

# CLUB NEWS



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**Rotary Grace:** For good food, good fellowship and the opportunity to serve, may the Lord's name be praised. **Amen.**

## **PROGRAM                      TONIGHT                      NEXT MEETING**

<b>Speaker:</b>	Dr Bruce Jackson	Golf Day
<b>Topic:</b>	Abalone virus	Longford Golf Club
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Corey Hogarth	Bob Saunders
<b>Corporal:</b>	Bob Saunders	Josh Holyman
<b>Attendance:</b>	Janice Johnstone	Jeremy Rockliffe
<b>Birthdays:</b>	Pat Headlam Karl Thomas	8 <sup>th</sup> April 11 <sup>th</sup> April

**Club Anniversary:**

**Wedding Anniversary:**

**Attendance last meeting:** 77.78%; 25 Rotarians; Honorary Rotarians Andrew Johnstone & Bruce Viney; GSE Team: Bill Ricks, Katy Datz, Karen Drake, Geoff Lewis & Shane Woolf; Visiting Rotarian: Heather Sheppard; 12 Partners; 2 Guests; 2 Leave of Absence [P Blakemore, P Hoyle]; 1 Sick [R McBain], 2 Make ups [J Hibbins, J Rockliffe], 4 Apologies [Graeme Green, L Green, M McPeace, M Moore].

## **GSE 2011 - another Longford Rotary success**

The GSE team from Virginia have come and gone with a whirlwind tour that has set them up for their five week visit to Tasmania.

It is fair to say that Bill, Karen, Geoff, Shane and the irrepressible Katy had a great time, due in no small part to the meticulous planning undertaken by James and Vivian.

Events included the welcome BBQ, a trip to Freycinet, a look at some devils, fish and other local sights as well as the vocational visits so central to the GSE program. At several stages Linus and Bill were seen with practical demonstrations of local recycling, particularly glass!

All of our visitors were blown away by the level of engagement and hospitality of our club. Everyone involved take a bow, particularly:

- James and Vivian for putting the program together.
- Our hosts – Tim & Fiona, Graeme & Iris, Vivian & Dorle, Linus & Dee and Bob & Viv.
- Jeremy for driving the bus – safely.

The visit culminated in the GSE team presentation at our last meeting, which was a great event.

Well done Rotary Club of Longford.



Geoff, Bill, Shane, Karen and Katy (front) at Cape Tourville in the Freycinet National Park.



The team visited the Tasmanian Devil program at Cressy Research Station.

The visit, hosted by David Schaap, was an opportunity to learn about the facial tumour disease that put the Tasmanian Devil on the endangered species list in May 2008.

## **Queensland Flood Appeal**

The District's Queensland Flood Appeal has closed with \$718,000 being raised by the 48 Rotary clubs in Tasmania – on top of that there will be a contribution by the State Government.

These funds will be used to build a community facility in a flood affected area of Queensland. A project at Murphy's Creek in the Lockyer Valley is under close consideration.

## **Perth Primary School Fair**

A few club members ran the Rotary chocolate wheel at the Perth Primary School Fair on Friday 1st April and raised a healthy \$1,540 (\$300 more than last time).

The Wheel was once again the largest fundraising activity at the Fair and Christene Sytsma reported that the Fair organising committee was "very, very happy with the result".

Thank you to Lyndon and his team.

## District Conference

The 2011 District Conference was held at Devonport from Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April to Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

There were 350 delegates at what was an informative and inspiring opportunity to listen to some fantastic speakers and to learn about what Rotary has achieved and importantly where we are headed.

Past Rotary International President Bill Boyd was the representative of current President Ray Klingensmith and addressed the Conference on where the Rotary Foundation is up to with the PolioPlus campaign. Bill was presented with a cheque for \$20,950 for the NZ Earthquake Appeal.

Keynote speakers included Kellie Walker a survivor (so far) of the cancer related BRAC 1 gene, Alister McCrae of Shadforths who spoke about investing in the post GFC world, and Richard Bovill who talked about the facts and fictions of the Tasmanian food bowl.

The highlight of the Conference was the presentation by Colonel Pamela Melroy USAF (retired) who took part in three space missions in 2000, 2002 and 2007. She was commander of her last mission on board Mission STS-120 Discovery.

Pamela captivated the audience during her 1¼ hour presentation that included remarkable video taken during the mission. She was present throughout most of the Conference and didn't tire of answering questions about her amazing career. Pamela also addressed the students of St. Brendon Shaw-College on the Friday afternoon.



Pamela attended a cocktail reception for sponsors and she presented all sponsors with a signed print depicting the last mission and gave DG Ted a large print that has been delivered to his personal picture framer.

The 2011 Conference was a great success and set a standard that will need to be aimed for in 2013.