



Rotary District 9830  
Tasmania  
District Governor's  
**Newsletter**



September 2011

## Great Welcome for Yellow Boats \$180,000 raised to date for Polio Eradication



**Polio 1 and Polio 2 heading up the Derwent,  
escorted by a welcoming flotilla**



**Polio 1 docks at Constitution Dock to the  
applause of a big crowd who turned out for  
the arrival of the yellow boats**

Hobart turned on a great welcome for the yellow boats, Polio 1 and Polio 2. A flotilla of power boats and yachts escorted the distinctive yellow-hulled dinghies up the Derwent. There was a big turnout at Constitution Dock to greet Rob Pennicott, Mick Souter (skipper of Polio 2), and Zorro Gamarnik (cameraman).

The Premier, Lara Giddings, the Lord Mayor of Hobart, Rob Valentine, and DG Peter Murfett welcomed the modern day adventurers to Hobart and congratulated them on the success of the venture. \$180,000 has been raised for Rotary's Global Polio Challenge to date. After a few days stopover in Hobart, Polio 1 and Polio 2 head north to complete the circumnavigation in Sydney.

Congratulations to Paul Jack and RC Kingston for the great organisation of the welcome.

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**Celebrate the historic circumnavigation of  
Australia at the**

**Rob Pennicott Fundraising Dinner  
Saturday 24th September, 7.00pm  
Wrest Point Casino Tasman Room**

**Tickets: \$60 per head**

**Dress Code is After 5 with a  
Touch of Yellow**

Contact [paul.jack@schweppes.com.au](mailto:paul.jack@schweppes.com.au)  
or 0409 399 473

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### RYDA comes to King Island

Three Rotarians, Robert Bentley (RC Burnie), Bruce Gowans and Bruce Buxton (RC Devonport North), along with regular RYDA (Rotary Youth Driving Awareness) presenters, delivered the RYDA program to 40 students attending King Island District High School on Monday, 1 August.



**The RYDA "Fly In" Presenters**

The Motor Accidents Insurance Board (MAIB) contributed six return airfares to King Island for the presenters. MAIB also sponsored the travel of Road Trauma Support pair, Graeme Lunson and Pat Igoe through a different funding source. Robert Bentley took his RACT car over on the ferry for demonstrating stopping distances. The King Island Lions Club picked up the cost of transporting the car to and from King Island.



**Robert Bentley presenting the "Hazards Identification" segment to students at the RYDA course on King Island**

Bruce Buxton said the inaugural program on King Island worked well. *"It was rewarding to deliver the RYDA program to a group of students who couldn't attend RYDA sessions on the North West Coast"* he said.

### Rotary Information - the building blocks ... #3

Rotary has steadily changed over the years. For instance, it wasn't until 1 July, 1989 that women could be invited to be members of a Rotary club. One thing has remained constant though and that is our strong ethical base.

Ethics is a practical thing in this world – it is just doing the right thing by yourself and encouraging it in others by example. In Rotary, the "Four-Way Test" was adopted in 1943 and it forms the written basis for our actions, our words and our clear thinking. Consider just the first two statements:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?

Would it not be great if this at least was adopted by our governments and businesses? With ethics, actions speak louder than words and so, as we proudly wear our Rotary badge, we need to demonstrate our fairness in the community and in our jobs.

By the way, the correct heading is – "Four-Way Test" not "4-Way Test". In addition the first question might better be understood if we ask – Do I have all the facts? Concealing or not declaring all the facts is sometimes called a "half-truth" and that is not the truth at all.

In 1921 Paul Harris, our Founder, said, "It is reasonable to expect that it will be fashionable some day to build lives instead of fortunes." The practical application of the Four-Way Test in our homes, in the community and in each workplace meets our Founder's dreams.

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

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### Meteoric Rise to Club Presidency

Dennis Barton is the 32nd President of RC Somerset. His ascendancy to the role of Club President is surely the fastest in the history of the Club. Dennis was inducted into the club on 13th May 2010. Congratulations to Dennis on his appointment as President of RC Somerset.

