



Rotary District 9830
Tasmania
District Governor's
Newsletter



April 2011

Brickendon Marvellous Setting For Family of Rotary Day



Doing it in style – RC Kingston's Silver Service lunch table at the Family of Rotary Day



German Exchange Student Pia Hawermann trying her hand at Sheaf Tossing



Ryan Harris and Thomas Broadfield racing over the hay bales at Brickendon



DG Ted accepts a cheque for the Rotary Foundation from RC Tamar Sunrise President Toni Wagner



The RC City Central Hobart contingent at Brickendon

**District 9830 Queensland Flood Appeal
Over \$500,000 raised**

From the DG

Welcome to the Rotary District Conference here in Devonport this weekend. The theme of the conference is "*The Conference with Spirit*". It will be an exciting and entertaining weekend. We have some marvellous keynote speakers - PRIP Bill Boyd, Kellie Walker, Richard Bovill, PDG Bernie Rodgers, Malcolm Coutts OAM and Rob Pennicott. What a group of speakers!

Add to that Colonel Pamela Melroy, ex United States Air Force test pilot, astronaut and one of only two women to fly the Space Shuttle, both as pilot and commander with over 900 hundred hours in space. You have the recipe for a great conference.

This conference is all about fun, friendship and fellowship; a weekend to enjoy yourself in the company of old friends and the opportunity to make new ones.

The District 9830 Queensland Flood Appeal will have ended on the 31st March. I expect that we will have raised over \$500,000 by then. I congratulate every single club and every single Rotarian for their efforts in a wonderful display of generosity and initiative.

The tragic events in Christchurch have made a deep impression on this district and an appeal was launched early in the month with the aim of presenting a cheque to PRIP Bill Boyd at the conference. I thank you for your continuing generosity; I know this appeal has been well supported.

Events world wide and locally in this year have put a heavy load on the District resources. As usual our Rotarians have rallied and responded, as they always do. We can all feel proud of our efforts.

I note with sadness the passing of Past District Governor Maurice Hill OAM on the 27th February. A great Rotarian and a friend to all, he will be sadly missed. Maurice touched and affected thousands of lives during his 28 years in Rotary; locally, nationally and internationally. His wise counsel and mentoring was valued by Rotarians old and new.

D G Ted



Southern Clubs present Encouragement Awards to Claremont College

At the Annual Presentation Night at Claremont College, three southern clubs gave Encouragement Awards to students. RC Brighton's prize for Outdoor Education went to Sarah Cruse. RC Claremont's award for the Humanities was won by Ellen Medwin. RC Glenorchy presented the longest worded award – the Vocational Scholarship for Best All Round Effort by a Student in the English as an Additional Language Program. Winner was Moo Eh Paw from Burma who has been in Tasmania for just over one year.



Moo Eh Paw

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District 9830 Delegation to “Gift of Sight” Program in Nepal

Six intrepid travelling Rotarians and partners recently shared an incredible experience in Nepal. The ‘Gift of Sight’ Eye Camp run by the Rotary Club of Hetauda is a remarkable example of what can be achieved by a relatively small group of people with a great dream.

We arrived in time to attend one of three screening centres in an outlying village – the hub for the 50,000 people living in this particular valley. Normally there is only one nurse to provide medical care. Some elderly, prospective patients walked up to five hours to attend eye screening.



The visiting Tasmanian delegation (from left) Kevin Shadbolt, Lew Pretorius, John Dare, Lesley Dare, Lesley Perkins and Anne Shadbolt with Nepalese hosts in the foreground

Those requiring cataract surgery were transported to the eye hospital in Hetauda where they were looked after by the RC of Hetauda for two nights. Operations began the next morning. Dr. Ben, the chief surgeon, and his offsider worked for no cost and followed procedures developed by Fred Hollows.

Twenty four hours later the eye patches came off and patients were able to see for the first time in many years. This was a very moving time for us as well as the patients.

By funding this eye camp, RC's of Central Launceston, Longford, Deloraine and Latrobe have significantly changed the lives of many needy people.

Kevin Shadbolt,
Foundation Chairman



The Tasmanian delegation with patients and staff at the “Gift of Sight” Eye Camp



PDG Lew Pretorius talking to a local person about the “Gift of Sight” program on location in Nepal.

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Vale Maurice Hill Past District Governor 1997 – 98



Rotary District 9830 lost one of its champions with the passing of PDG Maurice Hill last month. Maurice served as DG with distinction in 1997 – 98 when the Rotary theme was “Show Rotary Cares.” Maurice embodied this theme.

