



## Rotary Club of Central Melbourne Sunrise Inc

### eBulletin

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Club Web Site

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#### Future Speakers

**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"

**Nov 17 2010**

Governor of Victoria, Prof. David de Kretser AC  
"The Biological Revolution"

**Dec 7 2010**

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

#### Upcoming Events

**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

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#### This Week's Speaker, Tues October 12th

by RIEBELING, Rebecca

#### Kym Peake, Deputy Secretary, Skills Victoria

##### "The functions of Skills Victoria"



Kym Peake joined the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development, as the Deputy Secretary of Skills Victoria in early 2010. Before moving back to Victoria, Kym worked in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and the Prime Minister's Office for 18 months as the Executive Co-ordinator, Productivity and Inclusion and Senior Advisor, Policy Liaison.

Kym has extensive experience working at a State and Commonwealth level, leading complex policy, legislation and service delivery reforms. In Victoria, Kym led reforms for at risk children and families, with a focus on valuing the strengths of every family, ensuring services meet the needs of vulnerable groups and addressing barriers to social and economic participation.

Prior to returning to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Kym headed up a public sector governance practice at KPMG. In this role, Kym advised governments in Australia and Dubai on a range of governance and strategy issues relating to urban development, affordable housing, emergency services, approaches to social regulation and the integration of health, research, education and clinical service delivery.

Kym will speak about the functions of Skills Victoria and its strategies in addressing the future skilled workforce needs of our State.

#### Duty Roster, Tues October 12th

by Rebecca RIEBELING

**Note:** Duty people are expected to be on duty at RACV at **7am** as many guests start arriving from this time.

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

<b>Chairperson</b>	Alan Seale
<b>Sergeant</b>	Gerard Hogan
<b>Greeter</b>	John Ilott
<b>Reporter</b>	Frank O'Brien
<b>Door</b>	Kay Stevens
<b>Photographer</b>	Micaela Lapiña

#### Meeting Report, Tues October 5th

by Allan DRIVER

**Chair:** Tom Callander  
**Guest:** Joe Siegersma



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#### Announcements:

**The Lost Men of Fromelles** - A flyer promoting guest speakers, Mr Lambis Englezos AM and Mr Tim Whitford on Tuesday 9th November was made available to members. These two fine Australians will inform us of the terrible events, and of the sad joys surrounding Australia's newest War Cemetery in Fromelles. Contact and please book with Keith Frampton, John Meehan or Club Secretary David Jones.

The **Annual Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Breakfast** is on Wednesday 17th, November 2010, featuring guest speaker Professor David de Kretser, AC, Governor of Victoria. Booking forms were made available to members and may be download from our website at the following [LINK](#).

A **Trivia Night** is being held on Friday night 22nd October at the Tower Hotel. Members are encouraged to register online or r.s.v.p. to Brain Downie by Tuesday 12th October, 2010.

Several club members are participating in one of the events at the **Melbourne Marathon** on 10th October and a sponsorship of \$10 per head was offered to support the "1 in 5" organisation.

Bernie Gerlinger reminded members to please place their wine orders by 19th October. **Wine Sales** contribute towards raising much needed funds.

Jen Warner thanked all those people who attended the "**Guess Who's Coming to Dinner**" event on Saturday night.

#### President's Announcements:

Please refer to the below article '*Highlights of September Board meeting*' by President Anne King.

#### Vocational Committee Presentation:

**Tom Callander** described Vocation as essentially the second plank of the Object of Rotary; namely: High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.

Tom introduced **Jen Warner** to present a "Member Behind the Badge" Talk.

Jen commenced her talk by describing her family, indicating she was married with two boys and husband Mel. The family is complete with two female dogs and she has recently moved back to Mt Waverley after spending time away from her stamping ground.

Jen has attended RMIT, Ballarat University and is currently completing a Masters of Management at Monash University. Over the years, Jen has moved from accountancy to human resources with a focus on organisational development. During this time, she has gained a broad range of skills.

Another situation, which has tested her personally and professionally, is that her second son has Aspergers Syndrome. This has ensured that life's journey has been a fascinating one. Jen's special interests are her work, socialising, training her dogs, bush walking and reading.

Tom thanked Jen for her talk and introduced **Richard Stone** to present a Vocational Talk on corporate governance.

Richard grew up in WA, around 100 miles south of Perth. He recalls riding a horse to school in 1945 and has fond memories of the Pontiac owned by the family in 1948. In 1953, Richard attended boarding school as a 12 year old at Aquinas College in Perth, where he met a wide range of students from all over Asia. In 1956, the family farm was supplied with electricity, which was a nice change from Kerosene. In 1958/59, he was privileged to be involved in a WA representative touring cricket team which played matches against India and Ceylon and then joined the bank. In these years he also played Aussie Rules football, then he was transferred to Darwin. In 1963 he married Veronica and has had a

successful relationship ever since.

