

Rotary Club of Howrah

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People Of Action In And For Our Community.

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CLUB ASSEMBLY

IMPROVING COMMUNICATION For the second time this year Guest Speaker Coordinator Bob Hardy has come up with a simple but very effective way for all of us to practice our public speaking while simultaneously learning and enjoying finding out about our fellow Rotarians in a friendly and caring safe space. All 15 members present had the option of telling the group about a good book they have recently enjoyed, or describing something inspiring or a highlight from the past month and finally speaking about something they are looking forward to in the coming month. Different interpretations of the theme were also accepted. The result was very enlightening, often funny and showed what an interesting and eclectic bunch we are at Howrah RC. Here are some highlights:

Peter A. Told us of his visit to Norfolk Island and visiting the home of famed author Colleen McCullough. He even read her 680 page novel *The Thornbirds*.

Deb A. Deb also told of a good read *The Hitchhikers Guide To The Galaxy*, an oldie but a goodie. But according to Deb it was time well spent, "very amusing and interesting."



MORE COMMUNICATING

Reg E. Continuing the reading theme Reg told us about electronic entrepreneur Dick Smith's book *My Adventurous Life*. So successful was he that he continues making millions while he tours the world in one of his helicopters. Dick was very generous to Rotary having donated one million dollars for Rotary projects.

Bob H. Bob has read a "great " book entitled *Heart Unbound* which focused on our how we feel about ourselves and the healing powers of gratitude, forgiveness and compassion. Bob is also looking forward to the growing season of some special, but quite difficult to cultivate, blooms in his garden.

David H. While not an avid reader David found a great book on the story of Burke and Wills about their adventures and tragic deaths. The book is called *The Dig Tree*. David is looking forward to building more marine ply dinghies, he's already built 35!

Robyn H. Robyn is looking forward to some "me time" especially while David is away fishing and playing golf. She is also looking forward to spending some quality time with her family.

Ken K. Keen reader Ken is tackling a gigantic 1400 page tome called *Reclaiming History*. Ken enjoys politics and is interested in debunking conspiracy theories. His big goal for 2025 is get his P plates and look for a job in retail.

Sue M. Sue was a bit shy about public speaking but spoke eloquently about her passion for buying and renovating houses. She's up to number 18 and is still going. Usually "flipping" the houses to fund the next purchase. At times she has had 3 on the go!

Anne R. Anne's reading lately is not about "rocket science". However she is a theatre buff and reeled off a long list of productions from *Wicked to Hamilton*. She is currently trying to simultaneously play flute and piano and at the same time!

Gayle S. Treasurer Gayle likes books that make money that's why she loves the Rotary bookshop. Her favourite genre is murder mysteries.

George T. George's latest book is *The Happiest Refugee* by author, artist, comedian and all round good guy Ahn Dho. George received a letter from Ahn thanking him being interested in his life.

Susie W. Susie spoke about what she loves most - DOGS! Sorry Tony.

Richard W. Richard spoke about the two biggest things in his life, education where he was a Principal for 25 years of his career "all around the place" and over 50 years in Rotary.

LAST BIT

Karin Z. Karin spoke passionately about how “we are all in service in one way or another” and how the Carers Pathway had convinced her that we need to look after ourselves and that we should spend some time doing things for ourselves and in that way we will be better carers.

Editors Note: **Rob W.** was not included because he told lies about fishing and golf.

Pres. Reg “thanked everyone for bearing their souls”. Great idea Bob - WELL DONE!

HERE AND THERE

- Reg advised that before a decision can be made about our Club managing the Clarence Little Aths. Canteen at their Saturday events we need to have more info about expectations and commitments. Sue Morris volunteered to follow up.
- Karin advised that **Coffee Club in December will be at 11.30 on Wednesday 18th.**
- **There will be a Board Meeting on Sunday 8th December at the Reeves’ residence.** Stay tuned for time and directions to Anne’s house.
- Further discussion about our Club making a donation to Hockey Tasmania or to Maddi and Taylor Brookes will be held at the next Board meeting.
- Travelling to Melbourne between now and the end of January? Talk to Rotarian David Taylor he may have an accommodation deal for you.
- Pres. Reg advised that the extended Wright family were delighted to see so many Rotarians attending Jill’s funeral last week.

RAFFLE WINNERS: Secretary Robyn took the chocolates and someone else snapped up the white wine.

IT'S SCHOOL REPORT TIME.

Just for **PrincipalAnne**



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 ...

DECEMBER

Thurs. 5th Club Assembly.

Thurs. 12th Xmas Breakfast "Gastown East" Cambridge Road Bellerive.
then the option of BYC Xmas Musical Bingo. To be confirmed.

Sun. 15th - **Christmas Lunch** - South Arm RSL. 12.30pm.

URGENT MESSAGE: PLEASE RETURN YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS.

It's time to rifle through your desk drawers, empty out your purse, check under the fridge magnet and then dive into the car glove box to find your raffle tickets, be they sold or still waiting for a lucky punter to buy them.

ALL RAFFLE TICKETS ARE REQUIRED AT THE BYC AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING AT THE LATEST. Thank you in advance.



	DUTY	ROSTER	
Date	Greeter/Chair	Registration	Duty Officers
5th Dec.	Reg	Ankita & Deb	Terry & David T

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

6th Terry Evans

8th Numan Rasul

19th Peter Lowery

28th Ray Pickett



Wedding Anniversaries

11th John & Margaret Anderson

30th George & Dana Toepfer

31st David & Fran Mitchell



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