

# Rotary Club of Howrah

Theme 2023-2024



## Bulletin

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**President:** Reg Emmett  
**Secretary:** Robyn Harrison  
**Bulletin Editor:** Rob Warren

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

**Thursday 6th July 2023**

**Ruth Temple Smith - Care For Africa Project**

### **CHANGEOVER NIGHT - PASSING THE BATON .....**

After twenty months of leading our Club President Peter Lowery passed the official Chain of Office on to his successor Reg Emmett. Peter has shown both resilience and commitment to the successful operation of the Club through much of the COVID upheaval and disruption of normal procedures. With the support of the Board and the membership Peter has overseen a growth in membership, Zoom meetings, the creation of two Rotary Bookshops and much more. We thank and congratulate him on outstanding service and a job well done. Peter will remain on the Board as Immediate past President.

As a long time server for the Club this is not the first time Reg has taken on the President's role. In his acceptance speech he hinted at some changes in the structure and operation of the Club by engaging and encouraging more members being involved in the running of its programs. Reg is also keen on creating more opportunities for more fellowship with a focus on fun.



## CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING SERVICE ....



DG Bob Calvert was very busy at our Changeover meeting as we celebrated the achievements of some of our finest. **President Peter Lowery** was awarded a Sapphire Pin to go with his PHF for his outstanding leadership of our Club for almost two terms including all the difficulties that COVID brought to our Club.

**Treasurer Gayle Smith** was awarded an Avenues of Service Award for sustained excellence in her skill, care and dedication in taking care of all the financial operations of our Club. It is a very demanding and time consuming job and Gayle does it all with a smile and great diligence. She has also been the Bunnings BBQ Boss another important fund raising activity for our Club. Another time hungry venture both at the venue and in the pre-planning. Her organizational skills are outstanding.



**Secretary Robyn Harrison** has been in the other most demanding Board role and has done a fine job over several terms. Her multi-tasking skills are excellent, from handling and responding to endless emails, to keeping the Board and members in “the loop” and up to date, it takes up lots of time, effort and requires exemplary organizational skills. Congratulations Robyn on becoming a Paul Harris Fellow.



## **MORE CHANGEOVER 2023 HIGHLIGHTS ....**

**\*\*** It was great to welcome District Governor Bob Calvert and his partner Kaye to our Changeover Meeting. Bob has come to the end of his term as DG and when he presented our outstanding service awards he was fulfilling “his last official duty as Governor”. We thank Bob and Kaye for their roles in leading Tasmanian Rotary and for being available and assisting our Club during 2022/23. Bob’s Rotary Project has raised a fantastic \$45 000 for Gynaecological Cancer research while Kaye’s project raised \$8000 for Spica chairs for children who are in a Hip Spica cast, a Rino brace or have a broken femur. They are soon to leave for a well deserved holiday.

**\*\*** Assistant Governor Peter Fitzgerald was also in attendance at our Changeover along with his partner Brenda. Peter inducted our newest member David Taylor during the festivities. We thank Peter for his guidance and support as AG during 2022/23.

**Here he is presenting David with his Rotary “tools of trade”.**

**\*\*** It was a huge night for David Taylor. Not only did he become a Rotarian but he also turned 90 on Changeover day. After singing the “Readers Digest” Happy Birthday song, Sergeant George presented him with a Certificate on reaching a major milestone.



• We also had the pleasure of welcoming new District governor Mike Patten and his partner Margot. We wish Mike all the very best for his term of office and look forward to welcoming him to our Club during the year.

• Last but by no means least it was great to welcome Assistant Regional Public Image Co-ordinator at Rotary International, Ros Tierney on Thursday. Ros is right into the public image of Rotary and she certainly helped our image with an excellent piece about our Changeover on the Rotary Facebook page. Thanks Ros!!

## **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 ...

### JUNE

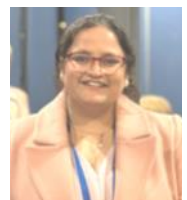
- Thurs. 6th Ruth Temple Smith - Care For Africa Project  
\* **Board Meeting following the meeting.**
- Wed. 12th Coffee Club - Local Grocer Cambridge Park 10.30
- Thurs. 13th Club Assembly
- Thurs. 20th TBA
- Thurs. 27th Ben Short Computer Crimes
- Fri. 28th Friday Drinks @ Bellerive Yacht Club—5.00 pm.

