

Rotary Club of Howrah



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People Of Action In And For Our Community.

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GINA SEMMLER - Youth Services.

Peace & Social Cohesion Challenges in Tasmania

Numan's post-summit feedback-debrief: Numan talked about the seven weeks preparing as events in Tasmania were the catalyst for the idea of a "Peace Summit" came to fruition. ~A multitude of invitations were sent out to many potential participants, including migrant groups, local Councils, parliamentarians, and other Rotary Clubs. It was a slow response, but in the end it blossomed to about 120 attendees. A possible clincher was Numan's interview with the ABC's Joel Rheinberger, which created wider community interest on his radio show. There was much positive response both pre and post the event, especially kudos to the Rotary Club of Howrah in many forms. The four parliamentarians who attended were very positive about the event. It was gratifying to know that the main feedback was so positive for bringing the "Peace idea" to the fore.

The panel was very affirmative about their part and sponsorships were very generous, leaving our Rotary Club with a very small outlay of just over \$250, which was worth it for the kindness we received. The Sponsors were absolutely generous with their time and 'free offerings' like tablecloths, flowers etc. The event gave our Club a long-term commitment.

Questions from members provided thoughtful discussion and were answered in a positive manner. The point was made, that the 'summit' was the 'start of the future'. Special thanks to all helpers, who helped to bring the event together. **WELL DONE NUMAN!!**



From Craig Perkins post “Peace Summit” - District Governor, Rotary Tasmania

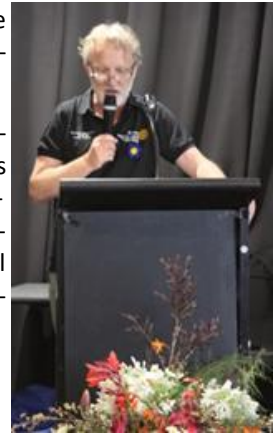
Well done to the Rotary Club of Howrah for organising a most informative evening of discussion and reflection on peace and community cohesion. With more than 130 people attending, the event demonstrated perfectly how Rotary acts as an enabler of diversity and inclusion.

Peace sits at the heart of Rotary’s mission, and the evening was a terrific example of what Rotary can achieve—creating space for meaningful, courageous, and constructive conversations that strengthened the cohesiveness of our community by bringing people together in the spirit of service and dialogue.

Peace and conflict prevention/resolution is one of **Rotary International’s** six global areas of focus. As Rotarians, we believed that when people work to create peace in their communities, that change can have a global effect. If I may paraphrase our incoming International President, Yinka Babalola, who regularly says that if we, as Rotarians, can make lasting change in ourselves, we can make lasting change in our community and lasting change in the world. He often reminds us to be better versions of ourselves and to do better than our best.

To the non-Rotarians who joined us, their presence reflected a shared belief that building peace and social cohesion is everyone’s responsibility. With a focus on building understanding, uniting cultures, and creating harmony, the gathering showed what can become possible when people from all walks of life come together with open minds and a willingness to listen.

As we began our discussion on “Peace & Social Cohesion Challenges in Tasmania,” we carried forward the spirit of the First Nations peoples of this land—whose traditions emphasised community, connection, and care—and let that spirit guide our conversations throughout the evening”.



conversations

Numan was certainly on the ball with the “Peace and Social Cohesion Summit” for the “Peace & Conflict Prevention Month” on the year’s Rotary Calendar!



NEXT WEEK'S MEETING - GINA SEMMLER

Meet one of the recent DAISY awardees: Gina Semmler from the Pulse Youth Health Service (PYHS) in Glenorchy. Gina is a Registered Nurse at PYHS, was nominated by a colleague who wrote:



“She is adept at safely coordinating complex care and support for young people who are neurodiverse and those requiring comprehensive plans.”



The DAISY Award is an international recognition program honouring nurses for extraordinary compassion and skill in patient care.

The DAISY Award was established in 1999 by the family of J. Patrick Barnes, who passed away from an autoimmune disease. During his hospitalization, his family witnessed the exceptional care and compassion of the nurses and wanted to create a lasting way to say “thank you” to nurses worldwide. DAISY stands for Diseases Attacking the Immune System, though its meaning now extends beyond the acronym to symbolize recognition of extraordinary nursing care.

HERE AND THERE

- The fine session from the Government House BBQ and the Peace Summit was most productive.
- Pres. Gayle outlined some forthcoming events that will require members to reply **yes or no** to coming emails re BBQs and other events. Stay tuned.
- **Apologies:** Rob, Sandra, Riley, Karin, Gloria, David T, Shirin & Ray, Robyn & David H.
- **RAFFLE WINNERS:** Numan took the chocolates and Terry snavelled the “white”.

DIARY OF EVENTS ...

FEBRUARY

Thurs. 26th Gina Semmler Youth Services.

MARCH

Thurs. 5th Club Assembly and Guest Mark Anderson RISPO

Thurs. 12th Anne Cameron Cambodia Project.

	DUTY	ROSTER	
Date	Greeter/ Chair	Registration	Duty Officers
Thurs 26th	Bob	Anne & Rose	Peter A & Mike
Thurs. 5th	Gayle	Sue & Sally	Reg & Numan

SOME GOOD SPACE FILLERS

NURSE CAME IN AND SAID DOC, THERE'S A MAN IN THE WAITING ROOM WHO THINKS HE'S INVISIBLE, WHAT SHOULD I TELL HIM? THE DOCTOR SAID TELL HIM I CAN'T SEE HIM TODAY.

My teacher pointed me with his ruler and said: "At the end of this ruler there's an idiot!"

I got detention after asking which end.

My emotional support dog after one day with me



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".

