



Rotary District 9830
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Music Hall turns 40 "Mr Chairman's" Vision Endures

The newly chartered RC Wynyard was casting around for a fundraiser to get the club financial. Charter member and mine manager, Brian Sheppard, startled members with the suggestion "*Why not do a Music Hall?*" Brian had seen how successful Music Halls were for fundraising in mining towns in South Africa. He convinced members that the Rotary Club could stage such a show. Not only that; he also convinced them that they could do it themselves, with the help of just a couple of invited performers from the local community.



"Mr. Chairman" Brian Sheppard, who suggested the club stage a Music Hall

So commenced the forty year uninterrupted run of the Wynyard Old Time Music Hall, more recently named Music Hall, to reflect more modern songs in the production. Brian Sheppard anchored the show for several years in his role as "Mr. Chairman". One of the original cast members, Mike Cook, alias "Mr. Head Waiter" is making a comeback appearance for the 40th Anniversary production.



Original cast member and Rotarian, Mike Cook (bow tie with tray) as "Mr. Head Waiter"

Music Hall is part of the fabric of the Wynyard community. Non-Rotarians join with Rotarians to stage the annual production. This has proved to be an effective recruiting tool for RC Wynyard.



The "Bath Night in the Bar" scene from the 2009 Music Hall Production "Diamond Lil's Saloon"

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Judy Charles (third from left) singing in "Diamond Lil's Saloon"

Judy Charles saw her first Music Hall production in 1975 - she laughed all through the show. Judy joined the show in 1987 and started singing and dancing, despite having never danced in her life. She says that being involved in activities like Music Hall and Rotary encourages you to have a go at challenges outside your comfort zone. Judy has progressed to be one of the Music Hall production hierarchy. She is a writer and director of the 40th Anniversary Music Hall.

Peter Radel is a Music Hall veteran. He joined Rotary in 1984 and expected to have some small part in Music Hall. He found he enjoyed singing comedy songs and played the violin in a bush band for several Music Halls. Two newer members of the RC Wynyard, Les Johns and Duncan Howe, were somewhat reluctantly persuaded to make their debut appearance in Music Hall as "The Pantomime Cow". This was enough to whet their appetite. Both are appearing in more extensive roles this year. Leo, the front of the cow, is performing as a prince. Duncan, the back of the cow, is appearing as a dancer.

Over the 40 years of Music Hall, one million dollars has been raised and ploughed back into the Wynyard community, and also supporting Rotary projects within Tasmania, nationally and internationally. RC Wynyard has been a very strong supporter of rural medical student education programs.

Along the forty year journey, there have been doubts like whether the 20th and 30th Anniversary shows would proceed. The same doubts surfaced in the lead up to the 40th Anniversary Music Hall, but planning is well underway for the 41st show.



The Music Hall cast on stage for the final chorus of the production "All at Sea"

This gritty resolve to keep Music Hall going came to the fore twelve years ago. A fire in the prop shed destroyed every single prop Music Hall had accumulated since the first show. The local community and Rotary Clubs around Tasmania donated a large enough wardrobe for Music Hall to continue its uninterrupted run.

RC Wynyard's Music Hall was featured in a 1996 program on "Australian Story" on ABC TV. It is a classic example of how a Rotary project can bring people together for a common endeavour and strengthen the bonds of community.

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**PDG Ted and Colleen Richey congratulate their son, Jamie, after his installation as President of RC Ulverstone. Daughter-in-law, Maryanne, is thrilled by the occasion. This was one of the last official functions for Ted as District Governor.**

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### From the DG

Our new Rotary year has moved into drive very quickly with eight forums being held around the State in two and a half weeks.

In addition to comments by several District leaders about a variety of programs, one forum heard an outside perspective on Rotary from Jane Bennett, formerly of Ashgrove Cheese and now a Director on several boards including the national ABC Board. Her reflections on Rotary, often gained through the eyes of her father and uncle who are both Rotarians, painted an interesting picture of many of the things Rotary does well in addition to some which might be considered for a different approach to make us more community friendly.

