

Rotary District 9830
Tasmania
District Governor's
Newsletter



February 2011

Laura Richardson, World Rotaract Rep, Addresses Rotary UN Day in New York

2010 was the Year of the Big Apple for Tasmanian Rotaractor, Laura Richardson. The 27 year old osteopath's first experience of New York was in April and May as a member of the District 9830 (Tasmania) GSE team on exchange with District 7230 (New York and Bermuda).

For the five weeks on exchange in New York, Laura took in all she could about osteopathy, Rotary, and the culture of the United States and Bermuda. The opportunity to interact and learn from professional, social and Rotary contacts opened up a world of opportunities for Laura.



International Rotaract representatives at the United Nations for Rotary UN Day on 6 November, Tasmanian Laura Richardson (right) and Istvan Szaraz from Budapest, Hungary

The most significant opportunity was extended by a Rotarian, Helen Reisler who is the Alternative Rotary Representative to the United Nations and is involved in the organisation of the annual Rotary UN Day held each November in New York City. Helen invited Laura to represent Rotaract and District 9830 by being one of two Rotaract speakers at Rotary UN Day on the 6th November 2010



Rotaract representatives at the Rotary UN Day on 6 November, Laura Richardson from Tasmania (left) and Istvan Szaraz from Budapest, Hungary, with Rotarian Helen Reisler (centre), the Alternative Representative to the United Nations for Rotary

With the support of District 9830, the Rotary Clubs of Ulverstone, Ulverstone West and Burnie, and the Rotaract Club of Central Coast, Laura was able to accept the invitation to represent Rotaract at the Rotary UN Day.
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New Paul Harris Fellow



Paul Harris Fellow Colleen Richey

At the RC Devonport Christmas Dinner, the Club recognised the work that Colleen Richey has given to Rotary at both Club & District level and to the community over many years by making her a Paul Harris Fellow.

For the past eight years, Colleen has been the Family of Rotary person for the Club, ensuring that flowers and cards are sent at appropriate times. Other things that Colleen has assisted with include Meals on Wheels and fund raising. Colleen is a charter member and Past President of the Mersey Inner Wheel Club.

For past three years, Colleen has supported DG Ted and the District in so many areas. This Rotary year, Colleen has attended every DG Club visit & Club Forum with Ted. She has also been DG Ted's secretary, adviser and driver. That DG Ted turns up on the right day, at the right location at the right time demonstrates the valuable role Colleen plays in a successful DG team.

Congratulations Colleen.

Colourful way to assist Disaster Aid Australia

The famous tied AFL Grand Final match proved a windfall for Fairview Primary students' fundraising efforts. They organised a "Wear Your Footy Colours to School" Day for the grand final. The tied result gave them the opportunity to repeat the event a week later and boost funds raised to \$400. RC Claremont came to the party and matched the funds raised to fund a survival kit for Disaster Aid Australia. The students were able to track box number AUS0694 which was delivered to the Pakistan Flood Disaster. The names of Fairview Primary School and Claremont Rotary were on the box.



Rotarians Leigh Iles and Ted Burton demonstrating a survival kit to Fairview Primary students.



Going to the RI Convention in New Orleans?

Would you be available to help man the Learn Grow booth in the House of Friendship? If you could spend a few hours helping promote a Tasmanian Rotary project, please contact Buz Green on 0419 306 900 or Email: buzgreen@bigpond.net.au

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From the DG

The tragic floods in Queensland have seen District 9830, once again, rise to the occasion with fund raising for those in need. The spread and intensity, and speed, at which these events have been organised, and are being carried out, is incredible and I am sure that we will match, and surpass the dollar for dollar matching grant of \$250,000 from the State Government. I most sincerely thank each and every Rotarian for your response to these sad events in northern Australia. You are doing a wonderful job and proving, once again, that in times of trouble our District leads from the front.

