



THIS WEEK'S BREAKFAST SPEAKER - STEPHEN BRADFORD - CEO PORT OF MELBOURNE CORPORATION



**The Port of Melbourne, trading trends and future opportunity**

The Port of Melbourne is Australia's busiest port for containerised and general cargo.

The Channel Deepening Project in Port Phillip Bay involved removing more than 22 million cubic metres of sand and silt to provide a minimum 14 metre draught at all times.

Stephen is currently overseeing the Port Expansion Project to deliver increased container and automotive capacity. The project is the largest landside development undertaken by the port in a generation.

Stephen was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Port of Melbourne Corporation in January 2004, providing leadership for the strategic management of Australia's premier container and general cargo port.

With an extensive background in the wider logistics industry, Stephen previously served as Managing Director Transport of Serco Australia Pty Limited (subsidiary of the UK-based Serco Group plc) from February 2001.

Amongst his many related industry appointments, Stephen is a Director of Through Transport Mutual Insurance Association Limited (TT Club - London) and a Director of Ports Australia, the national peak body representing the interests of ports and marine authorities. Stephen is also a past Deputy Chairman of the Tourism and Transport.

REPORT OF LAST MEETING 9 JULY 2013

**VISITORS:** REBECCA JOHN

**CHAIRMAN:** MIK WELLS

**INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT** - Roy Garrett

Roy announced his committee and advised that the planned focus for the year would include:

- The maintenance and possible improvement of our relationship with our Sister Clubs in Osaka and Echuca.
- The maintenance of our relationship with International House and through them the possibility of holding a welcome BBQ for international students.
- Other planned activities were the support of Rotarians Against Malaria (RAM), Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC), Interplast, Kampuchea House and Donations in Kind (DIK).
- He also advised progress of the Laos School Project Phase II, the planned Phase III as well as the Phase IV project in the planning stage.

**PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Doug advised of the passing of PP Mel Moorfield from cancer at age 72 and that the Clubs condolences had been conveyed to Elisabeth.

He advised that the Club had received a thank you letter from Ann Peace from the Echuca Steam Rally Country Kitchen thanking our participating members and partners who processed in excess of ½ ton of ingredients over the steam rally



**Upcoming Events**

District 9800 Changeover and Awards Night

Ultima Reception Centre

Jun 29, 2013 at 05:30 PM

&dash; 11:30 PM

Board Meeting

RACV City Club

Jul 17, 2013 at 06:00 PM

&dash; 07:30 PM

District Governor's Visit

RACV City Club

Aug 13, 2013 at 07:30 AM

&dash; 08:45 AM

Board Meeting

RACV City Club

Aug 21, 2013 at 06:00 PM

&dash; 07:30 PM

**Speakers**

Jul 9, 2013

Katrina John

*The Rotary Peace Forum in Hiroshima - A Reflection*

Jul 16, 2013

Stephen Bradford, CEO, Port of Melbourne Corporat

*The Port of Melbourne, trading trends and future opportunity*

Jul 23, 2013

John Champion SC, Director of Public Prosecutions

*The Role of the Victorian Public Prosecutions Service*

Nov 5, 2013

NO MEETING THIS WEEK (Melbourne Cup Holiday)

weekend.

He advised that Patrick Barry was not well at present but he hoped to return to the Club soon.

Neville John through his membership of and contributions to the Paul Harris Society achieved a Paul Harris Recognition x 3 rubies. President Doug presented him with his new pin.

### **SERGEANT'S SESSION**

Sergeant Michael introduced a song by the Hunters & Collectors a Melbourne band formed in 1981 – the Holy Grail (1992) which was the favourite song of Mik Wells. Mik insisted it was iconic but no other member could recall – maybe generational.

He then introduced our new Poet Laureate alias Brian Downie to introduce the next two lines to the Club poem:

"He held her hand, she tried to speak

Her emotion was high, her voice was weak"

### **GUEST SPEAKER**



The chairman introduced Katrina John – Delegate to the Hiroshima Peace Forum to talk about "What Peace Means to Me". Her presentation was so excellent and inspiring that a mere précis would not suffice. Hence a longer than normal account.

"Peace Through Service"; three words that can have great impact when an individual begins thinking outside a comfortable life. We have different definitions of peace and potentially most of us haven't really thought about what it truly means to our individual self.

I had the great task of digging deep and finding the root of what peace means to me and my definition came to that one cannot know, understand, feel and appreciate peace until it no longer exists within, for its absence creates an inner conflict having an outward domino effect impacting more than just ourselves.

May 16<sup>th</sup> I arrived in Hiroshima, a clean, friendly and active city. With the few Japanese words I knew, I found the simplicity of direct eye contact and hand gestures is all it took to communicate with strangers. I was one excited lady!

