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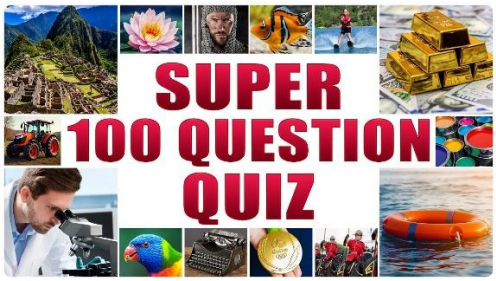
People of Action In And For Our Community

6th August 2026 – Social Night (Marina Bar Downstairs)



Meeting Summary

A total of **15 members** attended the meeting, along with **Annette Emmett** and guest **Lily McDermott**, who shared highlights of her recent trip with **Sport Climbing Tasmania**, accompanied by her parents, **Ben and Amanda**. Members also enjoyed a presentation from **Patrick Napper**, who reflected on his experience representing Australia at the **International Junior Beekeeping Conference** in Ireland, alongside two fellow Australian delegates.

PRESIDENT'S WRAP UP

Guest Speakers

We welcomed two guest speakers on Thursday. **Lily McDermott** shared her experience competing in indoor climbing competitions. In May, she represented Tasmania at a national event in Ballina, NSW, where she competed in three disciplines: lead climbing, speed climbing and bouldering, each requiring a unique set of skills. Lily placed second in her age category among around 30 competitors and is now aiming to qualify for the Youth World Championships, which will also be held in Ballina next year.

Our second speaker, **Patrick Napper**, is a junior beekeeper who recently returned from an international competition in Ireland. He was fortunate to arrive a week early

and spend time exploring Scotland, particularly enjoying its historic buildings and architecture. The competition included both a theory component, testing participants' knowledge of bees and beekeeping, and a practical component involving the use of beekeeping tools and equipment.
Lily and Patrick thanked the club for its support in helping them attend their respective competitions.
We are also grateful to Lily's parents, Ben and Amanda, and Patrick's mother, Rebecca, for bringing them to our meeting.

Director Reports
Treasurer Gayle told us about the change to our rental agreement with our bookshop landlord, George. Gayle met with George on Friday and we will now be paying him 20% of our income as rent. There was general agreement that our club keeping a percentage of takings was more favourable than having no income at all.
Secretary Robyn asked directors to send the names of their committee members to her. She noted that all members will have a turn at the meeting roles; greeter/chair, registration and duty officer. Robyn also asked members to collect ooshies, currently on offer from Woolworths, for the bookshop to give to children who visit the shop. Please remember to inform Secretary Robyn Harrison if you are unable to attend the meeting.
Youth Director Lou told us that a peace pole has been ordered for South Arm Primary School.
Events Director George reminded members of the quiz night next week, partners are welcome so come along, join a team and have some fun! He also gave us a rundown of some upcoming social nights, keep an eye on future bulletins and meetings for more information.
Public Image Director Numan noted that he has liaised with Adam about putting information in the District Newsletter about our 50th anniversary. They will not use the photos due to them including balloons, but we will still publicise this on our FB page. Numan is also working on creating an Instagram page and has put an application into the Hobart City Council for our kite festival. We will keep this simply by using our BBQ rather than organising food trucks.
President's Report
President Anne reported on attending the District Changeover Lunch in foggy Launceston on 19 July. District Governor Craig Perkins will continue in the role, and the event provided a valuable opportunity to network with members from other Rotary clubs.
Anne also highlighted the club's nominations for the Clarence City Council Citizenship Awards, recognising our Peace Event and Bob Hardy's work with the Clarendon Vale Community Garden. The awards presentation will be held in August.
Anne thanked Reg for his presentation on RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) at last week's meeting and noted that five club members have already volunteered to assist with the program. Anyone interested in helping is encouraged to contact Gayle, who can provide the link to the volunteer roster.
Members were reminded that board meetings will now replace Club Assembly and will be held during the regular meeting time, with all members to attend. Agendas and minutes are now available on Google Docs, and Anne will circulate a link to members. She also provided a handy guide explaining how to access the documents, save them to favourites and find them later. The next board meeting is 20 August.

Members wishing to add items to General Business are asked to email Robyn in advance so they can be included on the agenda.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Rob Warren fined members for the following:

- National Father-in-Laws Day (Annette Emmette mentioned it was also Embroidery Day)
- International Day of Friendship

Raffle Winners

Congratulations to David Harrison, who won the bottle of Red wine, and Numan, who took home the chocolates.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Terry Evans, Gloria Park, Susie Watton, Rose Clark, Ray & Shirin Pickett, and Mike & Sally Townsend.

DIARY OF EVENTS

DATE	Greeter/Chair	Registration	Duty Officers	Where
Thursday 6th August	George	Judy & Rose	Lou & Peter	Marina Bar (Downstairs)
Thursday 13th August	Anne	Karin & Gayle	David H & Reg	Training Room (Upstairs)
Thursday 20th August	Anne	Sally & Sandra	Mike & Bob	Marina Bar (Downstairs)
Thursday 27th August	Bob	Gloria & Gayle	Reg & Rose	Training Room (Upstairs)
Thursday 3rd September	Anne	Sue & Rob	George & Judy	Marina Bar (Downstairs)

NOTE

- **6th of August** is a **Social Night** please bring a partner and/or friends for a 100 Question Quiz Night.
- The next **Board Meeting** will be held during the **Club Assembly on Thursday, 20 August 2026**. The meeting agenda and the previous Board Meeting minutes

are available on **Google Docs**. Members experiencing any difficulties accessing these documents are encouraged to contact **Anne**, who will also be emailing instructions to assist with access.

~ Howrah Rotary Christmas ~

2026 – 2027 President Anne Reeves

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Rotary Club of Howrah's 51st-year of service

Location: *"Beaches Restaurant" Surf Road ~ Seven-Mile Beach*

Date: *Noon gather ~ Saturday 19th of December 202*

Stay tuned more information to come soon

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