



## Stories

### GUEST SPEAKER – 18th FEBRUARY 2014



#### **Ms Peggy O'Neal, President Richmond Football Club**

##### **The Richmond Football Club 2014**

Richmond FC was formed in 1885 at a meeting convened at Byrnes Punt Hotel, Punt Road, Richmond. The first senior match was played against Williamstown.

Since that time, Richmond has had its share of successes and disappointments including its superstars and more recently, its struggle to reach the finals. In a business sense, RFC has rebuilt its financial position remarkably over the last five years. Peggy will talk about her vision for RFC and this will be supported by an active Q and A from members of Central Melbourne-Sunrise.

Peggy joined the board of Richmond FC in November 2005 and was elected president in October 2013. As such she is the first female president of an AFL/VFL football club. She was also chair of the Tigers in Community Foundation Limited for the past four years. Peggy is a lawyer and acts as a consultant to Lander & Rogers law firm, having stepped down as a partner of Freehills in 2009.

She is also on the board of a number of entities in the financial services sector and was a consultant to the federal government during its review of the superannuation system.

### DUTY ROSTER FOR TUESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2014.

Chair	Bruce McBain
Sgt	Michael Bromby
Greeter	Tom Callander
Reporter	Allan Driver
Photographer	Tony Thomas
Door	Kerstin Steiner
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Bulletin Editor	David Jones

### MEETING REPORT 11th FEBRUARY 2014

Reporter: Roy Garrett

Chair: Roger Thornton

Visiting Rotarians: Terry Valentine, RC Dandenong South East  
Gabriel Hau, RC Southbank

Guests: Pamela Robertson, guest of Doug Robertson  
Kerrin Howard, guest of Gabriel Hau  
Stella Avramopoulos, guest of Neville John

Guest Speaker: Dr Elizabeth Pittman

Announcements:

*Neil Salvano:*

City of Melbourne White Nights event, Rotary Rest Centre (Community Village location), Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb. Needing volunteers for 2 shifts: 6:30pm – 12:30; 12:30 – 07:00am



## Upcoming Events

### Peninsula Family BBQ

Feb 16, 2014 at 12:00 PM  
– 04:00 PM

### Board Meeting

RACV City Club

Feb 19, 2014 at 06:00 PM  
– 07:30 PM

### District Conference

Mar 07, 2014 – Mar 09,  
2014

### Board Meeting

RACV City Club

Mar 19, 2014 at 06:00 PM  
– 07:30 PM

### McAuley House Working Bee

McAuley House

Mar 22, 2014 at 08:30 AM  
– 03:00 PM

## Speakers

Feb 18, 2014

Ms Peggy O'Neal, President Richmond Football Club  
*The Richmond Football Club 2014*

Feb 25, 2014

Natalie Duke  
*The Melbourne Food and Wine Festival 2014*

Mar 04, 2014

Membership Forum

Mar 11, 2014

Peter Wilson  
*Mentoring - origins and its value to modern leadership*

Mar 25, 2014

Asst Commissioner Jack Blayney  
*Ice and its effect on country Victoria*

[View entire list](#)

*Bernie Gerlinger:*

- 1) Working Bee, McAuley House, assisting with tree pruning. 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 08:30 – 3:00pm. Volunteers needed
- 2) Camp Getaway, 9<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> May. Volunteers needed

*David Jones:*

Morning Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> March, guest speaker is Peter Wilson, Chair of Australian HR. An excellent speaker and topic to bring a friend / business colleague. Topic is "Mentoring, its Origins and Value to Today's Leadership"

*Greg Cuthbert:*

RCCMS are manning a barbeque Moomba Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> March. Two shifts: 10:00 – 15:00 and 15:00 – 20:00. Volunteers needed.

*Kevin Walkate:*

Vocational visit to Australia Post's stamp manufacturing operation in Rowville is on 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, 0800. Interested attendees please let Kevin know.

**Sgt. Session:** Sgt Michael Bromby alluded to a possible fundraising competition for Selfies and demonstrated how good a selfie can be by putting up a pic of daughter, son-in-law and baguette, all on bikes and in Paris. All members agreed that Michael's daughter looks vastly better than he does and also that it was indeed a good selfie – and a RCCMS contest sounds very interesting.

