



Rotary District 9830
Tasmania
District Governor's
Newsletter



February 2012

Tassie's Biggest BBQ
Getting people fired up about Rotary



President Sue Hickey and Captain Sarah Parry of the Windeward Bound, following the presentation of a cheque for \$10,000 to support the work of the Windeward Bound sail training vessel.



RC Moonah entertaining the crowd at their fundraiser for the Hobart Dogs Home. Author Rachel Treasure presented a working dog demonstration using Rotary Exchange students, Giovana Vieira (Brazil) and Bek Dudley (on left side) and Moonah Rotarians (red shirts), Caroline Farquhar, Andrew Goldsworthy and Gail Appleby as sheep (baa!)



Peta Dolan and Caro Brown of RC Tamar Sunrise in the Brisbane St Mall in Launceston



President James Harrison and Charles Black literally fire up RC Launceston's new BBQ trailer - flame-grilled snags a house specialty!

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Rotary Information - the building blocks #6

Built into the Rotary structure are programs or activities for members to grow in Rotary through training or education.

We are all members of a Rotary club. The Club Assembly should be programmed regularly so that all members can receive reports about club planning and activities; district programs and progress and our global work. Mature adults welcome progressive learning and take responsibility for their own development within the Rotary family.

The District Assembly is held to formally prepare and update incoming club leaders for their roles within Rotary. These are well planned by experienced leaders in adult learning. Associated with the district assembly is the specific seminar for incoming club presidents – the Presidents-elect Training Seminar (PETS). This is held before the district assembly and involves the governor-elect, the assistant governors and the district trainer. It should be purposeful yet enjoyable.

Other district training or education activities may include – the membership seminar, a Public Relations seminar, information days, a leadership seminar and a Rotary Foundation Seminar. All are carefully planned and aimed to increase awareness and eventually service.

The International Assembly is held each year for the approximate 530 incoming district governors and is compulsory. The same goals as the club and district assemblies apply – motivation, inspiration and the sharing of techniques for leading, training and extension of service.

Logic suggests that the more we know and understand about Rotary the better each of us can serve our communities. It has been said that, "The meaning of life lies in serving; the value of life in giving".

John G. Thorne – Past Director of RI

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**Feet up - David Young of RC Kings Meadows takes a break at Tassie's Biggest BBQ.**

### Director's Profile - Chris Love Director of Marketing and Public Relations



**Chris Love and daughter, Ellie**

Chris has been a member of RC Sullivans Cove since 2006. He is currently in his second year as Director of Marketing and Public Relations. Chris is married to Kate with two daughters.

Chris' occupation is property development. His interests include personal fitness, dance, bushwalking and Rotary.

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Campbell Town High School students with PDG Richard Chugg, President of RC Evandale and the 40 plus shoeboxes they filled with food, toys and personal gifts and sent to children in Fiji for Christmas.

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### New Meeting Place for RC West Tamar

RC West Tamar now meets at the Exeter Recreational Centre, Murray Street, Exeter on Monday nights at 6.00pm for 6.30pm.

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### From the DG

Welcome to 2012. While it now seems in the distant past I hope all Rotarians and their families had a most enjoyable festive season.

With already seven months of Rotary year planning and achievements behind us, we now look forward to a strong few months of completing implementation of our plans and supporting our communities. It is also time to focus on following your strategies to ensure a strong future for your club.

February moves us into a busy couple of months: it kicked off with our Tassie's Biggest BBQ Day and I thank all the clubs for their efforts in helping to spread the word about the good work of Rotary and to encourage more in our community to seek membership. A big thank you to our Marketing and PR Committee for the extensive planning and organisation of publicity and materials for this event.

Shortly after on Sunday 26 February, we will be celebrating Family of Rotary Day at the Ross Community Recreation Ground. Our organising clubs Evandale and Oatlands have been putting together a wonderful program and events for the day and this will be circulated to all clubs shortly. A number of clubs have already booked buses for transporting their members and families. I encourage all Rotarians to take this opportunity to mix with Rotarian families from other clubs around the State.

