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Club meetings: 7.15 for 7.40 am at the RACV  
501 Bourke Street, Melbourne

### Next Weeks Speaker 20 November 2012

Posted by Bruce McBAIN

#### Helga Svendsen from Hotham Mission.

Hotham Asylum Seekers Program works with the most vulnerable asylum seekers in the community while they await the outcome of their claims for protection. Helga, a woman with children, has little or no income and faces homelessness with physical or emotional trauma, isolation and mental illness. Some have experienced detention. Hotham also provides housing and care for unaccompanied young people who have been released from detention centres into community-based care as the outcome of their claims.

### Paul Harris Breakfast 14 November 2012

Posted by Tony THOMAS

#### PAUL HARRIS BREAKFAST Raises \$9628 for Rotary Foundation

#### Police Chief outlines policing challenges at Paul Harris breakfast

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**Police Academy Vocational Visit**  
 Victoria Police Academy  
 Nov 23, 2012 10:40 AM - 03:00 PM

**DIK Working Bee**  
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**DIK Working Bee**  
 Woolshed 40  
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President Kay Stevens, Police Commissioner Ken Lay and District Governor Dennis Thomas

#### Reporter Tony Thomas

Nearly 250 Paul Harris Fellows and guests heard Victorian Police Chief Commissioner Ken Lay describe the force's big issues on November 14.

He highlighted getting on top of organised and cyber crime, coping with de support staff, and making the best use of social media in policing.

"Putting more blue shirts into police stations is not going to help me tackle cyber-

The guests, including members of 33 clubs in District 9800, were attending the Harris Breakfast of the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne - Sunrise at the RACV

The breakfasts have been a landmark Melbourne event each November since 1992 was addressed by Past Rotary International President Royce Abbey AO DCI



Pictured: Attendees being addressed by Chief Commissioner Ken Lay.

The event raised \$9628 for Rotary Foundation programs. A Mercedes driving on a race track raised \$650 at auction, and a Qantas simulator session for three people

The Central Melbourne-Sunrise club has a close affinity with Victoria Police through a scheme, which has paired more than 100 top police with varying Rotary clubs plus well-connected business leaders. Ken Lay said this scheme was having a positive impact on police leadership, which for the past year has been heavily restructuring.

The resources he controls are daunting – about 17,500 police and staff, a \$2.2 billion budget, 100 work centres. The force deals with 400,000 crimes a year and many millions of interactions to help community stability.

Lay, who began police life driving a divisional van around Prahran, said the forces are restructuring – such as country police stations typically being 10-15km distant – a modernising is not easy in any large bureaucracy, he said.

The connected world is now both an advantage and a concern – as evidenced by the extent of electronic extortion, fraud, bullying and child porn issues.

On social media, he said the reactions to the heinous murder of a young woman

September were a wake-up call that police must engage with “sharing” sites – 146 Facebook pages involving people involved. Some were positive and some were negative. Some in solving such crimes need to capture and make good use of such social comm

The murder also highlighted the effects of CCTV (closed circuit TV), which led to “CCTV is very good for helping us to solve crimes but we don’t know if it’s as good for solving crimes,” he said.

A few decades ago Victoria Police were largely State-bound. Today all Australia mobilized to match needs such as the earthquake in NZ, floods in Commonwealth heads’ meeting in Perth, and Solomon Islands peacekeeping.

Some offences are probably best dealt with by the community more than police. An epidemic is one example which can’t be stopped just by police on the beat, he said.

Organised crime had grown 8% in the past year and posed enormous problems. Criminals were in good suits and ties, not bikie jackets. The public is very supportive of issues like the road toll but is yet to fully get behind the force on this enormous crime.

In coming years the police have to prioritise issues according to the harm to the community, with perhaps less emphasis on data collection, for example. The main force relies, is shifting from morning newspapers to e-news.

The force is also being more frank, new examples including its Parliamentary speech abuse by some church personnel, he said.

Other speakers at the breakfast included District 9800 Governor, Dennis S Foundation Director and PDG, John Davis.



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Auctioneer Michael Bromby assisted by Brian Downie work the audience to opportunity to experience the Qantas flight simulator

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### **John and Lorraine Meehan Investiture**

Posted by Bruce McBAIN



Pictured after receiving their OAM. John & Lorraine Meehan with His Excellency Chernov AV QC

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### **Laos Team Arrive Home**

Posted by Bruce McBAIN



A weary but happy contingent of Club members has arrived home from touring with their endeavours . As part of the tour arrangement participants funded a new Ban Houai Yen and also spent two days painting the school prior to its official opening. It is expected that the Club will commit to further school development in Laos in 2013.

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#### **The Club in Action Making a Difference late night in the CBD**

Posted by Bruce McBAIN

Rotarians never sleep, here they are in action late at night helping to make the CBD a better environment.



Its late at night but an appreciative group of young people engage with Club me



## On to Conference



Mars lander "Curiosity" - topic of one conference talk

### **District Conference 14-16 March 2013**

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- Discover how Victoria's industrial might can be reborn
- Learn how to manage 16 outback stations from the Kimberley to south-east Australia and many European countries

More details coming soon!

To find out more about the conference, please feel free to contact me, or see the conference website: <http://www.rotary9800conference.org/>

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**Duty Roster 20 November 2012**

Posted by Bruce McBAIN

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Sergeant	Michael Bromby
Greeter	Richard Stone OAM
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Director Report	Michael Wells

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