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## From the DG

The selection process each year for the District Governor Nominee Designate (who becomes DGN on 1 July after selection) takes place over two years before that person takes office. During the lead-up time both RI and national training takes place regularly and planning for the DG year is ongoing.

This emphasis on planning ahead is not coincidental – it is the result of many years of experience in preparing DGs for office and the noting of the results of those who plan well and effectively.

The same can be said for Club leaders – planning for the year of office is very important if a President is to 'hit the ground running'. The need to begin implementation of those plans in July and August each year is also important as it is simply amazing how quickly the months go by such that it is Christmas before you know it.

It has been good to read the Planning Guides of our clubs this year. They take some time, and significant thought, to complete but they provide a wonderful plan of direction for the club and a list of actions to get under way in the early stages of the Presidency.

We are now into September and I look forward to seeing the list of actions already in progress as I continue visits around the State.

I am aware that some Presidents believe that the Guide seeks too much unnecessary detail – I have some sympathy for this view and will take up with my Australian DG colleagues the need for a review of the document to make it more relevant for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



September is New Generations Month. It is also the time when we are seeking applications for the Group Study Exchange in 2012.

One of the great positives in Rotary is our range of youth programs. I am sure all have looked on with amazement at the change in our participants who have been YEP, GSE, RYLA and RYPEN alumni to name just a few of the programs. As we say in our marketing for GSE, 'a benefit for the individual, the employer (present or future) and Tasmania'.

Please give particular consideration this month to supporting the participation of our wonderful young people in Tasmania (we have many of them) in the range of programs offered. For GSE the closing date for applications for team members is 15 October and for team leaders is 2 October.

Another date that occurs this month, 21 September, is the International Day of Peace. This is celebrated around the world in many different ways but all have a common theme, to seek peace in the world. If you or your club is looking for ideas on how you might recognize this day have a look at:

[www.internationaldayofpeace.org](http://www.internationaldayofpeace.org) .

Welcome to Spring.

DG Peter



**Rob Pennicott brings Polio 1 into Strahan Harbour from King Island. Members of RC Queenstown (7 members) made a special trip to Strahan to greet Rob and his crew and look after them.**

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RC Ulverstone West and beyondblue present

## A Gala Dinner

### **Raising Awareness for Depression and Anxiety**

Saturday, 8 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

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## 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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**Rob Pennicott and his family heading up the Derwent aboard Polio 1 last Saturday**

### **What would you do in a mental health crisis?**

In 2008, 2,191 Australians committed suicide. Over three quarters were male; 103 were indigenous Australians. While suicide accounts for only a relatively small proportion - around 1.5% - of all deaths in Australia, its impact on specific age groups is great.

According to ABS statistics, in 2008, 24% of all deaths of males aged from 15 - 24 were due to suicide, and more men over 85 years died as a result of suicide than any other group.

Females did not fare much better, with the median age at death for females who died from suicide just 43.5 years, and suicide rates for women aged over 60 remaining consistently high.

Betty Kitchener and Professor Tony Jorm began running Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) courses as a community service activity. MHFA acts as the first line of intervention in much the same way as medical first aid, teaching participants ways of assisting someone in a mental health crisis before professional assistance becomes available.

Now, Australian Rotary Health, in conjunction with Rotary Clubs around Australia, is running its own preventative mental health first aid workshops. These aim to assist in providing support to community members who are at risk or are experiencing a mental health crisis.

By supporting Australian Rotary Health, you can make a difference to your community through helping to fund essential programs. To find out more, please visit our website at [www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au](http://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au) or call 02 8837 1900 for more information.

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

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### Sharing and Caring

How many of us are aware of the responsibility or obligation most of us fail to perform? Is it paying our dues? Attending meetings? Contributing to the occasional appeal for money? Taking part in Club projects?

The answer is "none of the above." Of all the obligations a person accepts when joining a Rotary Club and where a lot of us fall down is in "sharing Rotary."

The policies of RI clearly state that every individual Rotarian has "an obligation to share Rotary with others and to help extend Rotary through proposing qualified people for Rotary Club membership." At a rough guess, fewer than 30% of our members have ever made the effort to propose a new member.

