

Rotary Club of Howrah

Theme 2023-2024



Bulletin

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People Of Action In And For Our Community.

Thursday 29th February 2024

JOHN SARGENT - History of the Derwent River ferries.

BEHIND THE BADGE - JILL WRIGHT

Jill had many jobs after leaving school at the age of 15. Her first job was at Woollies followed by a few others but her best job was being in charge of a couple of residences run by TAFE (in its various guises over the years). One residence was for underage students and the other for 'tradespeople'. There were International students, who stayed for most of any given year. It was a good place to work for the 27 years. Jill's philosophy was "if you respected the students/guests – they respected you". It obviously worked well and for the most part it was great fun and very enjoyable years. [No alcohol and all in by 10pm with few transgressions. There were usually 90 students but sometimes this extended to 180.

During the Dunalley fires some fires stayed in the 'tradesmen's' section. These were good times and sad times but lots of good memories.

Needed 'working with vulnerable people' qualifications and worked closely with support services for students with 'home issues', the residence then provided them with 'a safe place'. Jill had the honour of being the FIRST to start these student residences.

Thank you Jill it was great to hear about someone who loved what they did and in turn helped others.



ISOBEL WEBB - HER NYSF EXPERIENCE 2024

Isobel gave a quick introduction as to what the NYSF is all about. She was looking into STEM pathways.

She was most interested in environmental science and a possible career in Ranger work. The experience opened her mind to her future.

Preceding the major activities there were opportunities to meet other participants through enjoyable fun events.



Some of the interesting activities Isobel was involved in:

From left - Chair Anne Reeves, Mum Jocelyn Jay and Isobel

Circromony - “a world without waste”. How can the environment be better protected? Including human potential in refurbishing, repairing, repurposing, reselling and recycling dormant goods and thus creating employment opportunities for neuro-diverse people.

Hydraulics Lab: How to cope with tsunamis and coastal erosion. An example is Bribie Island. Northern Bribie Island has a long history of coastal erosion, with monitoring by the Queensland Department of Environment and Science since 1995, showing recession of the eastern shoreline of between 1m to 2m per year.

Sustainable Agriculture - Serology Serology tests and detects antibodies the human body creates to fight SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, by indicating recent or past infection.

Careers Day was a big day as to what was on offer in STEM. This grew her network, established a great contact list including being scouted by an aerospace company. Isobel also learnt about different careers from presentations by Melbourne, Monash, Griffiths and Queensland universities and the ANU.

Experienced the CERN HADRON COLLIDER this was a virtual tour of its history and works in particle physics and universal questions.

The James Webb Telescope made Isobel realise how much she enjoyed astrophysics. She had a sneak peak at unreleased images, a little on the WOW-side as the images were really mind-blowing the NGC1512 Spiral galaxy was something else!

Saying goodbye was hard but exhilarating, amazing and she is still in contact with “new friends”.

MORE FROM ISOBEL AND THE NYSF 2024

POST FORUM: Isobel is applying to attend the following universities - ANU, UQ, Monash, Adelaide Uni and UTAS. At present she is thinking about a degree in geospatial science/surveying and physics and engineering. Lockheed Morton has her on their books.

Monash Uni was a great help in setting pathways.

Isabel really appreciated the support given to her by Howrah Rotary to enable her to attend NYSF. Mum, Jocelyn, also thanked the Club for our support of her daughter.

HERE AND THERE

- It was great to welcome guests and prospective members Sue and Brett Morris.
- News everyone loves to hear, **Jill happily reported that after all her treatment, she is currently “cancer free”.**
- Facebook continues to promote Howrah Rotary and Vice President Ankita hopes you all do your bit to take the message further through your friends.
- Big reminders about:
Government House outing.
The Rotary EXPO and BBQ at PWI (Salamanca). We need to talk to other Rotarians as to what we can do to improve our “happenings” or ideas we can use.

RAFFLE WINNERS: Karin, without hesitation took the white, while guest Brett drew George’s number to secure the chocolates.
Jill won the BYC XXXX-3pack

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 ...

FEBRUARY

Thurs. 29th John Sargent - History of the Derwent River ferries.

MARCH

Sat. 2nd Rotary Expo and BBQ—Princes Wharf 1

Thurs. 7th Club Assembly

Wed. 13th Coffee Club - Local Grocer Cambridge Park 10.00 am.

Thurs. 14th TBA

Thurs. 21st Veena and Denis Tilley - Fiji Project

Thurs. 28th *** NO MEETING - EASTER***

APRIL

Thurs. 4th Club Assembly

Wed. 10th Coffee Club Local Grocer Cambridge Park 10.00 am.

DUTY ROSTER

Date	Greeter/Chair	Registration	Duty Officers
29th Feb	George	Shirin & Leeanne	David T. & Terry
7th Mar.	Reg	Sue S. & Ishwari	Rob & Richard
14th Mar.	David H.	Deb & Jill	Karin & Susie
21st Mar.	Ankita	Bob & Ange	Ken & Peter L.

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.**