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# Rotary Club of Howrah

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## Bulletin

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**People Of Action In And For Our Community.**

**Thursday 14th September 2023**

**Numan Rasul - Health Camp in Pakistan**

### **FROM CLUB ASSEMBLY ....**

President Reg outlined the format for the night, particularly **Community Service Projects**. We are not necessarily just for raising money but to let the Community know who we are and what we do. In the past our projects like Buddy Benches, Howrah Foreshore seats and even working on walkways got us known out in our wider community.

#### **The question was raised: "Do we want to be involved in the Community?"**

Keeping in mind the purpose of our organisation. Firstly, our motto of "Service Above Self" describes our purpose - we strive to provide service for the benefit of others. Along with "We are people of action!" When it comes to activities in clubs, our focus should be on providing service through the use of our labour and/or resources, or through funding the provision of it. We are not a fundraising organisation. We are a service organisation which fundraises with the purpose of supporting service activities and therefore what can we do more locally?

There is no doubt our efforts can be enhanced by liaising and partnering with existing support agencies like One Community Together, 26TEN tutoring, Clarence Plains Landcare, Loaves & Fishes our local schools and the Clarence City Council..



## **CLUB ASSEMBLY cont. ....**

We need to get meaningful feedback about our efforts from our social media platforms, the local council, our schools, the local Neighbourhood Centre and other community groups. To be effective we need to be out and about interacting with our community

### **SOME QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:**

- Do we need to push our Web page and Facebook even more? Looking for **THAT** idea maybe the Community can engage with us!
- Could we take on projects with other Club/Clubs? Bearing in mind the average age of our Club, we initiate the projects but let's do things with assistance.
- What sort of things do we look at - more pathways, party-function support, photography interests leading to displays, competitions or a festival?
- How effective is our promotion of the Book Shop? Can we do better?
- How can we liaise more with the Men's Sheds in our area, the Mortimer Bay Coastcare Group and other environmental groups?
- Are we able or are we raising issues of which we are incapable of taking on? Family time is N<sup>o</sup> 1 - can we devote time to new projects?
- What about long term projects like the Windward Bound or Speak up Stay Chatty or other wellness groups?
- How can we be involved or are we dreaming "pie in the sky stuff" or are ideas practical and are we able to see them through?

Though many questions were raised, members were asked to think about our capabilities and come up with some practical ideas. If you come up with a potential project please contact President Reg or Projects Co-ordinator Anne Reeves.

### **A FINAL WORD FROM PRESIDENT REG:**

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to our discussion about Community Service Projects. It was apparent that if we considered anything along this line we should be mindful of our members abilities, time availability and interests. Communicating with local Community Centres and Schools would seem to be essential.

## HERE AND THERE .....

- Jill won the meat tray in the Bellerive Yacht Club Raffle.
- Club dues going well BUT there are a few stragglers ~ please contact Gayle before she goes on leave.
- Our 'suspended EFTPOS' will hopefully be on track soon. The problem is some bureaucratic glitch!!!!.
- **RAFFLE WINNERS:** Karen was happy to take the 'white' and Peter L quickly snavelled the 'red'.

**ANYONE FOR COFFEE? ....** It's on again, on Wednesday 13/9/23 @ 10:30 at THE LOCAL GROCER. Who is coming? Let Karin know asap.

**Something else:** There might be a few people who miss out on our coffee meetings because of other important appointments on Wednesday morning. ( eg bookshop ) Should we find a different day or time? Maybe on a Tuesday? Or a different time? Lunchtime or afternoon 2:30pm ?? What do you think? I like to hear suggestions from members but **only** if you would like to come. Karin placed the table below in an email two days ago if you didn't see it please place a YES and a NO in the boxes according to your availability and let Karin know.

|           | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Mornings  |        |         |           |          |        |
| Lunch     |        |         |           |          |        |
| Afternoon |        |         |           |          |        |
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## 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 ...

### SEPTEMBER

Wed. 13th Coffee Club Local Grocer Cambridge 10.30.

Thurs. 14th Numan Rasul - Health Camp in Pakistan

Thur. 21st Ursula Taylor - Derwent Estuary Program

Thurs.28th Anne Sheehan - "Behind the Badge"

Fri.29th Friday Drinks @ Bellerive YC 5.00pm.

#### Duty Roster.....

#### Greeter

#### Duty Officers

Thurs. 14th Sept. Ange Ken & Peter L

Thurs,21st Sept. George David L & Sue

Thurs.28th Sept. Richard Shirin & David T

### ESPECIALLY FOR TREASURER GAYLE ....



### 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](mailto:smp@internode.on.net) or 0466790991.