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People Of Action In And For Our Community.

## Thursday 10th August 2023

## **CLUB ASSEMBLY AND BOARD MEETING**

## DG MIKE PATTEN VISITS OUR CLUB .....

It was great to welcome DG Mike Patten and AG Peter Fitzgerald to our meeting last Thursday. While Mike is only a few weeks into his term of office, he has already visited several clubs which he finds is a highlight of his role. Mike joined Rotary at the Oatlands RC and has subsequently been the President of the Moonah RC and has led Lindisfarne RC three times. Mike spoke of his trip to Orlando Florida where he heard about the main priorities of new RI President Gordon McNally. These being supporting mental health, making Rotary more accessible to more people



and empowering women and girls. He then moved to local issues where awareness of domestic violence and the ongoing support of research into gynecological cancers are key priorities for Tasmania. Celebrating the centenary of Aust. Rotary, declining membership, public image and regionalization are also areas of focus. We wish DG Mike all the very best for his term as District Governor for what will be a very busy year. Mike advised that his partner Margot has been unwell and could not attend our meeting this time. We wish Margot a speedy recovery.

# Homely Retreats Xmas in July Raffle and Quiz Night .....

Last Saturday evening saw two teams of Howrah Rotarians at the Homely Retreats Xmas in July Raffle and Quiz Night. One team were working hard doing the catering for the 150 guests. Kitchen Boss Annette, Chief Cake Cutter Karin and Super Sandwich Spreaders Gayle and Shirin provided fine food for



the grateful punters while they waited to see if they had won a prize in the monster raffle and then tried to answer tough quiz questions. Our Club donated funds to pay for the food and the catering team put in the labour which allowed Homely Retreats to raise more funds for their most worthy cause which is provid-



ing weekend getaways for victims of cancer. In all the event raised \$12,950, an outstanding result. Jay sent a video to Pres. Reg thanking our Club for its support. **Top: Jay Chapman presenting Gayle, Annette and Pres. Reg with a Certificate. Middle: Karin, Gayle and Shirin constructing super sandwiches.** 

The other team were trying hard to win the quiz and they all tried really hard and did their best but had some trouble with the questions designed for younger folk.

Bottom: While Ange seems very confident she has the answer David, Terry and Peter look like they need need more thinking time.



# HERE AND THERE .....

- A warm welcome was extended to guest Ian Reeves to his first meeting and also Sapana who returns after a period of illness.
- Don't forget to order your meals at the BYC before 6.15 pm and advise the bar staff you are a Rotarian when placing your order.
- Treasurer Gayle requested all Club subs should be paid before the end of August.
- Director of Projects Anne is looking for someone to recruit volunteers to assist with the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program to be held between21st August - 8th September. Please contact Anne if you can assist,
- Public Image coordinator Ankita asks all members to "Like" and "Share" our Club Facebook page and the Rotary Bookshop page.
- Rotarian Bob Hardy reported some positive support from some childcare centres and the Lindisfarne RC who agreed to share our poster advertising "A Free Book For Children" promotion at the Rotary Bookshop. He advised there will be another promotion in September - called "Fathers Day— A Free Book For Grandfathers".
- Even though our favourite coffee shop beside the Rotary Bookshop has closed, don't panic! Help is at hand, there is coffee, tea, sugar, long life milk, cups and even a jug provided. Help yourself.



- **RAFFLE WINNERS:** Gayle took the white while Annette picked up the red.
- NEXT WEEK'S CLUB ASSEMBLY: We will meet in our committees led by the our Directors. Be prepared with ideas to contribute and think about how you personally can assist the programme.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY .....

"We acknowledge and pay respect to the Tasmanian Aboriginal people as the traditional and original owners and continuing custodians of this land on which we gather and acknowledge Elders – past and present of Lutruwita".



## DIARY OF EVENTS ...

#### AUGUST

Wed. 9th Coffee Club Local Grocer Cambridge Park 10.30 am.

Thurs. 10th Club Assembly and Board Meeting.

Thurs. 17th TBA

Fri. 25th Friday Drinks @ Bellerive Yacht Club—5.00 pm.

Duty Roster Thurs. 10th Aug.	<mark>Greeter</mark> - Reg	Duty Officers George & Ken
Thurs. 17th Aug.	- Gayle	Peter L & Bob
Thurs.24th Aug.	- Sue	Anne S & Terry

# SINGLE USE PLASTIC POLICY .....

At the District Leadership Team meeting held in Longford on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July it was agreed that the District would "Support the Elimination of Single Use Plastic

Products in Rotary Programs". Accordingly they ask all clubs to look closely at what

they use when planning a project or event to ensure that all material used is where possible "Recyclable". They appreciate this is not always an easy thing to achieve but in the current environment, it should always be at the back of everyone's minds when planning a project or event. Signage can also be used stating that the event is fully "Recyclable" - this will show to the public Rotary's commitment to the Environment. Many thanks to Vice Pres. Ankita for her initiative in preparing this poster we could use at all our functions and events to display our commitment to this very important world problem.



#### ATTENDANCE PROTOCOL

Members who are unable to attend Thursday meetings OR those who do not require a meal should contact SHIRIN before lunchtime on Tuesdays. Contact SHIRIN at smp@internode.on.net Or 0466790991.