



Last Meeting - Don Maisch - The Crimean War & Tasmania's Role in it



Don Maisch gave a presentation on the effect the Crimean War had on Tasmania's Colonial Society in the 1850s. At that time Van Diemen's Land, being designated a penal colony, was considered a vile place in the eyes of England and the world.

With the outbreak of the Crimean War it was viewed by many as an opportunity to redeem Tasmania, by actively supporting a fund set up in 1854 called the Crimean Patriotic Fund. The Fund was established to assist widows and orphans of fallen soldiers and an initial meeting was held in the Royal Victoria Theatre (Theatre Royal) in March 1855 to standing room only.

Public meetings were also held in Campbell Town, Bothwell, New Norfolk, Longford, Kangaroo Point, O'Brien's Bridge, Huon River, Westbury, Brighton, Deloraine, Launceston & Morven. In total over 25,000 pounds was raised which was equivalent to \$2.53m today!!

Thanks Don for a very interesting presentation.



Update from our President

Despite Covid19, things continue to be crazy busy for our Club.

Eleven members had a fairly social occasion, assisting with the working bee at Risdon Vale Primary to finally build the new Green House. Lunch was generously provided by the Risdon Vale IGA. A special thank you to those who stayed to the end to make sure it was wind and weather proof. It looks great. (see photos)

RCOL has provided an enormous amount of help to this year's RYDA at the Show Grounds. At least half our members took part and some members contributed multiple days both as instructors and guides. This Government supported program provides driver awareness for every Grade 10 student in Tasmania. It could not go ahead without the support of Rotary volunteers, so the organisers have thanked our Club for our contribution.

Ted and Chris have been busy at Risdon Vale Neighbourhood House building walls and shelves. RCOL will be helping with the cost of materials for this project.

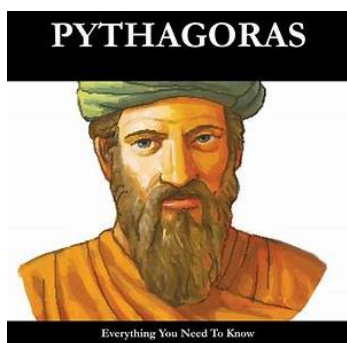
A number of events have been organised for the next month:

- Saturday 19th September will be a lunch time celebration of Past District Governor Michael Cooks year as Governor 2019-20 at the Elizabeth St Pier. Details are in the last District Newsletter and bookings need to be done on line
- Our Social event on 30th September (Fifth Wednesday) will be a bowls night at the Bowls Club. Bring partners and show us all your hidden skills
- Friday 2nd October will be the official launch of our Satellite Club "Clarence Sunrise". Invitations to all RCOL Members will be out this week but please keep the date free. There will be 10 members (one inducted on the night) and DG Michael Plunkett will be there to officiate - 6.30pm for 7pm at the Shoreline Hotel, meals from the dining room menu
- Our meeting on 7th October will see the induction of two new members to our Club
- 14th October will be a special combined Hat Day Quiz Night with the Rotary Club of Salamanca.(Official Hat Day 10th October) More details later but we hope this will give us the chance to meet some likeminded Rotarians for a bit light entertainment and a chance to raise some funds for Rotary mental health projects. Be prepared, some sort of hat will be expected.
- Next month's Board meeting will be moved to the 4th Wednesday to accommodate Hat Day

At our last Club meeting we discussed the Trash and Treasure Day. Since then we have heard that our preferred site is not available, but we are in discussions with the Council about alternative sites. A number of members have expressed their reservations about going ahead, but there is a strong community expectation that something will happen. There is no need for an immediate decision because so much is still unknown about Covid19 and what the government will want by November. We will hold a Club discussion on 7th October before we make a final decision. Please be assured that if we go ahead, only those who want to be involved will need to help and all Council and Government safety requirements at the time will be observed. Similar markets are gradually restarting, so there will be clear examples of safety procedures to follow.

