

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DELORAINE INC.

Chartered 5th March, 1957

Assembly: Tuesday 6.15 for 6.30p.m.
Rotary Function Centre

(Postal Address & Phone Number: P.O. Box 85, Deloraine 7304 / 6362 2325)

WEEKLY BULLETIN

District Governor Pam Scott OAM

Rotary Community Leader (North) - Alan Harris

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024-25

President	Andrew Dare
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Saturday 5th July Tuesday 15th

Chairman: President Andrew President Greg

Toast: Annette Viney Lois Cathclove

Sergeant: Maree Matanle Andrew Johnston

Corporal: Peter Griffin Merrilyn Young
Heads & Tails: Tim Biggs Peter Griffin

President's Table PE Greg Burgess Annette Viney

Maree Matanle Don Collins

Caterers: Football Club

Venue Set-Up: Vocational Service

Attendance: Greg Burgess Stephanie Johnston

assisted by Anthea Davey-Griffin Paul Bowman

Guest Speaker: Club Changeover Club Forum / Committees

JULY

Tuesday 1st No Meeting—transferred to

Saturday 5th Club Changeover at Deloraine Football Club Rooms—6.00pm

Monday 7th breakfast at Deloraine Deli (8.00am)

Tuesday 8th No Dinner Meeting

Board Meeting at Bendigo Meeting Room (7.00pm)

ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Rotarians please note that for weekly meetings you will be automatically booked in. If you are unable to attend, please advise

PP Ann Axelsen by 12.00 noon each Monday / Phone 041 111 6480

To enable correct numbers to be given to the Caterers, it is important that Rotarians adhere to this. Please also advise if you are bringing guests.

Rotarians please remember to advise PP Ann if you have any dietary requirements.

Bulletin Information

Information for Weekly Bulletins is sought from **ALL Rotarians.** Information should be emailed or given to PP Ann Axelsen — <code>aaxelsen@live.com.au</code> Information should be submitted by **Sunday**.



Next Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 14th August, 5.00pm at the Bendigo Bank Community Meeting Room

FAMILY OF ROTARY

INDUCTIONS:

PP Maree Matanle 30th June PP Annette Viney 5th July

BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP AT THE DELORAINE DELI

We will continue to hold Breakfast Fellowship Meetings at the Deloraine Deli in 2025, meeting from 8.00am

This is a great time to enjoy the company of each other in a social atmosphere. Please note that all are invited to this gathering (Honorary Members, Partners, friends, PHFs) you just need to make sure that you advise Ann of your attendance by the Friday prior.

Next Breakfast date will be Monday 7th July



DINNER MEETING TUESDAY 15TH JULY

Our first meeting under the leadership of President Greg will be held on **Tuesday 15th July**, at the Rotary Function Centre.

At this meeting we will have a Club Forum / Committee Meetings.

Also during this meeting, an opportunity to view the Craft Fair items that have been acquired and were formerly been displayed at the Visitor Centre. A chance to see which ones we should consider keeping and which ones could possibly be sold.

And following on from the discussions last week with regards to the replacement of the "Trolley", Greg will bring along the one he has.

Information re other options, will be available on the screen.



DISTRICT CHANGEOVER HELD SUNDAY 29TH JUNE

Sunday saw our District Changeover. Outgoing District Governor Pam thanked all Rotarians from around Tasmania for all their support and assistance in the last year, acknowledging that with the Rationalisation Pilot changes happening, it has been a challenging year for all.

Pam gave special thanks to Rotarians with over 30 years service—presenting those present with a "Certificate of Appreciation" as acknowledgement of their commitment to "Service Above Self"



"District Governor's Award" Certificates were presented to a number of Rotarians, as well as "Paul Harris Fellows" to RYDA (Rotary Youth Driver Awareness) co-ordinators and facilitators.

With thanks to District Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR. CRAIG PERKINS

On Sunday, I began my journey as District Governor—an honour and responsibility I very much respect. The day was especially meaningful with my family by my side: my wife Leith, my daughters Georgina and Rebecca and their partners, and my parents, PDG Michael and Lesley. Being the first father-and-son team to both serve as District Governors is a milestone I deeply cherish.



A heartfelt congratulations to Pam Scott OAM for her outstanding leadership in 2024–2025.

As we step into this next chapter, I'm energised by the road ahead and committed to building a bold and vibrant future for Rotary in Tasmania.

As I outlined at the Changeover, let me reaffirm a truth we all understand—change is not just necessary; it's inevitable. Every decision we make must be guided by its potential for impact. And when we see success, we must amplify it—boldly and proudly.

