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# This Meeting Bill Lark – The story of whisky in Tasmania



# Last Meeting Sarah Bendeich – The Clarence City Heart project

Sarah is the Project Manager for the Clarence City Heart Project.

Sarah talked about the project how it relates to the green space corridor between Bellerive, Kangaroo Bay, Rosny and Warrane with the aim of providing a connected and walkable activity hub. Included in the project is the objectives for housing, jobs in retail and health, integration of the open spaces in the area and addressing parking and public transport issues.



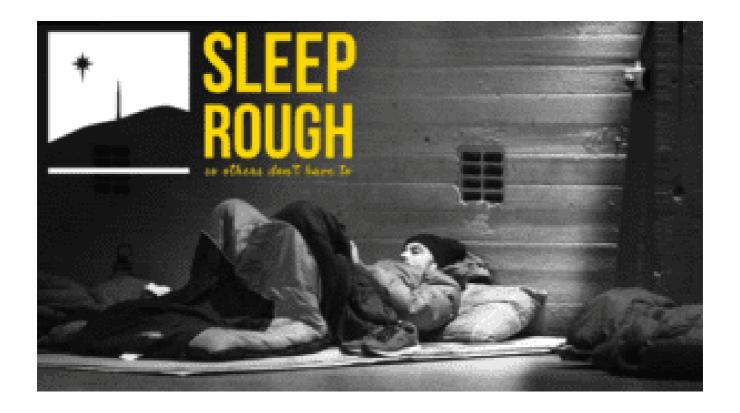
Sarah also reminded us that we can get involved through the "Your say Clarence" website. She encourages us to complete the survey on the website. https://www.yoursay.ccc.tas.gov.au/cityheart

#### **Sleep Rough**

Emily Marriott from Hobart City Mission paid us a visit at our last meeting to provide an update on the Sleep Rough Event to be held at Princes Wharf 1 on the evening of 26<sup>th</sup> of May. The event is to raise funds and awareness to fight homelessness in Southern Tasmania. Em advised that last year they had over 100 participants that raised over \$120,000. This year expecting 300 participants with \$60,000 in donations raised so far.



Jackson and Belinda from Clarence Sunrise then went through and explained the Sunrise's involvement in the event by serving soup on the night and doing a BBQ the next morning. A big part of this doing the food preparation and cooking for the soup which will be mainly during the day on the 26<sup>th</sup> at PW1. Quite a few hands are needed for this, so if you can assist, please contact Peter Morgan asap.



# **Update from our President**

Whether you are "into" whisky or not this week's Q&A session with Bill Lark will be an interesting one. Bill will talk about the history of whisky in Tasmania starting from the first distillery in 1822, the outlawing of distilling in 1838 through Bill and wife Lyn setting up the first Australian whisky distillery in 154 years here in Tasmania.

There is a couple of things about this meeting. Bill is on a tight schedule and will arrive at 7:30 and will need to leave immediately he finishes his Q&A session. Because of this we will have platters rather than in-house catering, so we have our meal finished prior to his arrival. Also, we will open this event to local public with a start time of 7:30 for these people.

President Stephen

#### **Clarence Sunrise**



Clarence Sunrise did a BBQ for the Eastern Region Junior Soccer Association season opener at Geilston Bay No2 ovel. Despite a chilly start, it was nice weather for a BBQ and sales increased as the day went on. Many thanks to the Association for providing the opportunity.

### **Nepal Update**



Margaret Congram, Sunrise Chair Jackson, and RCoL members Samantha and Amanda have arrived safely in Nepal after an adventurous 23 hours without sleep.

Arriving at midnight, Kathmandu time, we faced the Covid screening point which was remarkably easy to get through despite Margaret having inadvertently left all her documents in her checked in baggage. Next was the visa line up. The pace of movement in the exchange rate was staggering. Lined up behind one another, reaching the exact same counter one after the next, our visa charges (expected to be \$30AUS), we're anywhere

between \$42AUS and \$48 AUS payable by card and in any currency as long as it was Australian cash!!!

Once through we collected bags and went through 'security'. Samantha's suitcase was successfully chosen for a bag inspection and money extraction. Opening the 'Richard Horswill' suitcase to expose over 100 pairs of generously donated glasses we were promptly surrounded by 6 security, boarder control and international guards while we were questioned for possible ways to extort money from us. Margaret's exhaustion kicked in (no one mess with that!) and after repeating we were with Rotary and reaching into her bag for letters of evidence (done under the chorus of 'no Mam'am leave your bag alone, don't touch your bag Ma'am) they conceded and we passed through to a dusty noisy pick up area where we were officially



welcomed to Nepal with the scarf ceremony by Debrenda head of the Cochina Mitho Chha (CMC), also known as the cooking school and what will be home for the next 2 weeks.

Next day.....



Margaret, Jackson, Samantha and I met with Keshav and his wife Pyria this evening to hand over the glasses (over 100 pairs). Keshav was so grateful.

Keshav never set out to do this work but enjoys helping the orphans and underprivileged to gain some vision. Keshav is a medical optometrist as is his wife. They set up medical camps and screen the vision of those who come to the camp. Keshav will organise to dispense lenses in the frames that are donated. Keshav and his wife also use their own funds to buy frames for those at the camp as well.

Keshav hand on heart is grateful and thanks all those who supplied glasses for this cause.

Amanda Excell

# **PROGRAM** - 2023 (Meetings to be held on first and third Wednesdays)

Date	Speaker	Topic
17 May	Bill Lark	The story of whisky in Tasmania
7 June	Val Manuelpilla	How Interplast transforms lives
14 June	Board meeting	
21 June	Kathy Hancock	Travel Tales
5 July	Changeover Dinner	
12 July	Board meeting	
19 July	Matt Cocker	Hobart Airport master plan

#### **MEETING ROSTER**

**This Meeting** 

17 May Bill Lark – The Story of Whisky

**Chair:** TBA **Reception:** Kathy H

**Next Meeting** 

7 June Val Manuelpilla – How Interplast transforms lives

**Chair:** P Morgan **Reception:** Kathy H

**Last Meeting** 

20 July Sarah Bendeich – City Heart Plan

## **OPERATIONS**

Date	Location	Time	What
20/5/2022	Kangaroo Bay	8am to 1pm	Bills Jams
25/5/2023 & 26/5/2023	PW1 - Sleep Rough	ТВА	Food preparation
28/05/2023	Bunnings		BBQ



#### THEY SAY THAT LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE!

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

