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People Of Action In And For Our Community.

Thursday 7th November 2024

CLUB ASSEMBLY

GOVERNMENT HOUSE OPEN DAY



Here is the GHOD BBQ team primed and ready for action as they await the hungry hordes after their tours of Government House.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE OPEN DAY

Getting all organised for the “Open Day” necessitated countless emails; SMSs and phone calls but just in time things started to come together. Gear was sourced; personnel were cajoled and allocated to specific jobs, be it Saturday, Sunday or both. Parking was eventually sorted, times confirmed, food arranged and who was picking up what and our ‘electrics’ organised. Outline for the ‘big event’ was discussed at length and we awaited what would develop with fingers crossed for good weather. Big thank you to all those who responded positively to urgent calls it all helps to make things work.



Thank you to all who put their hand up to volunteer, to cook scones and to transport goods and vital equipment. It promised to be an interesting weekend but also a great chance for members to mix and enjoy each other’s company. The weather was great for the set-up. A HUGE thank you to the dozen helpers who came on Saturday. Jobs were done quickly and efficiently with some help from Government House staff. Now for the ‘big’ day .



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Sunday Open Day: Though strong threatening winds blew all night a cloudy sky greeted the day! Early on the morning the wind became intense. Then came the news that the wind had “attacked” out BBQ tent. Struts were broken and it was looking a sorry mess lying 10metres from where it was set up the day before. Tables had been blown all over the place. A mini Weber-Q was flung away from its location but worked beautifully when its time came to do its thing!

Thanks to Alan and Will from Government House the tent was reinforced with some clever manipulation and patience. We were back in business and ready to go by 8:30am. From then on everyone set about their tasks to get ready for the public coming through after their viewing of the house. We had a great team in both camps and a really big thank you to the non-Rotarians who came to help. The day was steady and constant but the efficient teams looked after queues of the many hungry customers.



MORE FROM GOVERNMENT HOUSE

The numbers seemed a little down on those from two years ago and so all went well for the Open Day. The wind still worried the BBQ tent a little, but the crowbar size “pegs” the Government staff drove in and tied down the tent was reassuring.

At three o’clock we slowly packed up and all being really zapped out, looked forward to a break longer than just 3½ minutes with “Supervisor Richard” on constant roam. The big surprise was how well the duct tape and the ‘new wooden struts’ worked when it came to refolding the tent. It is now a work in progress before the next big event. Many thanks to David Harrison for collecting the Portable Cool Room donated by Southern Air and delivered to Government House. Thanks also the Ian Reeves for contacting John Anderson, collecting the Barbeque Trailer and ensuring the gas bottles are full.



“You’ve all done very well! Co-ordinator George.

NEXT WEEK'S MEETING - ITS AGM TIME

Next Thursday 7th November will be Club Assembly which will include the Annual General Meeting of the Club. Nominations for President, Incoming President, Secretary and Treasurer should be sent to the Secretary by Tuesday 5 November 2024.

Brace yourself!



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”.



HERE AND THERE

- President Reg reported on his meeting at Clarence High School about the Game On Day which will be to reward all Grade 7's for being socially sensible. It will be held all day on Wednesday 11 December 2024. They would like volunteers to be present in the afternoon to play games with the students. It has been suggested that groups include three students and one adult and they have several 15 minute sessions with a variety of games. It will include any members from our Club and Rotary Club of Bellerive, also members of Tasmania Police. Several members indicated being available. Further details will be provided.
- Another event will be Face Painting at Ninja Arena formerly Blundstone Arena with Cricket Australia providing a marquee and our Club charging Cricket Australia instead of individuals. The date is Monday 18 November with up to 6 members including Numan Rasul whose idea it has been to provide this event for members of the cricket public. The face painting will be either an Australian Flag, the Pakistan Flag or possibly both. Arrangements include being available from 5.30pm with the game beginning at 7pm and concluding at 10pm.
- Reg also thanked all members who attended the working bee at the Chapel on Sunday 20 November. A lot of clearing was achieved and some of the graves were tidied. A barbeque lunch was included.
- Bob Hardy applied for and received a grant of \$1,000 matched by our Club, for the Prison Garden and the program is now proceeding. Bunnings have donated two x \$100 gift vouchers for use by the Prison Garden Project.

The Treasurer reported the Bookshop is going well with the week ending 19 Oct. taking approx. \$1,700 and the week ending 26 Oct. with one day closed making approx. \$1,650 plus both weeks had good raffle ticket sales.

Bunnings Warehouse Mornington contacted the Club with a request for assistance to provide screening at the small school on Cambridge Road. A meeting was held and included Clarence Lions Club. It was decided that both clubs would share the expense of the screening and Clarence Lions offered to provide a sign about it being a joint project of both clubs.

RAFFLE WINNERS: Robyn took the chocolates and Gayle the red wine.

SOME GREAT COMMUNITY WORK CELEBRATED

For about a month now our Club has been working with STEPS Group Australia in their STEPS Work Mates program where we provide work experience opportunities for young people as a stepping stone to moving into a full time employment. Club member Numan published this story on the STEPS Group's Facebook page.

"It's a new chapter for our STEPS Work Mates participants!

The STEPS Work Mates Program in Hobart is partnering with the Rotary Club of Howrah to provide work experience for our participants. The Rotary Club's pre-loved books, Bookshop in the Shoreline Plaza Shopping Centre is a fundraising initiative to fund community activities and sponsorships.

Numan Rasul, a STEPS Trainer and member of the Rotary Club of Howrah, suggested that the Rotary Club provide work experience to STEPS Work Mates participants. "This kind of work experience is invaluable. They'll get support from our STEPS Work Mates Trainers and the Rotary Club members in a safe environment that contributes to community initiatives and causes. Like the Rotary Club, STEPS is a non-profit organisation which empowers individuals and communities, so I know our participants are excited to work hard and give back," Numan said.

You can find the Rotary Club of Howrah's Bookshop in the Shoreline Plaza Shopping Centre, open from Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm. The store hosts a large range of pre-loved fiction and non-fiction books in good condition, the vast majority of which are available for less than \$5 each, and donations are welcomed."

Pictured here are Rotarians Richard Wyatt and Gayle Smith with participant Jack Cartwright and his STEPS trainer.



DIARY OF EVENTS ...

NOVEMBER

Thurs. 7th Club Assembly.

Wed. 13th Coffee Club Local Grocer Cambridge Park 11.30 am.

Thurs. 14th Angela Gillie - A Daring Holiday In NZ.

Thurs. 21st Maddi and Taylor Brooks - Being an Olympian and Preparing for the next Olympic Games

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.

Rotary Club of Howrah

Christmas Breakfast

8am on 12th of December 2024

"Gastown East"

6/16 Cambridge Road Bellerive.

Please advise George T on Thursday ASAP if you will be attending.

	DUTY	ROSTER	
Date	Greeter/Chair	Registration	Duty Officers
7th Nov.	Reg	Shirin & Karin	George & Richard
14th Nov.	Terry	Ishwari & Ankita	Ken & David T
21st Nov.	Bob	Numan & Raza	David H & Peter A

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