



Rotary District 9830
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Visiting American Teachers Impressed by RYDA Excellent Preparation for Learning to Drive

The Rotary Youth Driving Awareness (RYDA) Program received a ringing endorsement from three visiting American teachers.

Scott Daniel, Jane White and Caroline Kill from The Barstow School in Kansas City, Missouri were visiting Launceston Church Grammar School on a short term staff development exchange. They accompanied Grammar students to Symmons Plains to observe the RYDA Program. Over the course of the day, they circulated around all the RYDA presentations with the students.

Caroline Kill said that RYDA demonstrated the things that students needed to be aware of in learning to drive safely and make good decisions. She was impressed by the braking distance demonstrations, and how wearing goggles simulated the effects of alcohol.



Visiting American teachers, Jane White, Caroline Kill and Scott Daniel who attended RYDA at Symmons Plains and came away very impressed

RYDA had a special significance for Jane White whose husband teaches driver education at The Barstow School. She was astounded by how long it takes to brake. The hazard perception session really opened her eyes to the risks of driving.

Scott Daniel said that RYDA was absolutely great. As a physics teacher, he was quick to understand the physics behind braking distances (mass, speed, distance). He believed that students getting ready to learn to drive had to have a good understanding of braking distances. He commended the RYDA Program for pointing out to students what type of equipment was desirable for safety, rather than a range of non-essential accessories.

The visiting US teachers have now returned to Kansas City. A day at RYDA is sure to be one of the highlights of their teacher exchange.



Students from Cressy District High School work out what safety features they want in a car

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From little things, big things are starting to grow!

Learn Grow on national and international stage

From modest beginnings a few years ago, Learn Grow is now growing on the international stage from its formative base in Tasmania. Following a successful program in Solomon Islands, a number of neighbouring developing nations are well advanced in engaging with Learn Grow. Several African countries are also undertaking investigations. Recently, Learn Grow was one of the few groups to be granted a one-on-one audience with the Prime Minister during her visit to Tasmania. Through the Rotary network, Learn Grow continues to receive regular invitations to speak at District Conferences, international assemblies and conventions to showcase its work.

The following positions are currently vacant. Each is honorary, ongoing and is able to be tailored to suit the time you can make available to this inspiring project.

Journalist - Effective communication is central to any program and your skills as a journalist would be a boon to the project. Once familiar with the project, you would need to adopt a pro-active role in identifying and producing newsworthy stories for media releases, newsletters, website, journals etc. Just one or two paragraphs per week would make a major difference!

Agronomy / botanical / technical support - Link your skills in agronomy or botany to the extensive international database of Food Plant Solutions and it's a potent combination! Work with members of the project team to develop technical resources on edible plants for countries with chronic malnutrition problems.

Project managers - If your forte is project management, we have a variety of projects that will inspire you!

Marketer of discs - Are your talents in promotion and selling? Then we can offer you an untapped market for selling our fundraising disks, *Food Plants in Australia and Food Plants in Tasmania*. Commission arrangement can be considered.

Facebook manager - We have a Facebook page but it needs your talents if it is to go viral!

IT and marketing support - Members of the team are regularly invited to deliver presentations to local, national and international audiences. Apply your skills in PowerPoint to help make each presentation one to remember!

Should your talents not be reflected in the roles described above and you would still like to be involved, please talk to us about your skills and how you would like to assist. The power of one, someone just like you, can indeed make a difference and we would welcome your contribution. For more information, or to apply, please email your details and what you would like to add to the project to info@learngrow.org. You may direct any queries to Malcolm McDonald at Learn Grow on telephone (03) 6334 3990.

Royce Abbey Scholarship to help adoption of Learn Grow in Solomon Islands

Henry Gwao, a teacher from Solomon Islands School of Natural Resources, has been brought to Tasmania to study the principles behind Learn Grow and return home as an Ambassador for the program. Henry's study tour is funded by a Royce Abbey Scholarship. Rotarian Steve Willatt of RC Devonport South East did a lot of the leg work to organise the scholarship.

Henry is being mentored by Bruce French who developed the world's largest database of edible plants that underpins the Learn Grow Program. It is hoped that Henry will have the opportunity to visit Rotary clubs in the North West and other areas of Tasmania. Contact Steve Willatt on 6426 9277 to arrange visits by Henry.

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From the DG

To coin a phrase, its been a big month in Rotary!

All clubs are moving down the track on their local projects; many have acknowledged Rotary Vocational month with vocational visits and/or speakers; our first District Rotary Leadership Training Seminar has taken place; selection days for the District GSE Team Leader and Team Members have been completed; District Membership and PR Training Seminars have been held; and as I put this article to bed, the Prime Minister has announced that the Federal Government will provide \$50M towards Polio eradication. And then some – Bill Gates has given another \$40M for the same purpose. It doesn't get much bigger than that!