That means there are about 70% of us who readily accept the pleasure of being a Rotarian and enjoying all the benefits that brings without ever sharing that privilege with another qualified individual. We only have to flick through the yellow pages to see how many vocations are NOT represented in our Clubs and to then ask ourselves, "Why?" The answer lies with every one of us.

Only a Rotarian may propose a customer, neighbour, client, supplier, business associate, executive, relative, professional or other qualified person to join a Rotary Club. Have you accepted your obligation to share Rotary? The procedures are very simple and everyone must know at least one person who could be a member of Rotary.

Only with an infusion of new talent and enthusiasm can our Clubs grow and prosper. The alternative is to wither and become ineffective and irrelevant to our community.

(article courtesy of RC Kingston Bulletin Editorial with minor amendments)

### A Shared Interest in Marathon Running

This is a story of two Rotarians, William "Billy" Godwin and Rodney "Rod" Cornick, and their love of marathon running; it is also a pleasant reminder of what fellowship in Rotary means.



**Billy Godwin and Rod Cornick**

Both of the Rotarians joined RC Claremont this year. Billy had been a member of the GSE team that visited western Virginia recently. He was so impressed by the program that he decided to join Rotary. He works for CableAlert, the company that supplies the Aurora safety circuit device. Despite being a diabetic, Billy has taken up marathon running. His first run was the Gold Coast Marathon; he has plans for running many more marathons.

Rod is coming to the end of his marathon running days. He has completed 15 marathons over the years. He is a warrant officer stationed at Anglesea Barracks and specialises in protocol.

The interesting thing is that both Rotarians were at a Group 3 combined meeting in July and got talking to each other. They realised they had a common interest in marathon running. Since then they have had a look at the Rotary Fellowship for marathon running.

**When the Sergeant at Arms says "*Rotarians, have a bit of fellowship*", that is when we have a chance to get to know others in the club.**

## An Evening at Historic "Lyndhurst"

448 Elizabeth Street, North Hobart  
 Hosted by RC North Hobart  
 Saturday 15 October  
 Admission: \$25.00 per person

Tickets to this very popular event will be strictly limited and will cover wine, supper and appraisals of your valuable collectables, china and jewellery by Robin Cooper and Velja Urosevic. Gowans Auctions will be conducting an on-site auction of various collectables. So brush the cobwebs off your old collectables, china, jewellery and bring them along for a free appraisal by our experts in the field.

To secure your ticket, please RSVP by 7 October, Derek or Hellen 6234 3576 or 0418 122 020

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### Rotary District 2450 at a Glance

| Country     | Clubs | Members |
|-------------|-------|---------|
| Armenia     | 4     | 87      |
| Bahrain     | 3     | 170     |
| Cyprus      | 19    | 810     |
| Egypt       | 77    | 2212    |
| Georgia     | 2     | 32      |
| Jordan      | 10    | 305     |
| Lebanon     | 24    | 590     |
| Palestine   | 1     | 41      |
| South Sudan | 1     | 20      |
| Sudan       | 1     | 25      |
| UAE         | 3     | 184     |

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**The planking craze comes to Rotary**

## District Simplified Grant funds Wynyard BBQ Shelter

Wynyard Cape Bridge Reserve now has a new BBQ shelter built at the popular fishing spot on the Inglis River. In 2010, R C Wynyard, after consultation with the Waratah/Wynyard Council, decided that the community would benefit from an upgrade of facilities at a very scenic area which is popular with anglers, families and visitors. The first part of the project was the installation of picnic tables and chairs. This was completed in June 2010, and the facilities have been well used since then.



### President Trevor Hopf (holding plan) and RC Wynyard members sorting out how the electric BBQ's will be installed

A dedicated team of RC Wynyard members has just completed the second stage of the project, which is the building of a BBQ Shelter. This part of the project was funded by a District Simplified Grant and took the team six weeks to construct.

Part three of the project will be to supply twin electric BBQs. Negotiations are now underway with the Council to supply electricity to the area. It is hoped that this will happen soon so BBQs can be installed in time for the warmer months. The electric BBQs will be funded with money granted from the Tasmanian Community Fund.

