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People Of Action In And For Our Community.

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STEPS - Disability services and support organisation.

MATT COCKER - THE "NEW" HOBART AIRPORT



Our sincere thanks are extended to Matt Cocker for his really interesting and informative presentation on the upgrade and new developments at Hobart Airport. Matt is pictured with Chair Bob Hardy.

MATT COCKER ON HOBART AIRPORT Matt has been engaged in the aviation industry for the past 20 years and is the Chief Operating Officer of Hobart Airport. Prior to joining Hobart Airport 9 years ago, Matt held positions within the aviation industry across the country including Adelaide Airport, Northern Territory Airports and Qantas. Matt is on the Australian Airports Association (AAA) National Board of Directors, Chair of the AAA HRREM Committee, and is a member of the Board of the Tourism Industry Council of Tasmania and Business Events Tasmania. Matt has completed tertiary education in business/personnel management and is a graduate of the International Airport Professional (IAP) ACI-ICAS AMPAP program. Prior to moving into the aviation industry Matt was an Officer in the Australian Defence Force and has a law enforcement background. A Tassie boy at heart, having spent many years on Bruny and southern Tas. Hobart Airport was built in 1956, The Government decided that all 'capital' city airports were under a 99y lease. HBA currently under the 'auspices' of Superannuation Funds previously under the Macquarie Bank banner.

2019 Covid interrupted progress at the airport and airfield, but now it's a big work in progress. "Making tomorrow's Tasmania possible" is the current motto being that Hobart is major gateway in Tasmania. Increase in tourism is almost at pre-Covid levels, so the revamp is most urgent.

There are three elements in the plan: Airport upgrade; Terminal expansion and Adjust ground transport facilities. \$400million is about to be invested in those elements , also an urgent factor to maintain Hobart as the 'gateway' to the Antarctic. Defence requirements necessitate the upgrade as well. There is a big push for "***Straight To Tassie***" tourism. Creating many jobs is also the key to the project and beyond to have the airport functioning well.

The aim is to enable the airport to support wide body aircraft able to fly direct to and from Asia, Hong Kong, NZ and to the Pacific and beyond, including freight. Efforts are being made to entice Singapore Airlines and Cathay Pacific to extend their base to Hobart.

There is a need to strengthen the runway, extend the taxiways, create new taxiways and facilitate closer to terminal parking. For 6 months the runway will be dug up and rebuilt. This will be done in stages to have the least disruption to day-to-day business. Much of the work will be done at night. This will create a big increase in the terminal footprint. Pick up and drop off is in the process of being 'fixed'. Front of the terminal is about to embark on a huge revamp. Future terminal layout looks to be double its current size. CT technology and body scanners will be introduced at check-in, helping to make a better passenger experience with more space, more comfort and more retail and food outlets.

Airbridges WILL NOT be a part of the "new airport" plan, the terminal is only a single storey facility, airlines do not want them here as the cost would be another \$400m. But there will be as much cover as possible when boarding a plane. It is a propose 3-year project to be completed in 2027. **Check out:** hobartairport.com.au/tomorrow.

HERE AND THERE

*Whilst only 14 members (+ one guest) were present it was a very informative meeting.

*Welcome to our guest Sandra Hall, hope she enjoyed her first Rotary meeting as a prospective member.

*In the absence of Pres Reg and PP Peter Lowery the meeting was run by Sergeant Peter.

*Please put the **weekend of 2-3 November** in your diaries. Saturday is for setting up and Sunday is the Government House "Open Day". with the public coming through the building and grounds. It's an **"all hands on deck"** event.

*South Hobart Primary School, under the guidance of our own Anne Reeves (Principal) , looking after the platypus environment in the Rivulet. Anne's TV appearance though, did cost her in the fines session.

*We have an extension at the Bookshop till the end of September but volunteer numbers are still an issue.

*Christmas Raffle underway with "goodies".

*Numan has been 'recognised' in Pakistan for his work and is also being nominated in Tasmania as well. Well done Numan!! We gave \$2000 to his work in Pakistan. Numan gave each member a voucher as a kind gesture.

* **Donations** \$300 was given to Community Gardens. \$250 was given to the Engineering Challenge.

*The Coffee Club was a success and we are hoping for even better attendance for the next one.

*Book Week. Bob suggested the Bookshop does our bit to promote books for children.

*Grant successful to the "Greening the Prison". This is a work in progress but is looking very positive.

RAFFLE WINNERS: Helen took the white and Ken was happy with the chocs.

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. 22nd STEPS - Disability services and support organisation.

Thurs.29th "Behind the Badge" - Derryn Work.

SEPTEMBER

Thurs. 5th Club Assembly

Wed. 11th Coffee Club - Local Grocer, Cambridge @ 11.30 am.

Thurs. 12th Colony 47

Thurs. 19th District Governor - Pam Scott

DUTY ROSTER

Date	Greeter/Chair	Registration	Duty Officers
22nd August	Gayle	Shirin & Leeanne	David H & Peter L
29th August	Anne	Robyn & Ken	Reg & Bob H
5th Sept.	Reg	Gayle & Susie	Rob & Richard

SOME AIRPORT HUMOUR



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