Sitting in on the Membership and PR Seminar in Deloraine, I observed the tremendous energy we have in Rotary in Tasmania. The quality of the presentations and the enthusiasm of the participants were infectious. Including the presenters, about 16 clubs were represented at the two seminars held and I am sure that enthusiasm will be transmitted back to those clubs. I do hope that the other clubs will be able to pick up on that enthusiasm.

Again we have had a quality field of candidates applying for selection for the Group Study Exchange (GSE) to District 5580 Canada-USA. The day-long selection process developed over many years is the most exhausting of any selection process in this District. Our past successes in choosing exceptional young people for this experience has proven its worth. My thanks to PP Heather Sheppard for her organisation of this Program, and to Andrew Mitchell and Marion Hale for their professional facilitation of the selection day.

November is The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Month. Rotarians will have heard me emphasise the good reasons for supporting TRF because of the huge amount of good work Rotary is able to do with these funds in countries around the world.

But we sometimes forget what our contributions also do for our own District.

Three years after donating, 50% comes back to the District Governor of the day for allocation to District projects, both local and international. District Simplified Grants (allocated recently), Group Study Exchange second teams and Matching Grants are funded in this way. We look forward to your support.

November is also World Interact Week.

The year rushes on and we are already one-third of the way through. By now clubs will have not only set their plans but should be well on the way to implementation. The amount of community support being given by Rotary around the State is staggering and I hope to have the opportunity to highlight the range of projects being done in a later newsletter. Meanwhile, please keep in mind the opportunity to identify potential new members while carrying out your projects. Your next Rotarian may just be the person with whom you come into contact in carrying out that project.

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Storm the Stage Final



Winners of the Storm the Stage State Final, Rebecca Riley, Terri Ryan and Camille Best - they now go onto the National Final in Brisbane on 27 November.

Storm the Stage in Tasmania is a project of RC City Central Hobart.

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**Local Government Elections
Congratulations to Rotarians Elected as Mayors**

Rotarian	Council	Rotary Club
Damon Thomas	Hobart	Hobart
Tony Bisdee	Southern Midlands	Oatlands
Doug Chipman	Clarence	Bellerive
Diedre Flint	Central Highlands	Claremont
Craig Perkins	Meander Valley	Central Launceston
Barry Easter	West Tamar	West Tamar



Newly elected, Alderman Sue Hickey and Damon Thomas, Lord Mayor of Hobart



Tulip Festival Parking



RC Wynyard's Duncan Howes and Karen Warfe on parking duties at the annual spring Tulip Festival at Table Cape, Wynyard. Club coffers received a nice boost from providing this service.

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)

October saw the first District training seminar for the RLI in Tasmania. The full-day training was conducted by PDG Ann White from D9800 Victoria and was attended by 14 Rotarians. The attendees all completed the orientation program and are now qualified to serve as a Faculty Member of the RLI.

Our thanks to District Trainer PDG Michael Perkins and PAG Gill Whitehouse for the organisation of the day. The District will be organising further training for club members during the year – watch this space.

Rotarian	Club
Denis Bordin	Claremont
Bruce Buxton	Devonport North
Heather Chong	Hobart
Geoff Francis	West Tamar
Jillian Freeman	Hobart
Mike Holland	Ulverstone
Lou Johnson	Launceston West
Peter Murfett	Hobart
Garry Sargent	Moonah
Margaret Sutherland	Sullivans Cove
Ruth Temple-Smith	Salamanca
Jeff Thorpe	West Tamar
Gill Whitehouse	Salamanca
James Wilcox	Longford



Mein Host Wolf Ebert at RC Salamanca's Oktoberfest

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The Incredible Success of the Pentagliders: World Champions in F1 in Schools Championships

Four young Launceston students, originally from Brooks High School, have achieved incredible international success with a hand along the way from Rotary. Tristan McCarthy, Nathan Clark, Amy Winter and Jack Ball carried off the major prizes in the F1 in Schools International Final in Kuala Lumpur. The competition challenges teams to design and construct, from a block of light wood, a miniature gas-powered racing car that can travel along a 25 metre track in the fastest time.



