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People of Action In And For Our Community

15th October 2026 – Meeting (Marina Bar Downstairs)

Lift The Lift on Mental Health Hat Night – Partners & Friends

President's Wrap Up

On Thursday we welcomed Jamie and partner Sandy. Jamie is a member of the Rotary Club of Devonport and has relocated to Hobart. It was a pleasure to host of Rotarian from another club and possibly a prospective new member for the Rotary Club of Howrah.

Our guest speaker was John X, who most likely does not need any introduction! John talked to us about his career, which began from being in productions when a student at Rosny College. It was at this time that he realised that acting and theatre was his passion.

He performed in many local amateur and some professional theatre productions in Hobart before his first big, professional role in the Lion King. John shared that being in theatre is difficult for actors in Tassie and his advice to young actors here is to go to the mainland and explore opportunities there. When John won the role of Pumba in the Lion King, he was in his thirties.

John does a lot of corporate work and fundraising for charities, which helps him make a living from acting. He has founded a few theatre companies with fellow actors, one being Big Monkey that produces plays in the Botanical Gardens. This season it will be Wind in the Willows, there is a school season in December, followed by one for the general public.

A further production in the gardens is from his theatre company; John X Presents which performs a play from Shakespeare every year.

John shared with us how the life of an actor can change quickly as opportunities arise. He described how in a 48-hour period he received two invitations to read for roles in two separate stage plays. He is awaiting the outcome . . . watch this space!

We appreciate John taking the time to attend our meeting and share his experiences with us. John is married to Cassie and has two children; he lives locally in Bellerive.

Lift the Lid on Mental Health Hat Night – next week, 15 October. Let's see some great hat creations to raise money for this **Australian Rotary Health** initiative. The aim of the night is to raise funds so bring along any money from sponsorship or your own donation. Another way to donate is to purchase additional raffle tickets to help boost the coffers! After the social night, keep an eye on the **Rotary Club of Howrah Facebook page and Facebook Marketplace**, where we will be selling hats. All money raised from hat sales will go towards supporting Rotary mental health initiatives.

There will be some games that require the use of your mind, one of these is Two Truths and a Lie. This game involves the turn taker making three statements about themselves. Two of these are true, one is a lie. Other participants will guess which of the statements is the lie. How well do we know each other? How well can we present a falsehood? How well can we detect it? In the next few days, think about your own two truths and a lie . . .

Reports

Public Image – Numan

Numan shared an update on the Kite festival (Saturday 7 November). Some roles that will need to be filled are: 2 cashiers, 3 selling kites. Numan will be in the background putting the kites together, some more people will also be needed to help put them together. A clean-up crew will also be required.
BBQ duties – will be organised by George and Gayle, some helpers will be needed here throughout the day (please see the item about food safety handling certificates later in the bulletin).
Greeters, to welcome people to the event.
A first aid update, Numan has emailed HCC, who have said we need 4 first aid personnel, on advice from Pip we want to reduce that to 2.
Numan is trying to organise live music. We have received a $500 grant from HCC, $500 x 2, $100 from face painting lady, 200 from Tas Fusion and waiting on $200 from Spice on Wheels.
47 kites have been received so far, Numan shared samples of these – there are certainly some colourful and inviting kites available.
There have been lots of posts on the Rotary Club of Howrah Facebook page, please like, comment and share on your own page to increase exposure.
Peace and Social Cohesion Event – Numan has asked for ideas for panel members and has received no suggestions from members. We need to confirm the panel members now. Numan is in communication with Tasmanian Community Fund, exploring the possibility of a community grant of $5000. More details as this unfolds.

Bookshop – Terry

Terry shared that we are selling dahlia bulbs at the bookshop, they are $7.00 each. There is a separate column to record the sale of these.
Terry also mentioned that he had inquired about a group first aid course. $2500 for 12 people, if we wanted to do a group training session. This was put forward as something to consider for the future, as only one member has first aid qualifications.

Secretary - Robyn
Robyn noted that she, David Harrison, Sue Morris and Bob Hardy visited the Clarendon Vale Neighbourhood Centre to present the certificate for the chess tables. There has been a post about this on FB – please like and share!

Clarendon Vale 50th Birthday Celebrations – Sally and Bob
Sally and Bob reported that this was a great event and was well received. Books were given to children, along with a bookmark for them to present at the bookshop for another free book! Everyone had a lot of fun. Thanks to everyone who helped!

Food Handling Certificates - Sally
Sally has investigated this from last week's meeting. Food safety certificates have no expiry date, but it does apply to **everyone** who is handling food. Further inquiries with Clarence City Council found that certificates should be renewed every two years. If you are working on a BBQ members should do the course. Sally will share the link, either via email or through the bulletin.
Anne also noted that members having their food safety handling certificate is included as a mitigating action in the risk management plan that we submitted to the Hobart City Council for the Kite Festival, so anyone who volunteers for the BBQ on that day will need to have this.

