

“BE THE INSPIRATION”

The Rotary Club of Kingston meets at the Kingborough Bowls Club, Margate, Mondays 6.30 for 7.00

Tonight’s meeting #2165

This week: 26/11/18

CLUB SERVICE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and ASSEMBLY

Chairman	Pres Jill Sward
Registration/Raffle prize	PP Roger Bastone
Assistant	PP Malcolm Wells
Meet ‘n Greet/Décor/TT Steward	Rtn Imogen Fullagar

Next meeting 3/12/18

COMMUNITY SERVICE
ANNUAL VISIT TO KINGSTON FIRE STATION

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Registration/Raffle prize	PP Neil Bester
Assistant	PP Rod Williams

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WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING IN OUR CLUB?
ANYTHING WE NEED TO KNOW?
CHECK OUR CLUB WEBSITE: www.rotaryclubofkingston.org

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“A BAD NEIGHBOUR IS AS GREAT A PLAGUE AS A GOOD ONE IS A BLESSING; HE WHO ENJOYS A GOOD NEIGHBOUR HAS A PRECIOUS POSSESSION.”

Hesiod (c. 735 b.c.e.)

Leave of absence: PPs Lois Haas, Paul Jack.

Last week’s meeting: This was a visit to the Tas Maritime Radio (TasMaR installation atop Queen’s Domain followed by dinner and an informal meeting at North Hobart’s “Black Buffalo”.

PP Lex McIndoe, who arranged the visit made us all welcome and introduced the man behind it all for the past 14 years, **Brian Muir**, a recipient of a Paul Harris Fellow recognition from our club in 2016. Brian, a resident of Blackmans Bay, previously worked for the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA), and began his association with PP Lex on the Tasmanian Scout Ranger Regatta Committee. Brian also designed and built our club’s public address system.

Tas Maritime Radio provides safety services for Tasmanian mariners. These services routinely include:

- providing a listening watch on VHF and HF distress and calling channels
- providing routine schedules over VHF and HF
- providing coastal waters forecasts at scheduled times or on demand
- providing Notices to Mariners and maritime safety information
- logging vessel movements

- providing automated weather broadcasts for south-eastern Tasmania
- providing rescue coordination

Originally, in 1993, the then Tasmar Radio was based at Dunalley Canal but was then granted sole use of the old Hobart Radio receiving station on Bruny Island. This station, now fully re-equipped, forms a vital part of the operation and provides monitoring of the international distress frequencies. In 2004 shortly after Brian joined the then Tasmar Radio they relocated their main base to the Hobart Radio building on the Domain, continuing a maritime radio service from this site that began in 1912.

Tas Maritime Radio has now outgrown the capacity of the radio links between its control centres and the remote stations. A new Link Hub station has been constructed at Mount Nelson to house new digital link equipment. Equipment at the Domain, Snug Tiers and Bruny also needed replacement. This included procuring a donation from Telstra and Transend Networks of surplus multi-channel digital broadband radio equipment and facilities. Tasmar Radio now has eight strategically placed transmitters around Tasmania giving total coastal maritime coverage

All this technical work has been designed and built by Brian as a totally dedicated volunteer. Some of Brian's recollections were

- The old marine wireless station using only morse code
- The legendary tin miner Denny King calling in with his drawling weather reports from Melaleuca inlet at Port Davey
- Some of the early VHF sets being converted taxi radios

TasMar now has some 1,100 members, each contributing an annual membership of \$30.

The facility runs every day between 7.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m. with a listening watch outside those hours provided by Golden Security

There are 19 operators rostered for duty with three on each day in four hour shifts starting at 7.00 a.m. with changes at 11.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

The main building was constructed from a \$127,000 grant from the Tasmanian Community Fund and the equipment from that fund and \$6,000 in public donations.

We were treated to a video, produced by Brian, of a successful, after one failed attempt, helicopter placement of a 1.2 tonne building at Mount Mangana.

Finally, there were some revealing statistics from Brian. Over the past four years there have been 58,000 calls from various craft. These calls included 41 "maydays", 79 "pan pans" and 145 "incidents".

In response to questions, we also learned all transmissions are recorded and there is close liaison between TasMar and Tasmanian Police and the Coroner's Office.

RAFFLE PRIZE

The raffle prize donor is not expected to spend more than between \$10 and \$15 on the night's prize. Nor is the Rotarian expected to make a last minute dash to the bar for something bottle-shaped in a brown paper bag.

