



Last Meeting - What is "House of Business"



Joe Brown, a member of a local Law Firm, spoke to Members about the House of Business, a group of small to medium businesses in the greater Hobart area.

The Group meets fortnightly, generally with a guest speaker – each participant then speaks about a specific business issue they have faced – the focus being on positive business experiences.

There are 24 members of the Group, each representing a different vocation.

The aim is to not only provide business mentoring and networking, but also to generate additional business via referrals. The Group has a treasurer who keeps statistics on the number and value of referrals generated within the Group.

Thank you Joe for giving our Members an insight into your group.





CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Merry Christmas everybody, it has been a hell of a year. This week is our last meeting for 2020 and we intend to continue at the same hectic pace, as we have all year.

Firstly, I am sure you are all interested to get an update on the recent incident with Tommy Choo Choo in New Norfolk. Importantly, the children are all unscathed and Ted is dealing with the shock he received as driver. Thank you to all the members who have contacted him with messages of support. Tommy has been given a full check over by our mechanic and was found not to have any mechanical issues that might have contributed to the fall over. The train and the first two carriages have been cleared for immediate use. The third carriage has received some minor structural damage to the tow connection as well as to the roof and where that joins the fibre glass. Although it doesn't look too bad, the repairs will not be cheap. Work Safe are satisfied that neither the train nor the driver were the cause of the incident and the Club is in the clear on that front.

On a happier note, this week there will be one induction at the Clarence Sunrise Meeting and three Clarence Sunrise inductions at our Christmas Meeting. Two other new members Marcus and Amanda Excell will be inducted early next year and we have two new names to circulate in January.

Unfortunately, Wayne Moore has decided not to continue his membership next year. Wayne has been with the Club for 15 years and has helped in many ways, including Club Treasurer for a number of years. We will miss him, but we hope he will continue his association with the Club as a Friend of Rotary. Don't forget to visit him at his home in Granton before Christmas, to see his amazing Christmas lights.

The half yearly report we receive from Nepal gives an excellent update on the progress our students are making. It appears they have both been spared from Covid19 and although their year has been disrupted, they have been able to continue their studies. They have also both been helping younger students to continue their studies. All up they are coping very well and we can be proud of our contribution to their success.

Last week the board approved final payment of \$2,000 towards tents for Lindisfarne Scouts. This includes a \$1,000 matching District Grant.

We also accepted Peter O's offer to prepare other Grant applications for the Club. This is an excellent way to supplement our own fundraising to achieve our Club targets. Thank you to Nigel Grey for the excellent work he has done on our behalf with past applications.

During this week seven Schools are presenting awards from RCOL to their best students. Although we cannot be there this year because of reduced attendance numbers, we extend our congratulations to those students and their families.

Thank you to Clarence Sunrise for lending their shelters to the Risdon Vale Rural Fire Brigade for their Christmas Celebrations on 5th December and to Catherine and Peter M for looking after our Urban Fire Fighters at their Christmas BBQ last Saturday. It is nice to be able to do something for those who look after us.

Don't forget that there will be raffles and door prizes at our Christmas Dinner. Bring some coins or small notes so that you can buy tickets. So far there are 53 people registered for meals.

As an extra Christmas cheer, it has been suggested that each person bring an item of food which can be turned into a hamper for the Risdon Vale Community House to distribute over the next week, to families in need. Any item or items would need to be in date, non-perishable and useful to a family.

Finally, next year is already looking busy with our first meeting being a social night on 20th January and Tommy is booked for the Sandy Bay Regatta over the Australia Day weekend. We will also be having a planning for Trash and Treasure early in the new year so that we are ready for April.

Have a Great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mike Patten

MEETING ROSTER

This Meeting	Next Meeting	Last Meeting
16 December Christmas Dinner – Beltana Bowls Club	20 January – First Meeting for 2021 (details to be advised)	2 December What is House of Business
Chair: Mike P Reception: Stephen B		

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

PROGRAM - 2021 (Meetings to be held on first and third Wednesdays)

Date	Speaker	Topic
16 th Dec	Christmas Dinner – Beltana Bowls Club	
20 th Jan	First Meeting after Christmas break	
Feb 3	Sally Wise	A life of cooking good food
Feb 10	Board Meeting	
Feb 17	Ang Turner	Dragon boating
Mar 3	paulsluyters24@hotmail.com	Travel stories
Mar 10	Board Meeting	

PYTHAGORAS



Everything You Need To Know

Did You Know?

Pythagoras is a philosopher and mathematician from ancient Greece. Pythagoras is a mystery because there are no written records from his time and most of what we know about him today was written long after his death. However, we do know that he is the founder of the Pythagorean brotherhood that made incredible advancements in mathematics, geometry, music, and astronomy.

THEY SAY THAT LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE!

(with thanks to Members of the Club for sharing these via email or on social media)