The Family of Rotary Day and Annual Giving Day at "Brickendon", near Longford, is almost upon us, this will be a great day out in a great location and will be very well hosted by the Rotary Club of Longford. There will be plenty to see and do, and it will be a great opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. I am sure that we will have a bumper attendance but there is plenty of room and ample parking will be available. See you there!

The End Polio Day is on the 26th February. The interest from clubs and members is very gratifying and it is a great opportunity to promote ourselves and also seek new members. The promotion campaign will ramp up a fortnight before, but you may have heard the Rotary jingle on the radio.

It is very catchy tune, written for Rotary by Mike Brady and will have you singing along. If you want a copy, please email Secretary Bruce and he will get it to you.

Arrangements are well in hand for the District Conference on 1st-3rd April. Astronaut Pamela Melroy is looking forward to meeting and mingling with as many people as possible and is happy to do photo opportunities. Our other guest speakers, Past World President Bill Boyd, Kelly Walker, Richard Bovill, PDG Bernie Rodgers and others will educate, amuse and possibly confront you, but they will certainly entertain you. We have kept the costs to a minimum. There are no added extra costings and I suggest that you register as soon as possible. We are looking at a sellout event and this is a conference that you do not want to miss.

Enjoy Rotary and look after your fellow Rotarians as you continue carrying on the business of Rotary.



D G Ted

DG Ted and departing Rotary Youth Exchange student, Amy Deurinckx



DG Ted and Colleen at the Australia Day Community Breakfast organised by RC Westbury. 350 breakfasts were served.

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This year Rotary UN Day was attended by approximately 1200 people from 41 nations across the world. The day was split into two programs; the Rotaract/Interact program and the Rotary program. Laura was one of two Rotaract speakers who spoke on the Youth Panel in the Rotary program and addressed around 600 Rotarians and UN officials.

Speaking initially of her home District (9830), Laura focussed her talk on one of the Rotaract Club of Central Coast's international projects that she is particularly passionate about – the club's support of an Australian NGO, Destiny Rescue, and more broadly, concern about child sex trafficking and human trafficking across the world. The underlying message behind Laura's talk was that we all need to have a voice in the fight against commercial sex exploitation of children as choosing to remain silent is accepting that children will continue to be abused and exploited.

The presentation was well received by the audience and the day was highly enjoyable. Laura strongly encourages Rotarians to attend Rotary UN day if the opportunity arises in the future.

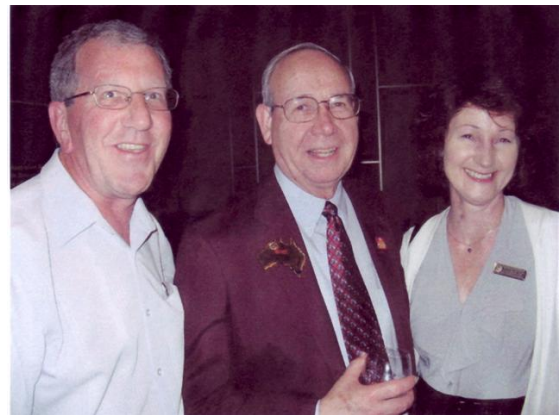


Tasmanian Rotaractor Laura Richardson standing in front of the UN building in New York



Secretary of RC Scottsdale, Jan Hughes, was runner up in the Tasmanian Rural Women's Award. Jan is very passionate about Dorset and believes there are huge opportunities waiting to be released with the right ideas and the right drivers. Through the Rural Women's Award, Jan championed a project to develop agro-tourism in Scottsdale. The basis of the idea is that visitors would have an opportunity to sample produce from Dorset in a historical setting, enabling them to learn and understand the agricultural history of the area. Photo shows Jan Hughes receiving her award from Minister of Primary Industries, Bryan Green.

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**District Governor Nominee James and Kathy Wilcox with RI President Ray Klinginsmith at the Zone Institute meeting in Perth**

Institutes are attended by current, incoming and past RI officers where they are provided with updates on Rotary International and Rotary Foundation policies and programs.