The forums gave an opportunity for all Rotarians to meet with the DG early in the year and to provide an outline of some of the plans for 2011-12. I hope this change in our annual agenda has been useful – feedback to date indicates that it has been well received and encouraging for Rotarians to be positive about Rotary in our communities.

Also during this month I came across the following quote: *"To cope with a challenging world, any entity must develop the capacity of shifting and changing – of developing new skills and attitudes...(A De Guess)"*

This emphasises a focus of RI President Kalyan Banerjee's theme – change. In starting visits to clubs the differences in approach to Rotary and the variety of ways we practice 'Service above Self' quickly become clear. *'Vive la difference!'*

How clubs want to make changes in their organisation is very much up to the Rotarian members. While some change is being generated by RI, clubs will inevitably look to the future and decide how they will best serve in their local communities and beyond.

You will see an item in this newsletter about the Rotary Leadership Institute. As mentioned in the forums, it is a District goal to establish the Institute in Tasmania and our District Training Committee has acted quickly to get this under way. This will be another way to build leaders as we approach the future.

August is Membership and Extension Month in Rotary. As many will know, building stronger clubs and facilitating the start of new clubs are goals for this year. Director Ken Moore addressed a number of forums on retention and membership in clubs - he provided guidance on membership but also gave some challenges for how clubs think about their future.

On the subject of clubs, I want to report that RC North Launceston handed in their Charter on 30 June. The members decided that their future was better managed with another club and all have now transferred to RC South Launceston. We wish them well in their new surroundings.

A number of people in the Launceston area believe that there is a good opportunity for a new club to be formed in the northern suburbs. We already have several people prepared to "sign on" and to take office-holder responsibilities. AG Ian Smith has been proactive in approaches to potential Rotarians for a new club in this area. A comment made to him by several to whom he has spoken – ***'I wondered when someone would approach me to join Rotary'***.

Let's take this comment on board across the State and encourage those whom you believe can contribute to the ideals of Rotary to make themselves available to serve.

### DG Peter



**Having the President and Secretary in sync is a positive step to a successful year. Here RC Hobart Secretary Marilyn Jarrett and President Sue Hickey celebrate the synchronisation of their birthdays on the 25th July**

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### Rotary Information - the building blocks

In the June Newsletter we learned that PDG Reg Lightfoot had been recognised as an Honorary Member of RC Glenorchy. That's great news and also food for thought. In the book containing the rules and guidelines for Rotary clubs world-wide, it says, "Honorary membership is the highest distinction that a club may bestow and should be conferred only in exceptional cases" and "Clubs should guard the election to honorary membership as exclusively a distinction for meritorious service in the furtherance of Rotary ideals and for permanent support of Rotary's cause."

What then about recognition for others in our clubs? If we think about the community as a whole, the recognition of the Rotary wheel is highly valued. It gives rapid recognition of Rotary and possibly the local Rotary club – your club.

The Rotary wheel was developed over a number of years – beginning with a wagon wheel ... because early club meetings 'rotated' from office to office or workplace. In 1922 a common logo was devised, however engineer members quickly noted that it did not have a keyway to hold it to a shaft. Therefore, a keyway was added and in 1923 the logo as we know it was formally approved – a gear wheel with 26 cogs, six spokes and a keyway!

The greatest honour we can show in the community is by wearing our membership badge, the Rotary badge. When someone sees your badge on you, they will think – this person is a Rotarian: this person is honest; this person can be trusted; this person is reliable; and I can be confident when dealing with this person on any matter.

**Wear your Rotary badge with pride. It is valuable to your personal integrity.**

**John G. Thorne – Past Director of RI**



**Cruising around having a look at those Yellow Boats!**

### The Rotary Foundation District Simplified Grants

Has your club considered applying for a District Simplified Grant? Now is the time. \$9,120 is available this year to support projects in your local or an overseas community.