Finally, Margot and I will not be at this week's meeting. Our twin Grand Daughters are 11 on Wednesday and we will be at a family dinner. I hope you all have an enjoyable evening under Peter Morgan's guiding hand.

Mike Patten
President RCOL



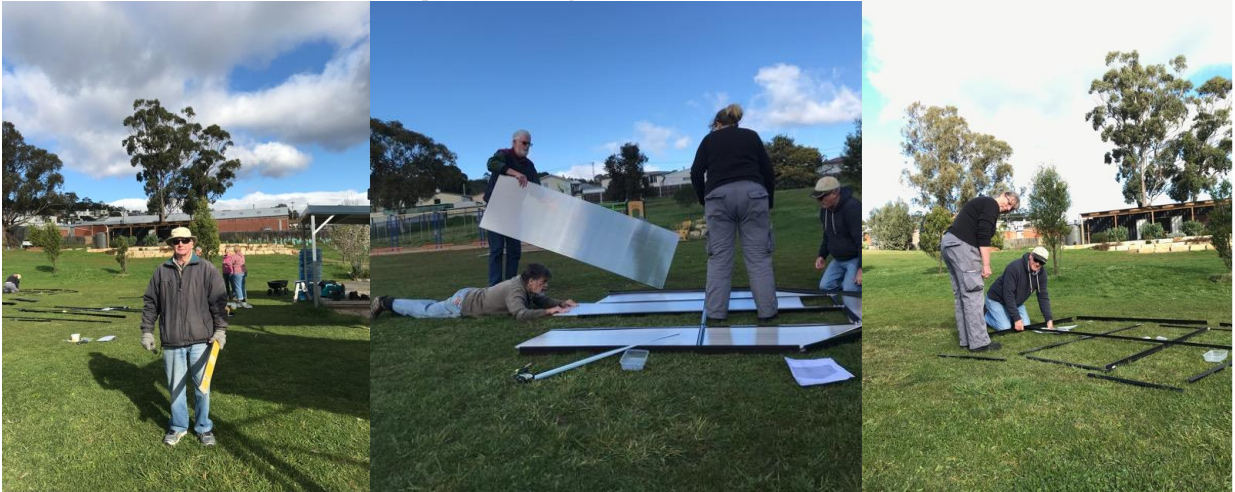
Did You Know?

Private Use of the RCOL Truck

Members of the Club may use the truck for personal use with the express permission of the Director of Operations (D.O.) or President, providing that it is not required for other Rotary specific functions.

Members must return the truck with a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ tank of diesel.

....who said a committee could not put together a flat pack greenhouse??



....and it has been very quickly put to good use by the students



Photo sent by Peta (teacher at Risdon Vale Primary)

MEETING ROSTER

This Meeting	Next Meeting	Last Meeting
<p style="text-align: center;">16 September Amanda French – Dressed for Success</p> <p>Chair: Catherine N Reception: Josh P/Peter F Set Up: Those present</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7 October Josh Pitt - This is my Life</p> <p>Chair: Peter F Reception: Ted L/Allan M Set Up: Those present</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2 September Don Maisch – The Crimean War & Tasmania’s Role in it</p>

Remember to advise the Club of your attendance & meal requirement before every meeting

PROGRAM - 2020 (Meetings to be held on first and third Wednesdays)

Date	Speaker	Topic
16 th Sept	Amanda French – CEO of Dressed for Success (will have volunteer with her also)	Dressed for Success
30 th Sept	Social night	Beltana Bowls Club
7 th Oct	Josh Pitt	New member talk
14 th Oct	Paul Sluythers	Travel talks in a time when we can't travel
28 th Oct	Board Meeting	
4 th Nov	Rotarians Against Malaria member	Rotary Against Malaria program
18 th Nov	Henry Finnis	Armistice Day commemorative talk
2 nd Dec	New Member talk	TBA
16 th Dec	Christmas event - TBA	