

# District 9810 Conference Hobart 26 - 29 March 2009 NEWSLETTER

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## MEET THE RIPPR!

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition of the Conference Newsletter, DG John & Gaye have been advised that Past Rotary International Director Sudarshan Agarwal and Usha from India will be representing the President of Rotary International at our Conference in Hobart.

Whilst at the Conference take the time to meet Sudarshan and Usha and welcome them to Australia enjoying some good old Australian fellowship.

## FROM THE REGISTRATION DESK

It was great to receive so many "Early Bird Registrations" (over 500) from Rotarians who put themselves in the draw for that fabulous Gold Coast holiday.



Registration numbers continue to grow as Rotarians demonstrate their desire to participate in another of our great District Conferences.

With Christmas and New Year celebrations out of the way it is now important that Clubs finalize their conference registration numbers.

We encourage all Clubs to notify the Registrar of registrations still to be lodged. Your Committee is into the final planning stage and will be greatly assisted with accurate registration numbers by 15 February, 2009.

We ask for your assistance. Please contact Val Glenn on 9551 4383 or email: [valrieglenn@bigpond.com](mailto:valrieglenn@bigpond.com)

## ARRIVAL AT HOBART AIRPORT

Your conference committee wish to advise that arrangements



Rotarians flying into Hobart during the following dates & times:-

### Wednesday 25/03/09

9.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

### Thursday 26/03/09

9.30 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

### Friday 27/03/09

9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

*Note: Fares will be payable on boarding the bus.*

Once you have your luggage you will then be guided onto buses that will transport you to your place of accommodation.

If you are arriving earlier than 9.30 a.m. on the above dates or you require special disability transport then please contact our logistics coordinator Kevin Harrison:

Ph: 9772 2233 Fax: 9772 2190 or

Email: [kellyh@harrisonholden.com.au](mailto:kellyh@harrisonholden.com.au)

Please note with the above arrangements in place we no longer require your personal flight details.

Please look out for the Rotary Placards as we look forward to meeting & greeting you at Hobart Airport.

## ACCOMMODATION

Many of you have already booked your hotel rooms in Tasmania via Groups Tasmania. However there are still some great deals available for those who like to wait until the last moment.

We have noted that a lot of members have taken the opportunity to extend their holiday in Tasmania. What a great idea to get value for money. Please feel free to contact our major sponsor

GROUPS TASMANIA on 1800 462 827 as they will happy to assist everyone with their travel requirements.

## ACCOMMODATION IMPORTANT REMINDER!!!!!!!!!!!!

Groups Tasmania are anxiously awaiting advice from some clubs as to the final number of rooms required as well as advice on the names of delegates, date of arrival and date of departure.

Please advise your Club On To Conference Chairman **NOW**.

Groups Tasmania are currently forwarding invoices to all clubs for the balance of their accommodation costs. It is requested that one (1) club cheque be forwarded to Groups Tasmania for the balance of all accommodation as soon as possible.

Groups Tasmania have advised that all accommodation must be totally paid for by

## FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY.

Unfortunately, for those clubs who do not meet this date, their reserved rooms will be placed back in the general pool as this is an arrangement that Groups Tasmania have with the respective Hotels.

## UPDATE FROM BACKSTAGE

Chairman, John Williams and Master of Ceremonies, Geoff Haw, had a meeting this week with one of our keynote speakers, Walter Mikac.

Few would not know of Walter Mikac's story. The loss of his wife and two young daughters at the Port Arthur shootings in Tasmania in 1996, touched the world. In the years that followed, Walter channelled his grief into a purpose. He wrote books, lobbied for gun law reform, and helped set up a charity, The Alannah and Madeleine Foundation for child victims of crime. You will find Walter's story very stirring.

Another Keynote Speaker who the delegates will be eager to hear from is Dominic Alafaci.

Dominic is well known as a financial guru, having had more than 20 years' experience in financial services at Deutsche Bank, HSBC and Collins House. He is a familiar voice for those that listen to Radio 3AW.

Dominic will be able to update us on the economic situation we are experiencing, he can tell us what is happening in the superannuation field ! Don't miss out on hearing Dominic.

