

# Rotary Club of Howrah



## Bulletin

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

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### TRIVIA NIGHT

#### **DANIELLE PERKINS AND BRYAN POWELL ....**

**Danielle** is the Administration Assistant, Police Marine & Rescue Services | Tasmanian Emergency Air Service Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management, while **Bryan Powell**, a new recruit, is a Police Helicopter Aircrew Officer. Bryan works with marine and rescue services and is heavily involved. He is based at the old Par Avion complex at Cambridge Airport. His area covers: Marine and Fishery Enforcement working with recreational and commercial fishers. Search and Rescue on land, the Marine Dive Squad and Helicopter Operations working with Medivac, law enforcement and where needed, help in search and rescue looking for stolen cars, escapees etc..

**For Fisheries Management** they use boats, The 'Van Dieman' and 'PV Cape Wickham' based around the State as needed. Capacity of both boats is about 200 nautical miles. They are always busy! 'Vigilant' is an older wooden vessel but is still used when needed. 'Dauntless' is their fast boat for searches and pursuits and is used when a chopper can't get in. They also use a small 'Cat' and a speedy rubber runabout if needing to do marine rescue or going into tight spots.

**For Land Rescues** like Federation Peak are usually walk-in, if choppers cannot get close or weather prevents their use. When needed, volunteers are often called from the Hobart Walking Club and are most helpful in these cases. For "Lock-ins", where protestors chain themselves or 'secure' themselves with glue or similar, as a mark of their protest. Search & Rescue have the tools to undo, where possible. Often they are a PR exercise but at times can become confrontational!

**Dive Squad members** are age between 18 and 50+ and undergo special training to find whatever is necessary underwater, often working blind in disturbed or murky waters. Constant training is vital in this area.

**Helicopter Operations**, currently have four choppers in operation and require intense planning to get the best results from any given situation. Sometimes 'the skids' do not touch the terrain, and it is a 'jump out situation'. If winching is used this can be the most risky part of a rescue caused by tangling, terrain, or choppy water. It is a safe rescue method but tough and risky all the same.

**Bryan and Danielle are pictured with Chair Rotarian Rose Clark.**



## **MORE SEARCH AND RESCUE ....**

**Helicopters cont.** They do night operations but mostly if a chopper is heard at night, it most probably a Medivac operation. But some nightwork is needed where illegal activities are being checked. At times, there could be a chopper winch to one of the rescue boats or a landing on a 'cruise boat', if able for an emergency need.

All rescues are well prepared with gear, medicines and some specialised equipment for any eventuality. Police work closely with RFDS where possible or if needed.

**Well done Danielle and Bryan in helping us understand the work that is involved and alleviating many wrong or TV drama perceptions. May you stay safe in your work and thank you for the interesting talk.**

## **HERE AND THERE ....**

**Apologies:** Rob Warren, David Harrison, Sue Morris, Numan, Raza, Sandra H, Riley Hall, Shohrab, Terry Evans and David Taylor. Our best wishes are extended to David who is still unwell at the moment. David, get well soon

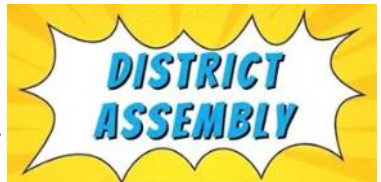
• **Rosny College Award Night:** Annette spoke about her concern about our \$200.00 "Rotary Award" our Club gives on behalf of Rotary. Rosny only presented one Award, and it was not presented by our Club representative. Pres Gayle to followup with the Principal of Rosny College.

• Pres. Gayle is very keen to have a group of Howrah Rotarians at the District Assembly to be held **at Deloraine on the 19<sup>th</sup> April**. Please contact Pres. Gayle if you are keen to learn more about Rotary in the "bigger picture". Car-pooling would be a possibility, if you are keen to go. **Please let Pres. Gayle know before or no later than Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> of April, so arrangements can be made. 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 interesting projects other Clubs, across the State, are organising for their communities.

