

## Annual Report 2014-15

### **Office Bearers:**

President: David Mitchell  
President Elect: Rob Warren  
Past President: Richard Wyatt  
Secretary: Jan Jordan. Assistant Secretary: Gayle Smith  
Treasurer: Lindsay Chivers. Assistant Treasurer: John Anderson  
Club Service: Graham Wolfe  
International Service: Alan Morriss. Deputy: Suzanne Watton  
Community Service: David Mitchell  
Youth Service: Mary Turnock  
Bulletin: Rob Warren.  
Website/Facebook: Reg Emmett

**Vale Richard Boast**, Paul Harris fellow and Past President.

One of our veteran Rotarians, Richard died in September. He will be remembered as a quiet achiever, whose endeavours were respected by all. Donations made at his funeral were applied to Shelterbox.

### **Special Events:**

**District Governor** Ken Moore and his wife Lois visited the club on August 14.

### **Nash Graves:**

It was brought to our attention that the graves of two brothers who served at Gallipoli were in bad repair and that funding couldn't be obtained for their upgrade.

The Rotary Club of Howrah managed their repair with the help of a grant from Tasmanian Community Fund. On Monday, July 14, 2014 a gathering of around 50 people gathered to acknowledge Cyril and George Nash's wartime contributions. A plaque was dedicated by the Rector of Sandford / Howrah, Helen Phillips.

Our project coordinator, John Anderson detailed the reconstruction process and outlined the wartime history of the Nashes. He praised the efforts of club members Reg Emmett, David Lamb and Graham Wolfe in the restoration.

We were pleased to have the following join us –

Ald. Doug Chipman, Vanessa Goodwin MLC, Rotary District Governor, Ken Moore and Lois and Rotary Assistant Governor Jean Weeding.

Step Great Grandson of George Nash, Gordon Silvers and Step Great, Great Grandson Ken Jordan.

Representatives of the Tasmanian Community Fund, Heritage Council, Mr Reg Watson and John Wadsley.

**District Conference.** Reg and Annette Emmett, Richard Wyatt and Sue Sherriff, Suzanne Watton and President David Mitchell represented the Club at Burnie in March.

**Kirsty Madden** was endorsed by our Club for a Peace fellowship.

The Club conducted a **community barbeque** for Mission Australia at Clarendon Vale and ran the Chocolate Wheel at the Montague bay Primary School Fair.

The Club also played an important part in the running of the **Special Children's Party** at the Derwent Entertainment centre in November.

The Club contributed \$1400 to restore power to the **Sandford Chapel**.

**Graeme Farrell** presented a wreath on behalf of the Club at the Anzac Day Dawn Service.

**Christmas Dinner and Christmas Breakfast** were both held in December. Santa was scary.

**Rotary Youth Driver Awareness** was held at the Hobart Showgrounds and supported by our club members.

**Michael Turvey**, our NYSF attendee last year, has been selected as a Tuckwell Scholar at ANU, starting in 2015 and running for five years. This unique scholarship is worth \$104,500 to Michael.

**Paul Harris Sapphire Pins** were presented to George Toepfer and Glen Woolley for their outstanding contribution to Rotary in general and our club in particular.

**The Group 9 Forum** was held at Richmond on October 27<sup>th</sup> and was well attended by Howrah Club members. The MC was Maria, a sixteen year old exchange student from Sweden who was being hosted by Assistant Governor Jean Weeding at Triabunna. Guest Speaker was Terry Daly from Rockhampton, who was a prime mover in the “Helping Hands “ project. Some Howrah members were involved in assembling these revolutionary prosthetic hands at “Room to Move” on Saturday March 14.

**New members** Robyn and David Harrison were inducted on March 5.

#### **Guest Speakers:**

Jill Sward, ROMAC  
Pastor Norm Reed, Kids Day at the Gaol.  
Ross James, Cartela Restoration.  
Lowilla Okello, “Young Seeds Foundation”  
Graham Wolfe, ”Energy Efficiency”  
Hannah Richardson, Gd 9 Clarence High, “Conco Phillips Science Expo.”  
Graham Cashion, Anzac Centenary Service, Gallipoli.  
Toby Roat, Year 11 Elizabeth College, “National Youth Science Forum”.  
Kelsey Muir, Year 11 Rosny College, NYSF applicant.  
Adam Dimsey, Year 11 Rosny College, NYSF applicant.  
Kate Baker, Leukemia Foundation.  
Graeme and Marie Cashion, Anzac Day at Gallipoli.  
Carol McGee, Better Hearing Tasmania.  
Mary Thornton, Early Support for Parents.

Members Lindsay Chivers, Peter Lowery, Graham Wolfe, David Lamb and Jan Jordan gave autobiographies as guest speakers.

#### **Fund Raising:**

**The Film Night**, “The Second Best Marigold Hotel” an initiative of President David Mitchell, raised \$2 000 for “End Polio Now”. Rotarians from Group 9 clubs attended the screening at the Eastlands theatre. This linked with a 2 to 1 offer from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation meant \$6000 went to the cause. Alan and Diane Morriss organised an excellent after party at Cugini Restaurant.

**K and D barbeques** were a continuing mainstay of revenue to the club, raising over \$10 000 for the Club.

**Book Sales** were held at various locations including the Fruit Wine Festival, The Bellerive Boardwalk on Australia Day and Cricket World Cup day. Almost \$2 000 was raised.

**The Spring Community Festival** stall at the Botanical Gardens provided \$1850 for community support.

**Hat Day** in September saw the Rotary Clubs of Howrah, Tasman, Lindisfarne and Sorell combine to provide \$1000 towards AG Jean Weeding’s “Helping Hands” project.

**The Fashion Parade** held in November made a profit of around \$4500 which was divided between the Menzies Centre and ROMAC.

#### **Donations:**

RAWCS Vanuatu Disaster Fund \$1000  
School Prizes \$1300  
RAWCS Helping Hands Project \$250  
Early Support to Parents \$250  
Young Seeds \$250

Menzies Centre \$2250

ROMAC \$2250

Conco Phillips Science Experience \$115

Better Hearing \$250

Cancer Council Morning Tea \$250

Guide Dogs of Tasmania \$500

Howrah Men's Shed \$2000

Hobart Women's Shelter \$500

Rotaract Conference \$300

Colony 47 Christmas Lunch \$500

Leukemia Foundation \$1000

Screen doors were supplied and fitted to the home of a single mother in Mornington.

"Owlchemy Dance Program", Rokeby High School, Clarendon Vale and Rokeby Primary Schools. \$500.

Rotary Foundation, \$1280

### **Social Activities:**

January 8<sup>th</sup> at President David and Fran's home on Mount Rumney

January 15<sup>th</sup> at Reg and Annette's home at Acton Park.

January 22<sup>nd</sup> at Gayle Smith's home at Acton Park.

Treasure Hunt and Quiz in Lauderdale proved many laughs and good fellowship. Glen Wooley emerged as champion pip spitter.

The annual picnic at Alan and Di Morriss's shack at Primrose Sands was held in March and was well attended.

Christmas Breakfast was held at Venus Restaurant on December 18.