



NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER – 23 JULY 2013



John Champion SC – Director of Public Prosecutions

The Role of the Victorian Public Prosecutions Service

In 1982 the State Government transferred prosecution decisions from the executive government to an independent Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP). The creation of the position of DPP was effected by legislation which was passed in late 1982 and which came into operation in June 1983. Victoria was the first jurisdiction in Australia to establish an independent Director of Public Prosecutions; the Commonwealth and other States and Territories subsequently passed similar legislation.

The public prosecutions service is responsible for prosecuting the most serious crimes that occur in Victoria. These are called 'indictable' matters. Other agencies investigate crimes and refer the matters to the OPP for prosecution in the Supreme and County Courts. The OPP prosecutes about 170 matters each year that have involved the death of one or more victims.

John Champion S.C. is Victoria's Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP). He was appointed in November 2011, after acting in the position from June 2011. John studied at Melbourne University where he completed a law degree in 1974, a Diploma in Criminology in 1975 and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Corporations and Securities Law in 1994. He completed a Masters of Law at Monash University in 1984.

Before his appointment as DPP, he practised as a barrister for more than 33 years and covered all aspects of criminal law including lengthy and complex trials involving murder, drug trafficking, white collar crime and terrorism, and matters before the Court of Appeal.

John was Inhouse Counsel at the Commonwealth DPP from 1999 to 2005; was appointed Senior Counsel in 2003; and was a member of the Executive Committee of the Criminal Bar Association from 2004 to 2010, including Chairman from 2007 to 2010.

MEETING REPORT FROM 16 JULY 2013

By Anne King

Chair of the day Kevin Walklate opened the meeting with a toast to Rotary International.

There were 3 visitors to the club this morning - Assistant Governor Tony Wells, Peter Durass RC Essendon and Terry Valentine RC Dandenong East.

Announcements and Director's Report

Richard Stone advised that the 7th year of the Victoria Police Mentoring Program was about to commence and for the first time members from every district in Victoria would be involved in mentoring an individual police member. He provided an impressive list of the businesses that would be providing the business mentors this year to the 21 mentorees that will be participating.

George Mackie gave a director's overview on New Generations for the coming year. The committee is planning on doubling the number of MUNA and RYPEN participants this year. They are also looking for other schools to form relationships with. These relationships will be formed not just to source candidates for Rotary programs but to investigate ways that the club can use its skills to mentor and assist students in their future endeavours.



George also managed to confuse Tom Boyle and Tom Callander in the process which is probably quite a feat considering their height, age and hair colour difference.

However, we will let you be the judge of this....



AG Tony Wells conveyed greetings from District Governor Ross Butterworth and honoured the club for its ambitions plans for the year and its continued support at district level. He reminded the club that we are all members of Rotary international and that it is the role of individual clubs to aid RI by providing purpose, dignity and relevance.

President Doug advised that the club has received a council grant to allow the club to present a fundraising play at the Melbourne Town Hall. The grant provides for free use of the Hall other than a few direct costs for the night such as audio / visual. This represents an equivalent donation of over \$5000 and the fundraising committee is in the process of performing a risk assessment for the event. There are also plans for a new member forum to be held on either 29/7 or 5/8 to which all interested members are invited to attend - more details will be provided soon.



Upcoming Events

[District Governor's Visit](#)
RACV City Club

Aug 13, 2013 at 07:30 AM -
08:45 AM

[Board Meeting](#)
RACV City Club

Aug 21, 2013 at 06:00 PM -
07:30 PM

[Board Meeting](#)
RACV City Club

Sep 18, 2013 at 06:00 PM -
07:30 PM

Speakers

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](#)
[\(Melbourne Cup Holiday\)](#)

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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Sergant's Session

Michael Bromby then played Alan Driver's favourite song "From little things big things grow" by Paul Kelly.

Roy Garret then added his two lines to the clubs epic poem.

He rushed around the corner – like an Afghan hound
And saw it all before him, a sight so utterly profound [M Bromby]

He held her hand, she tried to speak
Her emotion was high, her voice was weak [B Downie]

She looked him hard into his eyes
And said: "I hope you like surprise". [R Garrett]

Talk of the Day

Guest Speaker Stephen Bradford, CEO of the Port of Melbourne Corporation (PoMC), then provided members with a very interesting overview of the background of the Melbourne Port, trade trends and opportunities and the Port Capacity Project.