In the year ahead, I'll encourage us to be daring. Let's explore new approaches that energise both new and seasoned Rotarians. My District Governor project for both years is simple yet ambitious: *Rotary in Tasmania*. It's time to rebuild with purpose and lay a strong foundation for the next 100 years.

To help lead this transformation, I've outlined two key initiatives in collaboration with our Rotary Community Leaders:

a Public Image Task force and a Membership Task force

With thanks to District Newsletter





WHAT'S HAPPENING and WHEN??

(Please note details are subject to change)

JULY

Tuesday 1st No Meeting—transferred to Saturday 5th July

Saturday 5th Club Changeover Dinner—Deloraine Football Clubrooms

Monday 7th Breakfast at Deloraine Deli (8.00am)

Tuesday 8th No Dinner Meeting

Board Meeting 7.00pm at Bendigo Bank Meeting Room

Tuesday 15th Dinner Meeting at Rotary Function Centre

Club Forum / Committee Planning Meetings

Tuesday 22nd Dinner Meeting at Rotary Function Centre

Tuesday 29th No Dinner Meeting

AUGUST

Tuesday 5th Dinner Meeting at Rotary Function Centre

Michael Plunkett—Craft Fair Update

Monday 11th Breakfast at Deloraine Deli (8.00am)

Tuesday 12th No Dinner Meeting

Board Meeting 7.00pm at Bendigo Bank Meeting Room

Thursday 14th TCF Meeting—5.30pm at Bendigo Bank Meeting Room

Tuesday 19th Dinner Meeting at Rotary Function Centre Tuesday 26th Dinner Meeting at Rotary Function Centre

OCTOBER

Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th

Rotary Family Weekend at Orford

Friday 31st Tasmanian Craft Fair starts

NOVEMBER

Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd

Tasmanian Craft Fair

MARCH 2026

Friday 13th to Sunday 15th

Combined District 9815 and 9830 District Conference



UNITE FOR GOOD

ROTARY FAMILY WEEKEND

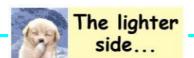
DG Craig invites all Rotarians to attend this years Rotary Family weekend over the weekend of the

3rd - 5th October

The Rotary Club of Spring Bay are promising a great weekend exploring and enjoying Orford, Triabunna and surrounds.

If anyone wants to book accommodation early at the Eastcoaster Resort, they can book online (https://eastcoastertasmania.com.au/) and use the booking ID 55090 for a Rotary Discount.

Hope to see as many there as possible.
Cheers Craig



"What's your father's occupation?" asked the school secretary on the first day of the new academic year.

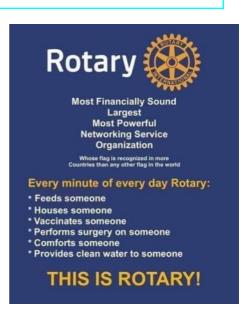
"He's a magician, Ma'am" said the new boy.

"How interesting. What's his favourite trick?"

"He saws people in half."

"Gosh! Now, next question. Any brothers or sisters?"

"One half brother and two half sisters."





ROTARY CATERING INFORMATION

SET UP — VOCATIONAL SERVICE TUESDAY 15TH JULY

For Rotary:

- **1.** Directorate nominated on Roster is responsible for set up and pack up. If not available please arrange own change.
- 2. Set-Up
 - a) Obtain code from Ann 041 111 6480
 - b) Tables into correct position and to set tables with Cutlery, Rotary Placemats, Salt, Pepper, Serviettes, Water Carafes
 (Note—tablecloths to be used only for 'special' occasions)
 - c) To ensure that glasses are placed on side table with drinks. Note: Only one bottle of red and one bottle of white to be opened at beginning of night, if more are required these are held at the President's table.
 - d) To place on table with 2 kettles—mugs, spoons, tea, coffee etc. Ensure kettles are filled, power point on, and set kettles to boil
 - e) Heaters on (as required)
 - f) Set up PA System
 - g) Assist with Attendance (check Weekly Duties list)
- **3.** Pack-Up (assistance from all Rotarians appreciated)
 - a) Everything off tables and back to kitchen
 - b) At the end of the night all opened bottles of wine should be removed from the Function Centre
 - c) Pack up PA system
 - d) When tablecloths are used, to take home and wash
 - e) Tables and chairs—put away
 - f) Check toilets
 - g) Lights off, lock up and keys back in box.

Caterers:

Set Up: This is on a rotational basis:

International Service 22nd July
PR & Membership 5th August
Club Service & TCF Committees 19th August
Youth Service 26th August
Community Service 2nd September
Vocational Service 16th September



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PRESIDENTS' REPORT

My second year as Rotary President has come to an end. I have enjoyed this year just as much as I did the first year but have relaxed a little more this year. It surprises me just how much I still don't know about Rotary. I think the Rotary journey is to continually learn and help where you can.

