



## BULLETIN

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### GUEST SPEAKER TUESDAY 7th APRIL

#### **Gerry Philips Rotary Oceanic Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC)**

ROMAC began as part of an outreach team of volunteer surgeons and back up staff which went to Fiji to treat local children with cleft palates or lips. They found there were many children too sick to be treated where they lived. ROMAC began when Rotary clubs in Victoria began sponsoring children from the Pacific region to be brought to Australia for treatment by some of our most eminent surgeons who generously donated their services. There are tight parameters on the number of cases which can be treated due to constraints on resources and capacity. A key benefit is the experience surgeons and staff acquire from treating conditions not usually seen in Australia. The big challenge is finding funds to continue the program with increased costs and a never ending demand for places for patients from our neighbours in the Pacific.



Gerry Phillips is Chairman of the District 9800 ROMAC Committee, and has been involved with ROMAC for since 2009. He has been a member of the Rotary Club of Albert Park for 17 years, has had numerous roles and was that Club's president in 2001-02. That was the year that Albert Park's Ann White was District Governor, and Gerry played a leading role in the preparation and conduct of the District Conference on Mt Bulla. A retired insurance broker, Gerry is married to Sharon. They have three adult children and one grandchild.

**PHOTO,** Gerry Philips meeting a ROMAC patient from Vietnam.

### ROTARY AUSTRALIA - VANUATU CYCLONE DISASTER RECOVERY

*international Director Frank O'Brien has advised;*

1. The RCCMS Board has unanimously agreed to donate \$1600 for the cost of 2 Family Survival Kits for Vanuatu. These kits are fantastic....they include the largest humanitarian aid tent available, blankets, water containers, cooking utensils, a stove, pots, pans, children rucksacks, mosquito nets etc. Arrangements are overseen by Disaster Aid



### **DUTY ROSTER 7th April**

*Chair*  
AVRAMOPOULOS, Stella

*Sergeant*  
GERLINGER, Bernie

*Greeter*  
CALLANDER, Tom

*Reporter*  
CUTHBERT, Greg

*Photographer*  
SEALE, Alan

*Door*  
DURAS, Peter

*Director Report*  
THORNTON, Roger

*Bulletin Editor*  
JONES, David

### **Upcoming Events**

#### DIK Working Bee

Woolshed 40  
Apr 11, 2015  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

#### Board Meeting

RACV City Club  
Apr 16, 2015  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

#### Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre Working Bee

Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre  
Apr 18, 2015  
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

#### Camp Getaway Working Bee

Camp Getaway  
May 01, 2015 6:00 PM -  
May 03, 2015 2:30 PM

#### RCCMS Golf Day

Southern Golf Club

Australia, an organisation managed by 9 local Rotary Clubs.

- 2. Rotary Australia has established a project to aid the recovery efforts in Vanuatu following the loss of life and property during Cyclone Pam. Should anyone care to donate, please [CLICK HERE](#)

All donations are tax deductible."



### **ROYAL TALBOT ANNUAL WORKING BEE**

Posted by *Bernie GERLINGER*



This event will be held on Saturday 18th April, Starting at 8.30am and concluding by 1pm.

We will be under the supervision of Clinical Nurse Specialist and Horticulturist Steven Wells.

The tasks for the day will be defined closer to the date.

Members should wear appropriate clothing and if possible bring gardening implements including spades etc. If you don't have gardening implements, don't worry Steven has a supply.

Mid-morning refreshment and a light lunch will be provided.

**To assist with catering please register by 7th April.**

**Please either register online or drop BERNIE an email or give him a call.**

### **ALSO ON 18th APRIL**

Posted by *Frank O'Brien*

If you are unable to get to Royal Talbot or are still looking for work after your gardening is complete, you need only drive to the new Box Hill hospital where DIK is arranging the collection of 150 hospital beds from the old hospital. Further details will be advised when available. There will be a good number of Rotarians from other Clubs working there but the job may need to run into a second day if insufficient help is available on the Saturday.



**NOTE** -Our 'regular' DIK working bee is scheduled for April 11th - see details in 'Up Coming Events' in right margin.

### **A WEEKEND IN THE COUNTRY?**

Posted by *Allan DRIVER*

May 08, 2015  
7:30 AM – 3:00 PM

[Board Meeting](#)  
RACV City Club  
May 21, 2015  
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

### **Speakers**

Apr 07, 2015  
[Gerry Phillips](#)  
*Rotary Oceanic Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC)*

Apr 14, 2015  
[Dr Kerstin Steiner](#)  
*Islam, politics and the law in Southeast Asia: implications for its neighbour Australia*

Apr 21, 2015  
[Dr Janet Butler](#)  
*Kitty's War*

Apr 28, 2015  
[Sister Trish Franklin](#)  
*Loreto Vietnam-Australia Project*

May 05, 2015  
[Peter Duras, Sports Physiotherapist](#)  
*Travelling with sporting teams*

May 12, 2015  
[Alistair Murray](#)  
*The highs and lows of manufacturing in Australia*

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Once again we have the opportunity to assist our sister club the RC Echuca-Moama raise money for their local community as well as having a great time.

**When:** Queen's Birthday Weekend 6 and 7 June 2015  
**What time:** 9am – 4.30pm  
**Where:** Rotary Park, Echuca



Please consider and place in your diaries.  
 If you need more information contact me on 0418 573 803.  
 Many thanks,  
 Allan Driver [on behalf of the International Service Committee]

**SITUATION VACANT**

We're looking for a Bulletin Editor. How about you?



