



Rotary District 9830
Tasmania
District Governor's
Newsletter



March 2011

Rotarians Spread the Word about Ending Polio in Lots of Different Ways



Rotarian Bill Dobson came up with an innovative way to promote End Polio Now. He organised for the End Polio Now sign to be fitted to the rear window of his ute. Wherever he went in his ute, he was advertising End Polio Now.



ABC Radio weekend presenter Chris Wisby interviews Polio survivor Rebecca Round (right) and RC Hobart members Heather Chong (middle) and PDG Una Hobday (left) about polio and the End Polio Campaign.



The innovative MP3 walk around the Launceston CBD was organised by RC Tamar Sunrise. Participants downloaded instructions to their MP3 players and then followed the instructions for directions to or activities at specific locations.



The End Polio sign which replaced the famous "Keens Curry" sign in Hobart

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From the DG

What a great month it has been! The Family of Rotary Day, superbly hosted by the Rotary Club of Longford was a great success, probably the biggest ever with about 600 Rotarians and family enjoying a wonderful day at a magnificent venue. I think the Annual Giving Day also broke all records with almost every club in attendance and over \$84,000 raised on the day. Congratulations to every club in the District, you have supported your own Foundation in a great manner.

The Festival in the Park in Ulverstone, a project of the Rotary Clubs of Ulverstone and Ulverstone West and the Central Coast Rotaract Club, was a great success in spite of the inclement weather and a substantial sum was raised for the End Polio Day and the Flood Appeal.

The End Polio weekend shone like a beacon in Tasmania; road signs sprouted up around the State, the television carried our theme and broadcast our success, the radio and print media supported us and the State was awash with Rotarians and partners out in the streets. The response at the time of writing has been great and the general public is now a lot more aware of what we do. Colleen and I tried valiantly to get around as much of Tasmania as we could and visit as many clubs as we were able but the window of opportunity was not large. We managed to catch up with about eighteen clubs and we were overwhelmed by the enthusiastic attitude of our Rotarians and the manner in which they responded.

There has been a lot of media interest in our team going to Nepal to see the results of the operations at the eye hospital in Hetauda. The team travelled entirely at their own expense to see and help with the eye operations funded by our District Simplified Grants and the matching contributions by our Rotary clubs. I am sure that your contributions have given many people in Nepal the gift of sight.

The Queensland Flood Appeal has been going strongly with well over \$300,000 in the bank at the moment and quite a bit more still to come. I can only say that I have been overwhelmed by the support of clubs, the diversity and ingenuity of the fundraising and the generosity of Rotarians and the people of Tasmania. This appeal will end on the 31st March and once again I can only say well done and thank you.

There has been great news from Rotary International in the last week with the official recognition of the Food Plant Solutions Rotarian Action Group. This will add one more to the existing 13 action groups internationally and thus certainly will provide Learn Grow with significant exposure world wide. Well done to Buz Green and his team and the Rotary Club of Devonport North to raise this great local project to the international level.

This is the last time that I will be able to invite you to attend the District Conference in Devonport on 1st to 3rd April. By the next time you hear from me here I will be telling you how good it was and sympathising with you if you missed out. So get your registrations in, you will have a great time, the conference committee is focused on fun, friendship and fellowship, with a dash of excitement and a seasoning of Rotary knowledge.

See you there, Ted



Vale PDG Maurice Hill

All Rotarians, partners and friends of Rotary in District 9830 are saddened by the passing of PDG Maurice Hill.

We extend sincere condolences to Roz and family. Our thoughts are with you.

A tribute to Maurice will appear in the April edition of the District Governor's Newsletter.



MARCH IS BOWELSCAN MONTH

BOWELSCAN is a Rotary community service awareness program that promotes bowel cancer screening and makes easy to use test kits available at an affordable price. Bowel cancer is the most common internal cancer affecting Australians with about 13,000 new cases predicted to be diagnosed this year – more than lung, breast or prostate cancer. Significantly, around 4,500 people will die from bowel cancer this year, which is more than double the national road toll.