Recipients of funding from Rotary Kites of Hope (based on Rotary International Seven Areas of Focus):

1) **Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention** – Rotary Club of Howrah – Peace and Social Cohesion Event.
2) **Disease Prevention and Treatment** – Australian Rotary Health – Lift the Lid on Mental Health
3) **Water, Sanitation and Hygiene** – Sally and Mike's Ugandan Project
4) **Maternal and Child Health** – Tassie Mums - Tassie Mums Inc
5) **Basic Education and Literacy** - Dolly Parton's Imagination Library through Rosie's Reading Tas, via Rotary Club of Central Launceston.
6) **Community Economic Development** – donate hairdressing equipment to a student through TAFE OR provide funds to a person with a disability to be part of the workforce, such as SEED Social Enterprise, Employment and Diversity (SEED)
7) **Environment** – local Landcare project

Raffle Winners

Robyn won the chocolates and Annette chose the white wine on Reg's behalf as our second raffle winner. Are the Emmetts back on their winning streak?

Fine Session

Several fines were imposed by Sergeant Rob, with the new tally system in place. President Anne is halfway to pay up day, with five fines already!
If you do not have cash, a tick will be made against your name on the tally sheet to accumulate for a card payment. Once you reach ten – time to pay up!

Apologies

Sue Morris, Gayle Smith, George Toepfer, Karin

October – Polio Awareness Month

October is a significant month for Rotary as we raise awareness of the global fight to End Polio. Every year, Rotarians around the world come together to highlight the importance of vaccination, raise funds and remind communities that the fight is not over.

Rotary's journey to eradicate polio began in **1979**, when Rotary launched a major immunisation project in the Philippines to vaccinate millions of children. In **1985, Rotary launched PolioPlus**, making the eradication of polio one of its major global humanitarian priorities.

In **1988, Rotary became a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI)** alongside the World Health Organization, UNICEF and other global partners. Since then, the global effort has reduced cases of polio by **99.9%**, and Rotary says its programmes and advocacy have helped protect more than **3 billion children in 122 countries**.

Rotary has contributed more than **US$2.9 billion** towards polio eradication and has helped mobilise more than **US$11 billion from donor governments** through advocacy and partnerships.

Rotary Club of Howrah Donates Life-Saving Defibrillator to Clarence PCYC

The Rotary Club of Howrah is proud to support community safety through the donation of a life-saving defibrillator to Clarence PCYC.

Earlier this week, **Bob and Reg presented the commemorative plaque** to Clarence PCYC to mark this important contribution. The defibrillator will help ensure that families, young people and staff who use the facility have access to vital emergency equipment when it matters most.

This donation reflects Rotary's ongoing commitment to supporting local communities and promoting health, safety and wellbeing.

We thank Clarence PCYC for partnering with us to help make our community a safer place for everyone.

Rotary Club of Howrah Supports Hobart City Mission

Our club is proud to support Hobart City Mission in its ongoing work to assist individuals and families experiencing hardship in our community.

We extend our sincere thanks to **Judy Paynter** for her generous donation of hygiene products to the Rotary Club of Howrah, which has been passed on to Hobart City Mission to support those in need. This thoughtful contribution reflects the spirit of compassion and community service that Rotary values. Access to essential hygiene products can make a meaningful difference to the dignity, wellbeing and everyday lives of people experiencing difficult circumstances.

Notes From the Event Coordinator (George)

- Hope your planning is going well for "Hat Night" on the 15th of October, it is planned to be a fun night, details of the night are being organised by Pres Anne and her willing helpers -remember the money we raise goes to "Mental Health" research, so every bit helps.
- Most replies from members re our "Christmas Lunch" are in George books now and he will contact you regarding any clarification and member attendance, if any member has not let George know can you please do so by email ASAP, now it's the extra folk on the list we need to follow-up on.
- In coming weeks, much more information will come your way re the Ten-pin Bowling Night at the 'Zone Moonah Bowl' (162 Main Rd Moonah) stay tuned!

- The Christmas Breakfast at "Atmosfire" at 8am on Thursday December 10th is almost finalised, many thanks to prompt replies any last-minute entries or change-of-heart, please get back to George as soon as possible (George email id: *toepfer@internode.on.net*)

DIARY OF EVENTS

DATE	Greeter/Chair	Registration	Duty Officers	Where	Content
Thursday 15th October	Social Night	Numan & Karin	Peter & Lou	Marina Bar (Downstairs)	Hat Day – Lift the Lid on Mental Health. TBC (Aus. Rotary Health)
Thursday 22nd October	----------	----------	----------	----------	No meeting (Royal Hobart Show Day)
Thursday 29th October	Anne	Rose & Robyn	David & Terry	Marina Bar (Downstairs)	Guest speaker: Dennis Townsend

Events for our Club ahead

October 15th "Hat Day" - partners & friends - is your hat ready yet???
November 7th "ROTARY Kites of Hope" Event.
November 19th Ten Pin Bowling Moonah booked - Nos or any changes to Events Coordinate by 5th Nov please

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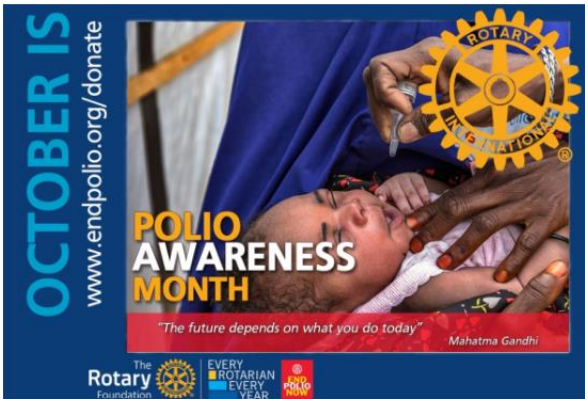
OCTOBER POLIO AWARENESS MONTH



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE PROMOTION