedures, public speaking and how to work as a team to make a difference. Currently Latrobe and Salamanca Clubs are looking to set up additional J-Ro groups.

Please contact me if you would like further information.

Simon Finlay  
J-Ro District Chair

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Three Wynyard Rotarians have been trained to offer Personal Support through the Red Cross should there be a major disaster or evacuation in the area



**Grand Final Party**  
Someone should take this Devonport North crew aside and tell them the Grand Final was between Geelong and St Kilda!



Intrepid trekkers Tracy Dance and Chris Sydes and their father Bob Sydes on the Kokoda Track.

### **Kokoda Track a family challenge**

PDG Bob Sydes with his son Chris (centre) and daughter, PP Tracy Dance walking the Kokoda Track recently  
(Photo courtesy of The Examiner)



R C Burnie members inspecting an extrusion machine that manufactures 100 mm black polythene pipe for use in the mining, civil, aquacultural and agricultural industries at the Zest Pty Ltd plant in Burnie

The wily West Tamarese taking no chances with the light fingered East Tamarese during a visit by RC George Town to RC West Tamar. All loose club chattels were chained to the head table. Despite AG Jeff Thorpe's vigilance, the fine collection bowl somehow found its way into AG Madeline's handbag.

Riverside High Second in National Science and Engineering Challenge