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### Upcoming events

**Eminent Speaker Breakfast - Alan Attwood**  
 RACV City Club  
 Apr 09, 2013 07:15 AM - 09:00 AM

**Working Bee at Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre**  
 Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre  
 Apr 21, 2013 09:00 AM - 01:00 PM

**DIK Working Bee**  
 Woolshed 40  
 May 11, 2013 09:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**Know Your Numbers – National Stroke Foundation**  
 RACV City Club  
 May 14, 2013 - May 15, 2013

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

#### DUTY ROSTER - 26 March 2013

Chairperson	Peter Lake
Sergeant	Michael Bromby
Greeter	Neville John
Reporter	Richard Bowen
Photographer	Kevin Love
Door	Justine Murphy
Director Report	Michael Wells - New Generations

#### NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER - 26 March 2013

**Mr Rithy Ann** will speak on "Life in Cambodia and Rotary's role in improving conditions"

Rithy does not remember his actual date of birth as he was orphaned during the Khmer Rouge regime in the most tragic and personal circumstances. He lost his whole family – parents, one older brother and his one-year-old sister. He should have also died but, critically injured, was rescued and recovered.

Rithy then lived in pagodas and was cared for and educated by Buddhist monks. His education extended to graduating with a Masters Degree in the General Management field. He also acquired a deep historical and political knowledge of his country, and has engaged on a quest to help his "poor people".

Rithy has an intimate understanding of the history, current situation, needs and future of Cambodia, and in this context has an understanding of what Rotary is doing in Cambodia, its limitations and its potential. He was inducted as a member of the Rotary Club of Phnom Penh in December 2012.

The Rotary Club of Melbourne South has a D9800 and RAWCS registered project in Cambodia. Rithy has worked with RCMS on sever Cambodian visits assisting the tour leaders and guiding the tours.

#### REPORT OF LAST MEETING - 19 March 2013

The meeting was chaired by Tom Boyle. There were two visitors -- Patrick Barry, introduced by Roger Thornton, and John Price, introduced by Tony Thomas.

There announcements from:

- Mik Wells who informed the meeting that the arrangements for the RYPEN camp were going well. The Club will be catering for 48 young people and 20 to 30 leaders and volunteers. Neville Taylor who reminded members of the special breakfast to be held on 9 April 2013 featuring Alan Attwood (editor of *The Big Issue*) and encouraged early bookings. He also advised that the breakfast on 2

<a href="#">Paul Harris Breakfast</a>
<a href="#">Vocational Visit Police College</a>
<a href="#">Laos school project</a>
<a href="#">Charity Gala</a>
<a href="#">Camp Getaway Working Bee</a>
<a href="#">McAuley House Working Bee</a>
<a href="#">25th Changeover dinner</a>
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April (the Easter week) will be a social breakfast to be held in the ground floor buffet.

- Richard Bowen who drew the attention of the meeting to a review in *The Saturday Age* of the latest exhibition of former RCCMS member Bill Sampson's artwork.

Director's report:

Neville Taylor reported on the activities of the Club Administration portfolio. The work of the committee is focused on communication, fellowship and maintaining the fabric of a Rotary Club. Key current projects include: On to Conference; a review of the Club's website; "Pictorial Reflections"; the Club Almoner; Fellowship; and Membership.

President's report:

President Kay reported on a highly successful District Conference and commended Justine Murphy's organisation of the club's participation. She advised the club of Molly Frampton's progress and observed that the club had achieved 1158 volunteer hours of service this year, including 1025 hours from members. Kay asked members to find some raffle prizes for the special breakfast on April 9 and invited interested members to attend the Board meeting on Wednesday night (March 20) at 6 pm at her house.

Sergeant's session:

Sergeant Michael 's weekly music lesson involved Beethoven's *Fur Elise* aka the Lipton's song and the mystery of which of four women it might have written for. The member who nominate this music, Kevin Walklate, then told the tale of how his partner Heather had captured his heart in bringing shoppers at Shopping Town to silence when playing it to test out a new piano.

Guest Speaker:

This week's guest speaker was Michelle Cooper from Zoos Victoria's Wildlife Conservation and Science team. Zoos Victoria comprises Melbourne Zoo, Werribee Open Range Zoo and Healesville Sanctuary. The Melbourne Zoo is 150 years old and used to be a menagerie (with keepers in suits!).



**Michelle Cooper, Wildlife Conservation Support Officer at Melbourne Zoo**

In the last few years however, the zoos have moved to a new approach with an objective of becoming a world leading zoo based conservation agency. The initial programs have been directed at internationally endangered species and have involved captive breeding and actions to reduce pressure on natural populations.

The zoo has developed community conservation campaigns that help to address some of the threats to these species. For example, a mobile phone recycling project has recycled 72,000 phones generating funds for gorilla conservation and (slightly) reducing the demand for Coltan (short for columbite-tantalite and known industrially as tantalite), a mineral found in gorilla habitat in the Congo. Similarly its "Beads for Wildlife" project has provided work for 800 people in Kenya and generated \$250,000 of alternative income which assists in reducing the pressure that subsistence farming places on the Gregory's Zebra.

The zoo has now directed its efforts to twenty key species from Victoria and South East Australia and is using innovative techniques, including cartoon characters to raise community awareness of

the need to prevent the extinction of these species. The zoo has also become the first certified Carbon Neutral Zoo.

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