The Port's history stretches back to 1935 when John Pascoe Fawkner landed 2 cows, 2 calves and 2 horses at a site near today's Immigration Museum. The first wharves were constructed and became the shipping hub for Melbourne. Ports tend to move as populations and infrastructure grow and Melbourne is no different with the port moving further downstream and the current plans for Webb Dock, Hastings and the expansion of Swanson Dock.

PoMC is a strategic port manager that provides a "land lord" model where the private sector provides the operations of the Port such as stevedoring, towage etc.

There is a big difference between the former Port of Melbourne Authority and PoMC.

The number of staff has reduced from 1500 to 230. Large infrastructure works are typically contracted out and PoMC retain specialised skill such as hydrographic surveying and marine and navigation. It has 9 directors appointed by the Ports Minister and pays tax and dividends. The capital spend averages \$100K per day on items such as land and wharf remediation and asset management. Income is through wharfage, channel fees and rent.

The port is the largest international container terminal in Australasia and accounts for 36% of the nation's container trade and is number 53 in the world. Containers represent 70% of total trade and the remaining 30% comprises cars and bulk goods. Despite the high Australian dollar 2011/12 all trade sectors recorded positive results with total containers growing 8% and the port handled 2.58M containers and around 1000 cars per day. 2012/13 is estimated to reveal lower container levels than the previous year. However, agriculture exports have shown positive growth.

The Port Capacity Project represents the biggest landside port development in a generation and is PoMC's highest priority. Container volumes have increased by 150% since 1997 and forecasts estimate that a doubling of capacity is required by 2025. The project represents a \$.6M development and includes the building of Webb Dock, additional capacity at Swanson Dockland and the ability for cars to be outfitted for the road on the Dock and delivered direct to dealerships rather than being transported elsewhere, thereby eliminating double handling.

This project, and any other activity around the port, is conducted through liaison with the community, trade supply chains and the Government. In summary the port will continue to grow as the population grows, the PoMC's role is to facilitate trade and ensure sufficient capacity ahead of the expected trade curve.

IN MEMORY OF MEL MOORFIELD

By Tom Callander

Mel Moorfield was one of our original 39 charter members on Charter night 1 May 1987 (although the actual Charter certificate is dated 3 April 1987).

Mel's first "official" Club position of office was as Director of the Club Service Committee (and President Elect) in our third year, under President Herb Greenwood. Under Mel's directorship, Club Service Committee led the move to amend our constitution to allow for the admission of women.

Mel's year as our fourth President commenced on 1 July 1990. He was a dynamic Club leader with numerous achievements being accomplished.

In the area of membership, the net membership increased from 39 to 51 (a record) and he inducted our first five female members. Noteworthy is also that he inducted our current members, Bernie Gerlinger and Alan Seale as members.

In Mel's year, several new programs were initiated including our continuing relationship with Shirley Osborn and her "Steps Ministry" looking after street kids. The long running Vocational Service Program "Operation Livewire" commenced, which continued until 2005 (Mel was a judge in that first year). Our first fundraising "Supper Auction" was held. Mel's spouse Elizabeth commenced occasional "Partners' Lunches" as a means of increasing involvement and fellowship for partners of members, particularly new members. Another first was sending our

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first youth exchange student, Melissa Gilmore, to Brazil.

In the following year (John Meehan's presidency) our first Paul Harris Fellow Breakfast was held in November 1991. Establishing the very successfully running PHF Breakfast was Mel's brainchild.

Mel's engagement with Rotary went beyond the club level as he was very active at the 9800 District level. He was appointed as a District Governor's Representative for 1991-1992. He was a member of Foundation-Promotion/Information 1992-1993, Director Community Service 1993-1994 and 1994-1995. He received a District "Special Service Award" for his co-organising of the Repair and Painting Volunteers (including many from our Club) after the Benalla floods of 1993.

During our eighth year Mel resigned from our Club, as he no longer worked in the city and he joined the Rotary Club of Croydon. In that year, our Club presented Mel with a "Sapphire" additional Paul Harris Fellow Recognition.

Our Club benefitted greatly from Mel's membership during the Club's first eight years. Our sympathy is extended to Elizabeth and Mel's family.

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