Maurice’s sturdy build belied an innate caring nature. He was always more interested in what you were doing than what he had to say (Maurice had mastered the art of listening). Immaculately groomed, Maurice amazed with his ability to speak without notes for 20 minutes or more. While Rotarians in District 9830 respected Maurice’s service and commitment to Rotary, it is those closest to Devonport who understood Maurice’s service to his beloved Devonport as alderman and, more recently, as Deputy Mayor.

What no one could escape noticing about Maurice was how successful his marriage to Ros was. They made a marvellous couple and fostered a wonderful family as we saw at the Memorial Service for Maurice. The other inescapable truth about Maurice was his raucous support for Collingwood. How fitting that Maurice was able to be around when Collingwood won the AFL flag in 2010.

District 9830 is much the poorer for the loss of our dear friend and champion Rotarian, Maurice Hill.

Electric Recliner Chair Assists Young Family Cope with Father’s Debilitating Disease



Adam Prewer, sitting in his new electric recliner chair, shakes hands with RC Youngtown President, Ian Smith

Adam Prewer, 24 and married with two young children (3 months and 19 months), has a rare debilitating disease diagnosed as Primary Sjogerns Syndrome. There is no known cure.

We met with Adam in the Launceston General Hospital on Monday 28 February and delivered a recliner chair for him the next day. Adam could not believe his ears when he was asked what colour chair he preferred.

Adam is allowed home occasionally. With the recliner chair, Bianca, his wife, can now stand him up much more easily to get him back into a wheel chair.

As Rotarians, we are proud because we can make a difference, like in this case. We will keep in touch with Adam and his family and follow his progress.

Ian Smith
President
RC Youngtown.

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Youth Development and "The Windeward Bound"

In the mid-1990s, RC North Hobart became involved in the building of the Windeward Bound from salvaged materials inside a building near the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens. Perhaps the most important part of our involvement was personal interaction with those helping. In Hobart quite a number of 'at risk' youngsters were selected to help build the ship. We remember well one young man there with 169 convictions and 30 other matters yet to come before the court! It's fair to say that for most of these boys and girls no-one had trusted them and no-one before had given them a go to do a worthwhile job. Building the Windeward Bound did.

The ship was launched in 1996 – it has now travelled over 50,000 nautical miles and regularly flies the flag of Rotary International. In addition it has kept to its promise of continuing to assist young people at risk, as well as others.



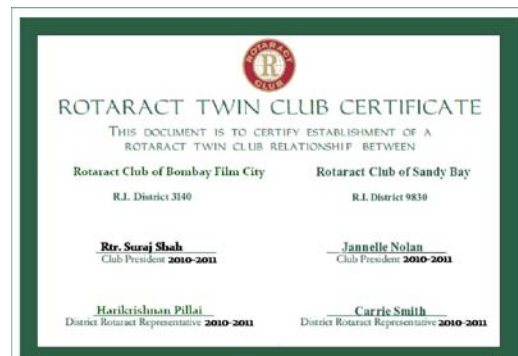
The hand crafted wheel of the Windeward Bound

The ship's wheel was beautifully crafted in Huon Pine by an esteemed Past President of our club (Frank Clinch) and remains an icon for each helmsman. We are justly proud when we see the Windeward Bound on the river and especially at the time of the Wooden Boat Festival, knowing that it continues to assist all youngsters who sail on her to change their lives in a positive way. Our service to youth continues.

John Thorne PRID, member RC North Hobart



Meanwhile, somewhere in western Virginia, the Tassie GSE team doing brunch at Millie's Diner



The Rotaract Club of Sandy Bay is now officially a twin club with the Rotaract Club of Bombay Film City



David de Cani, President of RC Devonport SE, presents a cheque for \$10,000 from the O Group to DG Ted for the District Flood Appeal.

Staff raised \$5,000 and the company matched it.

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Rotary supports surf life saving club

The Rotary Club of Scottsdale has presented a new inflatable rescue boat to the Bridport Surf Life Saving Club. The boat represents a donation of almost \$9,000 and is the largest supporting donation to be received by the surf club to date. The funds were raised by RC Scottsdale hosting the Australian Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians a few years ago. President Michael Irwin said the club had been waiting for a significant community project with which to invest the funds rather than supporting a series of small, less significant initiatives.



RC Scottsdale President Michael Irwin presents Bridport SLSC President Geoff Lyons with an inflatable rescue boat.

