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GUEST SPEAKERS TUESDAY 10th MARCH



We look forward to hearing from the Group Study Exchange team from District 6840 which serves southeast Louisiana, including New Orleans and the Mississippi and the Gulf Coast. Team Leader Carl Michel and team members Alex Michael, Kait Sukiennik, Chris Vignes and Matthew Winterkorn will share with us their experiences so far and tell us about there lives back home.

INVITATION TO ALL



RCCMS Equinox Breakfast

Sunday, March 22

7:30am – 11am

211 Separation Street, Northcote

Host (& cook): Gerard Hogan

- Fare: BBQ bacon eggs, tomato, corn jacks
Muesli, corn flakes, Just Right, oj, tea, coffee,
champagne
French toast, toast (hot), honey, jam
- Cost: Price at cost with any profit to the sgt's bucket
- Timing: Any time between 7:30am and 11am
- Register: Via website or tell Gerard
- Contact: ghogan6@bigpond.com
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DUTY ROSTER 10th March

Chair
MACKEY, George

Sergeant
GERLINGER, Bernie

Greeter
MITCHELL, Dick

Reporter
MURPHY, Justine

Photographer
HINES, Rob

Door
O'BRIEN, Frank

Director Report
JONES, David

Bulletin Editor
JONES, David

Upcoming Events

DISTRICT 9800 Conference

Wrest Point
Mar 12, 2015 – Mar 14, 2015

Board Meeting

RACV City Club
Mar 19, 2015
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Equinox Breakfast

211 Separation Street
Mar 22, 2015
7:30 AM – 11:00 AM

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

NEVILLE AND SUZETTE IN SYDNEY.

Suzette and I have settled into our new lifestyle in Manly just fine. Have a comfortable apartment right on Manly Cove so within easy walking distance to the ferries, a number of beaches and all the fine dining. Suzette is still working in Melbourne on a project so doing a lot of commuting for long weekends, with a week or two here over Easter.

I have been settled in my work at the Australian Institute of Police Management for five weeks now and absolutely enjoying it, both the learning environment, mentoring role and intellectual challenge working here with four other Visiting Research Fellows from around Australia and Hong Kong. I will be mainly here throughout the year however also doing some facilitation on leadership courses for police forces in PNG, Indonesia and Solomon's throughout the year which will add to the experience.

I trust all our RCCMS family are well and great to keep updated with goings on via the Bulletin and my regular chats with Tony Fritsche. Suzette and I look forward to catching up with some of you in Hobart at the conference.

The facility in the background is just above Collins Beach which is on my walk to work each day. Very stressful hey!!! Also is the group of academic staff at the Institute I am working with.



Just for fun is my "weekend office" . An Adams 10 I managed to get myself on, to crew sailing from Manly YC.

BON NOTS per LEIGH CLIFFORD

Posted by Tony THOMAS

Qantas Chairman Leigh Clifford provided a feast of bon notes at our the first annual Business Leaders Breakfast last Tuesday.

- "Resources are not an industry for pussy-cats, nor are airlines."

Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre Working Bee

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

Speakers

Mar 10, 2015
Group Study Exchange Team from Louisiana, USA

Mar 17, 2015
Russell Rolls
A tale of two engineers

Mar 31, 2015
Mr Elio D'Amato
Talking stocks with Elio D'Amato

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

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- "Qantas got hit in the backside by a rainbow when Ansett went broke"
- "The Indians tend to cut red tape lengthwise"
- "After the biggest mining boom since the 1850s, the young generation is saying, 'What do you mean, we have a national debt problem?' Actually we're paying \$100m a day just on the interest."
- "Your address counts a lot. Mozambique, Mongolia, Guinea, Central African Republic are very rich in minerals but no-one wants to go there. Because there's rule of law, Australia, Canada, and Chile are good places to explore and develop."
- "I'm keen on lithium for green batteries; copper for electrification of the world, and coking coal. On our uranium, Kazakhstan is the second major producer after Canada, and Kazakhstan is running out of reserves."
- "The important thing about boards is to keep directors out of the weeds."



Leigh's presentation is further reported in the Meeting Report below.

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE - NEXT PROGRAM MARCH 22

Are you interested in future club leadership (not necessarily as club president) or are you just keen to learn more about Rotary?

The Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) is a multi-district leadership development program and offers a quality education in Rotary knowledge and leadership skills for voluntary organisations.

Sessions are fun, fast paced, interactive one day courses run by experienced and formally trained Rotarians in our District. The participants contribute their experience and ideas in facilitated conversational small discussion groups, sharing knowledge, ideas and opinions. They learn how Rotary operates differently in clubs and learn from these differences. It builds confidence in a Rotarian. RLI gives a perspective about where Rotary has been, where it is going, and a vision of what Rotary can be.

The program consists of 3 full day sessions, which run from 9am to 3.15pm on Sundays in South Melbourne.

Register your interest NOW, with Roger or Roy, for Part 1 on March 22.