Michael then introduced Richard Stone and a "Would I lie to You" scenario wherein Richard confessed to us all that when bank managing in Normanton, FNQ, he arrested the local police sergeant. He did too. And we (nearly) all believed him. Finally, Michael added two more stanzas via Alan Seale and Neil Salvano to the Tangled Tawdry Tale of lurid love, lust and lies. This literary masterpiece is headed for an interesting conclusion – maybe in 2014?



"Would I Lie to You" Richard trying to tell a lie. A study in Neuro Linguistic Programming.

Guest Speaker, Dr Elizabeth Pittman: "Medical Charlatans and Frauds"



In a fascinating address, Dr Pittman started with some discussion on definitions. A charlatan is a dishonest or unprincipled person. A fraud is someone who takes people down, for money – money

#### Bulletin Editor

David JONES (If you have any comments or questions, please contact the editor)

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overcomes ethics.

She illustrated some of history's medical scoundrels:

Dr Goddard was a 17<sup>th</sup> century doctor who claimed he could cure pretty well everything. His potion seems to have been mostly ammonium carbonate – smelling salts. Charles II, a sovereign of certain tastes (ie 11 mistresses), believed Dr Goddard had a winner and bought the recipe (for £6,000!) so he could manufacture in his own laboratory. Charles duly had a stroke, was bled, purged bowels, took his Goddard potion and died.

Dr Perkins was an 18<sup>th</sup> century respected surgeon who took to the new-fangled product – electricity – and invented "tractors". These were sort-of mini chopsticks made of gold and silver which would be drawn across the body to remove electrical malaises and would cure pain "everywhere"

He had followers in the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and the President, but was expelled from the Medical Society of Connecticut – not because of malpractice, but because he was a patentee – a manufacturer of things.

He developed a "cure" for yellow fever which at that time was rampant in New York. There, he caught the disease and died. His son went on to found the Perkinean Association in England from where he returned to the USA £10,000 better off!

Richard Wallace had a medical degree and took on a great many more initials. He served in the British Army, in Prahran, St Kilda and then Sydney where he tablished the Freeman & Wallace Electro-medical Institute. He believed a great many medical interventions could be undertaken using electricity. His book "Rescued at Last" contained "naughty" drawings and was withdrawn. He also produced the "Electric Invigorator Belt" although from this time, 2014, one cannot imagine where the electricity came from. There was one for men, one for ladies. RCCMS members were impressed.

Then there was Dr Jukes, who thought that water enemas were such a good idea that he had one himself, daily and invented a very disquieting portable model. Some RCCMS members blanched at the photograph of this apparatus! Dr Jukes claimed that "French people had a water enema daily, after dinner". More blanching.

And there was Dr Cotton who thought surgical removal of infected organs was a sure-fire cure for psychosis. Maybe the high death rate from these procedures could be taken as a cure of the psychosis? In some instances, many organs were removed. Whether this was because more infected organs were located or the psychosis had not gone is uncertain. Dr Cotton was discredited after a two year investigation but the investigation went unreported for a long time to preserve the reputation of John Hopkins Hospital, with which he was associated.

Last, but not least and still current and still having followers is Dr Wakefield, who promulgated the absolutely false claim that MMR vaccinations could lead to autism. Some countries which abandoned MMR vaccination actually showed an increase in autism. "There are still quite a number of adherents to this foolishness today!"

Aologies for the long-winded report, but Dr Pittman's presentation was indeed fascinating. Roy.



President Doug with two of our three visitors, Kerrin Howard [left] and Stella Avramopoulos  
The third visitor was Pam Robertson!

### DADDY CAN I HAVE A PONY PLEASE?

Tony Thomas's youngest daughter Sara, a horse lover, and her newly-wed husband Brad bought a property of about 10 hectares at Kilmore East six months ago with a big paddock out front where she could run her two nags.

For the past week she and her husband Brad have been close to the epicentre of the Kilmore bush fires. They evacuated early last week for a night, spending time in a car park before lodging with Brad's parents. The horses refused to go in the float and they left the gates open instead.

