**President’s Report**

Thankyou to Rotarian Paul Crabtree for accepting the role of Acting Secretary until May 6th when next year’s Secretary Rotarian Rick Campbell will take the reigns. This was announced by Club Administration Chairman Mike Kelly who also advised that Easter Breakfast this year will be at Mrs Jones’. What an occasion that will be as we celebrate the Conference and the other major activities for 2014/15.

Rotarian Seelan Nair is seeking volunteers to assist Rotarian Peter Colgrave for a BBQ to welcome riders of the Male Bag Ride the Postie Bike Prostate charity mission. The event is from 12 noon on Saturday 22nd at the Vietnam Memorial.

Rotarian Matthew McConnell drew our attention to the fact that it is time to nominate young people for RYLA. We have budgeted for three and it appeared there were three who accepted entry forms, however, if anyone has a nominee in mind give Matthew a call. Next Tuesday, Matthew will attend the TAFE awards night in Burnie to present Kail Poke with his cheque for winning the award for the most diligent study. Matthew is also looking after footy tipping for this year and he still has 30 unsold spaces, so he would love to hear from you if you want to take the plunge.

Rotarian Ian Macleod has invited expressions of interest for an inbound exchange student later in the year. Ian also gave an update on the Motor Show and was delighted to announce that we now have 50 Mustangs registered and 348 other entries. By the 23rd we should have a display of over 500 vehicles, which would be a record.

Rotarian Peter Colgrave reported that the breath testing at Taste the Harvest attracted 228 participants and $155 was given in donations.

Prior to these announcements it was a great privilege to induct Scott Walker to our club. Scott takes the classification Food Services and joins the Community Service Committee. It was pleasing to have his wife Belinda join us and a good number of Rotarians wives and partners to project the wonderful social side of our club. I trust Scott and Belinda felt a Devonport North welcome.

Our guest speaker was our new General Manager of the Devonport City Council, Paul West. Paul commenced his presentation informing us he is the 2nd youngest of seven children and was raised on a small mixed farm at Table Cape. He is married to Teresa and they have two sons, Nathaniel 24 and Declan 20. His interests include running and has competed in a number of fun runs around Tasmania over the last twelve months. His association with Local Government goes back to his childhood when his father was the grave digger. His first job was with the Burnie Council in the early 1980’s collecting and counting parking meter money.

Paul believes he was chosen for his role in Devonport due to a strong understanding of local government in Tasmania as his 25+ years have had him in various management roles in eight councils. He comes to us having served for five years as GM in Kingborough. Paul has a high work ethos, a desire to succeed, a passion for local government and a track record for getting things done.

His motivation for applying this is best portrayed with the fact that he applied 7 years ago for the General Manager’s position and was advised that he was not chosen because he did not have the depth of experience. His two sons live in Launceston and Wynyard and his parents in their 90’s are still living independently are the personal reasons he applied to come to Devonport.

His ideals for Devonport are based upon his good understanding of the City and how it fits within the broader North West region. Devonport’s small land mass of 114m2 is very compact with a high proportion of residential properties, should put the Council in a very good position in comparison with other councils, even taking into account Devonport’s regional responsibilities. Paul sees a number of challenges. Implementation of the Living City agenda, financial sustainability including maintenance of existing assets which includes balancing the Council’s economic and social development responsibilities. When this is applied to sporting facilities it requires commitment and strong leadership. Other priorities include rating methodologies, climate change impacts, public relations and perceptions. Long term financial planning is another important aspect of his ideals and it does not include operating deficits as this is not sustainable in the longer term

Paul concluded his address by declaring that Devonport can have a very bright future and he looks forward to be part of it.

There were a number of questions which clearly indicated the level of interest from the members, one I believe worthy of note was his opinion on amalgamations. Paul agrees it is inevitable, that Government should take the lead as vested interest gets in the way of voluntary amalgamation and there should be between four and eight councils in Tasmania.

I feel that we all felt a sense of confidence in Paul’s approach to his responsibility at DCC and wish him well as he goes about it.

Until next week . . . . . **Presley**

**Rotary Club of Devonport North**

**Program**

**2013-2014 Week 38 –20th March, 2014 – Meeting – 1971 – 39th Year**

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| Week | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| **Date** | **20-Mar-14** | **27-Mar-14** | **03-Apr-14** |
| **Speaker**  | IanMcLeod | Board Meeting | Leigh Titmus |
| **Subject** | Chair - Motor Show Logistics | No Guest Speaker | South American Experience |
| **Chairman** | Leon Wootton | John Cook | Tony Davies |
| **Presidents** | Alan Pattison | Mac Russell | Leon Wootton |
| **Table** | Rockie Lee | John Phillips | John O'Donnell |
| **Reception** | Mark Temple-Smith | Leigh Titmus | Gavin Bull |
|  | John Cook | Leon Wootton | Scott Poke |
| **Rotary Info** | Mac Russell | Conference Update | John Phillips |
| **(Job Talk)** |   | Peter Chalk - Registrations |   |
| **Meetings** | Sub Committee | Board  | Sub Committee |
| **Birthdays** | Rick Campbell 23Mar | Nil | Bernt Genssen 04Apr |
|  | Annette Crabtree 24Mar |   | Richard Colbeck 05Apr |
| **Rotary** | Nil | Nil | Bernt Genssen 01Apr (38) |
| **Anniversary** |   |   | John Phillips 09Apr (22) |

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| **Previous Meeting:** | **13th March** |
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| Attendance: | 34 members |
| Make Ups: | Mike Doyle (conference committee), Rick Campbell (motor show committee), Bobby Gray (conference committee). |
| Apologies: | Richard Barnard, Mike Doyle, Rick Campbell, Bruce Buxton, Richard Colbeck, Brian Chandler, Bruce Gowans, Mac Russell, Gavin Bull, John O'Donnell, Alan Pattison. |
| Leave: | nil |
| Guest Speaker | Paul West |
| Guests: | Gerry Doolan, Bill Groves, Alyssa Poke |
| Visiting Rotarians: | nil |
| Apologies: | (Before 11am Wednesday) Contact Attendance Officer |
| Contact Officer: | Mark Temple-Smith - markts@templesmith.com.au |
|  | or 0418 337 104 |
| Club website: | www.rotarydevnorth.org.au |
| Motor Show: | www.devonportnorthshow.com |
| Eclub | www.rotaryeclubone.org |
| Rotary International: | www.rotary.org |
| 9830 Conference | [www.9830conference.com.au](http://www.9830conference.com.au/) |

**Future Events**

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| **Day** | **Date** | **Event** | **Location** |
| Sunday | 23rd March, 2014 | D'port Motor Show | Round House Park |
| **Thursday**  | **10th April, 2014** | **Conference Registrations for Members** |
| Fri.Sat.Sun | 11-13 April, 2014 | District Conference | Devonport |
| Sat - Wed. | 1st - 4th June, 2014 | International Conf. | Sydney, NSW. |