MEETING REPORT- INAUGURAL BUSINESS LEADERS MEETING 3rd MARCH 2015

Posted by Roger THORNTON

Chairman's welcome

President Roy Garrett welcomed a total of 108 Rotarians, guests and friends to the inaugural Business Leaders' Breakfast. He stated that proceeds from this fund raising event will help pay for Silk Miller scholarships provided by RCCMS to members of Victoria Police, to study adolescent health and wellbeing at the University of Melbourne, through the Centre for Adolescent Health.

Special guests

Guest Speaker Leigh Clifford AO and Suzie Clifford. Actg. Sergeant LizToffoletti. DG Dr Murray Verso.

Toast to Rotary International

DG Murray, declaring that Rotary is a remarkable force for good in the world and that Rotarians are proud to practice Service Above Self, led the toast to Rotary International.

Acting Police Sergeant Liz Toffoletti

President Roy introduced Liz Toffoletti, the 2014 Silk Miller Scholar, now in the 2nd year of her Masters of Adolescent Health course and currently seconded to the Community Safety Group in the Corporate Strategy & Operational Improvement Department, Victoria Police.

Liz stated that she was representing past recipients of the Silk Miller scholarship and also commented that through Rotary she had previously participated in a Group Study Exchange (GSE). She offered insights into how her university training, where she learnt developmental theories, melded



with her work experience. Liz' particular field of interest is the interaction of young people with the police and her Masters course is helping her to take her understanding to a new level.

Guest Speaker

President Roy introduced Leigh Clifford AO, between 2000 and 2007 Chief Executive of Rio Tinto Group and currently Chairman of Qantas Airways Limited. Roy recounted how he and Leigh have been friends for many years and remembers him as being intensely competitive on the tennis court.

President Roy stated that Leigh was impeccably qualified to speak at the inaugural Business Leaders' Breakfast on the subject of "**Current Challenges facing Australian business**".



Leigh Clifford started his address by offering to provide a tour of areas he had been involved in during his career. He said that he had been with Rio Tinto for 37 years before becoming Chairman of Qantas and described himself as a mining engineer on the wingtips of aviation.

Leigh said that Australians are experiencing a lot of uncertainty at present and that the Government is having difficulty getting the message across about the seriousness of the very high household debt to GDP ratio, which is rising rapidly. The resources boom, the biggest since the 1850s, insulated Australia from the GFC due to demand from China and the young, in particular, remain unconvinced about the problem.

Now, although resources production is booming, the construction boom has come to an end and prices are falling. The very high prices for iron ore experienced last year were a spike and \$60/tonne is a good price. So second tier producers are feeling

the squeeze and private equity potential buyers are in the wings. But with minerals, timing is everything and Australia's rule of law stands it in good stead in the eyes of investors. Leigh said he currently favours chromium, copper, lithium, coking coal and uranium as investment opportunities.

Turning to aviation, Leigh stated that Australians are lucky to have a strong Qantas and that last week's profit announcement vindicated actions taken by Alan Joyce in stripping \$2B in costs out of the airline. He acknowledged that Qantas had failed to tackle the big issue of labour, not helped by the collapse of Ansett, which made life too easy for Qantas. However, recent competition has helped to strengthen the airline, which is now benefitting from cheaper oil and a weaker Australian dollar.

Leigh stated that Qantas has four focus areas: cost reduction, customer satisfaction, fixing the balance sheet and rewarding shareholders.

Leigh then answered questions from the floor. To the question of what is a chairman's role, he said that a chairman needs to ensure that boards keeps out of the weeds. They should focus on strategy, major capital applications, key personnel and Governments. He maintained that boards need diversity of experience and quoted the appointment to the Qantas Board of Todd Sampson, with his consumer viewpoint, as an excellent example.

Asked about inbound tourism, Leigh said that tourist numbers from China are increasing dramatically, unlike Europe although the US numbers are encouraging. However, in contrast to New Zealand, Australia is not well endowed with 5 star tourist destinations and China is going to demand higher standards, especially with city based tourism.

In response to a question on free trade agreements, Leigh stated that benefits are already flowing, especially in agriculture. He also pointed out that increased trade is a good way of minimising conflict between countries, due to interdependencies built up. Nonetheless, he acknowledged that Australia is a high cost manufacturing country, so the emphasis needs to be on skills rather than labour. He pointed to education of international students as being a good example of such an export industry.

President Roy's closing

President Roy thanked Leigh Clifford for his insightful address and presented him with a copy of Jeremy Scott's book "*The Long Road from a Broken Heart*". He thanked visitors for attending and closed the meeting.

GALLERY



GSE members Kait and Matthew with Steven Wells at Royal Talbot. Members from last years working bee will recognise the location! It looks terrific with the paving now complete.



'Old' tennis mates. President Roy with guest speaker Leigh Clifford.



Business Leaders Breakfast -108 Guests, \$2700 raised for the Silk Miller Scholarship.