### Duty Roster..... Chairperson

- Thurs. 6th July - Susie
- Thurs. 13th July - Reg
- Thurs. 20th July - Terry
- Thurs. 27th July - Ankita

### HERE AND THERE .....

- Our regular Thursday meetings will now be held in the upstairs Training Room which we have already used on several occasions.
- **RAFFLE WINNERS:** The draw was just as normal with Jill taking the first prize—the white wine. Then a World record happened. Shirin Pickett's tickets were drawn out four times consecutively before any other punter had a chance with one of the three redraws (Shirin graciously one took only one prize). AG Peter took the chocs and finally Gayle took the red.
- Many thanks to Chief Photographer Ankita for taking dozens of beautiful pics for this Bulletin. She even got PP Pete to give us a hearty smile. Great job, much appreciated Anki.



## Howrah Rotary Club President's Report 2020/23

The club has been in a year of changes and challenges and we have successfully moved quickly when opportunities have arisen. We were still dealing with COVID and using Zoom to meet as a complete club and it was a very happy night for everyone that the state rules changed and the club became one again and didn't the Sergeant love the fines. Noting that this proves the club has the capabilities to adapt and move forward to overcome obstacles to survive as needed.

The book shop at Glebe Hill being one of those, thanks to Reg for making enquires and asking and putting our case forward. After that closed he was keen for us to reopen again at the Little Howrah Beach former GPO.

Due to an increase in recruiting by Tas. Police we were notified that our normal meeting location the Police Academy would be no longer available to us late last year and the Board over our summer break started looking for viable options. Secretary Robyn's efforts of ringing and lots of email enquiries have us now with a new home at the Bellerive Yacht Club for meetings. I thank you for that!

Our membership in the club has increased countering our losses of past years for whatever reasons and this is in part to the bookshops and our web presence and being seen out there as active in the wider community.

I would like to thank my Board for their year of hard work they have put in with all its challenges!

Karin in Community Services with the Christmas raffle organiser and being a spreader of good will.

Terry and Angela in International Services are now International loans experts and worthy donation chiefs.

Jill as Club Service Director thank you for weekly club raffle prize arranger and being our social event chief.

Susie led Youth Services. Our schools and youth groups love you.

## **MORE FROM PRES. PETE .....**

Reg in Promotions and Facebook entrepreneur and guest speaker arranger. Gayle as Treasurer was the keeper of club finances in and BBQ master. Robyn Secretary excelled as informer of information whether you wanted it or not!

Ankita Vice President was our Facebook and ideas person.

Rob as Bulletin Editorial chief and the wise don't argue with him!

Sergeant George was time keeper and fines master. All I can say is after 20 months and over two terms of working with you in your role has led to a lasting friendship and respect of each other and your positive go with the flow attitude and the laughs we have had together is appreciated. Thank you mate!

Our club fund raising has been strongly based around three activities being the bookshops and Bunnings BBQ's. Not forgetting the members who braved the cold weather on the football gates. The Christmas raffle and all the hard work put in by Karin setting it up and organising it. Finally, the Cancer Council Afternoon Tea.

Noting we had a very successful event doing our normal Government House Open Day BBQ and Devonshire Teas and had the pleasure of seeing a cheque handed over by the Governor to the charity of her choice - being Food Bank Tasmania for 4000 dollars at an afternoon tea at Government House. To all members and their partners and friends of Rotary and outsiders offering help I warmly thank you for the hard work and effort and enthusiasm you placed in these fundraisers.

Total raised through these club events being \$46,208. Donations wise we have donated to a variety of groups the larger ones being:

Rotary Foundation \$1700

The DG Gynaecological Cancer Project \$1000

Jad o Jehad donation \$1000

RAWCS Project Vanuato cyclone relief fund \$1000

RAWCS Project Turkey/Syria earthquake fund \$1000

Cancer Council Afternoon Tea \$1000 Plus many local community groups received donations of \$500+. **Total donation's being \$19,979**

I feel that the club now has an upbeat to it and is becoming more talked about for its activities in the wider community and with the additional growth through new members will provide what the Rotary emblem stands for and is respected for. I thank Reg for stepping up to be the next club President and wish him and his Board well for his year .