Application forms and guidelines have been sent to clubs and are available on the District website. If successful your club could receive approximately \$1,000 to add to your club's contribution towards a project of your choice. Applications close 30<sup>th</sup> September. Please note that grants can not be used for the purchase of land or buildings, renovation of structures or the payment of salaries, please read grant guidelines. For assistance contact Grants Chairman PDG Lew Pretorius or Foundation Chairman PDG Kevin Shadbolt.



**PDG Jim Studebaker (behind laptop) from Victoria briefed past and future District Governors to prepare the District or the major changes that will come into effect in the Rotary Foundation in 2013 - 14**



**Ron Neilson (centre), charter member and Loris Roberts-Thomson, wife of 1973-74 President Eric Roberts Thomson cut the 40th birthday cake for RC Wynyard, watched by President Trevor Hopf .**

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### Public Relations

What an exciting year we have installed. By the time you receive this, DG Peter will have begun announcing the District-wide event '**Rotary Tasmania's Biggest BBQ' on Sat 4<sup>th</sup> February 2012**. In past years there has been somewhat of a focus of interstate and international activities and disasters. This year DG Peter wants it to be "All about our community". The day is all about your club supporting your local community and vice versa of course!

The District will be providing marketing support by way of TV, Radio and Facebook advertising, and we are hoping that all clubs will participate and make a great day of it. The theme is BBQ and community - your clubs can tackle this anyway they want. Anything from a regular BBQ, to a Masterchef cook off, gourmet BBQ, celebrity chef demonstrations, Cocktail BBQs. Its up to your imagination as to what you would like to do! If your club is already running an event on that day, we hope that by also running a BBQ the associated District advertising will aid your event.

Further initiatives that the District PR Team has undertaken include a new membership TV ad that is airing on a low impact campaign on WIN. We are also currently applying for the RI PR Grant – this year up to \$15,000. Also, Peter will be delivering a PR and Membership kit for each Club. It is chockfull of information!

Looking forward to increasing and improving our brand and public perception across the state!

Chris Love,  
Director, Public Relations and Marketing



**Not all hard work - the District 9830 contingent at the AFGR 33rd Annual Golf Tournament at Victor Harbour, South Australia. Next year they are headed to Darwin for the 34th AFGR Tournament on May 13 - 18.**

### Youth Exchange - Tassie Tour in November Call for tour escorts and hosts

The District Youth Exchange Committee is putting together the itinerary for our inbound students for Tassie Tour starting mid November. Would you like to be chaperones for this tour?

We are also looking for clubs to host students for an overnight stay during their around Tassie tour. Please contact District Chair Judy Hicks if you are interested or would like more information.

To contact Judy: [judy-hicks@bigpond.com](mailto:judy-hicks@bigpond.com)  
Mobile: 0437287881



District 9830 will be conducting a Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) on the weekend of 22 October at the Community Centre at Perth. Course leader will be PDG Ann White from Melbourne

RLI is a series of fast-paced, interactive, one-day courses offered to refine a Rotarian's leadership skills and increase their base knowledge of Rotary.

Rotary clubs should identify those Rotarians with future leadership potential and encourage them to attend. RLI will provide them with a quality leadership experience in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills.

Further information:

Mike Perkins: [imperkins@bigpond.com](mailto:imperkins@bigpond.com)

Gill Whitehouse: [gewphysio@southern.com.au](mailto:gewphysio@southern.com.au)



### Health and Wellbeing Expo

Ulverstone Civic Centre

Friday 7th October, 10.00am to 4.00pm

**Free Entry, Free Brochures, Free Advice**

**Free Entry to Plenary Sessions** featuring speakers Robyn Moore, Max Bessell, Graeme Lynch and Catia Sicari

Special Event: **Hat Day Competition** - "Don't Keep That Under Your Hat" for Australian Rotary Health Organised by RC Ulverstone West and Australian Rotary Health.

