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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 28th September 2023**

**Anne Sheehan - "Behind the Badge"**

### **URSULA TAYLOR - DERWENT ESTUARY PROGRAM ....**

Ursula is the CEO of the Derwent Estuary Program and has worked there for 19 years. The Derwent estuary stretches from New Norfolk to the Iron Pot and covers an area of 200 square kilometres. For many years it has faced some serious threats to its health mainly from big two large industrial plants, a paper mill in the upper section and a zinc manufacturer in Hobart, combined with stormwater, waste water treatment plants, fish and land farming. So serious are the threats that in the 1970's the Derwent was considered the "most polluted river in the world".

Times have changed however and so has public support and awareness of the need to improve the condition of the estuary. The DEP was formed in 1999 with its main roles being monitoring of water quality, strategic planning and community education. The DEP has formed partnerships with the industry, all six councils the river flows through, Hydro Tas. and IMAS. Monthly testing data shows gradual improvements are being made, the big polluters are working on improving their production methods and systems to avoid contamination as have community attitudes and a drive to protect the river to allow people use and enjoy it as well as protecting the diverse marine life living in the estuary. As evidenced by all twenty of the beach water testing sites being good or fair for swimming for this coming summer. We thank Ursula for a really interesting and informative presentation.



## OUR NATIONAL SCIENCE FORUM NOMINEE ...

It was great to welcome our National Youth Science Forum nominee Isabel Jay to our meeting last Thursday. Isabel (centre) was accompanied by her mum, Katherine and they are pictured here with President Reg. Isabel described herself as “an allrounder” who is



enrolled as a Year 11 student at Rosny College. True to her description she is studying Maths Methods, Physics, English and Music. She will be travelling to Brisbane and the University of Queensland from 12th-19th January 2024 to participate in the NYSF with other student across the country. She is keen to look at the possible career options in surveying and spatial science. In her spare time Isabel is a French Horn player and is a tutor for younger primary age students learning to play her instrument. She has also won an award as an indigenous artist.

What will Isabel do at the NYSF?

- \*Participate in tours of science and technology facilities,
- \*Learn about cutting-edge research,
- \*Engage with industry partners and research providers,
- \*Learn about university, training and STEM career pathways,
- \*Mix with other like-minded students from all over Australia,
- \*Participate in social and team building activities.

Rotary is the Founding Partner of the NYSF, and every year Rotarians continue to support the NYSF Year 12 Program by promoting the opportunity in local communities, managing applications and selections of students and assisting with funding or fund-raising for student fees to attend. Rotarians also volunteer during the NYSF Year 12 Program in January. We estimate that Rotarians contribute more than 20,000 volunteer hours to the NYSF every year.



We wish Isabel every success at NYSF.

## HERE AND THERE .....

- Pres. Reg thanked those who could assist at the Rokeby Primary School Grand Final Breakfast next Friday 29th September. Be there for a 7.30 am. start.
- There will be a meeting at the Rotary Bookshop next Tuesday 26th Sept. at 10.00 am to look at large number of donated books not yet on display and to assess if some “hard to sell books” need to be culled. eg. the small print, small sized books.
- Secretary Robyn advised that our Club has purchased a large purple ribbon poster to display at the Rotary Bookshop to acknowledge Rotary’s support and raising public awareness of Gynaecological Cancers
- During October we are unable to meet at the Bellerive Yacht Club on Thursdays 19th and 26th October. A social event has been put forward as an alternative for at least one of these dates. More information soon.
- **FOR YOUR DIARY:** End of Year dates: Last regular Thursday Club Meeting will be a Club Assembly on 7th December. The Xmas Breakfast will be held on Thursday 14th December. Xmas Lunch date TBA. Venues to be decided.
- **RAFFLE WINNERS:** Anne Sheehan took the chocolates and Peter Lowery the white wine.



## 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

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

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

Rokeby Primary Grand Final Breakfast. 7.30 am

### OCTOBER

Thurs. 5th Club Assembly

### Duty Roster.....

### Greeter

### Duty Officers

Thurs.28th Sept.

Richard

Shirin & David T

Thurs. 5th Oct.

Reg

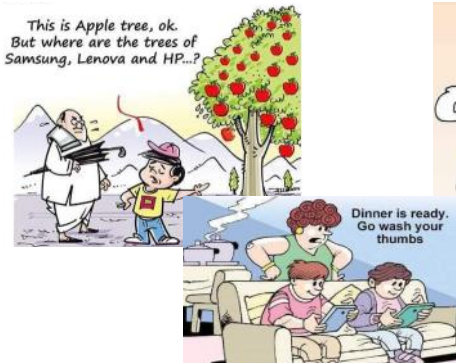
Ken & David H

Thurs.12th Oct.

Peter L.

Rob & Richard

### IT'S A BRAVE NEW WORLD.....



### 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.