Family of Rotary Day is also the opportunity for clubs to make a donation or pledge to the Rotary Foundation and each club will be given the opportunity to make a presentation. In addition we are expecting a couple of other important high-profile presentations on the day. **So be a part of this celebration.**

February is World Understanding Month in Rotary. It is also the month which includes Rotary's birthday and World Rotaract Week. In Tasmania we have three very active Rotaract clubs and investigations are underway to look at establishing two more. Rotaract is an important part of the Rotary family and I invite you to become more aware of the clubs' activities.

Members will recall that during the forums and club visits, I emphasised the availability of District Matching Grant monies and encouraged all clubs to consider a project for funding.

To date we have had only a small amount of interest in this Program. **We have funds available**, and I encourage you to talk with our District Grants Committee Chairman, Lew Pretorius, **now** about any projects you might wish to pursue.

It is also the time of year when the District Governor Elect, James Wilcox, kicks into second gear.



**District Governor Elect James Wilcox and Kathy with Rotary International President Elect, Sakuji Tanaka and his wife, Kyoko at the International Assembly in San Diego, California last month.**

James and Kathy have just returned from their final training in San Diego and District training for 2012-13 begins this month. We wish James and Kathy every success in their preparations.

### DG Peter

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DG Peter farewells outbound Rotary Youth Exchange student Anya Meure of Hobart. Anya will be undertaking her exchange in Sweden.

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Presidential Citations and Changemaker Awards for Clubs

Deadlines for clubs to submit applications is fast approaching. The deadline for the Changemaker Award is 15 March 2012. The deadline for the Presidential Citation is 6 April 2012. Completed forms must be submitted to DG Peter before the closing dates. Detailed information on these awards, including forms can be found at www.rotary.org.au or go to www.rotary9830.org.au.

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RC Devonport North staged its annual pre-Christmas "Breakfast in the Park" on the banks of the Mersey River. Six hundred breakfasts were served and the entire area cleaned up by 8.30am.

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RC Deloraine visited the Brandsema hydroponic tomato-growing enterprise at Turners Beach recently. Here Peter Griffen (left) and John Tabor inspect cherry tomatoes on the vine. From the facility, cherry tomatoes are supplied to Woolworths and "Perino" tomatoes are produced exclusively for Coles Stores.

Rough and Tumble at the Ulverstone Rodeo



Peter Little of RC Ulverstone West on the gate



Kristy Beswick (RC Ulv West) and Alex Matthews of Central Coast Rotaractors raffling real cowboy boots



Beth Grining (left) and Karen Flood (RC Ulv West) on catering duties

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Cycling Around the World Wolfgang's Tassie Leg

Saturday, 28th January saw several Rotarians from various parts of Tasmania gather in Devonport at the ungodly hour of 5.30am to meet the Spirit of Tasmania and greet one of its adventurous passengers – Professor Wolfgang Lenzen. The Professor, married to a Rotarian – member of the Rotary Club of Osnabruck-Mitte in Germany, is currently riding around the world to raise money for two charities; firstly, the fight against Aids in Uganda and secondly to help poor children to go to school in Ecuador.



Wolfgang (left), together with PP Caroline Brown (Tamar Sunrise) and PP Chris Brown (above), set off for a 'small day long' ride to Zeehan, watched by DGN Bruce Buxton, Gill Buxton and myself. As they cycled we enjoyed a leisurely breakfast at Anvers. The amazing Browns stayed with Wolfgang, riding and providing transport support for the first two days, finally saying farewell at Tarraleah on Sunday, 29th of January. Wolfgang cycled to Hobart on Monday, 30th joining City Central Hobart and President Anita Orchard for their meeting before being hosted by Rotarians Brett and Carmen Jenkinson.

