



Rotary Club of Central Melbourne Sunrise Inc

eBulletin

Thursday, September 30, 2010

Club Web Site

Editor: Rebecca RIEBELING

If you have any comments or questions, email the editor.

Future Speakers

Oct 5 2010

Club Members

"Vocational Talks"

Oct 12 2010

Kym Peake, Deputy Secretary, Skills Victoria

"The functions of Skills Victoria"

Oct 19 2010

Brian Tanti, CEO, the Auto Horizon Foundation

"The automotive industry"

Oct 26 2010

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)
"Changing communities through entrepreneurial educational outreach projects"

Nov 9 2010

Lambis Englezos AM and Tim Whitford

"The Lost Men of Fromelles"

Dec 7 2010

Cheryl Batagol

"Transforming the Environment Protection Authority ["EPA"] into a modern regulator."

Upcoming Events

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Oct 2 2010

Melbourne Marathon

Oct 10 2010

Trivia Night

Oct 22 2010

Annual Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Breakfast

Nov 17 2010

ROTARY ANZAC PEACE TOUR

Apr 1 2011

Rotary Club of Osaka Hommachi 20th Anniversary

Apr 5 2011

This eBulletin has been generated by **ClubRunner** club communication software. Visit clubrunner.ca for details.

© 2002- 10 Doxess. All Rights Reserved.

This Week's Speakers, Tues October 5th

by RIEBELING, Rebecca

"Vocational Talks"

This morning's programme will include:

Jen Warner
Member behind the Badge

Richard Stone
Vocational Talk: "Corporate Governance and other activities"

Q&A Panel led by Sergeant Gerard Hogan
Topic: "Business and Professional Social Responsibility - 21st Century expectations and ethics"



Duty Roster, Tues October 5th

by Rebecca RIEBELING

Note: Duty people are expected to be on duty at RACV at **Zam** as many guests start arriving from this time.

Please note if unable to attend please arrange to swap your role with another member.

Chairperson	Kevin Walklate
Sergeant	Gerard Hogan
Greeter	Russell Rolls
Reporter	Allan Driver
Door	Greg Michener
Photographer	Gerard Hogan

Meeting Report, Tues September 28th

by Bruce McBAIN

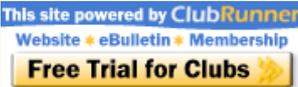
Attendance

29 members and 6 guests with no members arriving late it finished with 30 members and 5 guests!

Visitors

Bruce Heron, Stephanie Mendis (Guest Speaker), Jenni Cliff, Oscar Cliff (RCCM-S Outbound Exchange Student 2011), Ahmed Mohammed (Guest Speaker), Superintendent Pat Boyle (Police Mentoring)

ClubRunner Sponsors



Please visit our Sponsors.
To place your ad [click here](#).

Club Site Sponsors



Please visit our Club Website Sponsors.
To place your ad [click here](#).

The meeting opened with a toast to the peoples of Australia

Sergeant Roy

Perhaps unkindly, somebody was heard referring to the sergeant as Hopalong Cassidy, but not deterred he was soon reminding members of the momentous events that had occurred on this day since 51BC, beginning with that old sage Confucius, the murder of Good King Wenceslas, William setting sail from Normandy, Sir Thomas Mitchell in 1851, Australia's last duelist (that we know about), the completion in 1973 of the only Opera House built by a committee and finally Australia 11 dramatically snatching the America's Cup. To celebrate a second week of Grand Final fever Roy tested knowledge of Australian Rules. Again there were mutterings whether questions prefixed AFL could include reference to VFL for support or even a wider definition of Australian Rules as a particular code. Despite these handicaps the first Australia Rules game was identified as Melbourne Grammar versus Scotch, and the 1896 founding fathers of AFL (VFL) were named as Wills, Harrison, Thompson and Hamseley. The struggling Brisbane Bears wisely changed their name to the Brisbane Lions in 1996. Collingwood was identified as the team with the most Grand Final appearances. The importance of getting the question right was when answering a question regarding most successful AFL club for flags, Roy accepted Essendon/Carlton but some muttered West Coast. The largest AFL Grand Final attendance was answered as 121,000 (actually 121,696).

Announcements

Christmas Hampers

Kay Stevens launched the 2010 Christmas Hamper appeal and suggested people progressively select items each week and return the bags by 14 December. Michael encouraged members to beat the 2009 actual of about 145 bags. As in prior years beneficiaries will be Steps Ministry & Hotham Mission. Hamper Bags will be available at meetings.

Science Works Excursion

Kay Stevens reported that 7 members or partners had taken part in the Hotham Mission visit to Science Works where they acted as hosts to 16-17 refugee's, the event had been very successful.

Paul Harris Breakfast 16 November 2010

Dick Mitchell advised that the guest speaker would be the State Governor speaking on the "Biological Revolution"

President's Announcements

President Anne reminded members of the email link with chapters in Texas and indicated that the Science Works excursion with Hotham had been a great experience.

Induction

Bruce Heron past member of Hobart, Central Melbourne-Sunrise and more recently Amsterdam International Rotary Club was welcomed back as a member of Central Melbourne-Sunrise. After his introduction Bruce presented a banner from his former club and said how delighted he was to be rejoining Central Melbourne-Sunrise, greeting many old friends and looking forward to meeting the many new members that had joined in the period of his absence. John Meehan will act as Bruce's mentor.