What he or she IS expected to do is show some imagination, flair and occasional humour in providing a memorable ending to an evening of Rotary fellowship. We've had some extremely good examples of imagination, flair and humour over the years, so let's continue that way.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**WHAT HAPPENED IN ROOM 711**

The number 711 has a very special significance for Rotary. Room 711 in the old Unity Building that was at 127 North Dearborn Street in the CBD of Chicago, was the birthplace of Rotary International.

That historic room, that was the office of engineer Gus Loehr was the location of that first meeting when Paul Harris and several of his friends discussed Paul's idea of a club for professionals and businessmen.

It took extensive research and dedication by a few Chicago Rotarians to preserve the room and restore it to its 1905 authenticity.

For years, Room 711 was preserved as a miniature Rotary museum by Rotarians around the world who voluntarily belonged to and contributed annually to the "Paul Harris 711 Club" that provided funds for leasing, maintenance and preservation.

In 1989, the Unity Building was about to be torn down. Members of the 711 Club carefully dismantled the landmark room and placed its contents in storage.

There it all stayed until 1994, when the re-created Room 711 found a permanent home, and this piece of Rotary heritage is preserved at the R I World Headquarters in suburban Evanston.

YOUR ROTARY PIN IS ONE OF THE GREATEST "ENTREE CARDS" YOU CAN DISPLAY. WEAR IT WITH PRIDE AND MAKE IT WORK FOR YOU.

NOTICE BOARD**DUTY ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT FOUR MEETINGS**

December 3	
Chairman	Pres Jill Sward
Registration/Raffle prize	PP Neil Bester
Assistant	PP Rod Williams
Meet 'n Greet/Décor/TT Steward	Not required

December 10	
Chairman	Pres Jill Sward
Registration only	PP Ewan Cameron
Assistant	PP Roger Bastone
Meet 'n Greet/Décor/TT Steward	Rtn Bruce House

December 16 (Sunday)	
Host	Pres Jill Sward
Special Guest	Santa
Assistants	Elves
Meet 'n Greet/Décor/TT Steward	Not required

January 14	
Chairman	To be appointed
Registration/Raffle prize	Rtn Imogen Fullagar
Assistant	PP Neil Bester
Meet 'n Greet/Décor/TT Steward	Rtn Gilbert Jeffrey

It is the responsibility of the rostered Rotarian to arrange a replacement if/when unable to attend.

FOR THE DIARY
NOVEMBER IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

(Tue) 27 BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER IS DISEASE PREVENTION MONTH

(Mon) 3 COMMUNITY SERVICE – ANNUAL VISIT TO KINGSTON FIRE STATION

(Mon) 10 THE ROTARY FOUNDATION –
Speaker: PP JEFFREY MICHELMAN (PHS) –
ROTARY CLUB OF JACKSONVILLE OCEANSIDE,
FLORIDA

(Thu) 13 LOUI'S VAN

NOTE: (SUNDAY) 16

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY AT NORTHWEST BAY
SCOUT BUILDING (SNUG OVAL) – From 4.00 p.m.
– SANTA ARRIVES 5.00 p.m. – Dinner at 5.45 p.m.

NO MEETINGS DECEMBER 24, 31 AND JANUARY 7

REGISTRATION/RAFFLE
ASSISTANT

MEET 'N GREET/DÉCOR/TT STEWARD

Rotarians who are on roster for these duties and will not be attending are reminded it is their responsibility not only to advise the attendance officer of their absence, but also to arrange a replacement for the allocated task.

This applies particularly to the provision of the raffle prize.

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH (ARH)

Targeting Suicide Prevention Strategies to Indigenous Populations

A new PhD research project funded by ARH and the Rotary Club of Toowong, Qld., will focus on ways to drive down suicide rates in Indigenous populations. PhD Scholarship awardee Mandy Gibson believes identifying protective mechanisms to increase resilience against suicide for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, could potentially inform the development of future suicide prevention initiatives.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people under 18 die by suicide at 4 times the rate of their non-Indigenous peers, and this increases to over 12 times for those under 15.

Mandy's project will be broken up into four parts including:

1. A review of protective factors against youth suicide
2. Analysis of all suicide deaths of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people (9-19 years) occurring between 1995-2015
3. Interviews with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals with experience of childhood suicidal thoughts
4. Focus groups with community members, elders, and participants from community-based Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth suicide prevention program

Mandy will spend the next three years conducting this research at the Australian Institute for Suicide Research and Prevention, Griffith University.

