

PDG Tony Colman and wife, Liz

- Charter member Lindisfarne Club 1973. President 1994-95
- Joined Salamanca Club 2003. President 2012
- PHF 1997, Sapphire 2010
- AG 2002-2003, and Centennial year 2004-2005
- District Officer 1996-2012
- YEP Chair for 2 years. Implemented Certification
- Established and implemented Police Checks in D9830
- Inaugural Committee member Livewire programme 1998-003 and received certificate for distinguished service
- Hosted YEP and GSE teams
- Participated on the New Zealand Twin Exchange committee
- Received certificate in recognition of 40 years Rotary Service from World President Sakuiji Tanaka
- Has attended two International Conferences
- Currently District Chairman ARH
- Participated in Science Forums, University of Tasmania
- DG District 9830 2017/18
- 2019 RIPPER D9630 Brisbane
- 2020 RIPPER D9810 Moama Echuca

At 16, Tony began a five-year apprenticeship as a French Polisher at F H Valance & Son, Hobart, and then two years as foreman before beginning his own business, Ashmore Antiques, in Richmond, Tasmania in 1969 that specialized in antique furniture restoration and retail. He imported antique furniture from the United Kingdom, where he had numerous buying trips and enjoyed opportunities to “make up” at many Rotary Clubs.

In 1998 Tony established the Heritage Furniture Restoration Unit at the Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery. He is still working as a conservator of wooden objects, specializing in interiors of private and commercial buildings, churches, furniture and furnishings. Tony has managed and restored three Hobart Trams (1916, 1917, and 1942) for the Hobart City Council. Tony is a Past President of the Tasmanian Antique Dealers Association and is a Valuer for the Australian Cultural Gifts Programme.

Tony married Elizabeth Henderson in 1972. Liz’s Father and Grandfather were both active Rotarians. Tony and Liz have two children, Richard and Angela and two granddaughters, Sophia and Lucy.

Tony is passionate about social history. He enjoys reading, vintage cars, coarse rugby, old pubs and Liz’s cooking!

Liz is a retired teacher and has been enjoying her leisure time! She has always supported Tony in his Rotary service and was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship from the Salamanca Club and, more recently, a sapphire pin. She enjoys time to be involved with Sophia and Lucy and any family time, which can be co-ordinated. Liz’s interests include cooking/entertaining, reading, knitting, sewing and any professional development related to food trends.