If you can send an email you have all the skill required to compose the Bulletin. The Club Runner program has been sorted and templates are in place.

The Bulletin is important for contact with members, past members and friends of our club.

Got what it takes?

For more detail contact Roger please.

**MEETING REPORT 31st MARCH 2015**

*Posted by Mik WELLS*

President Roy Garrett opened the meeting and chaired the meeting welcoming guests;

- Grant .Godino from Gateway Rotaract Club
- Paul Fraser friend of Tony Thomas
- Warwick Cavell friend of Tony Fritsche and 2<sup>nd</sup> visit
- Michelle Heard Global Scholar

**Announcements:**

1. Herb Greenwood announced that there is a **DIK Working Bee on 11<sup>TH</sup> April** from 9am to 1.00 pm at the Woolshed 40, 400 Somerville Road, West Footscray. Email or call HG.
2. Bernie Gerlinger also announced the next **Working Bee at Royal Talbot on 18<sup>th</sup> April** from 9am to 1.00 pm. Contact BG.
3. Frank O'Brien mentioned another Working Bee as an **urgent request from DIK** to all clubs seeking support on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2015, at Box Hill hospital to 'containerise' a hundred hospital beds no longer in use as a result of the Box Hill Hospital renovation.
4. Rob Hines announced that our club will be having a **Rotary Golf Day on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> May at Southern Golf Club**. It will be an Ambrose Day event and very social. Ambrose means only one team member has to hit a good ball per hole. The cost \$100 pp includes Green Fees and lunch with the proceeds going towards the Silk Miller Scholarship
5. Wolfgang Jacobs also mentioned that our next social and fundraising Wine Tour event will be held on **24<sup>th</sup> May – TarraWarra Estate** and the theme will be "Big Reds" approx \$140 pp including the bus, lunch and wine tasting. Register your interest with Wolfgang.

**Director's Report – Foundation:**

Doug Robertson efficiently handed over to Michelle Heard who has been in Melbourne for the last year as a Rotary Global Grants Scholar studying at Melbourne University. She is an example of the benefits of Foundation and the investment Rotary makes for our future.

Michelle reported that she has had a lot of great mentoring experiences through her involvement with Rotary while living in Melbourne, doing an MBA, majoring in "Global Justice and Human Rights". Michelle said it has been a phenomenal experience being involved in various volunteer opportunities and educational experiences, including:

- Brotherhood of St Laurence – developing further her interest in supporting refugee communities
- Involved in lots of Rotary Club projects
- Joined Rotaract, young people involved in the work of Rotary which later resulted in her becoming the Interact President
- Attending the recent Hobart Conference
- Learning many cultural differences in Melbourne while acknowledging the diversity of life in Melbourne



Michelle said she has formed the opinion that Melbourne is a very social community and gave a big heart-felt thank you to our Club for the support we have given her. Michelle and President Roy then exchanged banners.

**President report. Roy – short and to the point:**

- Rotary Convention at St Paulo in Brazil in June. If anyone is interested in attending please let Roy know.
- RCCMS Board met last week. Everything is going well financially.
- Farmer's Market discussions continue with Council. progress is positive with a couple of locations being considered.
- Editor position is currently available for the RCCMS Bulletin so any EOIs to take on this important role would be appreciated –to Roger.
- In regards to the Laos project – plans are underway to support the construction of our 4<sup>th</sup> school
- A sizable donation for disaster relief was also made to the Vanuatu disaster response
- \$1000 donation has been made to the 'Lets read project'
- Volunteers ( two more) required for MUNA camp for last weekend of May
- RC – Brighton holding a breakfast on International Labour Day, President Roy would like us to try and make a table on 1<sup>st</sup> May.
- Brian Downie has returned from hospital and recovering well at home



**Sergeant's Session**

Sergeant Bernie started to hit people up for the usual fines then realised he did not have much time allocated so there was only one fine - for Allan Driver enjoying his birthday today at our club breakfast "Happy Birthday Allan"

**Guest Speaker – Elio D'Amato** (CEO of Lincoln) "Talking Stocks"

Elio started by giving a short history of Lincoln and the founder Dr Merv Lincoln and reported that they now look after \$220 million in managed funds. Elio gave an excellent presentation and had everyone interested in what shares are "hot and what is not" using punch phrases like "Blue and green is were you want to be seen" referring to his charts and showing how investors want to be in a strong and satisfactory growth position and with low risk shares.

Elio gave a thorough overview of the stock market and the issues that should be important to investors. For example, he raised many questions and delivered his answers confidently, posing questions like "What to like about the market now?" then carefully articulating his rationale to invest and what to invest in. According to Elio, the main issue is that income investment will be a strong driver for the market going forward, "our currency is weakening therefore the positive is that there will be more foreign investment". Others considerations include:

- Energy and commodity prices have fallen, expect to hear more about capital infrastructure investments, and
- World recovering economically
- Great businesses can be found and challenged businesses/sector easily avoided

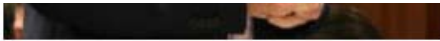


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**GALLERY**

**SOME ACTION SHOTS FROM LAST WEEKS MEETING.**





**AND ONCE AGAIN PRESIDENT ROY HAS BEEN CAUGHT TRYING ON A NEW HAT.**