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### Spurred on to help out-of-town patients

RC Launceston West has a long and proud history of looking after Spurr Wing, the affordable accommodation option for out-of-town patients needing treatment in Launceston. Spurr Wing is conveniently located just along Charles Street from the Launceston General Hospital.

The club has been involved in countless projects at Spurr Wing e.g. repainting, re-carpeting and refurbishing. The major project at Spurr Wing for this Rotary year was to revitalise the back entrance. The area was in bad need of revamping – it lacked privacy and provided poor access for wheelchair bound and elderly patients.

The club has attacked the project with vigour, enthusiasm and quite a bit of sweat and strenuous muscular activity. The yard has been leveled making it much safer for patients with balance problems and easier for wheelchairs. The small parking bay and flower bed have been removed and a new block wall built to gain more space and privacy. An alcove has also been included in the design to house the wheelie bins and make them more accessible.



Initially the badly designed concrete and bitumen ramps were removed by a band of crowbar and pneumatic drill wielding Rotarians, who smashed, chipped and bashed the offending material into large piles of rubble, which was wheel-barrowed out to the truck and carted away. This created a lot of sweated brows and sore muscles. To help the men through this energy sapping exercise the ladies of the club supplied coffee and sandwiches.

Once all the rubble was removed the area was filled with aggregate and crusher dust in preparation for the laying of pavers. President Chris Brown became the 'master shoveller' and kept the barrow pushers running back and forth backfilling until the area was ready for laying the pavers.

The Christmas break saw the pavers laid and the project completed. Large flagstone pavers completed the resurfacing making the whole area much more user friendly.



RC Launceston's new trailer displaying the logos of sponsors whose contributions funded the trailer's construction. Club member, Wayne Walker, a sign writer by trade, organised the very attractive livery. The trailer will be used to transport the club's new marquee to activities like Symphony under the Stars and Relay for Life.

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### **The Rotary Foundation**

A small group of Rotarians and partners will visit Nepal to experience the "Gift of Sight" eye camp to be funded by four clubs from our District.

Longford, Central Launceston, Deloraine and Latrobe successfully applied for a District Simplified Grant through the Rotary Foundation to support this project. It is expected that 5000 Nepalese people will attend the camp and at least 500 will have their eyesight fully restored by cataract surgery. Many more will be treated for various eye diseases.



**John and Lesley Dare and Anne and Kevin Shadbolt before their departure for Nepal**

The group representing the four clubs will be away for ten days and will have the opportunity to visit Katmandu, Chitwan National Park, Pokhera as well as view Mt Everest and the Himalayas (weather permitting).

Kevin Shadbolt  
Chairman



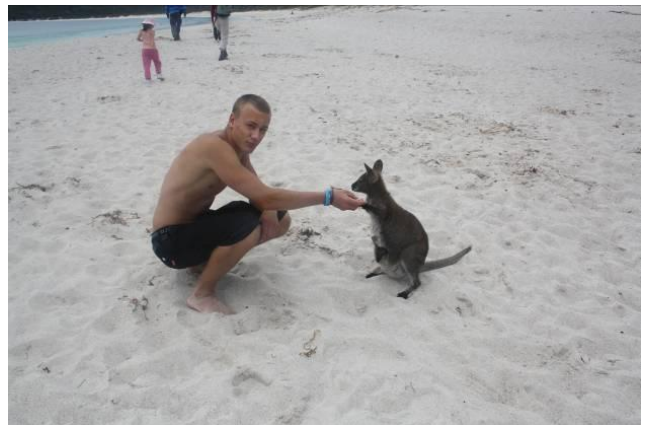
### **Tassie Tour 2010**



**Rotary Youth Exchange students being hosted in Tasmania are all smiles at the start of their Tassie Tour 2010 with chaperones Joe and Dee Beath and driver Bobby Brown**



