

# Rotary Club of Howrah

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## Bulletin

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

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**CLUB ASSEMBLY**

### **PATRICK EADINGTON - DISABILITY ADVOCATE ....**

From the earliest moments of his life and on into adulthood Patrick has faced many difficult challenges. Just after his second birthday he was diagnosed with cerebral palsy which severely impacted on his ability to walk and talk. After several years of “hard work” and support from physiotherapists he reach his fifth birthday and he had manage to achieve some ability to talk and walk. His experiences in mainstream schools up to Grade 10 were academically challenging and there were real issues with communicating, socialising and bullying. Moving to TAFE he began to find his way and completed a Cert. 3 in Disability Support. This is where he has excelled and for over 15 years of sheer determination and passion, Patrick has worked with thousands of Certificate III Disability Support students through their TAFE education and also with medical students at UTAS.

Patrick’s teaching often provides a profound and moving experience for his classes.



## MORE ABOUT PATRICK EADINGTON ....

Now aged 48 Patrick is a former Director on the Li-Ve Tasmania's board and is now the face of a new campaign showcasing Li-Ve Tasmania uniting with genU. Together as genU, the new organisation will provide expanded support to Tasmanians with disability. In addition Patrick received the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2022. He has also developed and taught a Disability Awareness Training Program to an estimated 10,000 Tasmanian students.

## WHAT ARE KIVA LOANS? .....

Kiva is an international non-profit organisation founded in 2005 in San Francisco, with a mission to expand financial access to help underserved communities thrive. Kiva seeks to assist the more than 1.7 billion people around the world who do not have access to banks and cannot access financial services. Kiva helps by crowd funding loans and unlocking capital for small enterprises in developing countries. Through Kiva's work, students can pay for tuition, women can start businesses, farmers are able to invest in equipment, and families can afford emergency care. Across the globe, US\$1.99 billion in loans has been funded through Kiva to 4.9 million borrowers in 80 countries.



**Some examples:** **1.** A Kiva loan helped Jackline purchase a dairy cow to supplement the income she makes from her mixed-crop farm and shop. The extra income has allowed her to send all four of her children to school.

**2.** Lindiwe, 22, is very proud as she presents bottles of her homemade juice and soda to customers at her shop in rural Zimbabwe. With a \$500 Kiva loan and business training and guidance her business grew quickly. Lindiwe now operates three businesses in her village – a poultry business, a small shop and Lee Juice – all under an umbrella company she named Lee Investments.

**304,803**

Borrowers supported  
in conflict zones

**795,114**

Farmers supported



**1,059,616**

Borrowers supported in  
least developed countries

**44,746**

Education loans

**161k**

Borrowers gained  
access to  
clean energy

Lending amounts begin at as little as \$25. Depending on the amount required, multiple lenders may be involved in funding a business or cause. It's a loan, not a donation, meaning once the money is repaid, it can then be used again to help someone else in need.

**The Rotary Club of Howrah has been actively involved in many loans to worthy causes in Africa and Asia.**

## HERE AND THERE .....

- Treasurer Gayle advised that the recent Bunnings BBQ raised over \$1400. Well done and thank you to all who we able to join the team.
- International Service Director Terry Evans was keen to tell us that he had made six donations to new KIVA loans to assist small scale enterprises in both Asia and Africa.
- Terry also advised that the Clarence City Council has installed the debrillator, supplied by our Club, at the trailhead of the Meehan Range Mountain Bike Park. Signage acknowledging our support will soon follow.
- Projects Director Anne Reeves will visit the South Arm Men's Shed this weekend to gather information about how our Club could assist their activities in their local community.
- Pres. Reg sought a response from the members at last Thursday's meeting after receiving a request from radio station, Hobart FM for our Club to assist in the organisation of a Christmas Variety Concert in St Davids Cathedral on 23rd November. This could include setting up, manning the door and some catering. It was agreed we would assist.
- Reg also received a request from Clarence High School for our Club to assist in a special program for their Grade 7 students. The school feels, after the COVID isolation, some students would benefit from social interaction with an older age group and their peers in playing board games and a BBQ. It was agreed Reg would express our interest and would seek more information.
- It was great to welcome back a visiting Rotarian, Veena Tilly from the Nambucket RC in northern NSW. Veena reported their ongoing support programs in Fiji are going well and they are planning some student study tours with children from local schools in Coffs Harbour and Fiji.

## 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 ...

### AUGUST

**Thurs.1st** Club Assembly

**Sun. 4th Board Meeting** 2 pm. Emmett residence 725 Acton Road  
(Replaces usual June and July meetings).

**Thurs. 8th Lindisfarne Rotary** – defibrillator project

**Wed 14th Coffee Club** Local Grocer Cambridge Park 11.30 am.

**Thurs. 15th Matt Cocker** - The “new” Hobart airport.

### DUTY ROSTER

Date	Greeter/Chair	Registration	Duty Officers
1st August	Reg	Deb & Anne	Ken & David H
8th August	Peter L	Rob & Richard	George & Bob H

### MORE HERE AND THERE ....

- Secretary Robyn advised that the Windwarde Bound Sailing Program for Grade 10 and 11 students are looking for nominees for their December 2024 event. Also Pres. Reg informed us that two students from Rosny College are interested in attending the National Youth Science Forum in January 2025. More info later.
- **RAFFLE WINNERS:** Our guest from NSW, Veena took the chocolates while the ever present Shirin Pickett took yet another prize. Really!! I sometimes wonder why we bother buying tickets.

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