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People of Action In And For Our Community

17th September 2026 – Social Night (Training Room Upstairs)

President's Wrap Up / Summary

This week we had two guest speakers.
Firstly, we heard from **Lillian Joseph** who attended the **United Nations Youth Conference** in Perth in July. The conference is open to year 10 – 12 students and seven students from Tasmania were selected to attend.
Lillian reported that she participated in debates which are held in a similar way to the debates in the actual UN, with resolutions, proposers, seconders, opposition, the use of amendments and clauses and the opportunity to speak on the issue. At the appropriate time Lillian had to vote; for, against or abstain. The students were all put into one of three committees for the duration of the conference.
They heard from several specialist speakers, such as a marine biologist, a bird watcher and a zoologist. The focus of the conference was biodiversity.
The young delegates attended a variety of sites including the University of Western Australia, Murdoch University and the Perth Zoo.
Before the conference all the students were given a country to 'represent' throughout the conference. Lillian was given Canada and she told us that she had to think about how they might respond to a variety of situations.
Lillian shared with the club what she had learnt at the conference; about biodiversity and conservation, how UN debates work, how conflict in a country impacts conservation, about cloning species, indigenous voice and nature reserves.
Our second speaker was **Susan Hogan**, **President of the Lindisfarne branch of the CWA**. Susan shared about how her branch has increased its numbers over the past few years with there being over 700 members across Tasmania.
Susan told members that the CWA is much more than just making scones! She shared with us the wide range of activities that they undertake. The Lindisfarne branch contributes to the Risdon Vale and Warrane Neighbourhood Houses' pantries; they do toy runs and Christmas hampers.

The CWA is known for its craft, and they utilise this to benefit the community. They hold a craft morning every week, with all women being welcome. While the craft is important the purpose is social cohesion and connection.
Some other community services provided by the Lindisfarne CWA are baby bundles for newborn babies at the Royal Hobart Hospital, these contain everything a new mum would need for her baby for the first week or two after birth. Susan introduced members to twiddle muffs for dementia patients, these contain a range of different fabrics and textures for a person with dementia to fiddle with to help them to be calm. They also make and donate trauma dolls to the Police who use them to help children talk about their experiences, comfort teddies, donations of clothing to Tassie Mums, clothing for people in the RHH due to accidents who may have had their clothing cut off them, new books and toys for the RHH for children having surgery and donate to international charities.
A main project for the branch is to support services for homeless women, including Blue Sky House, previously Jane Franklin Hall, which focused on women over the age of fifty who are at risk of becoming homeless.
Members were very interested to hear about the wide range of activities undertaken by the Lindisfarne CWA.

Directors' Reports

Lou (Youth) let members know that he will be collecting the peace pole for South Arm Primary School on Monday. He will be in touch with members soon to ask for volunteers to participate in the handing over and unveiling of the pole at the school.
Numan (Public Image) reported that he has been in contact with some facilities about having a fruit basket at their premises, sponsored by our club. He has heard back from some and has received a 'yes' from Oceana Health and Fitness. Numan has also been in contact with the Hobart City Mission to ask what personal hygiene items they need (see item later in the bulletin)
Numan shared back from the Peace and Social Cohesion Event committee meeting held prior to Thursday's meeting. The event will be on 28 January or 21 February, once again looking at the Glenorchy Football Club. Next year's event will have two sessions. There will also be a specific email address for this event.
Numan reported that we will not be going ahead with the Human Library due to high costs.
Gayle (Treasurer) reported that the BBQs she emailed members about have been fully subscribed. Gayle thanked members for volunteering and for their prompt response. She sent emails to members with rosters on Friday 11 September.
Karin (Raffle) has tickets if members would like to take some to sell. They are also currently being sold at the book shop.

Lift the Lid on Mental Health – Hat Day

Rose raised the issue she had that when seeking sponsorship for her hat people wanted to see something official. Gayle volunteered to organise receipts and letterhead to support members if they are seeking sponsors to raise funds.

September ~ 17th ~ Bingo Night ~ *partners & friends ~ mystery prizes, interesting experiences for a night of fun. If you've never played BINGO or did so, years ago ~ here's your chance, 6 efforts in fact, to check out your hand-eye co-ordination and win a prize. Each sheet has 6 games on it and each sheet will cost each player $2.00 -> the money going "into the pot" towards next month's Mental Health-Hat Day.*
Check it all out on Thursday ~ but please bring a pencil or biro to use!!!!

BBQ Report from George *(Sunday 13th September 2026)*

Called on by Lindy, from Bunnings, to see if we could step up to a BBQ vacancy at Bunnings ~ despite the short notice, enough put their hands up to make it a goer. We were extremely fortunate with the lovely Spring weather ~ *The shock was heard around the Derwent, re the fact that the onions hadn't*

been organised but after a tear or two ~ all was in hand . . . pheeeeew!!! The bread was arranged and sourced but wasn't ready but we managed, gear organised and the Club volunteers, ready to sizzle and serve ~ The day really didn't really start off too well ~ ice was hard to find, the gas bottle wasn't ready but we got on with it eventually and making our first sale at 9.10am ~ the first session started off steady but the pace increased as the day wore on . . . *we had a mini crisis when we ran out of sausages completely at 1pm* ~ phone to the ear for supplies ~ had to call a bit of a break while the new batch of sausages sourced were cooked ~ it was all go but nobody panicked and soon we were back in business ~ Pheeeeeeew!!!! Lots of "sorrys" ~ a first for our Club BBQ team, as we had never had such demand before ~ WOW!!! Had to send out for more supplies at 2pm having sold about 750 sausages on the day = over $20000 profit ~ some will sleep well tonight. Mega thank you for those who did extended shifts to keep up with demand ~ the real 'Class' of the team. Showed *a really BIG thank you to Sue M, Brett M, Judy, Karin, Terry, Sally & Gayle* for helping on the day and doing our Club proud! ☺ ☺ ☺

A 'sizzled-out reporter' and gourmet sausage turner, George

Hobart City Mission – Donations Requested

Our club is collecting personal hygiene items to donate to the Hobart City Mission. A suggestion was made at the board meeting/club assembly to have a box available at meetings for members to donate items. Members are encouraged to buy an extra item when next doing the grocery shopping.

Items sought are:

- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Large & Extra-Large Incontinence pants (women)
- Razors
- Soap
- Toilet paper
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes

Raffle Winners

Lillian drew the raffle tickets, and the first **winner** was Susie, **she** chose the chocolates and donated them to Susan (CWA). The chocolates were popular as that was what Ken wanted when his ticket was drawn. He is content to wait until next week when more choccies will be purchased!

Apologies

Apologies were received from Robyn, Sue, Mike & Sally.

DIARY OF EVENTS

DATE	Greeter/Chair	Registration	Duty Officers	Where	Content
Thursday 17th September	Social Night	Gayle & Rose	David H	Training Room (Upstairs)	BINGO

Thursday 24th September	Numan (Introduce Guest Speaker)	Judy & Suzie	Mike & Peter	Marina Bar (Downstairs)	Guest Speaker: Donna Woodleigh (Department of Home Affairs & Immigration)
Thursday 1st October	Anne	David H & Sally	Terry & Ken	Marina Bar (Downstairs)	Club Assembly / Board Meeting

Events for our Club ahead ~

September ~ 17th ~ *Bingo Night ~ partners & friends*

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

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

November ~ *"ROTARY KITE EVENT" ~ it's back on track!!!*

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

Bunnings BBQ (13th September)

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE PROMOTION