

Rotary Club of Howrah



Bulletin

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People Of Action In And For Our Community.

18th December 2025

Breakfast at Abundance Restaurant, Bellerive Quay. 8.00am

MANTY ARNOTT - GORILLAS IN RWANDA

Manty Arnett is a Veterinary Director at North Hobart Veterinary Hospital in Hobart. While her professional work focuses on the care of domesticated animals, she has a deep passion for the gorillas of Africa. Manty and her partner, who is also a veterinarian, have travelled to two countries where gorillas live in the wild—Kenya and, more recently, Rwanda.



She observed that Rwanda has gone to great lengths to carefully manage tourism and prevent poaching, helping to ensure a long and healthy future for these magnificent apes. There are 25 family groups living in Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park that are sufficiently habituated to ignore tourists who come to observe and appreciate them in their natural environment.

Manty shared some remarkable photographs taken at very close



proximity to a silverback, the dominant alpha male who leads and protects his harem of females, their babies, and other males. Her presentation was engrossing, and it was clear that Manty had a brilliant time experiencing both the gorillas and the country of Rwanda.



END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS DINNER AT BARILLA



Twenty six Rotarians and partners enjoyed a really great Xmas lunch at the Barilla Restaurant.

The food was excellent and the company even better.



Some members really engaged with the Christmas spirit and dressed accordingly.

These three were outstanding and won the prize from their efforts. Well done **Anne, Karin and Sue**. Sue also won a prize in the Giant raffle, the only Club member who was successful.



Santa (aka Ken) also surprised us with a hearty "Ho ho Merry Christmas!" then distributed tasty goodies for all the good Rotarians on his list. Our sincere thanks are extended to **Events Coordinator George** for his excellent organisation and a special thank you to **Santa's elves, Pres. Gayle and Karin**, for putting together a great raffle and the Christmas delights. An wonderful start to the festive season.

MORE FROM THE BOARD



END OF YEAR FESTIVITIES Our **End-of-year last 2025 meeting breakfast will be “Abundance on the Quay”**. Shop 1/5 Clarence St, Bellerive at 8.00 am on Thursday 18th of December. (Parking in the carpark between Bellerive Quay complex and Dan Murphy’s).

HERE AND THERE.....

- The Rotary Bookshop raised another \$700 this week, which is a weekly record for the latest version of our bookshop . The shop will close on Saturday 20th December and will reopen on the 7th January.
- Pres. Gayle, Secretary Robyn and Directors Anne and Terry attended a Welcome Dinner at the Moonah Migrant centre for recent immigrants settling in Tasmania.
- Our Club is supporting Student Exchange participant, Hunter Jenner as he prepares to travel to Belgium for 12 months in 2026. Payments for his blazer and \$300 for some spending money while he is away have been provided by our Club.
- Our Bookshop is doubling up for a charity Dress Sale this weekend organised by centre owner George Spiliopoulos.
- The first Board Meeting for 2026 will be held on 29th January at Pres. Gayle’s residence.
- Our first Bunnings BBQ will be held on 11th January. Look out for BBQ Boss Gayle’s email calling for volunteers to assist on the day.
- Our first Rotary gathering will be a meal at Pres. Gayle’s house at Old Beach. Attendees will be asked to bring some food to share. More info closer to the day.
- On the Thursday 12th February our meeting will be held at the Citywide Church, 400 Cambridge Road Mornington. It will be a Peace Summit organised by Howrah Rotarian Numan Rasul and will involve community organisations, Rotary members and more. More information will be provided in January.
- **RAFFLE WINNERS:** Annette chose the white while Peter A took the chocs.



DIARY OF EVENTS ...

DECEMBER

Thurs. 18th Breakfast at Abundance Restaurant. Bellerive Quay. 8.00am

Sat. 20th Bookshop closing for Christmas Break.

JANUARY

Wed. 7th Bookshop reopens.

Sun. 11th Bunnings BBQ Volunteers will be required.

Thurs. 22nd Pot Luck Dinner at Gayle's.

Thurs. 29th Board Meeting

FEBRUARY

Sun. 8th Regatta Day - Govt. House Open Day BBQ. To be confirmed.

APOLOGIES... Apologies for Thursday 11th December. Lou, Razza, Mike and Sally Townsend, David Taylor, Sandra and Riley Hall, Susie and David Harrison.

TO ALL HOWRAH ROTARIANS AND THEIR FAMILIES HAVE MERRY CHRISTMAS AND FANTASTIC 2026



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".



MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE !!