• **RAFFLE WINNERS:** After much kerfuffle, Bob eventually took the 'Red', while Karin was humbly offered an IOU 'White'!



**Bryan (left) ready to board the chopper for another mission.**



## ROTARY 9815 and 9830 DISTRICT CONFERENCE REPORT:

Several members (5, all or some of the program) attended the conference, which brought together Rotarians from both districts for a weekend of inspiration, learning, and fellowship.

Two standout speakers were Saroo Brierley, who shared his remarkable life story and message of resilience and hope, and Rob Pennicott, who spoke about environmental stewardship and the power of community leadership. The convention also highlighted the depth and diversity of Rotary projects. Presentations included Rotary-supported work with the Cambodian project, Reach, which supports education opportunities for young people, like the "school "Bee Program, and the work of the "Windeward Bound Foundation", which provides youth development experiences through sail training programs. The weekend reinforced the strong partnerships between Rotary clubs and organisations and showcased the meaningful impact Rotary continues to make in communities both locally and internationally.

**Your Conference Attendee and Reporter - President Gayle.**

### A NEW MEMBER CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE - ROSE CLARK ....

Rose, a relatively new member of the Howrah Rotary Club, was eager to discover what the conference could offer and how it might broaden her perspective on Rotary. Here's what she took away from the experience. The conference reinforced the importance of staying informed about what is happening beyond our own club. Each of the speakers was truly inspiring.

**Dr. Kirk Williams** spoke passionately about the incredible work being carried out through Interplast, particularly in the area of cleft palate repair. The advancements and impact in this field are nothing short of remarkable.

Another standout speaker was **Rob Pennicott**, who revealed a different side to the persona many see on his tours. He shared his deep passion for the environment, along with the meaningful initiatives he supports and invests in through his own entrepreneurial success.

**Saroo Brierley** captivated the audience with the story of his life and his extraordinary journey to rediscover his home and family in India. His talk inspired Rose to purchase his book, *A Long Way Home*.

**Captain Sarah Parry** also delivered a compelling presentation, reflecting on her many years working aboard the *Windeward Bound*. Her story was both engaging and inspirational.

Overall, Rose was delighted she took the opportunity to attend the conference, gaining new insights and a renewed appreciation for the broader impact of Rotary.



All dressed up and enjoying the conference dinner are Pres. Gayle, PP. Reg and Annette Emmett and Rose.

## ON THE SOCIAL SCENE ....

Members, please note - Every third Thursday of the month is "Social Thursday Night". Here's what's on the way. Don't forget Partners and /or friends are most welcome at ALL Social Nights.



- **TRIVIA NIGHT** Our first Trivia-Quiz night for 2026 will be held on **Thursday 26th March**. Come prepared with your "knowledge caps" and "memory recall" on. You've got to be in it to win it!
- **MOTOR YACHT CLUB OF TASMANIA AT LINDISFARNE**  
We'd like to announce to the Club that on our Social Thursday evening of the **16<sup>th</sup> April** we are booked into the **Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania** at Lindisfarne for 6pm. We need to **confirm numbers** no later than the meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> of April. Please let George know if you are attending and numbers between now and then. The MYCT needs to know where 'bigger numbers' are involved for catering purposes. Thank you in appreciation.



## SOME TRIVIA MIRTH ....



DIARY OF EVENTS ...

**MARCH**

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

**APRIL**

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

Thurs. 9th **Club Assembly and Board Meeting**

Thurs. 16th **Social Night - Dinner at the Motor Yacht Club of Tasmania 6.00pm.**

	<b>DUTY</b>	<b>ROSTER</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Greeter/ Chair</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Duty Officers</b>
<b>Thurs. 26th</b>	<b>George</b>	<b>Reg &amp; Robyn</b>	
<b>Thurs. 2nd</b>	<b>*** NO</b>	<b>MEETING -</b>	<b>EASTER ***</b>
<b>Thurs. 9th</b>	<b>Gayle</b>	<b>Terry &amp; Sue</b>	<b>Bob &amp; Lou</b>

**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".