**Pia Haweman from Germany hovers 50 metres above the trees at Hollybank – a great start to the Tassie Tour**



**Teodor Lind from Sweden makes the acquaintance of one of the local fauna at Wineglass Bay**

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**November 2010  
Club Attendance Report – Top  
Ten**

| Club                | Attendance | Rank |
|---------------------|------------|------|
| Howrah              | 100.00%    | Eq 1 |
| Brighton            | 100.00%    | Eq 1 |
| Lindisfarne         | 91.06%     | 3    |
| North Launceston    | 90.72%     | 4    |
| City Central Hobart | 88.23%     | 5    |
| Central Launceston  | 87.00%     | 6    |
| Huon Valley         | 86.50%     | 7    |
| Ulverstone West     | 84.00%     | Eq 8 |
| Bellerive           | 84.00%     | Eq 8 |
| Kingston            | 83.40%     | 10   |

**Congratulations to RCs Howrah and Brighton**



**December 2010  
Club Attendance Report – Top  
Ten**

| Club                 | Attendance | Rank |
|----------------------|------------|------|
| Howrah               | 100.00%    | 1    |
| Huon Valley          | 94.00%     | 2    |
| Bellerive            | 90.00%     | 3    |
| Kingston             | 88.50%     | 4    |
| Devonport South East | 88.30%     | 5    |
| Moonah               | 81.00%     | 6    |
| Ulverstone           | 81.94%     | 7    |
| Somerset             | 81.30%     | 8    |
| Salamanca            | 81.00%     | 9    |
| Lindisfarne          | 78.26%     | 10   |

**Congratulations to RC Howrah**



**New Meeting Venue for RC Sorell**

The RC Sorell now meets at the Lewisham Tavern at 6.30pm for 7.00pm on Monday nights.

**Welcome to new Rotarians**

| New Rotarian     | Club                    |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Brigid Rawlings  | Central Launceston      |
| Judy Thomas      | Youngtown               |
| Rod Thomas       | Youngtown               |
| Allison Hopkins  | Youngtown               |
| June Beltz       | Moonah                  |
| Richard Lowrie   | Moonah                  |
| Steve Rockliff   | Devonport North         |
| Tony Hartley     | Devonport North         |
| Chris Woodward   | Lindisfarne             |
| Don Brett-Young  | Lindisfarne             |
| Paul Hogan       | Central Launceston      |
| Kristen Finnegan | Central Launceston      |
| Awak Mathok      | D'Entrecasteaux Channel |



**New RC Central Launceston member  
Brigid Rawlings with President Alan  
Harris and Craig Perkins**



**Congratulations to new Paul  
Harris Fellows**

| Paul Harris Fellow             | Club            |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Michael Bird                   | West Tamar      |
| Bruce Buxton                   | Devonport North |
| Michael Patten                 | Lindisfarne     |
| Geoff Noar                     | Lindisfarne     |
| John Behrens                   | Lindisfarne     |
| Rob Thornton                   | Huon Valley     |
| Mary Dadson                    | Longford        |
| Chris Ryan                     | Youngtown       |
| Colleen Richey<br>(see page 2) | Devonport       |

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Departing Tasmanian Rotary Youth Exchange students, Rebekah Dudley, Amy Deurinckx and Aisling McCullough being farewelled by DG Ted and District Youth Exchange Coordinator Judy Hicks



The Ulverstone Rodeo cowgirls on a Saturday morning, promoting the Ulverstone beyondblue Rodeo and helping to raise awareness of depression and anxiety in the community



Rotary Club of City Central Hobart

*Masked Ball Cocktail Party*

*Salamanca Arts Centre*

*Friday, 25 February at 7.30pm*

*Cost \$50 per person*

*Dress for the Ball.*

*Finger food & first drink included.*

*Masks may be purchased from \$5*

*Proceeds donated to Polio Plus*

*RSVP Kate Nichols 0418124369*



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