The year started off with my secretary, Liz Tomlinson, resigning due to family matters which meant I continued without a secretary. With the help of my Board members, we have continued to move forward in the club.



I was pleased to secure another Bendigo Bank Grant for \$16,500 to install 4 Heat Pumps in the Rotary Function Centre which has made a huge difference in heating (and cooling) the main area in the Function Centre. That combined with our solar panels and a new power tariff that we have changed will keep our power costs to a minimum when hiring the centre out.

During the year we have had numerous guest speakers visiting us, thank you to all the club members involved organising this to happen.



With the help from Youth Director Michael Swannell, we were able to supply and install 3 Rotary Peace Poles at Our Lady of Mercy, Deloraine and Mole Creek Primary Schools. Another 2 Peace Poles will be donated to Deloraine and Meander Community Houses this year.

We again sponsored the Vocational Training Awards, held in Launceston this year, Andrew Bartlett being chosen to

enter. Andrew has decided to become a member of our club; we look forward to working with him and enjoying his company.

Our club also sponsored 2 swimming instructors from Mole Creek to qualify for our learn-to-swim programme held each year in January.

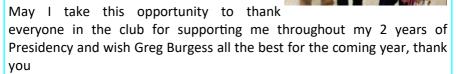
In early February we helped run the Pasifika festival held on the lawn outside of the Rotary Function Centre where we saw the island berry pickers dance to various traditional and non-traditional music. This was funded through a local council grant and was a great event enjoyed by

around 300 people.

We also sponsored 3 young people for a Tertiary Scholarship in their chosen fields, Emily for \$3,000 and 2 encouragement awards for \$1,000 each going to Ashleigh and Jacob.

We welcomed our Rotary exchange student, Sofia from Belgium who was hosted by Gayle and Michael Plunkett here in Deloraine and with another 2 hosts in Launceston.

We have had a busy enough year, and it will continue into this next phase where our new President will be in control.



Andrew Dare

CLUB SERVICE REPORT

Club Service differs from our other Committees in that it consists of a large number of individual roles and sub-committees. Thanks to everyone who took on roles within Club Service, assisting in the basic functioning of the Club.

There were many well deserved (and some undeserved) fines during the year, handed out by our Sergeants Maree and Anthea, as well as from the floor. Heads and Tails was performed with strict impartiality by John Tabor and Tim. Steen as Public Officer officiated at our AGM and also carried out the behind-the-scenes work associated with this role.

We had many excellent and varied guest speakers in the past year, thanks to our Program sub-committee of Ann and Maree and others in the Club who provided speaker suggestions.

Merrilyn organised the caterers for our dinner meetings. Compared to the time



when we first transferred our meetings to the Function Centre, when it was a struggle to find caterers, we now have a good roster of groups who provide the meals.

Ann produced the Bulletin on a weekly basis, a task which has very few breaks throughout the year. The effort she puts into the layout and keeping it fresh with jokes and other items of interest deserves particular acknowledgement.

The Function Centre continued to sustain a high level of external bookings, with Ann continuing in the Caretaker role. It also saw a significant



upgrade in the installation of new heating in Rotary Hall, with funds from a grant applied for by President Andrew. Andrew and Michael Plunkett also improved the security of the building by installing new locks after the break-in last year.

As Webmaster I created a new website for the Function Centre, after we were advised that the existing website was to be shut down by the provider. At the suggestion of Michael Plunkett I applied for the Club to have access to Microsoft's Non-profit program, which offers discounted and free software. After a lot of back and forth we were finally accepted in the last week; this will reduce the software costs associated with the Craft Fair and will also enable us to have shared file storage for things like Board minutes and Rotary History.

In addition to the people mentioned above, thanks to: Marc Smith for being our photographer; Ann for Family of Rotary; John Dare for Rotary information, Club History and the Function Centre Committee; Lois for Club property and Fellowship; Ann for meeting apologies; and Roy for Club History.

Greg Burgess

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

Once again we have been lucky enough to be able to give money for the Tasmanian Training Awards. The Vocational Student of the Year Award sponsored by the Rotary Club of Deloraine recognises outstanding achievement by a vocational student in a course of study leading to a

nationally recognised qualification. There where 4 nominees in this category and the winner for 2024 was Andrew Bartlett who has a Certificate 3 in Individual Support (Disability). We at the club have been lucky enough to have Andrew as a guest speaker after his win to share his story and also to tell us how this award has been a wonderful experience for him



We also have again given Tertiary Scholarships for 2024/25. Thanks must go to Annette, John Tabor and Andrew Johnston for being willing to go on the interviewing panel (not an easy job). We had 6 applicants and in the end it was agreed the Emily S was given \$3,000 Emily has chosen to go to Sydney to study a Bachelor of Medicine/Science plus a Bachelor of International Studies. We also gave Jacob C \$1,000 Jacob is doing Flight Training in Hobart and \$1,000 to Ashleigh W doing Certificate 3 Early Childhood Educator in Launceston.