There need not be a family history of bowel cancer for people to be at risk – 75% of people who develop this form of cancer have no family history of bowel cancer. However, the risk increases if there is a family history and the incidence increases progressively from the age of 40. Importantly, a high percentage of bowel cancers can be treated successfully if detected early.

Thirty four Rotary clubs in District 9830 are participating in the program this March and kits are available from any of 115 participating pharmacies for only \$8, which includes pathology testing and notification of results.

More information: www.bowelscan.com.au or contact James Wilcox, District Coordinator, on 0439 911 747.

Rotary World Peace Fellowship 2011-12

District 9830 intends to nominate a person for a Rotary World Peace Fellowship under the Professional Development Certificate Program and is now seeking applications from interested persons. The nominated applicant will be considered by The Rotary Foundation and, if successful, will study at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand for a period of 3 months in 2012 between January – April or June – August. Details of the Fellowships can be found at <http://www.rotary-chula.org/>

Application forms are available on the District website – www.rotary9830.org.au. Applications must be received by 30th April 2011. Send to Chairman D9830, Rotary Foundation, 239 Chapel Rd, Sassafra 7307

Applicants should have:

- A commitment to promoting international understanding and peace.
- A bachelor degree or commensurate experience with strong academic experience.
- Minimum 5 years experience with full time employment in mid to upper level position.
- Proven leadership skills.

For enquiries please contact:

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End Polio outlined in tyres in a paddock beside the Midlands Highway in the Southern Midlands. Anyone driving up or down the highway couldn't miss the End Polio sign.

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The Story of Toby and Rotary

Last year RC Glenorchy received a request from Vanessa Neilson to help her purchase a Hydrotherapy Spa to assist her son, Toby. He required special therapy to attain some form of life style.

Director of Community Service, PP John Berry said: "The presentation from Vanessa was by far the best I had seen and our Club together with RC Hobart found \$2,000. With Secretary Gayle Pitchford we went to see Toby and his family and were so moved by his situation that we went back to our board and with a fund raising Quiz Night managed to find the shortfall to enable the immediate purchase of the Spa. The Neilsons had raised \$1,700, however we realised we had a surplus of \$4,000, mainly from the Quiz Night, so we will hold that in trust for Toby."



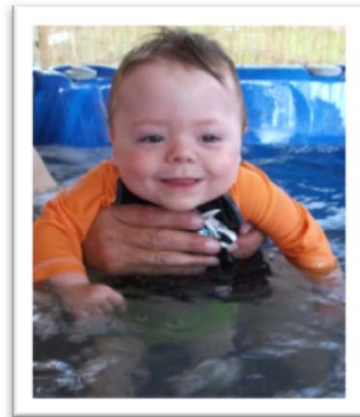
Toby at birth – 16 weeks premature

We asked Toby's mum, Vanessa to tell us his story. She wrote: "Toby was born 16 weeks early, that's almost only half way through a normal pregnancy, he weighed just 1.6 pounds and he spent a total of 6 months in hospital fighting to survive, since then Toby has battled many obstacles, and continues to fight for his life. Toby has an unknown condition, where he stops breathing, both when he is awake and when he is asleep. His father and I have had to learn how to resuscitate him and have had to do this many, many times.

He has spent months in ICU both here in Hobart and in the Monash Medical Centre. He has had many medical tests and yet his doctors are still bewildered by his medical condition.

It is very unlikely that Toby will ever be able to walk, stand or even sit unaided, He is profoundly deaf and is hopefully about to have a cochlear implant inserted at the Royal Children's Hospital, we have many regular medical appointments both here and in Victoria.

Despite Toby's obvious medical issues Toby is one of the happiest children I know; he is always full of smiles and enjoys spending time with just about anyone. He has more spirit, determination and strength than any adult that I have ever met.