Q: HOW MANY GALAXIES ARE VISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE? 5,000? 2,000,000? 10 BILLION?

A: Four. Although from where we are, only two; and one of those is the Milky Way (the one we're in).

Given there are estimated to be more than 100 billion galaxies in the universe, each containing between 10 and 100 billion stars, it's a bit disappointing. In total, only four galaxies are visible from Earth with the naked eye, only half of which can be seen at once (two from each hemisphere).

In the Northern Hemisphere, you can see the Milky Way and Andromeda, while in the Southern Hemisphere we can see the Large and Small Magellan Clouds.

Some people with exceptional eyesight claim to be able to see three more: in Triangulum, in Ursa Major and in Hydra, but it's very hard to prove.

The number of stars supposedly visible to the naked eye varies wildly, but everyone agrees the total is substantially fewer than 10,000. Most amateur-astronomy computer software uses the same database: it lists 9,600 stars as "naked eye visible". But no-one really believes this figure. Other estimates vary from around 8,000 down to fewer than 3,000.

It used to be said there were more cinemas (around 5,200) in the former Soviet Union than there are stars visible in the night sky.

At the Canadian website www.starregistry.ca you can have a star named after yourself or a friend for \$CDN98 (or \$CDN175 with a framed certificate). It lists 2,873 stars as being visible to the naked eye.

None of these is available as they already have historical or scientific names.

MEN'S WEEKLY INTERNET USAGE
(Source: siteopia.com)

1. Sending/checking emails	162 mins
2. News	120 "
3. Facebook	99 "
4. Gaming	89 "
5. Sports sites	82 "
6. Shopping online	80 "
7. Streaming films	71 "
8. YouTube	57 "
9. Twitter	53 "
10. Banking	50 "



YOU READ IT HERE FIRST

- Russia's Dartz Prombon SUV features diamonds, gold – and a leather interior made of skin from a whale's penis
- A bite from a German shepherd can exert 400-700 pounds of pressure per square inch
- During 134 years of operation, 13,000 people have died at Victoria's Ararat Lunatic Asylum – reputed to be one of the most haunted places in Australia
- Interracial marriage was banned in South Africa from 1949-85 (36 years). Interracial marriage became legal across the US in 1967, after 191 years
- There are an estimated 80,000 to 100,000 yakuza gang members currently operating in Japan
- One of the most commonly known deep-sea creatures is the anglerfish; a small, nightmarish-looking critter that uses a luminescent "fishing rod" that hangs above its chompers to lure in prey. The lure gives off light due to its millions of glow-in-the-dark bacteria
- Sharing and looking at pics of food on Instagram reduces your pleasure when you eat the real thing

NOTES FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING

- Corner Canyon High School in Utah, US, has been banned from using a cougar as its mascot after local education officials claimed it was offensive toward women
- A new study reveals men who go to work wearing a light blue shirt and a dark blue tie stand a better chance of gaining promotion than their peers
- The People's Park zoo in Luohe, China, has been exposed for disguising a hairy dog as a lion; the truth came to light when the animal started barking instead of roaring
- The city of Cleveland's reputation as the boredom epicenter of America took a hammering when it played host to 21 people who were set aflame at the same time. A crowd of more than 1,500 had gathered at a car park to watch as the daredevils did their best impersonation of candles for 32 seconds, after which some turbo-nerd from the *Guinness Book of Records* proclaimed it a world record. The event – which was held to raise money for charities – kicked off when 21 locals had lighter fluid poured over them. After they went up in flames like a barbecue with napalm on it, they walked around for a bit before the extinguishers came out. No-one got burnt, but paramedics later described one man as “medium-rare”
- When you flush the toilet, faecal matter can jump up to 1.8m
- Nazi leader Adolf Hitler declared cricket to be “unmanly” and tried to rewrite the laws of the game
- Reported dog attacks on people have risen 94 per cent in a decade
- Canberra bloke Dave Richards has set a world record after installing 502,165 Christmas lights on his house – they cost \$2,500 a month to run
- Guide dogs are trained to poop on command so their vision-impaired owners can easily clean up after them
- The word “Ewok” was never used during *Return of the Jedi*; it was only mentioned in the film's end credits
- More than 15 per cent of snails survive being swallowed by birds and are found alive in their droppings

The last word: I can explain. I confused the street light that was flickering in the trees for Morse code. The message read “Eat dog”. Not my fault