Enquiries: Lindsay Morgan 6425 2580

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The birthday cake for the 50th birthday of RC North Hobart



Charter member Doug and Lois Williams at the 50th birthday and changeover celebration for RC North Hobart

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RC Ulverstone West and Beyondblue present

A Gala Dinner

Raising Awareness for Depression and Anxiety

Saturday 8th October 6pm
KG's Function Room, River Arms Hotel
Ulverstone

Guest Speaker:
John McGrath AM, Ambassador for Beyondblue

Tickets: \$65.00 per person
Enquiries and bookings:
Lindsay Morgan 6425 2580

District Group Information Meetings

Moving the combined meeting of clubs to the start of the Rotary year paid dividends with strong turnouts for all meetings. The meetings enabled DG Peter to set the scene, outline priorities for the year and identify new activities.



DG Peter (above) addressing the combined Groups 5 and 6 clubs information meeting. He was supported by a number of speakers including PDG Kevin Shadbolt who briefed attendees on the Rotary Foundation and Director Clare Klapche, talking about New Generations, including Learn Grow.

The most novel approach to these information sessions was taken by the Group 2 clubs. They were hosted to a tour of Parliament House courtesy of Vanessa Goodwin. The meeting came to an abrupt end just after desserts were served when the fire alarm sounded and everyone was forced to evacuate Parliament House.

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"Up the River" Fundraising Cruise for RC Moonah, coming up on Tuesday 8th November 9.00am - 5.00pm Departs from Lindisfarne Marina. Bookings: Caroline Farquhar on 0417 340 883 or [caroline@moonahrotary.org](mailto:caroline@moonahrotary.org)

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There wasn't time for the usual Changeover trappings when Marie Connors stepped in at short notice as President of RC Brighton. Here AG Gayle Pitchford (left) presents Marie with a bunch of flowers.



Newly installed President of RC Tasman Peninsula, Heather Henri with PP Don Henry (left)



Past DG recuperation  
PDG Ted catching up on a spot of relaxation  
after a nonstop year as DG

### Welcome to new Rotarians/Rotaractors

| New Rotarian    | Club                    |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Graeme Howard   | Spring Bay              |
| Lesley Perkins  | Spring Bay              |
| John Ryan       | Spring Bay              |
| Jerrick Johnson | Rotaract - Sandy Bay    |
| Peter Park      | Rotaract - Sandy Bay    |
| Carol Almond    | Bellerive               |
| Kevin Matthews  | Devonport North         |
| Gavin Bull      | Devonport North         |
| Bobby Gray      | Devonport North         |
| Bill Aronson    | Hobart                  |
| Craig Burgess   | Claremont               |
| Scott Bacon     | Moonah                  |
| Lorraine Walker | D'Entrecasteaux Channel |
| Marie Bird      | D'Entrecasteaux Channel |
| Iris Jackson    | Oatlands                |
| Brian Flakelar  | Oatlands                |
| Barry Race      | Oatlands                |

### New Paul Harris Fellows

| Recipient           | Awarded by           |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Kim Pitt            | Kingston             |
| Dale Ewington       | Spring Bay           |
| Ron Webb            | Spring Bay           |
| Tony Boys           | Wynyard              |
| Mike Holland        | Ulverstone           |
| Lester Jones        | Deloraine            |
| Max Watkins         | South Launceston     |
| Peter Schnackenberg | Devonport South East |
| Howie Oh            | North Hobart         |
| Michael Polley      | Sullivans Cove       |
| Bill Casimaty       | Hobart               |
| Chris Carrick       | Hobart               |
| Jeff Wynne          | Launceston West      |
| John Scolyer        | Launceston West      |
| Ian Johnson         | Sandy Bay            |
| Andrew Siggers      | Central Launceston   |

