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ROTARY CLUB OF HOWRAH BULLETIN

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People of Action In And For Our Community

8th October 2026 – Meeting (Marina Bar Downstairs)

Guest Speaker – John X

President's Wrap Up

It was great to see so many members attend the board meeting and contribute to the discussion. These are the **Next Steps**, which will be acted upon before the November Board meeting:

- Reg and Numan will meet to discuss some recent projects to include on the banner.
- Anne and Numan email each other this week and discuss ideas for where to donate any funds raised from the Kite festival. (Aligned with the Rotary Seven Areas of Focus) Numan and Anne will get back to everyone next week with a **draft** list.
- There will be a call for volunteers for the kite festival soon as it is not far away!
- Lou will find out from the WB if they have funds available to support students.
- Sally will look into food handling courses - online, who needs it etc.?
- Anne will find out how much Rotary Club of Salamanca funded WB
- Anne to find out about insurance requirements and decide if she will look after this or if it will be delegated.
- The Secretary will email nomination forms for vacant positions President, Vice President, 2027/28 President Nominee, Secretary and Treasurer. (To be noted that the current Treasurer will not be standing for 27/28).
- The **Rotary Kites Festival** will continue under the name **"Rotary Kites of Hope,"** as this is the name submitted to the **Hobart City Council** as part of our event application, and it has also received the support of the majority of our Board members.
- Numan requested all members to share any recommendations for potential panellists who could contribute to our upcoming **Peace & Social Cohesion Event**. Members are encouraged to send their suggestions to Numan by email within the next week.

The minutes of the meeting are ready for viewing on Google Docs. A Word version will also be emailed out to those who cannot yet access the online version. Please note that in Next Steps this symbol means Work in Progress 🏃, this one mean that the task has been completed ✅.

The next Board Meeting/Club Assembly will be on 5 November 2026. This will also incorporate the AGM. At the AGM nominations will also be tabled for positions. (see next steps) All members are encouraged to think about nominating for one of these positions to serve our club.
I can also confirm that District Governor Craig Perkins will be attending our club meeting on Thursday 12 November. I have added this to the meeting schedule on Google Docs.

Raffle Winners

Rob was the first one and he took the red wine, David Taylor was the second one, he tried to give his prize away, we all told him to take it home to his wife, but he gave his bottle of wine to Gayle.

Fine Session

Fines for those over 50 (International Day of Older Persons – 1st of October.

Apologies

Sue Morris, Rose Clark, Karin Zwick

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.

The Rotary Bookstall at the Clarendonvale Neighbourhood Centre 50th year celebrations was a huge success (Report by Sally)

Our stall was well stocked with children's books thanks to Suzy, Bob and Terry which allowed one free book per child plus a complimentary bookmark which entitled the recipient to another free book from the bookshop. (Great idea to increase awareness and encourage visitors to the bookshop at Howrah Point).
This was so successful that by 11.30am the 100 printed bookmarks had been given out so Sally did a quick dash home to print some more emergency supplies (albeit black and white instead of the deluxe colour version organised by Bob). Suzy also despatched herself back to the bookshop to pick up more supplies.
Not to be outdone, Rose was quick to grab a photo opportunity in front of the Rotary banner with Clarence Mayor Brendan Blomeley and councillor Heather Chong whilst David Taylor kept us all well fed and watered throughout the day.
As the event drew to a close, we were left with a very small box of books which we donated to the CVNC.
All in all, a wonderful day and so well received by the local community. A huge thankyou to Bob, Rose, Suzy and David for your passion, help and assistance.

Rotary Supports Community Connection at Clarendonvale

Rotary Club of Howrah has donated two beautiful marble outdoor chess sets to the Clarendon Vale Neighbourhood Centre, creating a new opportunity or community members of all ages to connect, enjoy friendly competition and spend time together outdoors. The donation reflects Rotary's commitment to making a positive and lasting impact in our local community by supporting inclusive spaces that encourage connection and wellbeing. Rotary members Bob Hardy, Robyn Harrison and David Harrison have ongoing connections with the Centre.

