



BULLETIN

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Last Meeting

Dr Karunesh Kashyap (Kesh) – Dentistry with the Royal Flying Doctors on King Island



Royal Flying Doctor Service

When the RFDS needed a dentist for King Island, Kesh put his hand up for the job. Most locals do not realise that the RFDS operates in several 'remote' locations within Tasmania - Scottsdale, St Helens, Queenstown, Smithton, Dover, King Island and Flinders Island.



Kesh gave a brief outline of the history of the RFDS, that was started by the Reverend John Flynn in Mt Isa/Cloncurry. It began with one aircraft and now has a fleet of 67, 1,300 employees and 29 bases, including Western Junction. The \$20 note tells the story.

Kesh runs his Lindisfarne practice for three weeks and in the fourth week he dons his RFDS uniform and flies to King Island to provide dental services to the locals. Kesh flies out on a Sunday and returns on Thursday. He starts work at 08.00am and does not finish until 5.30pm, which gives him little time for other pursuits. Despite that, he has managed to visit the cheese factory and also Cape Wickham Lighthouse. The placement of a platter of King Island cheeses on each table by Kesh and his dad Rajesh Kashyap from Detroit, was an added bonus for those at the meeting!

With a population of 1,600 many of King Island's residents have not had dental treatment for years and many need surgical work. Kesh sees 40 to 50 patients per week, which is full on and the service is free. Funding has allowed for the provision of better services with mental health services a recent addition.



Thank you Kesh for an insight into your very busy, but rewarding life!

Update from our President

Covid-19 and associated variants is a hot topic, especially for our news services, but we did get a short interlude, thanks to an indiscretion from our former Australian Cricket Captain! With our border opening soon, there is a fear of the unknown and our health authorities and news services are predicting a worst-case scenario. Being an optimist, I feel that for most people, life will go on as normal with the occasional disruption, and things won't be as bad as reported. I know it has been a challenge to travel and I hope next year I can visit my interstate siblings, after a three-year absence. But in general, the day-to-day stuff has been the same, our meetings continue, and the Currency Thursday morning coffee sessions group haven't missed a beat!

The company I work for has offices in Burnie, Melbourne, Albury and mine in Hobart. One thing we have struggled with is the different requirements under each state's laws on Covid. Especially regarding what and how we should be treating the staff and our clients, plus anyone else that comes into our offices. Overall, there is an uneasiness amongst our front-line staff about whether we should be dealing face to face with unvaccinated people and we are still learning to deal with this. Another issue we had was a reluctance from some of the younger staff to get vaccinated, mainly relating to what the media was saying about side effects etc. Thankfully they have all recently been vaccinated.

Our Club has similar issues. Lindisfarne Rotary has an obligation to protect the health and wellbeing of our members, the guests we have at our meetings and for anyone else we interact with. That's why we have policies and procedures in place. For example, when we operate Tommy at a fair, we have a policy that is all about the safety of the operators and the public.

We asked for advice from Rotary International and the District regarding what the Club should be doing re Covid restrictions, and we have simply been told to refer back to the State website and comply with this. This is not as simple as it sounds (just look at the different definitions on Clubs) and we all know that the rules are constantly changing!

So, after a lengthy discussion regarding the above at our last Board meeting, a few of decisions were taken:

- From the New Year any guests to our Club meetings will be asked for evidence of vaccination (or proof of medical exemption) and if necessary, we will consider refusing their attendance
- Anyone that is feeling unwell will be asked not to attend club meetings, events or functions we are involved in

- We will voluntarily survey members about whether they are vaccinated or have a medical exemption, and will keep a register of members who have indicated that they are either fully vaccinated, have an exemption, or have chosen not to get vaccinated
- We will investigate providing remote access to our meetings, for those who cannot attend in person (i.e. via video, zoom etc)

I should stress that whether to vaccinate or not, is a personal choice and it is not for me or the Club to imply that you should do so. We are all aware that it is becoming more difficult to do things, or go to places, unless you are vaccinated. The above decisions are, as mentioned earlier, all about protecting the health and wellbeing of all members of our Club.

I will finish up by saying that 2021 has been a mixed bag for our members. There has been trauma for some and happiness for others, and it is great to see the members of our Club rallying and providing support where needed.