And we have lots of other interesting Keynote speakers who have "Taken Their Passion, Made it Happen"

## **SATURDAY GALA BALL – "HOLLYWOOD COMES TO HOBART"**

Our theme for the Saturday Night Gala Dinner is "Hollywood Comes to Hobart". Feel free to dress up as one of the winners of an Academy Award or dress to impress as if going to the Oscars.

We will be entertained by the "Leading Men"- A premier collection of some of the finest voices gracing Australia's stages today, performers who have all played lead roles in the major musicals you know and love.

Encompassing everything from "The Phantom", "Beauty and the Beast", "West Side Story" Music from Leonard Bernstein to Andrew Lloyd Webber. This is the show that will truly deliver the 'wow' factor and promises an evening of unprecedented enjoyment, sophistication and pure class.

This will be followed by lots of dancing to the music of a great covers band, "House Arrest".

And for those in attendance at our Gala Dinner, you will have an opportunity to win one of three fabulous prizes – just by being in the room.

### **FIRST PRIZE:**

Fly from Australia to Fiji with Air Pacific. Prize includes return economy class fares (excluding taxes), accommodation, meet & greet at Nadi Airport, transfer – Airport/Fiji Beach Resort & Spa by Hilton. 2 nights at The Hilton in a Studio Beachfront including buffet breakfast daily.

Return launch transfers on Malolo Cat – Denarau/Lomani/Denarau and 3 nights on Lomani Island Resort in a ROH Room (room only)

Private car transfer – Denarau/Airport Valued at: \$8,400 for 2 people. *(The prize is for 2 people and winner needs to be in attendance to receive prize)*

### **SECOND PRIZE:**

Three days / 2 nights stay in an Orchid Club Premier Room inclusive of buffet breakfast at Parkroyal Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia followed by three days / 2 nights in a Premier Junior Suite inclusive of buffet breakfast at Parkroyal Penang, Malaysia. Airfares are not included. *(The prize is for 2 people and winner needs to be in attendance to receive prize)*

### **THIRD PRIZE:**

Five (5) nights accommodation in a Studio Apartment at Chateau Beachside, Surfers Paradise. Airfares are not included. *(The prize is for 2 people and winner needs to be in attendance to receive prize)*

So don't be at a meeting in April and hear all your club members talking about what a great time they had at the conference.

## **Book Now !!!!!**

## **A brief Progressive Report from the Conference Catering Committee**

**Savour a cuisine where every morsel is not a bite of food, it is a bite of history,** as the saying goes and I hope that this is the case for our Conference



Catering this year. While every effort has been put into working with the Executive Chef Frankl Wolfgang of Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart to create these special, memorable and exquisite meals at the Conference, we recognise that our responsibility is also to ensure that we cater for every participating Rotarian and partner at the Conference and within our budgetary constraint. So, as your two Catering Committee members, Gaye and I look forward to sharing with you - the Treasure of our 2009 Conference Culinary Creation in Hobart.

Having said that, here are some very interesting Conference Catering statistics to ponder

- 2,550-2700 cups of coffee/tea
- 1,500-1,700 units of Mini Petit French Vanilla Slices, Mini Petit Jam, Cream and Scones
- 1 Cocktail Function for participating Rotarians/partners
- Approximately 800 units of lunch boxes
- 2 Seated Meals - Friday Lunch and Saturday Gala Dinner Functions each for approximately 800 pax
- 200-300 bottles of wine and beverages
- 150-250 litres of Orange Juice
- 500-1000 litres of drinking water
- 4 different types/classes of dietary requirement meals for lunch/dinner and cocktail functions each.

(Every effort has been made to ensure we respect and uphold religious and cultural sensitivity.)

Working with a very professional management team from Hotel Grand Chancellor Hobart does make our work as your Catering Committee so much easier. Although the style of cuisine this year will be more internationalised and slightly more exotic, it is also our responsibility to ensure traditional meals will be served as an alternative, such as "Traditional Beef Wellington encased with Huon Valley Mushroom & Puff Pastry with herbed potato mash and port wine jus" as an example.

As your Catering Committee, Gaye Barnes and I look forward to sharing our choice of culinary creation with you at the Conference.

## **FROM THE COMMITTEE**

The Conference Committee are only too pleased to be able to share this information with you to assist with your plans to go to Conference.

Should you have any concerns or questions which have not been outlined in this newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact Conference Committee Chairman John Williams or one of the Conference Committee who will be only too pleased to assist.

## **UNTIL WE MEET IN HOBART**