We did not find anyone to go to the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards this year but once again where pleased to be a Gold Sponsor for this event.

Unfortunately we have not had any vocational visits this year but we will endeavour to hopefully plan for some in the coming year.

Stephanie Johnston



YOUTH SERVICE

LEARN TO SWIM

As has been the case for many years we ran another successful Learn-to-Swim program in January. We had a turnout of 72 kids some who have been part of the program in past years and about a third that are home schooled. Much of the awareness was gained through Facebook as well as word of mouth. A big thanks to Margaret and Stephanie Amour a formidable mother and daughter team who have been instructors for many years. Unfortunately, they will not be able to continue in this role and finding replacement instructors has been an ongoing challenge. To address this the Board agreed to pay for two people to undertake a swimming instructor course on the basis that they commit to being the instructors for the 2026 program. Andrew Dare was able to identify two candidates through the Mole Creek Progress Association, and we now have two qualified instructors ready for the next program. To Lois, thank you again for your significant effort in keeping the program afloat and to others who helped over the two weeks. Get the word out to any mums, dads and kids that you have in your personal orbit – we want all kids to be water safe.

PEACE POLES

As part of the 2024 Rotary Peace Poles program, Deloraine Club committed to placing a pole at each of the three primary schools in our catchment area: Deloraine Primary, Mole Creek Primary, and Our Lady of Mercy. Andrew Dare and I attended an unveiling ceremony at each of the schools which included involvement from the students reading parts of the script so they got a better understanding of the importance and meaning behind the poles. The poles include the wording – *May Peace Prevail on Earth* – and each school decided on the additional languages

to English they would include on their poles. The poles and ceremonies were received well by both staff and students and the Youth Services Committee will consider whether we hold ongoing annual ceremonies to remind staff and students of their meaning.



ROTARY YOUTH DRIVER AWARENESS

In September, we had a group of Deloraine members assisting with the District Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) program. From all accounts it met the key objective of making young drivers safer and to that end it is a program that we will continue to support. If I have left anyone off the list I apologise, but thank you at minimum to Annette, Michael Plunkett, Maree, Stephanie, Merrilyn, and Andrew.

YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

We welcomed Sofia Derouau from Belgium as our inbound student to Tasmania in September 2024. Sofia spent her first 3 months with her host family in Launceston and in December 2024 moved to Deloraine and Michael and Gayle Plunkett kindly agreed to host Sofia for the next 3-4 months. She has now moved back to Launceston to a new host family.

Molly Tillack-Smith who lives in Elizabeth Town left for Denmark in January 2025. She is fitting in very well and seems to be liking living in Denmark.



Molly joined an English-speaking debating team and has been participating in competitions. Molly has also thoroughly enjoyed the opportunities to travel to other countries and as well as places in Denmark. School is over for the summer break, and she joined other Rotary exchange students on a Eurotour which was a 14 day bus trip across Europe visiting places including Paris, Amsterdam, Austria Italy France Belgium, Czechia (Czech Republic), Germany, and Netherlands. We were fortunate to have Molly's mum, Alison to come along and speak at a club meeting in June to share a parents perspective. In my latest correspondence with Molly, she indicated an interest in being involved in

Rotary when she returns later this year, so part of my job this coming year is to make sure we can harness her enthusiasm and get her involved.

Thanks
Michael Swannell



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Deloraine Rotarians have had strong and broadly based impacts on many critical developments within the local community, through engaging with a variety of groups and organisations, within the district, during this last year.

President Andrew has encouraged our Club to be open to partnering with our Community in the pursuit of leveraging the resources to enhance the amenity and social cohesion. To ensure the Meander Valley retains the capacity to provide the diverse opportunities to its residents in a fast changing world.

PACIFIC ISLANDER CONCERT

Deloraine Rotary hosted a very successful cultural evening at Alveston Drive, with assistance from the Deloraine Lions Club and the Meander Valley Council, showcasing the Indigenous singing and dancing of groups representing East Timor, Tonga, Samoa, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu. Special thanks to Andrew, Maree and Greg. All who participated are keen to make this an annual event.