The forum was of huge scale and highly organised, the largest attendance of the three global peace forums with over 2,500 Rotarians and guests from around the

Nov 12, 2013

[NO REGULAR MEETING TODAY](#)

*Paul Harris breakfast tomorrow*

Nov 13, 2013

[Chief Justice Chris Maxwell](#)

Dec 17, 2013

[CHRISTMAS PARTY](#)

Dec 24, 2013

[NO REGULAR MEETING THIS WEEK \(Christmas Eve\)](#)

Dec 31, 2013

[NO REGULAR MEETING THIS WEEK \(New Years Eve\)](#)

Jun 17, 2014

[Police Mentoring Program 2014 Graduation Breakfast](#)

Jun 24, 2014

[NO REGULAR MEETING THIS WEEK](#)

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[Bruce McBAIN](#) (If you have any comments or questions, please contact the editor)

world.

We were handed transmitters for English translation and headed into beautiful auditorium full of buzz and excitement and were seated on the ground level. The forum attendees were welcomed by a Japanese opening ceremony, followed by Sakuji Tanaka reminding us all of his efforts to create the forum in Hiroshima.

Soon after we broke off into groups in smaller rooms, which focused on ways that technology, religion, government and self impacted peace, conflict and war and also how do we go about acting out change, not just talk about it.

These groups were interactive and gave us an opportunity to share our differing ideas. I took from this session that although we may have various views based on personal beliefs and exposure, we all had the same end in mind; to aim for a world more kind, accepting and united.

We listened to directors of organisations sharing their efforts, vision and programs taking place to bring peace in developing and war torn countries. The attendees were given an opportunity to come up to the microphone for and ask questions or share their ideas of how we can make more of a difference. There was certainly a common theme that if we all started asking the question, "what makes me feel like I am doing something worthwhile, how can I give back?" then we have already begun the process of change. A young female stood up and turned to the attendees. I put this question out to all of you, "why are you here, why did you join Rotary, what are you doing each day to serve others before self?". There was silence.

Our final day in Hiroshima was spent with a guide walking us through the peace memorial park. It was here where it gelled for me, seeing the constant efforts of the city and its people spreading the message that the bomb must never happen again.

A monument of a young girl, Sadako holding a paper crane stands in the peace park. Paper cranes are a symbol of peace and it is said that folding 1,000 paper cranes your wishes will be granted. Sadako developed leukaemia 10 years after the bomb, an after effect from radiation exposure. Sadako folded over 1,000 paper cranes when she was in hospital yet did not survive the disease. It may appear her wish did not come true however the legacy she leaves behind is nothing short of inspirational.

We had an intimate meeting with an atomic bomb survivor, Keiko a Hibuksha. A Hibuksha is someone directly effected by the bomb and its radiation and this also includes her children and children's children and so on. What I learnt from Keiko was the shame she and all other atomic bomb survivors carried, the shame of being affected by radiation and no one wanting to be associated with them.

We were briefly introduced to a young man Ari. Ari stood up awkwardly and introduced himself. Hi I'm Ari a writer. My grandfather was one of the men who dropped the bomb on Hiroshima in 1945. I am in Japan to speak to as many survivors as possible to hear their story and write a book on the after effects of war.

It is safe to say that this day was emotionally charged. Our team had dinner that night to debrief and we all shared our tears, silence and reflection.

This was the end of our team's time in Hiroshima. Each of us either went on to travel further into Japan or headed home. We were sad to leave as we provided emotional support. We felt we may struggle returning home and people not understanding what we had seen here. Our promise to one another was to continue the support back home and that is what we are doing.

From a Rotary perspective, there are over 1.2 million members of Rotary as the values of Rotary spoke to them somehow. Service Above Self, Peace Through Service. Can you imagine if every Rotarian was activated bringing more purpose and meaning to what we already do? 1.2 million good-hearted people, how do we keep them motivated?

Here is where my attempt to create a positive domino effect begins. My focus and direction has shifted towards youth, so much so that I am going back to Melbourne University to study Adolescent Health and Welfare. Why? Because they are next in

line as the leaders of tomorrow and I feel it is my role to keep the gap close between generations and lead them through each platform of life's opportunities.

My desire to work with youth will hopefully facilitate change in one's life, supporting questions to life's purpose in creating a safe platform for youth to reach within and discover why they're here.

I began this journey as a volunteer leader at the RYPEN camp in March this year. I had great insight into what the camp brought about for the kids and it opened my eyes seeing them eager to excel, learn, experience, push boundaries and connect. This instilled faith that they want to be involved; we just need to guide them. I was reminded that these kids are our future and I took great interest in how I could lead them.

From a Rotary perspective this got me thinking.

How can we keep these, already interested, RYPEN kids involved and part of the great work that Rotary does?

I believe the link between RYPEN, MUNA, NYSF, WOD, RYLA could be stronger. We could almost create a Rotary protocol inviting the past RYPEN participants to participate in the continuum of Rotary youth programs.

Let the DOMINO EFFECT begin



#### DUTY ROSTER

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| <b>Chair</b>                                | Kevin Walklate  |
| <b>Sergeant</b>                             | Michael Bromby  |
| <b>Greeter</b>                              | Richard Stone   |
| <b>Reporter</b>                             | Mary Voice      |
| <b>Photographer</b>                         | David Jones     |
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