BBQ Report x 2 (By George)
BBQ for Mental Health Week

We received an invite from Jane Menzies from CCC, to do a BBQ for Mental Health Week Walk on Saturday 3 October at Rosny Farm, we accepted and set plans in motion for a successful day. A big thank you to Gayle for organising the basics thanks too, to no-voice-Anne, Sue and Lou for putting their hand up in helping out at the event, for this CCC-delights-freebie day. Lou did a great job of delivering our trailer-BBQ into the selected location and his 13-point turn getting out, was worth watching. Sausage and gourmet frier, George hoped we'd have a weather co-operative day, and it was no thanks to the BOM who predicted showers. We had a selection of choice with Veggie burgers, halal chicken goodies (not a good drawer-card but . . . we had them just in case catering for all), and our usual BBQ fare. All was ready to go service was quite slow, maybe not the turn-up that CCC expected but we muddled through until we ran out of gas at noon thanks to 'gopher-Lou" we had a full bottle to connect but no spanners fortunately, Alex H (from CCC a real 'tour de force'), helped by finding a few that did the job. Maybe the one that Pres Anne is holding may have been a tad overkill, all was done with a great sense of humour. After the walk to support Mental Health, the BBQ was sizzle-active again. Thanks too, to the great help we received from others from the CCC, especially, Jane. It was a good day and most of the goodies went to satisfied customers, plus it was a good day for the Rotary Club of Howrah, promotion-wise and service-wise. Apparently, the Earth moved today but we were too busy to notice the shaky 4.8 earthquake - oh well . . .Well-done today team!!!!

BBQ at Bunnings Mornington

We had our usual Bunnings Day BBQ on October 4th, a bit tough for some, after the CCC BBQ the day before but we coped, especially seeing some 'stuff' not used, was transferred to this BBQ . . . thanks to Rob, Judy, Ken, David H, Terry, Ange, Gloria & Sally. As usual, Gayle set things up and we were off and running, with George only having to cope with same-o, same-o, onions & sausages on this day!! With a few sickies, Judy became our "tour de force" and worked all day not being phased by a glitch in the EFTPOS machine, which ran out of paper and many hands found it difficult to get it working again BUT we did! Which was resolved before the queues were too long. Our first sausage was sold at 9.04am and then it was slowly increased in pace, where we sold 30 trays of sausages (and as usual, had to send David H for more sausages and bread).

That's over 750 sausages a little WOW here! We saw generosity at its best quite a few donations to the Club above and beyond the basic purchases and one act of a member of public paying another purchase cos he was a bit short great to see! Special thanks to the whole crew but especially Judy and David H for extending their time couldn't have had the success without today's crew. The efforts of Ange and Terry have to be commented too. The weather was kind in that it did not rain, but only threatened to . . . A successful day - what a team!!

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 8th October	Anne	Terry & Lou	Bob & David	Marina Bar (Downstairs)	John X
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)

Events for our Club ahead ~

October ~ 15th ~ *"Hat Day" ~ partners & friends*

October ~ *The Big Tassie Walk ~ more info to come*

November ~ 7th *"ROTARY Community Kite Event"*

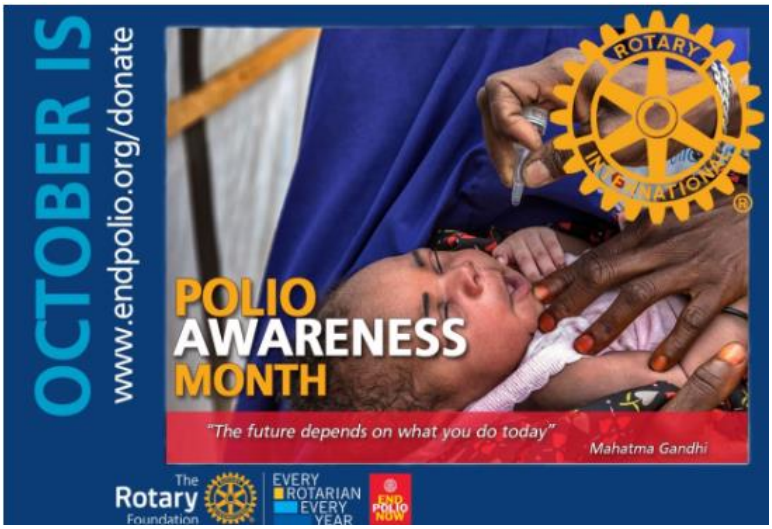
November ~ 19th ~ *Ten Pin Bowling ~ Moonah ~ booked but Nos to GJT by 5th Nov please*

Images by Ped Duke, courtesy of City of Clarence for the Mental Health Week Walk, 2026

Photos from the bookstall

Photos from the Clarendonvale Neighbourhood Centre – Outdoor Chess

OCTOBER POLIO AWARENESS MONTH



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE PROMOTION