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People Of Action In And For Our Community.

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Anne Cameron Cambodia Project.

Mark is the Senior Coordinator, Fund Development for The Rotary Foundation at the South Pacific and Philippines Office in Norwest. He has been a Rotarian for over 35 years, being a member in Clubs in Victoria, New South Wales and South Africa. Since joining Rotary in 1987, Mark has served as President of two clubs, led a Group Study Exchange Team to Germany, and held numerous District leadership roles. In his current role Mark a Major Gift Officer for Group 8 which includes Australia New Zealand, PNG and many South Pacific island countries reaching as far away as Tahiti. Mark travels regularly to all Australian states and NZ holding up to 150 meetings where he encourages Rotarians to donate gifts each year, ranging from \$15 000 to one million dollars. One of his KPIs is to find and engage 50 major gifts per year ranging from \$50k to one million dollars.

Mark described the Rotary Foundation as “the charity and humanitarian face of Rotary”, in other words the Bank of Rotary which provides grants that support Rotary projects globally, at the District level and for Disaster Response efforts.

Other ways of donating to the Foundation are through bequests, and Paul Harris Fellowships where individual Rotarians donate \$1000 or Clubs pay \$1000 to recognize members for sustained outstanding service. Funds are distributed to humanitarian causes that align with Rotary’s seven areas of focus, including disease prevention, clean water provision, supporting education, saving mothers and babies, promoting peace and supporting the environment.



MORE FROM MARK ANDERSON The End Polio Now is a major priority in the disease prevention focus and its success is demonstrated by the 2025 results which indicate that worldwide only Pakistan and Afghanistan have between them 44 people infected.

Mark had some interesting thoughts on how many Rotary Clubs donate to other fund raising organisations like The Cancer Council which support their own cause/s without enhancing the Rotary “brand”. He suggests we should support our own causes and receive the recognition they deserve. For example having a banner at Bunnings BBQs indicating which local community projects and causes are being supported by our fund raising. It was very obvious that Mark is passionate and committed to his role and we thank him for a really interesting and thought provoking presentation.

SOME INTERESTING STATISTICS Like all good speakers Mark came prepared by collecting some data from our Club’s stats. held by Rotary Foundation. It was interesting to note that since 1985—2025 our Club has donated the following amounts to the **Annual Fund** which is the Club’s annual donation given to the Foundation and also **The Rotary Foundation Giving** that are funds given by the Club for Paul Harris Fellowships acknowledging members for their outstanding contribution the Club and Rotary.

1985 - 2025 Annual Fund \$48 556 and TRF Giving \$69 717 a grand total of \$118 273.

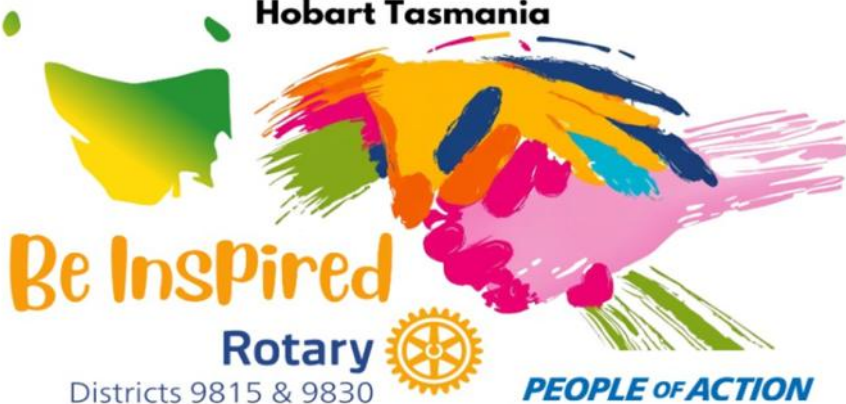
FROM THE BOARD MEETING

- Treasurer Numan received an email from HCC – EOI for grants for social cohesion from \$5 000 - \$45 000. If successful this would be used for follow up from February’s Peace Forum. event.
- Events Director George advised the 50th Anniversary planning going well. Events Committee meeting coming up soon, a few items to sort out in preparation.
- Breakfast Club funding for Southern Support School – Sue to follow up.
- Accessibility Hoist at the Clarence Pool – have not heard back from Andrew Brown (CCC), waiting for an invoice. Hoist has arrived this week.
- Search and Rescue – Asking for two 50 litre Scopara Designs lightweight roping pack for use in vertical rescues operations. \$1000 for both.
- Presentation of a peace pole to Guides Tas. Orana Camp – 18 April. Gayle to follow up that the pole is in the ground prior to the event.
- Letter from CCC – asking if we were interested providing a BBQ in Youth Week during April. Youth Director Lou to follow up.

HERE AND THERE

- Apologies for March 5th meeting; Terry Evans, David Taylor, Riley and Sandra Hall.
- Social Night meeting are usually held on the third Thursday of each month. However in March it will be held on the fourth week which is Thursday 26th. It will be a Grand Trivia event.
- Pres. and BBQ Boss Gayle thanked members for their prompt responses for volunteers for the latest Bunnings BBQ. Thanks everyone who could assist.
- Pres. Gayle is still keen to have a group of Howrah Rotarians at the District Assembly to be held at Deloraine on 19th April. Please contact Gayle if you are keen. Car pooling will be possible. The Assembly would be especially interesting for new members because it allows participants to expand their perception of how Rotary functions and to hear all about the interesting projects other Clubs across the state are organizing for the communities.
- The Bookshop Committee will hold an early 5.00 pm meeting at the Bellerive Yacht Club next Thursday 12th March.
- **RAFFLE WINNERS:** Annette Emmett took the white while Sally was quick to take home the chocolates.

ROTARY 9815 & 9830 DISTRICT CONFERENCE 13th-15th March 2026 Hobart Tasmania



DIARY OF EVENTS ...

MARCH

Thurs. 5th Club Assembly and Guest Mark Anderson RISPO

Thurs. 12th Anne Cameron Cambodia Project.

The Bookshop Committee will hold an early 5.00 pm meeting to discuss some directions and issues.

Thurs.19th Danielle Perkins & Brian Powell - Search and Rescue.

Thurs.26th Social Evening - Quiz Night ****PARTNERS ARE MOST WELCOME.****

APRIL

Thurs. 2nd * NO MEETING - EASTER *****

Thurs. 9th Club Assembly and Board Meeting

	DUTY	ROSTER	
Date	Greeter/ Chair	Registration	Duty Officers
Thurs. 12th	Peter A.	Karin & Lou	Terry & Ken
Thurs. 19th	Rose	Anne & Judy	David H & Ken
Thurs. 26th	George	Reg & Robyn	
Thurs. 2nd	*** NO	MEETING -	EASTER ***
Thurs. 9th	Gayle	Terry & Sue	Bob & Lou

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".