Toby in his spa

The Spa that you have helped us to purchase has already made immense difference to the quality of Toby's life. He is beginning to develop more muscle strength and gaining a little more control over his movements. It has given him a place where he can play unrestricted, and he has learnt to move himself around in the water with ease. Without this opportunity he would surely not be able to gain this little bit of independence, and for that we can't thank you enough, as without your help we would have not been able to purchase the spa. As every day passes Toby is growing stronger and we are getting our strength from him, he knows nothing of boundaries, and is not letting anything get in his way. With your help, the help of our family and our friends, we are hoping to reduce the obstacles that life has thrown at him and keep that beautiful smile that he's so willing to share. Thank you!"

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RC West Tamar contributes to Rotary Ambulance Project in Hamirpur, India



The Rotary Ambulance was decorated for The Commencing Ceremony for the Rotary Ambulance Service in Hamirpur, India. The ambulance was funded by a Matching Grant between RC Hamirpur and RC West Tamar.



Devonport Rotarians warm up for the match against the visiting Victorian International Fellowship of Cricketing Rotarians (IFCR) at Devonport Oval



The visiting Victorian IFCR team and their Devonport hosts before the game

What a difference GSE makes to Rotary and the wider community



GSE team members Kim Pitt, Tamara Palmer, Danny Gibson, Laura Richardson and Patrick Fagan at the RC New York

What has happened to the above GSE team since returning from New York and Bermuda?

Kim Pitt advises he has become a more humble human being who has been energised by GSE and now looks at life and Rotary very differently! Laura Richardson spoke at the United Nations and is off to Canada to work. Tamara Palmer has joined RC Bellerive, Patrick Fagan has become a father with the birth of his new daughter and his workplace has been ecstatic at the benefits they obtained from Patrick upon his return, and Danny Gibson has joined RC Central Launceston.

Danny has recently held a Cocktail Party in Launceston with proceeds going to aid the Queensland Flood Relief. Danny is only a new member of RC Central Launceston and organised this event with no costs and raised approximately \$51,000 for the appeal – Well done Danny, so pleased you joined Rotary! This small snapshot just shows what GSE does for our Rotary and Tasmanian community!



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Rotary Friendship Exchange to Thailand

Report by Leader PP Kerry Bowerman OAM

Rotary District 9830 was represented by eight members of RC Glenorchy plus one family member in an Exchange with Rotary District 3360 in Chiang Rai, Northern Thailand. The reciprocal Exchange occurred from 9th –16th of January 2011, inclusive, with home hosting by members of the Rotary Club of Maechan.

Following the time in Northern Thailand, the group spent a further week with two night stays in each of Bangkok, Kanchanaburi (River Kwai) and Cha'am on the Gulf of Siam.

District 3360 is one of four Rotary Districts in Thailand. The District covers the northern region of the country and comprises 64 Clubs with some 1,200 members. The Exchange developed through the RC Glenorchy's sponsorship of a young abandoned girl who was raised as an Akha Hill Tribe child and has been fortunate to be taken in by the Baan Ayui Orphanage in Chiang Rai. The RC of Glenorchy has also developed a Sister Club relationship with the local R C of Maechan.

In May 2010, Glenorchy hosted ten visiting Thai Rotarians who extended an Exchange with District 9790 (Victoria/NSW) by visiting Tasmania for four days.

The visit to Thailand can only be described as an outstanding success. The generosity of our Rotary hosts was quite overwhelming and there is no doubt that we have developed some strong ties with District 3360.

The opportunity was taken to "sell Tasmania" and we can expect to receive another request for a return visit to District 9830.

(Go to page 7 for a photo of Rotarians from Districts 9830 & 3360 with the students at The Santikeeree School in Thailand)

From a Rotary sense, the highlights were attendances at the meetings of the Rotary Clubs of Maechan and Chiangsaen, visits to schools in Chiangsaen and Santikeeree, visits to two Hill Tribes and the crowning glory – a visit to the Baan Ayui Hostel where we met Gulagarn (May) Jarunsak, the 13 year old girl being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Glenorchy.

