**President’s Report**

I hope you are enjoying Rotary as much as I am. Another magnificent meeting, the major highlight was the presentation from Rotarian Julian O‘Brien in his role as sponsorship chairman on the Convention Committee.

Julian told us from the outset his committee, comprising Rotarians Tony Davies, Matthew McConnell and Seelan Nair wanted to be known as “The A Team.” Their original target was to raise $30,000 and because the figure is already $43,500 the target has lifted to $50,000. Sponsorship commenced with a cocktail launch featuring Masterchef finalist Ben Milbourne. Naming right sponsor is Petuna, there are six platinum, four gold and eight silver sponsors at this stage. There is still opportunity to participate. Julian said he is keen to have a support group at the conference to ensure sponsors are looked after, he wants them to feel very special.

We were treated to a surprise visit from District Governor Bruce Buxton and his first lady Gillian. Bruce gave a short address on his experiences so far. In the two months since he took office he and Gill have travelled 10,000 km, have attended 21 change-over dinners, have made 25 club visits. The largest club was Hobart with 90 members and the smallest shared by St Helens and Queenstown. Bruce presented the club with a cheque for $4,500 as the first instalment of the District contribution to the conference.

A note of sadness, that our esteemed member Rotarian Kay Kidd has had some time in hospital. Our best wishes to Kay and Vonda and I’m confident it won’t be too long before we see Kay again, complete with his signature handclap.

Community Service chairman Rotarian Seelan Nair reported that on October 6 and 7 the Cradle Coast Authority are convening a conference for Landcare. We have been invited to nominate a person or organisation for an award. Please give this some thought as it all helps to support the community and maintain our profile.

Fundraising chairman Rotarian Kevin Matthews advised manning the liquor booth at the NTFL grand final is a definite and he needs a few more helpers for that.

Shadforth’s Prostate Golf committee chairman Rotarian Peter Colgrave advised that twenty teams have already nominated, so there are only sixteen to go.

The meeting concluded with a tribute to Rotarian Leigh Titmus who will be retiring the next day. Leigh personifies the Rotary attribute of members being leaders in their field. His commitment to primary industry, onions and walnuts in particular for over twenty years is exceptional. In recent years as CEO of Webster he has consolidated the company and returned substantial profits and as Rotarian Brian Chandler pointed out, generous return to shareholders. Well done Leigh we are so proud we can claim you as one of us.

This week the bulletin will be prepared by Rotarian John Phillips. I would like to acknowledge the assistance of Rotarian Alan Pattison for filling in for John while he was attending to “grey nomad” duties, Thank you so much Alan

Until next week… **Presley**

**Rotary Club of Devonport North**

**Program**

**2013 – 2014 Week 10 – 05 September, 2013 – Meeting – 1945 – 39th Year**

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| week | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| **Date** | **05-Sep-13** | **12-Sep-13** | **19-Sep-13** |
| **Speaker** | St Brendans Shaw Students | Patrick Haddock | District Governor's Visit |
| **Subject** | Trip to Laos & Cambodia | Comminication in the Antartica |  |
| **Chairman** | Ian Macleod | Richard Quinn | Mike Kelly |
| **President’s** | Lance Cox | Mark Temple-Smith | Mark Nugent |
| **Table** | Matthew McConnell | John O’Donnell | Julian O’Brien |
| **Reception** | Rockie Lee |  | John Phillips |
|  | Ian Murcott |  | Mike Doyle |
| **Rotary Info** | Mike Lizotte's Boys | Ross Stewart | Ian Macleod |
| **(Job Talk)** | Mitchell Jones & Mitchell Maney |  |  |
| **Meetings** | Sub Committee | Committee | Sub Committee |
| **Birthdays** | Kevin Matthews 10Sep | Nil | Rebecca van der Woude 24Sep |
| **Rotary** |  |  | Janet Wooton 25Sep |
| **Anniversary** | Nil | Richard Colbeck 15Sep (25) | Bob Farr 19Sep (11) |

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| **Previous Meeting:** | **29/08/2013** |
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| Present: | 30 members |
| Make Ups: | Ian MacLeod (motor show),Mark Nugent(conference committee),Rockie Lee (Board meeting), Richard Barnard (e club) |
| Apologies: | Bruce Gowans, Ian MacLeod, Ross Stewart,leon Peck,Kay Kidd,Mark Nugent,Bob Farr,John O'Donnell, Richard Barnard, Lance Cox |
| Leave: | Gavin Bull, Peter Chalk, Ian Hutchinson,Max McCormack, Suren Naiker,Mac Russell,John Van de Woude,Paul Crabtree,Richard Quinn,Buz Green, Richard Colbeck |
| Guests: | Gill Buxton |
| Visiting Rotarians: | nil |
| Apologies: | (Before 11am Wednesday) Contact Attendance Officer |
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| Club website: | www.rotarydevnorth.org.au |
| Motor Show: | www.devonportnorthshow.com |
| Eclub | www.rotaryeclubone.org |
| Rotary International: | www.rotary.org |