Over the next couple of days, Wolfgang rode back to Devonport via Campbell Town and Deloraine. President Andrew Johnson of Deloraine hosted him on his last night in Tasmania, giving Wolfgang a little experience of life on a farm!

The next adventure for Wolfgang is his New Zealand Leg!

(Contributor: Madeline Logan)

"Gift of Sight" Nepal

This year, the "Gift of Sight" eye project in Nepal is supported by 12 District 9830 clubs. Hobart, Deloraine and Central Launceston successfully applied for a District Simplified Grant to support the project. Devonport, Ulverstone, Devonport North, Latrobe, Moonah, West Tamar, George Town, Sorell and Spring Bay clubs have also contributed to the project.



It is expected that over 1,000 local people with no opportunity for health care will benefit from the camp, with many having their eyesight restored.

A group of ten District 9830 Rotarians and partners are travelling to Nepal this month to participate in the next "Gift of Sight" camp in Hetauda. Following the camp, they are staying over to take in the stunning Nepalese scenery.

Kevin Shadbolt
Rotary Foundation Chairman, District 9830



RC D'Entrecasteaux Channel visited the Menzies Research Institute in Hobart to observe developments at the Institute. Stage One was completed in 2010 and Stage Two is scheduled for completion in 2013. Facilities are a far cry from those when the Menzies commenced research into cot death. Currently the Institute is conducting research into several major diseases including mental health which is complementary to the focus of Australian Rotary Health. RC D'Entrecasteaux Channel has been a strong supporter of health research.

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RC Wynyard shows how to attract more tourists and locals to unique river reserve - just add a BBQ.

It's a facility other towns can only dream about - Cape Bridge Reserve is a stone's throw away from the main street in Wynyard. A great place for enjoying the placid river views, bird watching, photography, safe waters for boating and aquatic activities, and walking tracks. Nine different orchids can be discovered along the walking track. Not to forget that most popular of recreational activities - fishing. From the reserve, you can catch a salmon or trout virtually in the main street of Wynyard.



Kayakers paddling past the Cape Bridge Reserve at Wynyard

The Rotary Club of Wynyard recognised the uniqueness of Cape Bridge Reserve; it realised that a BBQ on the reserve would encourage greater use on this wonderful facility on the bank of the Inglis River. So the club embarked on a project in 2010 to provide a BBQ shelter in the reserve.

Applications to the local Waratah-Wynyard Council and the Tasmanian Community Fund, plus a successful District Simplified Grant application, secured funding for the project. The club also dipped into its own funds to finance the project.

Stage one of the project, the construction of tables and chairs complete with concrete slabs, commenced in early 2010. Stage two saw the construction of the BBQ shelter. The District Simplified Grant helped fund this stage. The final stage involved the installation of a twin electric BBQ unit. Purchase of the unit and installation costs used up the \$10,000 grant from the Tasmanian Community Fund, with club funds meeting the shortfall.

At the handing over ceremony on 18 December, Trevor Hopf, the President of RC Wynyard, thanked club members and staff of the Waratah-Wynyard Council for their invaluable contributions to the project. He then handed over the keys to the BBQ unit to Council General Manager, Greg Winton and Council Deputy Mayor, Alwyn Friedersdorff.



Trevor Hopf, President of R C Wynyard, presents the keys to the electric BBQ units to Greg Winton, General Manager of the Waratah-Wynyard Council, while Alwyn Friedersdorff, Deputy Mayor, looks on.

Thanks to the foresight and drive of the Rotary Club of Wynyard, the town now has a superb river precinct for both locals and tourists to enjoy.

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### **National Youth Science Forum provides pathway to high academic achievement**

Attending the National Science Forums in Perth and Canberra in January 2011 has paid off for a number of Tasmanian students. They have distinguished themselves by being ranked in the top two percent of college students nationally. They included Catherine Kennedy (Hellyer College), Georgina Jaffray (Marist Regional College), Stephanie Chung (Collegiate), James Newlands (Elizabeth College) and Narak Narulla (Hutchins). Narak achieved a score of 99.85.