The Pentagliders team from Launceston that won the International F1 in Schools International Final in Kuala Lumpur. From left: Tristan McCarthy, Nathan Clark, Amy Winter and Jack Ball

Rotary clubs in Northern Tasmania have assisted the Pentagliders team. RC North Launceston sponsored Tristan to attend National Youth Science Forum course in Perth earlier this year. RC Launceston had the team along as guest speakers one evening and donated \$500 towards the cost of the team going to Kuala Lumpur. RC's South Launceston and North Launceston each contributed a similar amount to the Pentagliders for travel expenses. RC Launceston is also sponsoring Jack Ball to attend the National Youth Science Forum course in January 2012.

The East versus West Tamarese debate "That global warming is good for the Tamar Valley"

Thirteen East Tamarese bravely ventured into the wilds of West Tamar to debate the West Tamarese that "Global warming is good for the Tamar Valley".



Under due influence (? bribes), Louie the Fly AKA Lew Pretorius and his moll, Jan, both looking resplendent in attire straight out of Chicago, did their best to adjudicate the debate. The fact that they knew they had to get out of the West Tamar alive probably weighed on their deliberations.

The West Tamarese narrowly won the debate, selling a highly gullible audience an improbable future of palm trees, gondolas, cruise ships worked by questionable ladies of the night (surely not lady Rotarians!), the Great Tamar Reef, and strangely enough, a George Town under water.

The West Tamarese had to front up at the next meeting of the East Tamarese to claim the trophy. They were so concerned about rising sea levels, they dressed accordingly (see below).



Youngtown - looking after local needs

Responding to local community needs is one of the hallmarks of RC Youngtown. When the club became aware of the plight of Adam Prewer, a young family man struck down by a severe debilitating neurological disease, it provided Adam with an electric recliner chair to assist his mobility e.g. to assist Adam's wife lift Adam in and out of bed. Keeping tabs on Adam's progress, the club organised a working bee to install a concrete path in Adam's backyard. Hazell Bros donated the concrete. This has allowed Adam to get out into the backyard, rather than being housebound.



The club then came to the assistance of 11 year old Molly Bessell who was born with severe mental and physical disabilities from undiagnosed genetic conditions. RC Youngtown donated a Second Skin suit which will help to straighten Molly's spine and assist her to sit up more comfortably.

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**RC Central Launceston's cycling crew who completed the Round the Bay in a Day event in Victoria - PP's Richard Forrest, Paul Hogan, Tim Lack and Alan Harris with Harry Wiliscroft (second from left).**

### 2011 Australian Rotaract Conference



**Callum Bartley, Jemima Stagg and Andrew Carlyle at the Australian Rotaract Conference**

The 2011 Australian Rotaract Conference was held in Melbourne, on the 24th to 25th of September. Three Rotaractors from District 9830 attended the event - Andrew Carlyle from Sandy Bay, Callum Bartley from Tamar Valley and Jemima Stagg from Central Coast. The theme for this year's conference was "Stronger as one" – a motto which can be applied to not just within Rotaract and our Australia-wide Multi-District Information Organisation, but also between Rotaract and Rotary, as exemplified by the "Partners in Service" badge, the most sought after item on Rotary Down Under's stall at the conference!

As Rotary's future, Rotaract has a large role to play in the "service above self" motto we all uphold so proudly. Of particular concern was the revelation that around the world the average number of Rotaract clubs per district is 16, while in Australia the average is 3. While clearly there is a lot of work to be done nationally in increasing the number of clubs, within our district we also have the task of developing and growing our existing three clubs.

There was plenty to keep eager young Rotaractors from all over Australia entertained, from keynote speaker Hugh Evans of the Global Poverty Project, to an Underbelly Themed Dinner, a Masquerade Ball, and a race around Melbourne. All in all, much fun was had, and we are eagerly looking forward to next year's conference!

(By Andrew Carlyle, President, The Rotaract Club of Sandy Bay)

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### Attendance Report – Top Ten Clubs September 2011

| Club            | Attendance | Rank |
|-----------------|------------|------|
| Kingston        | 98.50%     | 1    |
| Howrah          | 97.90%     | 2    |
| Claremont       | 96.25%     | 3    |
| Bellerive       | 89.00%     | 4    |
| Devonport North | 86.33%     | 5    |
| Huon Valley     | 86.00%     | 6    |
| Wynyard         | 82.18%     | 7    |
| Ulverstone West | 81.96%     | 8    |
| Sullivans Cove  | 81.04%     | 9    |
| Smithton        | 80.88%     | 10   |

#### Congratulations to RC Kingston

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Welcome to new Rotarians/Rotaractors

New Rotarian	Club
Danielle Blewett	Central Launceston
Angela Driver	Central Launceston
Rodney Martin	Scottsdale
Samantha Scarlett	Kingston
Bill Kroon	Kingston
Scott Bacon	Moonah
Owen Cannell	Claremont

New members changes/updates

If a club updates their membership information online, using Member Access, then changes occur as soon as they are submitted. However, if a club is posting the changes to the SPPO, it can take between 2-4 weeks from the time it is sent by the club, depending on the time it arrives in that office and the workload for data services at the time.

