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A switched on club working for our community.

Thursday 29th August 2019

Gina Porter and Ian - Dept. of Justice

VALE JOHN DRINKWATER

It was with great sadness last week, that we learned of the passing of Honorary Member and Rotarian John Drinkwater. John was a long time and active member of Howrah Rotary and his wife, Barbara, was also a member of the Inner Wheel of our Club. He was involved in all Club activities and was always the "go-to onion man" at Government House Open Days.

He was a Past President, a Paul Harris Fellow and was a Director of Community and International Services. He really was a gentleman and an all round good bloke!

All members are respectfully invited to attend

the funeral service for John to be held at Millingtons Funeral Centre and Crematorium, 25 McIntyre Street, Mornington, on Wednesday, 28 August 2019 at 1:00 pm. R.I.P. JOHN



GRAHAM FREEMAN - NZ PROF. DEVT. EXCHANGE 2019

Graeme works for Tourism Tasmania on their social media and digital team and was supported by our Club to go to the South Island of New Zealand on a four week Professional Development Exchange, with five other Tasmanians in April this year. It was a jam packed tour being hosted by eight different Rotary Clubs, doing almost 100 meeting presentations and site visits and of course lots of great sight seeing. Graham gave an articulate and thought provoking presentation about his special interest—tourism. A particular focus was “over tourism” and how NZ is trying to manage over 3.8 million visitors per annum which is increasing at a rate of 7.7% annually. Queenstown is a perfect example of a tourism hot spot that is now working well beyond its capacity, with 35 visitors for every local resident. Increases in traffic, rubbish, over crowding and cost of living result in a loss of amenity causing negative attitudes among the locals. The area needs a \$1 billion for infrastructure in order to cope. Many “band-aid’ solutions have been tried like levies, and bed taxes in resorts with some creating unintended problems. A reluctance to charge national park fees and levies and traditional customs like Freedom Camping can exacerbate the issues. Not all is rosy for NZ and while here in Tasmania there is a lag of up to ten years we are already beginning to see problems of a similar nature at Freycinet and Cradle Mountain. Graham suggests we need to use this time to develop long term plans to facilitate a sustainable future in tourism. Graham gave us plenty to think about and thanked our Club and Rotary for their support in providing a “fantastic experience”. **Graham (left) is pictured here with Youth and Vocational Education Director Reg Emmett.**

Graham kindly brought along two bottles of fine New Zealand wine to add to our raffle prize pool. Many thanks Graham! Lucky winners were: NZ wine was quickly snapped up by David L. and John, while Suzanne took the chocolates and Pres. Pete the cider pack.



FROM HERE TO THERE....



The picture on the left is of the Risdon prison workshop with inmates working on a Stand Up Paddle board kit provided by the funds raised by our Vanessa G project. The completed board will ultimately look like the one on the right.

- Community Service Director Bob advised that there were 150 locals at the One Community Together BBQ held in Rokeby two weekends ago. He thanked the hard working team who could assist, including Acting Secretary Robyn who was accidentally missed from last week's report.
- President Peter gave early advice that the Club Visioning weekend is in the planning phase and will be held in October.
- Big spender Rotarian Ray Pickett treated his partner and "Birthday Girl" Shirin to a romantic dinner last Thursday accompanied by about 20 other Rotarians at the Academy. We think her present did not quite eventuate as he was unsuccessful in winning the chocolates in the raffle.
- Please Note: The meeting on 12th September will be a **Partners Night** . Rotarian Bob Hardy will showing us the highlights of his and Elaine's recent trip to the Galapagos Islands.

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST

Thurs.29th Gina Porter and Ian - Dept. of Justice

SEPTEMBER

Thurs. 5th Club Assembly and Board meeting

Thurs.12th Bob Hardy - Galapagos Islands ****PARTNERS NIGHT****

Thurs.19th Jenny Kerrison - RAM Update

Thurs. 26th Lesa Kerstan - A/Facility Manager, Fairway Rise

OCTOBER

Thurs. 3rd Club Assembly and Board Meeting.

	DUTY	ROSTER	
Date	Chair	Registration	Duty
AUG 29th	Robyn	Shirin Lindsay	Bob David H
SEPT 5th	Peter L	David M Ray	David L Gloria

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

14th Beth Cooke



18th George Toepfer

22nd Basil Murray

Editor's Note: The joke is NOT for BETH!



"Yes! That was very loud Sir, but said I wanted to hear your HEART!"