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People Of Action In And For Our Community.

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CHANGING OF THE GUARD 2026/27 ……. The smiles say it all as President Gayle Smith proudly passes the Chain of Office to our new President, Anne Reeves, for the 2026–27 Rotary year. Anne joined our Club three years ago and quickly became an active and valued member. In 2024, she joined the Board as Projects Director, where she has made a significant contribution to the Club's activities and community projects.

As Principal of South Hobart Primary School, Anne already leads a very busy professional life, but she is looking forward to the opportunities and challenges of serving as Club President.
We congratulate Anne on her appointment and wish her every success in the year ahead.

Our sincere thanks go to Gayle for her outstanding leadership over the past year. We are delighted that she will continue to serve the Club in her familiar and much valued role as Treasurer.

MEET THE NEW BOARD FOR 2026/27 ……

PRESIDENT : Anne Reeves, EVENTS DIRECTOR : George Toepfer,
YOUTH DIRECTOR: Lou Otto, SECRETARY: Robyn Harrison,
INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS DIRECTOR: Terry Evans, TREASURER: Gayle Smith.
SERGEANT and MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Rob Warren,
PROJECTS DIRECTOR : Sue Morris, PUBLIC IMAGE DIRECTOR: Numan Rasul and DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR: Reg Emmett.

FROM PRESIDENT ANNE - OUR YEAR AHEAD ….

•**MAINTAINING** work from the past year; increasing fellowship amongst members, increasing efficiency in communication and sharing the work load.

•**STRENGTHENING** our knowledge of Rotary - we are part of a big movement across the world, the nation, our state and our region.

•**BUILDING** work with other Clubs on shared projects or to support our projects so we can work towards the Rotary International theme for this year - "Create Lasting Impact".

•**GROWING AND NUTURING** our membership; new and current members.

ROTARY THEME 2026/27 ….

The 2026-2027 theme, announced by Rotary International President-elect Olayinka H. Babalola, encourages members to **make a meaningful difference in their communities and around the world by focusing on sustainable, long-term outcomes rather than temporary change**. The theme builds on the previous year's message, "Unite for Good," and emphasizes harnessing connections among members to inspire collective action that leads to enduring positive effects.

WELL DONE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT GAYLE ….

As we come to the end of another busy year we should acknowledge and sincerely thank our outgoing President, **Gayle Smith**, for her outstanding leadership and dedication throughout the past Rotary year.

Gayle has consistently gone above and beyond the role of President, attending many additional events, handling difficult and sensitive situations with care and professionalism, and always following through to ensure things were done well.

As our "Bunnings BBQ Boss", she has undertaken much of the planning and preparation before spending the entire day ensuring every event ran smoothly. Her willingness to lead by example has been greatly appreciated. Under Gayle's leadership, our Club has enjoyed a very successful year, with improved communication, a willingness to embrace new ideas, and a strong focus on serving both our members and the community. Although her year as President has ended, we're delighted she will continue serving the Club as Treasurer.

Many thanks Gayle for acknowledging the efforts of the Board throughout the year the framed Certificates of Appreciation are indicative of your leadership style.

ROTARY BRINGS US ALTOGETHER ….

Our Club brings together people of all ages and backgrounds, making fellowship an essential part of maintaining the warm, welcoming atmosphere we value so highly.

These two members, David Taylor (left) and Honorary Member John Anderson, met for the first time at last Thursday's Changeover Meeting. The initial conversation quickly turned to who was the senior member, with John claiming the honours at 94 years young—just edging out David by a single year.

Both are true gentlemen who continue to contribute enormously to our Club through their knowledge, dignity, experience and friendship.

HERE AND THERE ……

- **Apologies for the Changeover meeting:** Sue Saunders, Gaylee Chick, Jacob George, Shohrab Hossain, Islam Raza, David Mitchell, Ray and Shirin Pickett.
- It was a wonderful turnout for our Changeover Meeting, with 29 members and partners gathering to celebrate an excellent and productive Rotary year and to welcome our new leadership team. The incoming Board is committed to maintaining our momentum while continuing to build on the Club's many successes. The observant among us will notice that the "new" team is not entirely new, with all members having served on last year's Board, albeit with a few changes of responsibility. This continuity should enable the team to hit the ground running and continue the Club's strong progress.

- **RAFFLE WINNERS:** Ian Reeves was quick to answer Sergeant George's question about his preferred wine, declaring, "It's always the red, George!" Partner and new President Anne was happy to endorse his choice.

Meanwhile, Terry Evans, recently returned to the Club following his unfortunate encounter with a small truck, happily accepted the bottle of white as a fitting welcome-back gift.

DIARY OF EVENTS …

JULY

Thurs. 9th Aidan Henwood- Pool Diver and Mike Whittle from the Stroke Foundation

Thurs. 16th ***Social Night***

Thurs. 23rd Craig Cracknell - HOFM Radio

Thurs. 30th Patrick Napper - Junior Beekeeper & Lily McDermott - Sport Climbing .

	DUTY	ROSTER	
Date	**Greeter/ Chair**	**Registration**	**Duty Officers**
Thurs. 2nd	**George**	**Karin & Rose**	**David H & Ken**
Thurs. 9th	**Susie**	**Robyn & Judy**	**Bob & Terry**
Thurs. 16th	***	**Social Night**	***
Thurs. 23rd	**Reg**	**George & Sally**	**Riley & Mike**

CHANGE OF EDITOR …. After thirteen years and, by my count, around 620 editions of the Bulletin, I am delighted to hand over the editorship to our Secretary, Robyn Harrison, and Public Image Director, Numan Rasul.
I would also like to acknowledge and sincerely thank Guest Editor George Toepfer, who has always stepped in whenever I have been away or unable to produce an edition. Your support has been greatly appreciated, George. Also would like to thank all photographers who have provided photos for the weekly editions. Thank you. **Cheers Rob.**

"You sure you've got Photoshop experience?"

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".