

Rotary Club of Howrah

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Bulletin

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People Of Action In And For Our Community.

Thursday 7th March 2024

CLUB ASSEMBLY - COMMITTEE GROUPS TO MEET.

JOHN SARGENT - HISTORY OF THE DERWENT FERRIES ...

John is fifth generation to continue living in Bellerive. It seems fitting that his house is beside the Derwent River and quite close to the ferry terminal in Bellerive. What is also interesting is that he has a close personal connection through his mother who was a member of the O'May family. The O'May family dominated trans-Derwent ferries from 1863 until Hobart's floating bridge opened in 1943. John began with the first ferries which were used to transport food and water to the convicts in the early days of the settlement of Hobart. As the colony grew so did the ferries transporting all manner goods in both directions across the river. They also gave access to Richmond So-rell and Port Arthur. John had many anecdotes to keep us interested, like the "ferry wars between Lindisfarne and Bellerive all over the extra penny it cost for the people of "Dog Town" (Lindisfarne) to get to Hobart. The first car ferry was the *P.S. Kangaroo* which ran for over 70 years. Ferries made a come-back after the Tasman Bridge disaster made their use essential to help commuters get to and from for work more easily. It also saw the rise of the Clifford family as successful ferry operators and builders. We thank John for another really interesting presentation.



OUT AND ABOUT AT THE DISTRICT EXPO AND CONFERENCE

- **THE GOVT. HOUSE RECEPTION.** Last Friday evening, Pres. Reg, Vice Pres. Ankita and Rotarians Ishwari and Richard were accompanied by their partners to the Government House Reception hosted by her Excellency Barbara Baker. The reception is usually the first activity of District Conferences and provides an opportunity to meet with Rotarians, Rotaractors from most of the 48 clubs across the state.



Here they all are in their sartorial best at Government House.

- **OUR BOOTH AT THE ROTARY EXPO.**

Vice Pres. Ankita led a small team of Howrah Rotarians in setting up and manning our booth at the Rotary Expo held at POW1 last Saturday morning. Our booth featured video film of recent eye care and health camps in both Pakistan and Nepal which were organized by our Club members Numan, Ankita and Ishwari. Also featured were images of other members writing about why they joined Rotary and what keeps them interested in our endeavours to make a difference in our community locally and beyond. Other

images displayed projects undertaken in recent times.



- **Hard at work on the Howrah RC booth are Terry, Pres. Reg, Bob and Ishwari.**

• AT THE EXPO BBQ

Renowned for our BBQ prowess and skills our Club was invited by the Lindisfarne RC to provide a some refreshments and food for all the people who attended the Rotary Expo. Once again BBQ Boss Gayle led the team in what was a successful day. Gayle wrote “with no idea how many people to cater for we aimed to cover our costs and provide a community service. We achieved our goals and also made a small profit of \$300.”



Sincere thanks are extended to everyone who was able to attend.

Feeding the hordes are Chefs Ken, Anne and Terry.



Meanwhile Karin Susie and BBQ Boss Gayle are all smiles waiting to offer fantastic service.

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”.



POSITIONS VACANT, ARE YOU INTERESTED?

President Reg is on the lookout for some volunteers, read on and find out why.

"I'd like to setup another committee of 3 or 4 people to address Youth Issues. It would be responsible to the Project Director. It's chief task is Liaison with Schools and Youth Groups in our area and encourage participation in Rotary Sponsored Activities.

In the past some of the initiatives we've participated in are:

*** Literacy Support**

*** Children's University.**

***Established Peace Poles.**

***Held BBQ's and Chocolate Wheels for our local schools.**

***Sponsored student groups on activities."**

If you're willing to help contact President Reg.

HERE AND THERE

- One for your diaries. Our Cancer Council Biggest Afternoon tea will be held on Wednesday 22nd May from 2.00 until 3.30. The venue is the Roches beach Guide Camp.
- Rotarian Numan Rasul organized another Health Camp in Pakistan after receiving support from our Club and the District.
- Rotarian Bob Hardy has been inspired by a book entitled *The Last Of The Apple Blossom*. It is about the 1967 bushfires which devastated Hobart and its surrounding areas. He feels it may be a good discussion opportunity for a future meeting.
- Our thoughts and best wishes are extended to PP Ray Pickett and Shirin.
- Next week's meeting is a Club Assembly. Committees will meet to discuss future plans for the remainder of this Rotary year. Please endeavour to sit at a table with your committee.

RAFFLE WINNERS: Annette Emmett took the white while George, we hope, surprised Dana with a box of chocolates.

DIARY OF EVENTS ...

MARCH

Thurs. 7th Club Assembly

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

Thurs. 14th Georgie Claxton - Prof Development Exchange to New York

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.

Thurs. 11th TBA

DUTY ROSTER

Date	Greeter/Chair	Registration	Duty Officers
7th Mar.	Reg	Sue S. & Ishwari	Rob & Richard
14th Mar.	David H.	Deb & Jill	Karin & Susie
21st Mar.	Ankita	Bob &	Ken & Peter L.
28th Mar.	NO	MEETING -	EASTER

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.**