

Rotary Club of Howrah

Theme 2023-2024



Bulletin

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People Of Action In And For Our Community.

Thursday 18th July 2024

Matt Cocker - The "New" Hobart Airport.

AIMEN JAFRI - TASMANIA'S MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY

Aimen began her presentation with an interactive quiz to test our knowledge of just how culturally diverse Australia has become. Did you know we now have over 120 religions, 300 languages, over 20% of the population speak a language other than English and 49% were either born or have parents who were born overseas. Tasmania alone has 20% of its people born overseas from 260 different ancestries. Everyone was amazed with these statistics and needless to say our quiz results were not outstanding.

Originally from Pakistan, Aimen's story of migration began six years ago from Abu Dhabi where she had a "luxurious life" with her husband and two children. She detailed the challenges faced by immigrants and refugees coming to Australia from a wide range of different circumstances. Like Aimen's family many are invited to come as skilled migrants who are promised housing, employment, citizenship and more. But they face many hurdles that make the process of settling into a new country very difficult and frustrating.

Aimen has thrived in her new home and is now a committed and passionate advocate for community integration and works as a Senior Settlement/ Training & Engagement Officer at Migrant Resource Centre.

Aimen is pictured here with Rotarian Numan Rasul who is also from Pakistan.



MORE FROM AIMEN'S STORY

Aimen is also the Chair of the Multicultural Council of Tasmania and Director of the Lutruwita Arts Orchestra. She holds a Master in Human Resources and Marketing and sits on boards and working groups of various organizations across Hobart. She won the Awards Australia, Tasmanian Community Outstanding Achievement Award on December 21 and was the finalist of the ABC Radio Hobart Community Spirits Awards and Clarence Council Citizen of the Year 2023.

How can we help? All Aimen asks is that people “take off their cultural glasses and be aware of what our new migrants and refugees have to deal with.”

Aimen concluded her story with a some amusing anecdotes and a very funny video about coming to terms with “Australian and Tasmanian English”. She also enjoys photography, and gardening and plays volleyball for the Van Diemen Volleyball Club.



Advance planning for our 50th Anniversary Dinner

It will be on Friday Night, the 5th of June 2026.

The venue: The Shoreline Hotel, has been booked. It was the venue for the Club's first meeting and for several years that followed. Our 40th Anniversary celebration was held at the Shoreline and to continue that tradition we have tried to secure the same venue for our 50th Birthday on the exact date of our Club receiving its Charter in 1976. The Shoreline Hotel have been extremely helpful to make sure it will be a memorable night. It may be just under two years away, but some things need to be “locked in” early and all tick boxes are marked.



Information at regular intervals will keep all members informed, so watch out for the 50th Anniversary space! **STOP PRESS: We've just heard back from the 2025-26 District Governor, Craig Perkins - our 50th date is already in his diary!**

The Events Team.

HERE AND THERE

• Like many Australian cricketers who dearly love their “baggy green cap” and so wear them until they literally fall apart. Here’s the very happy face of Rotarian Bob Hardy who finally gave up his old Sorell RC cap and accepted his flash, new Rotary Club of Howrah cap. Bob also advised that he is helping to progress the “Greening of the Gaol” program. He took over 100 books from our Rotary Bookshop to the women’s prison, most of which were about gardening. He will continue to make monthly visits to assist the women in developing their skills in growing flowers and vegetables. If you’d like to help contact Bob.



- We have picked up another bonus Bunnings BBQ scheduled for next Sunday 21st July. BBQ Boss Gayle Smith is looking for volunteers to assist. If you can help contact Gayle asap.
- It was great to welcome Rotarian Ken Kerrison’s mum Diane to our meeting last Thursday.
- Our Guest Speaker Aimen Jafri also gave us a rather lovely compliment (I think) after she had spent some time with our terrific Club members last Thursday. She said, prior to this meeting my impression of Rotary was “old and boring” but after tonight I’ve changed my opinion to “more mature, yes but lovely, good and exciting”. How perceptive is that?

RAFFLE WINNERS: Annette didn’t win but she chose the white wine as the prize for winner, President Reg. Hope you enjoyed it Reg. Someone else took the chocolates home for his lovely wife Robyn.

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 ...

JULY

Thurs. 18th Matt Cocker - The "New" Hobart Airport.

Sun. 21st Bunnings BBQ Volunteers required.

Thurs. 25th TBA

Fri. 26th Friday Drinks @ Bellerive Yacht Club 5.00 pm

Sun. 28th Board Meeting 2 pm. Emmett residence 725 Acton Road
(Replaces usual June and July meetings)

AUGUST

Thurs.1st Club Assembly

DUTY ROSTER

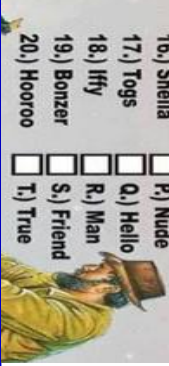
Date	Greeter/Chair	Registration	Duty Officers
18th July	Richard	Karin & Helen	Deb & Peter A
25th July	Karin	Shirin & Leeanne	Terry & Ishwari
1st August	Reg	Deb & Anne	Ken & David H
8th August	Peter L	Rob & Richard	George & Bob H

Can You Speak Australian Slang?

Aussie Lingo Test

CAN YOU PASS THIS TEST?

1.) G'day	<input type="checkbox"/>	A.) A Silly Person	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.) Mate	<input type="checkbox"/>	B.) Barbeque	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.) Dinkum	<input type="checkbox"/>	C.) Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.) Ocker	<input type="checkbox"/>	D.) Aussie Soldier	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.) Yonks	<input type="checkbox"/>	E.) A Talk	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.) Noggin	<input type="checkbox"/>	F.) Swimwear	<input type="checkbox"/>
7.) Drongo	<input type="checkbox"/>	G.) Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.) Furphy	<input type="checkbox"/>	H.) Rumour	<input type="checkbox"/>
9.) Chinwag	<input type="checkbox"/>	I.) Goodbye	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.) Barbie	<input type="checkbox"/>	J.) A Long Time	<input type="checkbox"/>
11.) Gander	<input type="checkbox"/>	K.) Suspicious	<input type="checkbox"/>
12.) Digger	<input type="checkbox"/>	L.) Have A Look	<input type="checkbox"/>
13.) Nuddy	<input type="checkbox"/>	M.) A Real Aussie	<input type="checkbox"/>
14.) Bloke	<input type="checkbox"/>	N.) Woman	<input type="checkbox"/>
15.) Arvo	<input type="checkbox"/>	O.) Head	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.) Sheila	<input type="checkbox"/>	P.) Nude	<input type="checkbox"/>
17.) Togs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Q.) Hello	<input type="checkbox"/>
18.) Iffy	<input type="checkbox"/>	R.) Man	<input type="checkbox"/>
19.) Bonzer	<input type="checkbox"/>	S.) Friend	<input type="checkbox"/>
20.) Hooroo	<input type="checkbox"/>	T.) True	<input type="checkbox"/>



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