

Rotary Club of Howrah, President's Report 2022-2023

The club has been in a year of changes and challenges and we have successfully moved quickly when opportunities have arisen

We were still dealing with Covid and using Zoom to meet as a complete club and it was a very happy night for everyone when the state rules changed and the club became one again and didn't the sergeant love the fines.

Noting that this proved the club has the capabilities to adapt and move forward to overcome obstacles to survive.

Establishing our book shop at Glebe Hill Shopping Centre was one of those. Thanks to Reg for making enquires and putting our case forward and at the later part of the year, the bookshop returned to Little Howrah beach complex.

Due to an increase in recruiting by Tasmanian Police we were notified that our normal meeting location, the Police Academy, would be no longer available to us late last year and the Board, over our summer break, started looking for viable options. Robyn's efforts of ringing and lots of email enquiries have found us a new home at the Bellerive Yacht Club. I thank you for that!

Our club membership has increasing countering our losses of past years and this is in part due to the bookshops and our web presence and being seen as active in the wider community.

I would like to thank my Board for the year of hard work put in and its challenges!

Karin Community Services Christmas raffle organiser and spreader of good will

Terry & Angela International Services International loans experts and worthy donation chiefs

Jill Club Service weekly club raffle prize arranger and social event chief

Susan Youth Services schools and youth groups love you

Reg Promotions face book entrepreneur and guest speaker arranger

Gayle Treasurer keeper of club finances in check and BBQ master

Robyn Secretary and informer of information whether you want it or not!

Ankita Vice President face book & ideas person

Rob editorial chief and the wise don't argue with him!

George Sergeant and timekeeper and fines master all I can say is after 20 months over two terms of working with you in your role, for the lasting friendship and respect of each other, your positive go with the flow attitude and the laughs we have had together. Thank you mate!

Our club fund raising has been strongly based around three activities being the bookshops and Bunnings BBQs. Not forgetting the members who braved the cold weather on the football gate.

The Christmas raffle and all the hard work put in by Karin setting it up and organising it

Finally, the Cancer Council afternoon tea

Noting we had a very successful event doing our normal Government House open day BBQ and Devonshire tea and had the pleasure of seeing a cheque handed over by Her Excellency to the charity of her choice being Food Bank Tasmania for \$4000 at an afternoon tea at Government House

To all members and their partners + friends of Rotary and outsiders offering help I warmly thank you for the hard work and effort and enthusiasm you placed in these fundraisers.

Total raised through these club events being \$46,208

Donations wise we have donated to a variety of groups larger ones being.

Rotary Foundation 1700

RAWCS gynaecological cancer project \$1000

Jad o jehad Foundation \$1000

RAWC Project Vanuatu cyclone relief fund \$1000

RAWC Project Turkey/Syria earthquake fund \$1000

Cancer Council afternoon tea \$1000

Many local community groups received donations of \$500+

Total donation's being \$19,979

I feel that the club now has an upbeat to it and is becoming more talked about for its activities in the wider community and with the additional growth through new members will provide what the Rotary emblem stands for and is respected for.

I thank Reg for stepping up to be the next Club President and wish him and his Board well for his year.

Peter Lowery

Howrah Rotary Club President 22/23