

Notes from previous meeting (21st October)

President Garry welcomed members and our guest, Aloi Latukefu from the Rotary Club of North Hobart who spoke about his work with DFAT.

The official launch of the Cycle Challenge went well with several cyclists in attendance and good media coverage. The roster for jobs is almost complete and will be distributed soon. Please ensure your contact details are correct.

Members wore hats to raise money for the Australian Rotary Health Hat Day and a collection was taken during the meeting.

Doug Fulton encouraged members to think of ways we can increase membership and the sorts of people we could approach. The Membership Committee is re-vamping a flyer for the club as well.

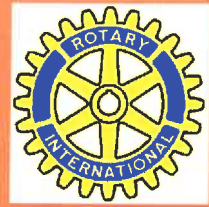
Tickets for the 200 Club are now available from Rebecca Goss. Thanks to David Hurd for the printing. The winning ticket will be drawn at the Golf Day on February 7th next year.

Please note, Secretary Eric does not currently have regular internet access. He can send and receive smaller e-mails but is unable to open or send attachments.

ROTARY CLUB OF CLAREMONT BULLETIN

Wednesday 28th October

The Goss family members rocking their hats.



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Alopi Latukefu is the State Director of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for Tasmania. He spoke about the role DFAT plays in response to changing conditions in the world.

As well as more traditional roles of issuing passports, providing consular support and links between countries, DFAT's role is increasingly about strengthening relationships, especially through trade and education. This strengthens not only our economy but that of the reciprocating country and supports positive international relations.

Australia's focus is shifting more to the Asia Pacific region and the recent Fair Trade Agreement is evidence of this.

Alopi has a particular interest and significant experience in international aid. AUSAID has been absorbed into DFAT and, in some ways, this has led to more influence and a wider reach from being part of a larger institution.

Specific projects are aimed at reducing poverty, promoting sustainability, encouraging innovation, investing in human capital, women's participation and leadership, education and mentoring programmes. Australia has a long history of supporting education through the Colombo Plan. Now, this is a two-way programme whereby Australian students also study overseas.

Alopi spoke about the increasing importance of 'economic diplomacy' as the world is becoming a more complex business nexus. Australia's trade with the world is equivalent to 42% of our GDP. To sustain this requires strong international engagement.

DFAT has 95 posts around the world and offices in each state and territory. Alopi was very happy to be appointed to the Tasmanian office.



CURRENT MEETING 28th

October

CHAIR: President Garry

MEETING FOCUS: Narelle Martin, White Lion mentoring

REGISTRATION: R Goss

BADGES: L Smith

PREVIOUS MEETING 21st

October

MEETING FOCUS: DFAT

APOLOGIES: G Walker, D De Lacey, J Parker, R Goudsouzian, P Grubb

MAKE-UP: M Cooke, G Saunders, D Slater

LEAVE: D Flint, G Cowie, D Bordin, C Stringer, A Simpson

COMING EVENTS

1st November: Cycle Challenge

22nd November: Seniors Luncheon

The 4-Way Test Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?