This is one of the reasons why RI encourages as many clubs as possible to use Member Access as it avoids these delays. For clubs where the president or secretary is not comfortable online, the club can appoint a delegate to access Member Access.

At the moment there is the added incentive for clubs to sign up to Member Access and getting double recognition points.

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION District Simplified Grants

The following clubs have been awarded a District Simplified Grant to support a local or international community project.

Devonport SE - Pain management pump for nursing home - \$1250
Central Launceston, Deloraine, Hobart - "Gift of Sight" - Nepal - \$750 per club
Launceston West - Computers for "Rural help at hand" - \$900
City Central Hobart - Equipment for community work shop - \$570
Ulverstone West - Support underprivileged children - \$1000
Ulverstone - Purchase of park equipment - \$1000
Tamar Sunrise - Health and hygiene program in the Philippines - \$750
Wynyard - Provide generator for remote school in Fiji - \$1400

Total Amount Awarded \$9,120. Five clubs will be supporting international projects and five clubs will be using the funds for local projects in our District. Congratulations to all ten clubs.

Kevin Shadbolt
Foundation Chairman

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#### RI Presidential Citation and Changemaker Award for Rotary

"Presidents will recall that they received a brochure on the Presidential Citation and the Changemaker awards amongst their PETS materials. It would be wise to check the requirements of these awards now to ensure that your club is heading towards qualifying for an award recognizing the service performed by your Members in 2011-12. Further details can be found at:

[2011-12 Changemaker Award Frequently Asked Questions and Timeline.pdf](#)

[2011-12 Changemaker Award for Rotary Clubs.pdf](#)

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### Health and Wellbeing Expo at Ulverstone



**Delta therapy dogs, Harry (left) and Suzie with their handlers Claire Curtis and Di Yaxley**

No matter what was your condition or what was concerning you about your health, or the health of family members or friends, chances are you could find out about it at the Health and Wellbeing Expo at Ulverstone. RC Ulverstone West did a fantastic job to bring together a wide range of health support and prevention services - eye health, heart health, chronic lung disease support services, organ donor program, cancer services to name a few.

The expo was complemented by a range of speakers like the irrepressible Robyn Moore, a big crowd puller. Interestingly, there was a high level of interest in the displays shown by school children - much more than just a day off "real" school.

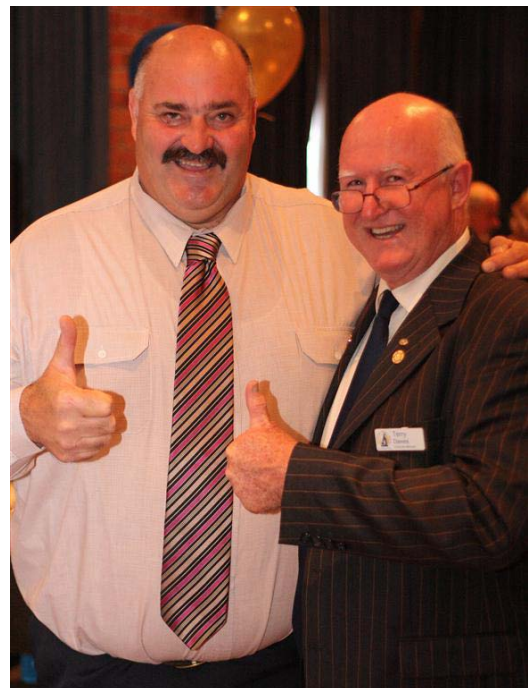


**Free eye health checks offered by the Optometrists Association at the Ulverstone Health and Wellbeing Expo**

### Australian Rotary Health/beyondblue Gala Dinner at Ulverstone

This gala event was a classic demonstration of how effective a local Rotary Club can be in connecting with its community. The dinner, organised by RC Ulverstone West, brought together community and business leaders like the Deputy Premier, Bryan Green, the Mayor of Central Coast Council, Jan Bonde, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Jeremy Rockliffe, the Chief Executive of the Advocate newspaper, Jason Purdie, Australian Rotary Health (ARH) Ambassador, David Foster and Terry Davies, Corporate Manager of ARH.

Keynote speaker was PDG Terry Grant, incoming chairperson of ARH. Terry spoke on mental health and the role of ARH in funding mental health research.



**Australian Rotary Health Ambassador, David Foster and ARH Corporate Manager, Terry Davies**