

# Rotary Club of Howrah



## Bulletin

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

12th February 2026

\*\*\* NO MEETING \*\*\*

### WELCOME ORHAN - ALL THE WAY FROM TURKIYE ...

It was wonderful to welcome **Orhan Pacaci** from **District 2430 in Türkiye** to last Thursday's meeting. Orhan lives in **Ankara** and is a member of the **Koru Rotary Club**. He was enjoying a short stopover en route to **Auckland, New Zealand**.

An architect by profession, Orhan is an enthusiastic world traveller. His club has 24 members, and he served as President in 2010. While travelling, Orhan makes a point of attending meetings of other Rotary clubs and, to date, has visited **101 Rotary Clubs** both in Türkiye and internationally. We are happy to be the only club he will visit in Australia. Orhan spoke about "*Dancing on the Grass*", a major event organised by his club at the Italian Embassy, which attracted **3,000 attendees**, with all proceeds supporting projects focused on children's health and education. He also highlighted the Koru Rotary Club's support following the 2025 earthquake in Türkiye. We thank Orhan for his visit and wish him all the best for the remainder of his travels.

**Pres. Gayle and Orhan exchanging club banners.**



## GOVERNMENT HOUSE FAMILY DAY BBQ ....

On Sunday, 8 February 2026, the Tasmanian Government House held a special Family Day event in its gardens to which we were asked to supply a BBQ. This event was held from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm during the Royal Hobart Regatta long weekend. Her Excellency the Honourable Barbara Baker AC, Governor of Tasmania invited all to stop by for a picnic in the immaculate and extensive gardens. As Patron of the Regatta, Her Excellency was pleased that Regatta visitors would be able to enjoy more family fun on the Domain, which has been home to Regatta celebrations since Lieutenant-Governor Sir John Franklin presided over the first event in 1838.

Several of Her Excellency's Patronage organisations took part on this Family Day, including Girl Guides Tasmania, Scouts, Tasmania, Cricket Tasmania, the Tasmania JackJumpers and the Country Women's Association (CWA) in Tasmania and us. This initiative is part of Her Excellency's important community engagement role, making Government House and its gardens more accessible to the public. Entry was free with an open welcome.

Our Club team had set up well before the gates opened, and we had the barbecue fired up, despite the predicted weather to come. We were ready when the gates opened at 10:00 am. Initially the weather was calm but quite overcast. However around 11.30 the rain arrived and forced our team of 11 to crowd into

the "not so big" tent. There was great opportunity and learning curves for the cosy numbers in our work-tent and surprisingly, despite the rain, many hardy souls still lined up for a tasty treat from the grill. BBQ Boss Gayle ordered just enough for the day, but had it been a warm sunny day we might have been in trouble with supplies. Thanks to everyone who chipped in to get the job done. Even if at times it was veeeery "fellowshipy". Despite the hardships we packed up quickly, while it was dry and headed home to rest. The good news is we survived a challenging day and raised \$1041 for our Club.



It was quite cosy in the tent during the rain

Reporter Chef George.

## PEACE AND SOCIAL COHESION - Challenges In Tasmania .....

Rotarian Numan Rasul continues to work on the planning and organization of the peace forum to be held next Wednesday 11th Feb. at the Glenorchy football Clubrooms at KG5 Oval. Numbers attending are now well over 100. Pres. Gayle would ask that Howrah members arrive by 5.15pm if possible and to remember the dress code is smart casual and to please wear your dinner badges.

## HERE AND THERE ....

- Projects Director Sue Morris advised members that after 18 months of planning the Clarence City Council has approved the proposal that our Club provide the Clarence pool with a disability hoist. The hoists are essential devices that provide safe and easy access to swimming pools for individuals with mobility challenges, enhancing inclusivity and independence. At a cost of \$9500 the hoist will be installed soon. Please note the hoist in the picture is for information demonstration purposes only.



- Sue also advised that 100 small hand held fans for patients of the Dept. of Clinical Haematology and Medical Oncology have arrived and will soon be delivered for use. Cost \$1200.

- Pres. Gayle has been delighted by the prompt responses from members volunteering for Club events and fund raisers. The Bunnings BBQ just before Xmas was a case in point, where extra hands allowed smooth team work and more options during very busy times.

- The Bookshop is performing well and is raising sufficient funds to continue its operation beyond the three month trial. Bookshop Boss Terry will discuss future directions with the Centre management. Sincere thanks to Rotarian Judy Paynter for coordinating the roster. If any volunteer has a problem with their allocated shifts **please contact Judy on 0468 778 032.**

- **RAFFLE WINNERS:** Sue Morris was keen to take the red and Sec. Robyn won another red which she generously donated to our Turkish guest Ohran to take to Kiwi Land.

## HERE AND THERE .....

### DIARY OF EVENTS ...

#### FEBRUARY

WED. 11th **\*\*PEACE AND COHESION FORUM \*\*** - Glenorchy FC Clubrooms 5.15pm.

Thurs. 12th **\*\* NO MEETING \*\***

Fri. 13th Clarence City Council BBQ for young people.

Thurs. 19th TBA

Thurs. 26th Gina Semmler Youth Services.

#### MARCH

Thurs. 5th Club Assembly

Thurs. 12th Anne Cameron Cambodia Project.

	DUTY	ROSTER	
Date	Greeter/ Chair	Registration	Duty Officers
Thurs 19th Feb	Judy	Karin & Lou	Terry & Ken
Thurs 26th	Bob	Anne & Rose	Peter A & Mike
Thurs. 5th	Gayle	Sue & Sally	Reg & Numan

#### 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".