These facilities will enhance this very popular area and it is hoped that the community will get much enjoyment from their use.

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### June 2011 Club Attendance Report – Top Ten

Club	Attendance	Rank
Claremont	98.00%	1
Howrah	96.84%	2
Scottsdale	92.64%	3
Kingston	92.30%	4
Youngtown	86.50%	5
Sandy Bay	86.27%	6
Wynyard	85.56%	7
Ulverstone West	84.00%	Equal 8
Huon Valley	84.00%	Equal 8
Launceston West	82.02%	10

### Congratulations to RC Claremont

### July 2011 Club Attendance Report – Top Ten

Club	Attendance	Rank
Devonport North	93.23%	1
Kingston	93.00%	Equal 2
Central Launceston	93.00%	Equal 2
Spring Bay	90.57%	4
Howrah	89.48%	5
Wynyard	88.41%	6
Bellerive	88.00%	Equal 7
Huon Valley	88.00%	Equal 7
Devonport S E	86.25%	9
North Launceston	86.15%	10

### Congratulations to RC Devonport North



The "Up the River" Fundraising Cruise for RC Moonah will be held 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)

### Welcome to new Rotarians/Rotaractors

New Rotarian	Club
Peter Martin	Hobart
Fraser Nuttall	South Launceston
Peter Beattie	St Helens
Mike Bongard	St Helens
James Burton	St Helens
Janet Gush	St Helens
Kylie Loffel	St Helens
Victor Tracey	St Helens
Zachery Hume	St Helens
Michael Horne	Deloraine
Andrew O'Connell	Bellerive
Jane Nicholson	Kings Meadows
Noel Nicholson	Kings Meadows
Amanda Williams	Kings Meadows

### New Paul Harris Fellows

Recipient	Awarded by
Karen Hine	Central Launceston
Ian Morice	Smithton
Doug Nettleship	Kangaroo Bay

### New Paul Harris Fellows Sapphire Pin Recipient

Recipient	Awarded by
David Mitchell	Kangaroo Bay

### Four Charter Members receive Honorary Membership at Moonah



### Ken Lowrie and his son, Richard, after Ken received honorary membership of RC Moonah

The four surviving charter members of RC Moonah, all Past Presidents of the club, have been presented with Honorary Memberships of the club. That RC Moonah is in its 57th year of operation makes the awarding of Honorary Membership to past presidents and charter members, Harold Carter, Keith Dickenson, Ken Lowrie and Mark Cook, a particularly noteworthy event in the history of RC Moonah.

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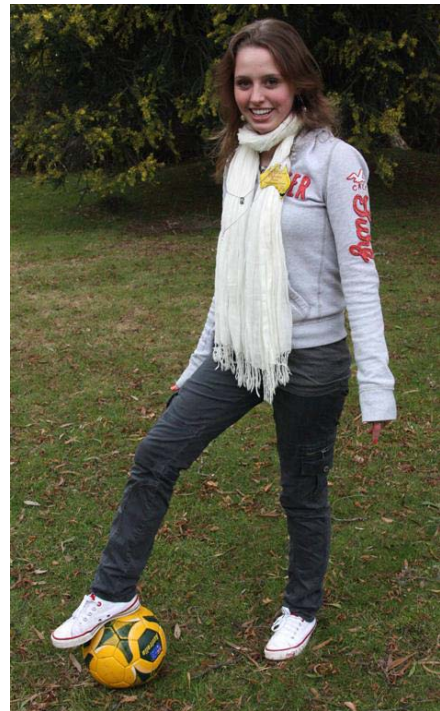
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**Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange Students  
2011 - 2012**



**Tom Lindqvist from Sweden  
Host Rotary Club: Latrobe**



**Giovana Vieira from Brazil  
Host Rotary Club: Hobart**



**Catherina Holtenmeyer from Germany  
Host Rotary Club: Ulverstone West**



**Andy Wang from Taiwan  
Host Rotary Club: North Hobart**

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