President of the surf life saving club, Geoff Lyons, Federal Member for Bass, said the Gemini twin hull boat was ideal for handling the surf conditions at Bridport and it will enable members to respond quickly to emergencies when it is difficult to launch a conventional boat.

The surf life saving club has about 130 members with around 50 nippers participating each Sunday. The main focus of the club now is to gain the necessary approvals to enable construction of the first stage of their club house. Beach activities are one of the main reasons people visit Bridport so the club house will provide a community focal point as well as important infrastructure for the club.

Inspiring RYPEN Camp

Students from five Southern Tasmanian high schools attended the RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) camp held at Spring Beach Convention Centre over the weekend of March 5 - 6. Hosted by RC Spring Bay, the students came from Tasman, Rose Bay, Kingston, Clarence and Triabunna schools and participated in a comprehensive program featuring many activities including tight rope walking and trying out the flying fox - with varying degrees of success!

Physical activities formed only part of the weekend, with opportunities given for discussion and learning sessions with outstanding guest speakers including Stuart Clues, Director of Housing Industry of Australia Tasmania (HIA) and a successful artist, Christopher Edwards, a plastic surgeon and sculptor; and a young lady who inspired all when she attended the Spring Bay Probus' 25th anniversary last year, Melissa Carlton, a Para Olympian and Manager of the Launceston Aquatic Centre.



Melissa Carlton (white top, centre) inspires students attending RYPEN South

All had overcome some type of adversity in their lives and were able to pass on their experiences and positive strategies for overcoming life's challenges to the students.

Bernard Raspin, the organiser in charge, stated that the success of the weekend was due to a remarkable team effort. He expressed appreciation to fellow Rotarians and partners for assisting to give the students an unforgettable experience.

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February 2011 Club Attendance Report – Top Twenty

Club	Attendance	Rank
Howrah	100.00%	1
Claremont	98.00%	2
City Central Hobart		
Hobart	96.29%	3
Ulverstone West	96.00%	4
Devonport North	94.79%	5
Brighton	93.43%	6
Launceston	89.00%	7
Kingston	87.75%	8
Central Launceston		
Launceston	87.00%	9
Bellerive	85.00%	Eq 10
Youngtown	85.00%	Eq 10
Evandale	84.38%	12
Devonport South East		
East	83.75%	13
Longford	83.62%	14
Spring Bay	83.25%	15
Sandy Bay	82.80%	16
Ulverstone	81.25%	17
Moonah	79.61%	18
Wynyard	79.17%	19
Somerset	78.95%	20

Congratulations to RC Howrah

Welcome to new Rotarians

New Rotarian	Club
Christopher Rippon	Sandy Bay
Rodney Cornick	Claremont
Mary Gays	Kingston
Atholl Reid	Kingston
Gemma Hine	Lindisfarne
Melinda Homan	Westbury
Jim Garnsworthy	Launceston West

Congratulations to new Paul Harris Fellows

Paul Harris Fellow	Club
Jennifer Axelsen	Deloraine



“Father” Ted conducts the District Management meeting in the Brickendon chapel before the Family of Rotary Day



RC Youngtown Past President Chris Ryan being inducted as a Paul Harris Fellow by DG Ted on the occasion of the club's fancy dress Christmas party last year. (We assume it was fancy dress affair and not the club's normal meeting attire!)



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The RC Hobart Charity Sail Day flotilla heading for the D'Entrecasteaux Channel



RC Hobart's Claudette Wells and Marilyn Jarrett



Lunch time on the Windeward Bound at Coningham



Geoff Squibb surveys the coastline, heading down to Coningham



Checking all's well on board



Soaking up the afternoon sun on the Windeward Bound off Sandy Bay

Rotary Club of Hobart Charity Sail Day

Sixty five yachts and motor boats with 600 people on board assembled in the Derwent River off Wrest Point for the start of the 20th RC Hobart Charity Sail Day. Members of the Royal Yacht Club, the Derwent Sailing Squadron, the Motor Yacht Club, the Bellerive Yacht Club and Kings Pier hosted guests on board for the cruise to Coningham in the D'Entrecasteaux Channel for a shipboard lunch. The cooler conditions deterred most on board from taking a pre-lunch swim, but there were a handful of hardy souls who couldn't stay out of the water. After lunch washed down with a white or red or a Cascade, all enjoyed the trip back to Hobart under sail or power. It was pretty tough sitting on the windward side, bathed in sunshine. Organisers were also smiling with \$50,000 raised.

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