The visits to the two schools included entertainment and dancing in traditional dress by the children and we in turn were given the opportunity to make presentations to staff and students on the background to our visit supported by a video on Tasmania. The staff and students were keen to know about our country, to hear spoken English translated to Thai and to particularly learn about our fauna demonstrated through the presentation of a number of soft toys.

There is an opportunity for Australian teachers to spend time in Thailand schools teaching English on either short term or longer term stays.

We became tourists in the second week and were looked after by a guide for the whole time. Visiting such places as the River Kwai, the famous bridge, the Jeath War Museum and the Allied War Cemetery where a number of Tasmanian soldiers are identified by "TX", were all emotional occasions and vivid reminders of the horrors of war.

A truly worthwhile Exchange for all concerned.



Gulagarn (May) Jarunsak, an orphan in Thailand, who is being educated with assistance from a club in District 9830.

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November 2011 Club Attendance Report – Top Ten

Club	Attendance	Rank
Howrah	100.00%	1
Claremont	96.60%	2
Kingston	95.45%	3
Ulverstone West	90.00%	4
Smithton	85.96%	5
Latrobe	85.00%	6
Youngtown	83.80%	7
Spring Bay	83.25%	8
Central L'ton	83.00%	9
Evandale	82.29%	Eq 10
Ulverstone	82,29%	Eq 10
Wynyard	81.25%	12
Launceston West	80.46%	13
Moonah	79.83%	14
West Tamar	75.00%	15
Somerset	74.36%	16
Burnie	70.50%	17
D'port South East	70.00%	18
Georgetown	68.75%	19
North Hobart	68.06%	20

Congratulations to RC Howrah

Welcome to new Rotarians

New Rotarian	Club
Jayden Howes	Wynyard
Karen Warfe	Wynyard
Mel Hayes	City Central Hobart
Alex Vandervelde	Tamar Sunrise
Michael Baxter	Ulverstone West
Belinda Neilson	Ulverstone West
Annie Psereckis	Kingston

Congratulations to new Paul Harris Fellows

Paul Harris Fellow	Club
John Stuart	Devonport South East



Ellis Shaw swats one away to the boundary for Westbury against the Victorian IFCR team



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Rotarians from Districts 9830 & 3360 with the students at
The Santikeeree School in Thailand

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National Youth Science Forums – Brilliant Rotary Outcomes

Emily Ingram Reports:

The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) is a fantastic two week program that educates, connects and inspires Year 12 science students. In January this year, over 400 students from around Australia attended one of three sessions held in Canberra and Perth.

This year, I was fortunate enough to attend Session C of the NYSF as a Staffie and I was very impressed with the high standard of Tasmanian students. It was great to see them actively involved during both the Orientation Day and the Forum.

It was inspiring to observe the development of the students over the two week program. Through lab visits, University and Partners' days, group debates, guest speakers and personal development seminars, the students developed knowledge and skills that will assist them through Year 12 and beyond.

I remember as a student, how the NYSF prompted me to think about university and a career in science which has lead me to study at the University of Tasmania. I am now in my second year of Medicine at the University of Tasmania.

I would like to thank Rotary for their continued involvement with the NYSF. Your support enables Tasmanian students who are interested in science to attend the National Youth Science Forum. I am certain that the Tasmanian students from 2011 will agree that the NYSF is truly an experience of a lifetime.

Emily Ingram – NYSF Tasmanian student 2009, NYSF International Program (Oxford University 2010), NYSF Staffie in Canberra 2011



Emily Ingram (left) participating in one of the recreational activities in between intensive sessions on science opportunities at the National Youth Science Forum



The hazards of making a comeback – Barry Pearn at the IFCR match at Westbury. Take note Ian Thorpe!

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