### New Paul Harris Fellows Sapphire Pin Recipients

| Recipient       | Awarded by       |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Allan Smith     | Bellerive        |
| Charmaine White | Moonah           |
| Geoff Lean      | South Launceston |



### The Spirit of Rotary

*"Cyril pranged his car on Saturday on his way to get extra bread - no injuries and now he is in possession of a brand new vehicle which an acquaintance won in a raffle but did not want - his old car was written off so the new one was very cheap." (RC Bellerive Bulletin)*

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## Tasmanian friends kick in \$900,000

By **CALLUM JOHNSON**  
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Tasmania. "The money just kept coming in and the Premier agreed to match our fundraising dollar for dollar up to \$250,000."

A memorandum of understanding was signed at Wednesday night's ceremony between Rotary Tasmania, who raised the \$900,000, and representatives from the Rotary Club of Toowoomba East and Lockyer Valley Regional Council.

The Rotary Club of Toowoomba East assisted with communication and the management of the donation and will oversee how the money is spent.

Lockyer Valley Rotary District flood disaster co-ordinator Errol Wildman said the centre would serve as the town's hub of activity.

"It will be a great asset for the Murphys Creek community," he said.

FORMER Rotary Governor of Tasmania Ted Richey assured the Lockyer Valley community they would always have friends in Tasmania as he signed off on a donation of \$900,000 to fund a multi-purpose centre in Murphys Creek.

"When I saw the flood waters go through the main street of Toowoomba on television, I knew we had to do something," Mr Richey said during the official ceremony in Murphys Creek on Wednesday night.

"We managed to raise more than \$900,000, which is incredible for a little state.

"That money came from our mums and dads, our rotary members and just ordinary people from

**GENEROUS DONATION:** Signing the memorandum of understanding for the \$900,000 donation to the Murphys Creek community are (from left) Ted Richey (past governor of Rotary Tasmania), Ian Flint (Lockyer Valley Council CEO) and Mark Paton (past president of Rotary Club of Toowoomba East).

PICTURE: CALLUM JOHNSON

**Today:** Nothing but Good News Friday on this page. **Monday:** Look for our fun pictures from around the region over the weekend.

Rotary District 9830 will fund construction of a multi-purpose centre at Murphys Creek in the Lockyer Valley in Queensland. \$900,000 raised in the Queensland Flood Appeal will be used to build the facility.

PDG Ted Richey signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Lockyer Valley Regional Council and RC Toowoomba East on Wednesday 3 August.

Murphys Creek was devastated by flood waters with several deaths and massive loss of property.

The multi-purpose centre will serve as the centre of activity for Murphys Creek once it is constructed.

Spread the news to all Flood Appeal contributors.

(Courtesy of The Chronicle, Lockyer Valley, Queensland, 5 Aug 2011)

## Follow the Yellow Boat Road Progress Report



Polio 1 with Rob Pennicott at the wheel cruises past the rocky Western Australian coast

The circumnavigation has port-hopped down the Western Australian coast to Perth and passed the south west corner of Western Australia. The current challenge is crossing the Great Australian Bight to Adelaide and onto Melbourne. Next challenge for the yellow boats will be the Tasmanian leg, calling at King Island (Sun, 21 Aug), Strahan (Mon 22 Aug), Hobart (Tues, 23 Aug), St Helens (Sat, 27 Aug and Flinders Island (Sun, 28th Aug). (Dates above are subject to weather conditions).

So far, \$143,600 has been raised for the End Polio Now Campaign. Follow progress on [www.followtheyellowboatroad.com](http://www.followtheyellowboatroad.com). Join the flotilla to welcome the Yellow Boats to Hobart on 23 August. Contact Ray Ware on 0407 982 282 or [ray.ware@bigpond.com](mailto:ray.ware@bigpond.com) for an official "Follow the Yellow Boat Road" pennant.

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