DAY AT THE CREEK

This was held in February, and Deloraine Rotarians assisted in running this years event, with twelve members involved. Funds raised—\$4,500.

POCKET PARK

President Andrew has represented the Club in this development.

WILDWOOD LANDCARE GROUP

John Tabor and Tim Biggs have collaborated with the new Wildwood Landcare group to advance the developments on the river bank.

STOBIE POLE PROJECT

Rotary has provided initial assistance with Meander Valley Council, in the planning phase of a proposal to develop artwork on 10 to 12 Tas Network poles in the Main Street.

Peter Griffin









(These are some examples of Stobie Poles that have been decorated with artwork)



Rotarians Make the World Better, One Community at a Time.





Generic Email Addresses

Club Officers:

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www.rotaryclubofdeloraine.org.au/rotary-function-centre www.tascraftfair.com.au

Social Media



https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubofDeloraine/

https://www.facebook.com/tascraftfair



https://www.instagram.com/deloraine rotary/



District Website www.rotary9830.org.au MY Rotary https://my.rotary.org/

Rotary Officers:

R.I. President: Stephanie Urchick
District Governor (9830) Pam Scott OAM
District Governor-Elect (9830) Craig Perkins
Rotary Community Leader (North) Alan Harris

DISTRICT 9830 CLUBS IN THE NORTHERN REGION

Monday:

Central Launceston Launceston Grand Chancellor 12.45 for 1.00pm

Launceston West The Boathouse on Northbank

55a Lindsay St 5.30 for 6.00pm

West Tamar The Exeter Community Club 6.00 for 6.15pm

Youngtown Launceston Golf Club, Opossum Road,

Kings Meadows 5.45 for 6.15pm

Tuesday:

Deloraine Rotary Function Centre 6.15 for 6.30pm Scottsdale Anabel's Restaurant 6.00 for 6.30pm

Wednesday:

Georgetown The Bass and Flinders Centre 6.45 for 7.00pm

(not 1st Wed of month)

Kings Meadows Launeston Golf Club

(1st and 3rd Wednesday) 5.45 for 6.15pm

Launceston Hotel Grand Chancellor, Cameron St 6.00 for 6.15pm

Tamar Sunrise The Florence Café

49 Brisbane Street 7.00 for 7.15am

Westbury Westbury RSL Club 6.45 for 7.00pm

Thursday:

LongfordLongford RSL Club, Wellington St6.30 for 7.00pmSouth LauncestonLaunceston Grand Chancellor5.45 for 6.15pm

Rotary Club of Legana

Meetings are held online. Form more details visit their Facebook

Clubs in other Regions are listed at

http://www.rotary9830.org.au/administration/club-meetings/



COMMITTEES

CLUB SERVICE: Paul Bowman
Public Officer - Steen Andersen

Apologies Bulletin Club Night Set Up

Ann Axelsen Committees on a Roster basis

041 111 6480 Gayle Plunkett

 Heads & Tails
 Club History
 Sergeant
 Programme

 Peter Griffin
 Bev Ritchie
 Andrew Johnston
 Andrew Dare

 Tim Biggs
 Maree Matanle
 Tony Wadley
 Peter Griffin

 Rob van der Elst

Photographer Family of Rotary Fellowship

Marc Smith Ann Axelsen John Tabor Rotary Function Centre
Andrew Dare (Chairman)

 Club Property
 Rotary Information
 Club Protection Officer
 Michael Plunkett

 Lois Catchlove
 Paul Bowman
 Michael Plunkett

WebmasterRotary Function Centre CaretakerGreg BurgessAnn Axelsen (041 111 6480)

VOCATIONAL SERVICE

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Director: Director:

Stephanie JohnstonMerrilyn YoungAndrew JohnstonRob van der ElstBev RitchieTony WadleyJohn TaborDon CollinsAndrew BartlettB.Lee CervantesPeter GriffinPaul Bowman

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Director:

Anthea Griffin-Davey

Ann Axelsen Tim Biggs Maree Matanle Michael Plunkett Gayle Plunkett Roy Axelsen

MEMBERSHIP & PR

Director:

Andrew Dare
Peter Griffin

MUNA & RYDA Annette Viney

Steen Andersen

Michael Swannell

Lois Catchlove

Andrew Dare

Marc Smith

Michael Bennett

Director:

YOUTH SERVICE

Rotary Pratt Foundation

Andrew Johnston (Chairman), Annette Viney (Secretary), Tim Biggs (Treasurer), Barb Harvey, Kim Burgess

TASMANIAN CRAFT FAIR

Director: Michael Plunkett

Treasurer: Tim Biggs

Secretary: Ann Axelsen

Lois Catchlove

Annette Viney