Guest Speakers

Ahmed Mohammed

Michael Wells introduced Ahmed, who he had first met as a 15 year old when acting as a volunteer basketball coach. Ahmed arrived in Australia as a 5 year old, so his experience of the Somalia conflict was relatively hazy but he was aware of difficulties faced by his parents in integrating into Australian society in Heidelberg West and the impact war had made on their lives. The suffering they experienced in Somalia was contrasted to what, despite tinges of racism and cultural barriers, had been the peace and welcoming culture of Australia. Ahmed had settled well but as a 15 year old he had been involved in an impulsive altercation which had led to

a person's accidental death resulting in a period of incarceration. During his period at Malmesbury he had been counselled by Whitelion and through their mentoring and post release help he had been able to get his life on track and was now employed by the Australian Tax Office where he enjoyed the work and hoped to make it his career.

Stephanie Mendis

Stephanie challenged members with a scenario of Australia invaded and its infrastructure destroyed; she raised three questions. Where would you go? How would you get there? What would you take? If we found it difficult to answer readily what would it be like in a less structured country? She further set the scene of 42 million refugees, for some of whom 3 generations would pass before resettlement. Refugees were mainly in 3 countries, Chad where they outnumbered residents, Kenya and Pakistan; these were poor countries struggling to support their own populations.

Stephanie distinguished refugees who cross borders from asylum seekers who are those lawfully applying for protection. Although often referred to as illegals, Stephanie pointed out that asylum seeker is a legal status under international law and that correctly used illegals refers to those who overstay visas, the majority having entered as tourists from Western Countries. Stephanie reminded us that Australia offsets asylum seekers against the refugee quota so that no more than 13,500 refugee or asylum seekers are settled each year, as a result Australia's intake is a ratio of 1 per 4,421 of population compared to the UK (1 for 2,006) Canada and Sweden (1 for 900 and 369 respectively).

The asylum seekers who successfully gain entry are faced with many hurdles; contrary to popular belief they are ineligible for Centrelink, housing support or assistance with post secondary education. Confronted with these hurdles 62% of asylum seekers report homelessness and although they are eligible for Medicare they have no access to the PBS. It is even harder to obtain income because although eligible to work, they receive no employment seeking help and limitations on their Visa period of stay discourages employers, notwithstanding that in many cases they will gain extended Visa's and ultimately permanency of residence. The small allowances that voluntary groups such as Hotham provide offers some basic support but lack of substantive income has led to nutrition becoming a key issue confronting asylum seekers living in Australia.

Hotham Mission currently provides one to one casework support for 250 people, including provision of housing for 1000 people and a basic living allowance, food voucher and other emergency relief. In addition to casework and emergency support, Hotham engage in volunteer men's and women's support groups, advocacy and research to identify the scale of problems and solutions. Stephanie's outline emphasised Hotham's dependence on volunteers and community supported fundraising from bodies such as Rotary.

Stephanie made available copies of Hotham's recent study on community based approaches to asylum seeker homelessness.

Latest News from Pakistan and DAA

by DRIVER, Allan



Australian Rotarian Disaster Aid Australia Response Team member (DART) Keith Robins reflects on meeting the first recipient of a DAA Family Survival Pack donated by Australians.

"Today we met the first recipient of a DAA Family Survival Pack - Anwar and his family are amongst Pakistan's poorest. He earns a living from collecting scrap and lost his home and all his possessions. He and his wife escaped the floods by wading through neck high water, carrying their children, one of whom is mentally retarded. Shogan is paralysed from the waist down and only looks about two years old but is actually seven. As Anwar is so poor, little Shogan has been under-nourished since birth. The family has received no assistance for him and their only way of transporting him since birth is to carry him.

The plight of this family so emotionally distressed a member of the DAA

response team that they personally bought a wheelchair to assist Shogan and his family.

Anwar is so grateful for the help he has received from DAA that he broke down crying and kissed our hands telling us that this is the only help his family has ever received.

His final comments to us were that he would pray to God and ask him to bless all Rotarians in Australia who have assisted him and wished he could give us more in return."

Keith, together with DART Hans Van Dyk from the Rotary Club of Endeavour Hills form Team 2 with the return of DART's Larry Agee (USA) and Hal Singleton (Can) to their homelands.

*Source: Extract Distaster Aid Australia Newsletter 24th September 2010.
Image: DART Keith Robins with Anwar*

The full edition of latest Disaster Aid newsletter can be downloaded from the following [LINK](#).

Donations-in-Kind

by *DRIVER, Allan*

Long before "Green" was trendy and "Recycling" became a buzzword, Rotary has been gathering goods that are no longer required and getting them to people who desperately need them.



From modest beginnings, with Club Members asking mates if they had spare materials for their projects, this has grown into a major District Project where every Rotarian is asked to be on the lookout for useful material. It is now one of the most efficient recycling organizations in Australia with donations of quality materials from Members and increasingly major organisations we regularly ship in excess of \$2 million a year of goods. Whilst most of the material goes overseas, some material is available for worthy Local Projects.

Everyone can help. Being a "DIK Material Scout" is basically a state of mind - thinking about material that you no longer require at home, at work, or that your friends may no longer need."

Read more about the DIK Material Scout at the following [LINK](#).

2011 RI Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, 21-25 May

by *RIEBELING, Rebecca*



One of the most exciting events to plan for in 2011 is celebrating Rotary's work around the globe at the 102nd Annual Rotary International Convention in New Orleans.

Four ways to Register!

Online at www.rotary.org

Fill out the writable PDF online and **e-mail** to: ri.registration@rotary.org
Download the form and

fax to: RI Registration Services +1-847-866-3064

Mail to: Rotary International, 14244 Collections Centre Dr., Chicago, IL 60693 USA

For more information see the October issue of *Rotary Down Under* or visit the Rotary International website.