

Welcome

To the
Rotary Club of North Launceston Inc.

Dinner Meeting

Tuesday July 8, 2008



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PROGRAMME

This Week

Chairman
Corporal

BROOKS HIGH SCHOOL – MUNA STUDENTS

Lindsay Chilcott
Paul Swiatkowski

Next Week

Chairman
Corporal

CLUB ASSEMBLY

Paul Swiatkowski
Graeme Barlow

CELEBRATIONS

None this week



APOLOGIES

If members are unable to attend meetings and have not been able to advise the Club the week before, they are asked to ring **Peter Stearnes** on **63444392** before **1.00, Tuesday**.

ITEMS FOR THE BULLETIN

Ian Fraser's contact details for Bulletin items are 0400 887224, or ifraser@lcgs.tas.edu.au before 1.00 on Monday please.

CLUB NEWS

CHANGEOVER MEETING July 1

*** Attendance – 75%

*** Raffle winner – Andrew Hayward continues the tradition! And is it a coincidence that Pres Graeme won last week and the Pres Elect won this week?

*** Fines of the Week – in the absence of the Bulletin Editor, there are no specific FotW, but congratulations new Sergeant Ken on many innovative fines.

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: **Sincere congratulations to PP GEOFF NEW on the award of a Sapphire**
: **Pin to complement the Paul Harris Fellowship** he was originally awarded
: in 1991. Normally this award would have been made at last week's Change-
: over Dinner but Geoff's inability to attend caused the presentation to be held
: over to this week. In the end this was entirely appropriate given the presence
: at the meeting of DG Michael Perkins, a former RCNL member with Geoff.
: Typically Geoff has always wanted to continue to contribute to Rotary at the
: same level he did in his early years. This award is in recognition, not only of
: his status as the last attending Charter Member of the Club, but of the
: continuing quality of his service.
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FROM THE COMMITTEES

Club Service

*** **REQUEST** - For all Club Directors to advise Bulletin Editor of who is on which committees so that the newsletter cover can be amended for the new year.

Fund Raising

*** Next **Benham** collection scheduled for weekend of July 19 / 20. A sheet will be circulated this meeting.

(Community Service

*** some concern expressed at the obvious nepotism at Montile)

GUEST SPEAKER

New District Governor, Michael Perkins and his wife, Lesley attended our meeting and spoke about his aims for his Rotary year. Assistant DG, Jeff Thorpe, also attended. DG Michael's first experiences of Rotary were with our own Club and it was appropriate that we should be the first club he visited in his capacity as District Governor.

DISTRICT NEWS

Meet the new District Governor and his family

Michael Perkins joined the Rotary Club of North Launceston in 1984 and served as President in 1989-90. A move from Launceston to Sidmouth on the West Tamar in 1991 saw Michael join the West Tamar Rotary Club and serve as President in 1995- 96. Michael has filled a number of positions at club level at both North Launceston and West Tamar. Michael was District Chairman of ROMAC for two years in 2001- 02 and 2002-03 and added INTERPLAST to the committee in 2003-04. He has served as an Assistant Governor and District International Service Director and was privileged to lead a GSE team to East Texas in 2006. In 1991 Michael and Lesley attended the National Science Youth forum as house parents. They have attended many District Conferences and one International Conference.

Michael and Lesley have hosted several exchange students and GSE team members over the years and this has enabled them to establish long standing friendships overseas and they have been privileged to visit them on several occasions. Prior to retiring Michael was employed by TELSTRA for 38 years, firstly as a technical officer in the operation of network facilities and then as Regional Field Manager Tasmania for the Network Operations Division of the Corporation.

Michael has participated in community service for many years, having been a member of Jaycees for 14 years prior to joining Rotary, Chairman of the Board of Beaconsfield Park Retirement Complex, Member of the Beaconsfield School Council, Chairman of the Community Advisory Board of the Beaconsfield District Health Service and is the Rectors Warden for the Anglican Parish of West Tamar. Lesley was born in Western Australia and spent her childhood/teen years there. She is an Early Childhood teacher at Beaconsfield Primary School. Michael and Lesley were married in 1964 and they have three children.

Shane enjoys life looking after the farm and driving coaches. Craig is a Project Officer with the Area Consultative Committee Tasmania and a member Central Launceston Rotary Club. His wife Virginia is an Assistant Teacher at St. Thomas More's School in Launceston. They have two children Georgina and Rebecca. Kylie is a Counter Intelligence Analyst in the Royal Australian Air Force. She is married to Jack who is a pilot with QANTAS airlines flying on the overseas routes. They have a little girl Makenzy and a little boy Alexander.

Michael and Lesley enjoy sharing their home at Spring Beach with people and the opportunity to get a little fishing in. They enjoy traveling especially away from the big cities and into the red outback of Australia. Michael and Lesley are looking forward to serving District 9830 in 2008-2009.

JOKES PAGE

SUPERMARKET SURROUND SOUND

The new supermarket near my house has an automatic water mister to keep produce fresh. Just before it goes on, you hear the sound of thunder and the smell of fresh rain.

When you approach the milk cases, you hear cows mooing and witness the scent of fresh hay.

When you approach the egg case, you hear hens cluck and cackle, and the air is filled with the pleasing aroma of bacon and eggs frying.

The veggie department features the sound of a gentle breeze and the smell of fresh buttered corn.

I don't buy toilet paper there any more...

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car. Both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. The light was red but they just went on through.

The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself, "I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light."

After a few more minutes they came to another intersection. Again the light was red, and again they went right through.

This time, the passenger was almost sure that the light had been red, but was also concerned that she might be seeing things. She was getting nervous and decided to pay very close attention.

At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was definitely red and they blew right through it. She turned to the other woman and said, "Mildred! Did you know that You ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us!"

Mildred turned to her and said, "Oh Christ! Am I driving?"

Murphy applied for an engineering position at an Irish firm based in Dublin. An American applied for the same job, and both applicants, having the same qualifications, were asked to take a test by the department manager. Both men only missed one of the questions on the test. All the other questions were answered correctly. The manager went to Murphy and said, "Thanks to both of you for your interest, but we've decided to give the American the job."

Murphy said, "And why would you be doing that? We both got 9 questions correct. This being Ireland and me being Irish, I should get the job!"

The manager replied, "We have made our decision not on the correct answers, but on the question you missed."

"And just how would one incorrect answer be better than the other?" asked Murphy.

The manager replied, "Simple. The American put down for question five, 'I don't know.' You put down, 'Neither do I.'"