Next morning they returned, only to find the fire alerts suddenly becoming more ominous. The horses had stayed put.

For every day since there has been a see-saw of alerts rising and falling as the fires stopped and advanced across a 40km front. However, the fires were virtually all west of the Kilmore road and would have consumed Kilmore itself before reaching the little East Kilmore settlement near the railway station a few kilometres east of the main town.

About 200 fire trucks and 19 aircraft were in the battle to protect Kilmore, a significant town stretching along a couple of kilometres of the main road.

The fires' progress could be mapped throughout on the FireReady app, making all the Thomas's feel they were virtually on the spot. Their phones and iPads kept up a constant ping as new alerts came in. The stay-or-go decision for Sara and Brad was constantly a live one, with serious consequences.

Whereas Sara and Brad's property is not thickly treed, her neighbours' houses down in the valley were tucked amid thick bushland. Those homes would not have had a chance.

Fortunately the big fires never got closer than 4km (at time of writing) but it was touch and go.

One of Sara's best horsey friends on the west side of Kilmore lost a lot of fencing in the fires.

### POLIO PLUS PROGRAMME PROGRESS

#### **Taliban drive sees return of polio**

- AMANDA HODGE, *THE AUSTRALIAN*, FEBRUARY 12, 2014 12:00AM

**THE first polio case in Kabul since the 2001 fall of the Taliban has been discovered in a three-year-old girl living with her nomadic family on the fringes of the Afghan capital, highlighting the devastating impact of Pakistani militants' violent campaign against vaccinations across the border.**

The virus strain, believed to be identical to that still ravaging the northwest border areas of Pakistan, where up to 300,000 children remain unvaccinated, was discovered after the girl became paralysed and her father sought help.

The discovery has triggered a public health alarm and vaccination drive across Kabul, with hundreds of volunteer vaccinators fanning out to its poorest extremities where many Kuchi (nomadic) families live in tents and temporary structures.

But Health Minister Soraya Dalil said yesterday the Pakistani Taliban's violent opposition to polio vaccination was "undermining efforts" in Afghanistan to eradicate the childhood disease.

Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria are the last three countries where polio remains endemic, though last year the Pakistan strain was also discovered in 17 Syrian children, raising concerns over the potential for the disease to be carried by jihadists into trouble spots across Africa and the Middle East.

India was declared polio free this year and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was due last night to attend a ceremony in New Delhi to celebrate the significant achievement.

Afghanistan has made great strides towards eradicating polio since the Afghan Taliban leadership withdrew its objections several years ago to vaccinations. Only 80 new cases were detected in 2011, and just 14 last year.

The Afghan government also has polio vaccinators stationed at border posts between Pakistan and Afghanistan. As many as 1.5 million people cross between the two countries annually, though many do so outside formal border posts and so are not captured by the vaccination campaign.

But Taliban militants continue to target polio health workers in Pakistan, who they accuse of being part of a western plot to sterilise Muslims. More than 30 health volunteers have been killed since July 2012.

This week the Imran Khan-led provincial government of Khyber Pakhtunkwa Province, an area bordering Pakistan's Federally Administered Tribal Areas, boasted it had vaccinated half a million children in a two-week long polio eradication drive.

Aziz Memon, chairman of Rotary Pakistan's Polio Program — a partner in the campaign — says vaccination clinics are held on Sundays when security forces are free to provide protection.

"We're getting very positive results and if we can continue we should be able to halt transmission in KPK," Mr Memon told *The Australian* yesterday.

"But the problem remains in FATA where 300,000 children are trapped (either by Pakistani militants or the army) without access to health services.

ANOTHER GUTSY BUSINESS MEETING

**ANOTHER GUTSY BUSINESS BREAKFAST**

**Profile your club to your business world - invite a friend who is in business to hear;**

**Peter Wilson AM**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

**"Mentoring – Origins and its Value to Modern Leadership"**

Now there's a topic that is appropriate to many business sectors, with one of Australia's most qualified to present the topic.

**Peter is our exceptional guest speaker on March 11<sup>th</sup> – usual time and place *PLUS* cooked breakfast. \$28.00pax**

**Please let Neville Taylor know of your guests ASAP but by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at latest.**