I hope you can attend our final meeting of the calendar year, to enjoy a night of relaxed fellowship. We do have a small bit of official stuff to attend to (i.e. Annual General Meeting) but other than that, I would settle for a “night off” and a quiet chat with a glass of red!

If you can't get to the meeting and I won't see you before the end of the year, I would like to wish you and your family a very pleasant Christmas and a happy New Year.

President Stephen

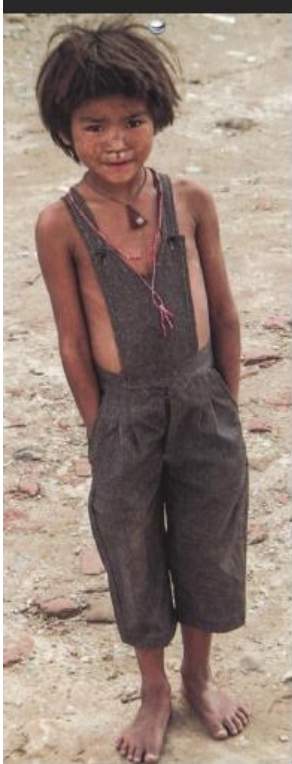
MEETING ROSTER

This Meeting	Next Meeting	Last Meeting
<p style="text-align: center;">15 December Christmas Dinner & AGM</p> <p>Chair: Richard H Reception: Kathy H Set Up: All who can attend a bit early and help!!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2 February Dan John - his RYLA Experience (sponsored by the Club)</p> <p>Chair: TBA Reception: TBA Set Up: TBA</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">1 December Dr Karunesh Kashyap (Kesh) - Dentistry with the Flying Doctors on King Island</p>

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
Dec 15	Club Christmas Dinner & AGM	
Jan 19th	Historic Hobart walk followed by meal Details to be announced.	First social event of the year
Feb 2	Dan John -sponsored by club to attend RYLA	His RYLA experience



Rotary Club of Lindisfarne


Charity Dinner & Auction

9 April 2022
Blundstone Arena
\$85 per head
Tables of 10-12

RSVP:
17 March 2022

Supporting
Hobart City Mission
(local) and
Friends of Nepal
(international)

ENQUIRIES:
MARGARET 0434 378 214
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RCOL Out and About



Another successful day for Tommy Choo Choo at Steve's Swim School at Roches Beach. The queues were long and continuous for 3hrs, all controlled by our own chief bouncer, Chris W.

Also, Tommy did a quick trip to the north pole to collect Santa - this was a very popular mid Covid arrival - what is social distancing when Santa is nearby??



OPERATIONS UPDATE

Tommy & BBQ 2021 Wrap Up

Despite the best efforts of COVID and the odd lockdown, the club has supported 14 outings for Tommy and turned sausages at 2 BBQs in the six months since June this year. A number of outings have been cancelled due to COVID restrictions and we have taken the difficult decision not to attend a number of regular engagements, due to Department of Transport Vehicle Registration restrictions

Venturing into new territory, we had several successful outings into St Davids Park, trundled out to Ouse, beetled around a number of Primary Schools and ended the year with an outing at the xmas party hosted by Steve's Swim School, which saw close to 1,000 people clamouring to get a ride in Tommy!

Tommy survived the year, largely due to the dedication of the crew who turn up every Wednesday to ensure the train remains in an operational state and sparkles in readiness for the next outing. Thanks Team

Work commenced on re-building a BBQ Trailer, which we hope will be put to good use next year. Thanks to Ted K and Ben D for the work and time they have put into this project.

The need to meet COVID requirements, means that we need to have a larger crew for each outing, and I would like to thank those members who have given their time, some on multiple occasions, to help out.

We have three BBQ bookings early next year so will be looking for assistance on those days.

And that's a Wrap!! John C

Location	Date	Time	What	Confirmed
Bunnings	12/02/2022	0900-1600	BBQ	Confirmed
Bunnings	16/04/2022	0900-1600	BBQ	Confirmed
Brierley	19/01/2022 - 20/01/2022		BBQ	Confirmed
Anver Pancreatic Walk TBC	13/03/2021		BBQ	Confirmed

THEY SAY THAT LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE!

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

