

Rotary Club of Howrah

Theme 2023-2024



Bulletin

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People Of Action In And For Our Community.

Thursday 23rd November 2023

Nicole Sherriff and Annabelle Sweetman - Land Conservancy.

TIGER'S "TALL SHIP ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME"

At fourteen years of age, Tiger Somerville is an impressive teenager who spoke very confidently about her recent 10 day "adventure of a lifetime" voyage on the tall ship, *STV Windeward Bound*. Also on board were 17 other teenagers from very diverse backgrounds, some were new arrivals from overseas. The voyage was from Devonport to Hobart and as Tiger's video illustrated the scenery was spectacular. The voyagers were split into three teams or "watches" each watch was in charge of the ship in four hour shifts twice a day. Despite some sea sickness, sleep deprivation spiced up with a little bit of fear, when climbing the rigging the crew had an amazing adventure. Socially life-long friendships were made and they managed to see whales and dolphins almost every day. Tiger is keen to continue sailing and is already on the crew of Hobart's other tall ship the *Lady Nelson*. One day she hopes to be the master of a tall ship. Tiger offered her sincere thanks and appreciation to our Club for helping her reach her funding goal to be able to go on this fabulous experience of a lifetime.



FROM THE PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Finally as part of Domestic Violence Week in November we support Share The Dignity's "It's In The Bag" appeal. Share the Dignity is a women's charity in Australia, that works to make a real difference in the lives of those experiencing homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, or doing it tough. Bags filled with essential personal hygiene items, and maybe some everyday luxuries and a handwritten note, to donate to someone in need for Christmas. Donations requested are personal care items for women, it may also include items for nursing mothers and children. Please see the link provided for the charity's 'shopping list'.



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Donations from club members would be greatly appreciated. We will only have this coming meeting on 16 Nov and the following meeting on the 23 Nov to collect donations as the appeal closes on 26 November. Anne will provide a bag in which donations can be placed at next Thursday's meeting.

The Projects Committee thanks you for your support.

WHAT'S IN THE BAG

Shampoo & conditioner, toothbrush & toothpaste body wash or soap, make up face wipes, sanitizer tissues, roll on deodorant, sealed pack of pads &/or tampons. Maternity pads, breast pads baby wipes.



All items included in the bag must be new and in sealed packaging for health and safety reasons.

POP UP BOOKSHOP - A GREAT SUCCESS

The pop up Rotary Bookshop at Glebe Hill Centre has now been packed up and all remaining books are back in the Howrah Point shop. Most customers were delighted to see us back, as was the Centre management. At the time of writing the final result was a profit in excess of \$2000 - a terrific result. Sincere thanks to all Rotarians and friends who could assist in this venture. Perhaps we may be able to do it all again.



HERE AND THERE ...

- With only five weeks left of the 2023 school year Rotarian Susie Watton is already contacting our local schools about their **End of Year Assemblies**. We provide awards for students who, their teachers believe, have achieved excellent results during 2023. Susie would really appreciate some assistance from Club members to represent our Club at the 11 assemblies and to present our awards to successful students. It's a great experience enjoying the presentations and the entertainment by the students. You don't have to say anything other than "Congratulations and well done!" to a very happy and proud achiever.

Please contact Susie if you can help.

- President Reg had a satisfying experience last week when he was contacted by two students who our Club sponsored to attend the National Youth Science Forum several years ago. They wanted to catch up with our Club to let us know they were so inspired by their experience at the NYSF that they have both gone on to achieve in their chosen scientific field. One is completing a PhD ,at the Menzies medical research centre and the other is in his Honours year at UTAS.

- Pres. Reg attended the **Group 2 Presidents Meeting** and heard about some really interesting projects being conducted by our colleagues at other clubs. For example Spring Bay RC organised the Triabunna Festival and raised \$12 000, while Tasman RC will soon run their Helicopter Tours of Tasman Island Lighthouse. Lindisfarne RC is keen to combine with our Club to organise a major event on the Eastern Shore and Bellerive RC are celebrating their 60th Birthday

- **NEXT WEEK'S GUEST SPEAKERS** are Nicole Sherriff and Annabelle Sweetman from Tasmanian Land Conservancy. The TLC is a not-for-profit, apolitical, science and community-based organisation that raises funds from the public to protect irreplaceable sites and rare ecosystems by buying and managing private land in Tasmania. Nicole is the daughter of Sue Sherriff, Rotarian Richard's partner.

- **RAFFLE WINNERS:** Bob Hardy was delighted to accept the white while someone else took the red.

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 ...

NOVEMBER

Thurs.23rd TBA

Thurs. 30th Annual General Meeting.

DECEMBER

Sat. 2nd Bunnings BBQ - Volunteers will be required

Thurs 7th Club Assembly

Fri 8th Chocolate Wheel at the Corpus Christi School Fair. 4.30-6.30pm.

Sun. 10th Christmas Lunch on Sunday at South Arm RSL & Community Club

Thurs. 14th Xmas Breakfast at Red Square in Cambridge 8.00 am.

Duty Roster.....

Greeter

Duty Officers

Nov. 23rd

Richard

Terry & Numan

Nov. 30th

Reg

David H & Ken

Dec. 7th

Reg

David T & Raza

END OF YEAR EVENTS Here are some important December dates for your Diary. Our last Thursday evening meeting at the Bellerive Yacht Club will be on 7th. **Christmas Lunch** will be on Sunday 10th at South Arm RSL & Community Club. The final Club meeting will be a **Christmas Breakfast** on Thursday 14th at Red Square in Cambridge commencing at 8.00am. Please contact Shirin if you will be able to attend. **Our first meeting for 2024** will be an evening BBQ at Gayle's residence at Otago Bay on January 15th. More details later.

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.**