



Meeting Notes 18th November

Meeting opened: 5:15pm

Present: Peter, Toni, Jill, Tammy, Jane, Lyn, Don, Yvette Story (guest speaker), Ashok Gnawali (prospective new member)

Apologies: Karina, Becc

Yvette and Ashok were welcomed to the meeting

Yvette spoke (accompanied by a power point presentation) about her experiences as a buddy mid-wife with Papua New Guinea Health and Rotary, and about conditions and facilities (or lack of) for pregnant women in Papua New Guinea. She presented data which showed the appalling discrepancy between Australia and PNG in terms of health outcomes, and particularly with respect to women's health and pregnancy.

Toni thanked Yvette for her enlightening and informative presentation.

Ashok was introduced as a prospective new member. He has been a Rotaractor since 2014 with his home club, the Rotaract Club of Tinau City (Nepal). He recently moved from Melbourne to Tasmania and is now living at 19 Scott Street, Bellerive.

Since arriving here, he has noticed many Rotary initiatives in the community and local parks, and it has reminded me how much he values being part of the Rotary family. He would very much like to continue his Rotary journey here in Tasmania by becoming involved with the Rotary Club of Bellerive.

Financial Statement

General Account: \$16989.74

Community Service Account: \$5688.69

Payments of \$241.65, \$240.50 and \$43 have been made to Becc for purchases on behalf of the club for Share the Dignity products.

From Previous Meeting:

Jill has purchased a suitable structure for the “new” book library to be established at the WMNHC community Garden. Ross will waterproof it before handover.
Thanks to Jill and Ross.

From E-mails

1. Rotary District AGM will be via ZOOM 5pm on 30th November. The link for the meeting is in the email forwarded by Becc to all members on Monday, 3rd November. Becc will be the official proxy for the meeting. (Link below)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87312078650?pwd=dPGFYTIbsnaWEQxJ2EpNMwY4tO3wjF.1>
2. Giving Tuesday: 2nd December
3. Fundraising for Hurricane Melissa victims in the Carribean

Other Business

1. Bunnings Barbecue 30th November
8-12: Toni, Glenys, Peter, Donna (all need to leave promptly at 12)
11-2: Jill
12-4: Jill (12-2), Karina. Lyn, Tammy, Don. (2-4)

Toni to order extra onions (2x6kg bags), Peter to order extra bread and sausages.

A proportion of the funds from this barbecue will be donated to the the appeal to support earthquake victims in the Phillipines.

2. Christmas Raffle – Lindy (Bunnings) has provided 5 x \$20 vouchers, plus items donated previously. Jane and Tammy volunteered to organise raffle in conjunction with our Christmas dinner.
3. Christmas dinner.- booked for 30 people, 17th December at Driftwood. \$58 per head, 6pm for 6:30pm start. Toni to purchase chocolates for tables.
4. “Share the Dignity” – Becc has this under control and will arrange delivery of donated items. Not too late to donate – call Toni or Becc if you have further donations.
5. Bike station near Howrah Men’s Shed – still not repaired. Toni to ring Clarence Council.

6. Website needs updating. Jane to investigate. Toni to provide a short precis of the last year's activities.
7. "Boobs for Breast Cancer" – Monica Evans (Launceston volunteer) has offered to facilitate distribution and collection of materials in the north. A recent stitchalong in the south provided materials for 100 drain bags for mastectomy patients.
8. Toni raised the need to identify key projects for the future, as we have a range of activities in motion, but no specific focus.
Possible projects raised for consideration to date:

- Christmas Market (2026)
- Health expo (2026)
- Dog's Day Out (2026)
- East Derwent Highway beautification
- Angel Shot
- Femimine hygiene vending machines
- Tasmanian Bike Collective

It was decided that we seek further information re The Bike Collective (Tammy has emailed) with a view to donating a cash amount of \$1000 towards their start-up expenses if the further information sought meets with our values and focus.

Other projects to be initiated early in 2026.

Next meeting will be the AGM, 2nd December, 5 for 5:15pm. Please bring a plate of finger food to share.

Meeting closed: 6:45pm

Tasks

- Donna – WwVP card
- Becc – pick up [property from Peter)
- Tammy – nipper board labels, barbecue signage
- Jill – finalise dinner numbers
- Jane – update website
- Tanmmmy and Jane – Christmas raffle
- Toni – confirm with Driftwood, ring Clarence Council re bike station near Howrah Men's Shed, infor for Jane for website
- All – items for Christmas raffle, Share the dignity