Following participation in the National Youth Science Forums in Perth and Canberra, Georgina and James were chosen to attend international science student courses in Russia and Canada respectively in 2011.

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### Welcome to new Rotarians

| New Rotarian     | Club                          |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Tony Ellis       | Sandy Bay                     |
| Donald McGinty   | Tamar Sunrise                 |
| Kathy George     | Hobart                        |
| Joanne Orr       | Hobart                        |
| Heather Francis  | Hobart                        |
| Sandra Thaow     | Hobart                        |
| Roslyn Tierney   | Hobart                        |
| Wayne Tucker     | Devonport North               |
| Dennis Clarke    | Ulverstone                    |
| Mandy Ochsendorf | City Central Hobart           |
| Catherine Hughes | Kings Meadows                 |
| Daniel Hulme     | Lindisfarne*<br>* transfer in |

### Congratulations to new Paul Harris Fellows

| Recipient                                 | Awarding Club |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Bill Moore                                | Hobart        |
| Brendan O'Connor                          | Devonport     |
| Doug Burt                                 | George Town   |
| Madeline Logan                            | George Town   |
| Denis Ryan (dec'd)                        | Glenorchy     |
| <b>Paul Harris Fellow- - Sapphire Pin</b> |               |
| Arnold Markham                            | Glenorchy     |
| John Beakley                              | Glenorchy     |

### Club Attendance Reports

Thank you to the clubs that have continuously supplied their attendance information month by month; this has been much appreciated by our hard-working Attendance Officer, Antal Hanke. However, in the light of the number of clubs who have not supplied their attendance return in the past couple of months, thus leaving us with a significantly incomplete record, we have not included a report this month. We will consider resuming publication when all clubs supply the information required.



Central Coast Rotaractors manning a food van at the Ulverstone Rodeo

### Are you social? RI and our District Conference

There is no denying that social media is now one of the fastest and easiest means of communication. Whether you're 'tweeting' about current events or posting a picture on Facebook, social media has now well and truly made its way into our social and business culture.

Moving from strength to strength, social media has confirmed its place in global communications with Facebook alone having over 800 million active users worldwide.

Rotary International, like many Rotary Clubs, now enjoys access to the social media world through accounts with networks including Facebook and Twitter. With the promise of "it's free and always will be", the social media bandwagon is undeniably a simple yet effective way of spreading the Rotary message. Rotary International Facebook and Twitter page updates daily with the latest in news from the Rotary world, and photos and posts of the goings on at Rotary International.

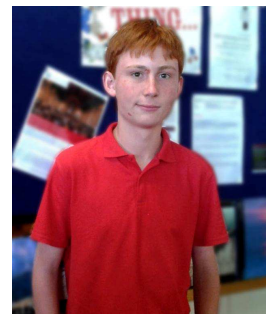
To start out Google "Rotary International" and click on [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org). From here you can get into Facebook, Twitter etc. (see below)

#### Social Networks



On the Rotary International website, you can subscribe to receive regular news updates from Rotary International.

**Our conference this year will be providing information on our increasing use of technology. You will be able to get to know Skype, Facebook and the District website. Registration forms will be available shortly.**



Jake Smith has been announced as the winner of the R C Smithton Bursary

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### Exchange Students - at work and play, and flying out.



Six great ambassadors for Tasmania - Evie Chalk, Ashleigh Cashburn, Rachael Dick, Clyrs Hursey, Cecilia Baker and Rose Findlater - flying out to start Rotary Youth Exchanges



Rotary Youth Exchange Director Judy Hicks and DG Peter with inbound and outbound exchange students at camp



Ready to take to the water at the youth exchange camp



Manon Speich, haymaking on the West Tamar with PDG Mike Perkins



Hjalte Jensen learning how to milk cows



Corentin Delabay enjoying a Tassie Christmas with the Pretorius family near St Helens

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