In 1970, Richard transferred to London for 3 years, gaining valuable experience, he returned to Australia to Normanton and Toowoomba, Queensland, and then worked in Adelaide. In 1983, he came to Melbourne and left the bank to work at KPMG in the privatisation process in Victoria. He then moved to become involved in the Corporate Governance Division of KPMG.

In 1993, Richard became the Chair of Red Cross Victoria and reduced his working hours with KPMG. Richard and Veronica are building a new house in Ashburton and he remains heavily involved in the very successful Rotary Police Mentoring Program.

In relation to governance issues, Richard stressed his belief that Corporate Governance in Australia is as good as anywhere in the world with most Chairs and Directors of Boards doing the right thing. He also stressed that Boards in Australia are very diverse, however, Boards and Chairs are only as good as the senior managers within a company. He mentioned that CEOs need to be able to build up a good team. Richard further stated that it is necessary to have good insight as a Board member and to challenge management to canvass all relevant options while looking at five to ten year plans. Richard made the following points about Boards:

- there is a need to have oversight of management and risks
- know about potential litigation
- understand the risks
- develop people
- have a successful succession planning process in place
- be able to ask the right questions; and
- have the right and diverse people on the Board

In relation to Ethics, Richard pointed out that 98 percent of Directors do the right thing, that the Rotary 4-way test should be applied at all times and it is necessary to think about shareholders and stakeholders. Finally, Richard strongly emphasised that it is a privilege to be a Charter Member of the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise.

**Gerard Hogan** was then introduced as today's Sergeant-at-Arms with a Question and Answer panel. He introduced the Panel: Frank O'Brien, Kerstin Steiner, Alan Seale, Michael Wells and Kay Stevens. He emphasised the need to consider the 4-way test and that ethics is centred around a moral philosophy whether it be meta ethics or workplace ethics.

Is it the Truth? This is a good question to ask when dealing with a social or principled conscience. Questions were raised about the role of governments in the care of people and social responsibility. It was suggested that NFP organisations appear to be increasingly relied upon to deliver social assistance. Church agencies are reported to be providing 75% of relief to the needy throughout Australia. Members suggested that governments could not afford to support and pay for services. A comparison was made between the "Christian" and "Islamic" methods of doing business as well as providing Corporate Social Responsibility.

Is it Fair to All? Again a comparison was made between the "Christian" and "Islamic" banking systems. Questions were raised as to whether all banking systems had acted ethically during and after the Global Financial Crisis and whether banks had accepted their Corporate Social Responsibility.

Gerard summarised the discussion by indicating that the 4-way test could be used to sustain corporate governance and ethical standards.

President Anne closed the meeting thanking all concerned and mentioned that she and Justine Murphy had attended a District Vocation Forum recently which may see the District and Clubs being able to increase the profile of Vocation activities.

#### **Highlights of September Board meeting**

*by KING, Anne*

**Among others, the following items were discussed at the recent September Board Meeting:**

- Club Survey

- Cluster Project
- District Conference
- Fundraising Events
- Paul Harris Breakfast
- Formation of a Probus Club
- Donation of funds to RANZCOG for a health project in PNG

plus many other items...

**CLUB SURVEY** – I delivered a preliminary aggregate summary based on a response rate of 65% of members. The survey was generally very positive about the club. A final summary is to be delivered to all members in november and an outside facilitator will attend the meeting to determine what actions members want to implement from the survey. If anyone wants to send their responses in there is still time to have a say in the future direction of the club.\_

**SOAP PROJECT** – I reported on a potential cluster project that is on the drawing board, which could be substantial. It is based on recycling soap from hotel/motels for sanitising and repackaging into 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries. I will be looking for someone in the club to get involved in the initial scoping out of this project.

**CLUSTER VISITS** – I have asked directors to organise visits to our cluster clubs as I can see great benefits from our members, particularly the newer ones visiting other clubs to foster relationships plus observe and learn from other clubs.\_

**ATTENDANCE** for august was 71%. There were 59 members at end the end of the month.

**ON TO CONFERENCE**. Kathy Ilott in charge. Details are on the district web site. There are some great speakers including Jeffery Archer. Adelaide is my home town so great social events are planned.\_

**A CLUB PHOTOGRAHER** is still being sought – Bruce McBain is looking for a chief photographer.

**THE STANDARD WALLET CARD** that contains member details is in process of being printed and will be distributed when ready.

**PHF BREAKFAST** details have been finalised and flyer is now out.

**THE MEMBERSHIP SURVEY** revealed that the new member mentoring process still requires some refining. This is to be followed up with the membership committee and mentoring team.

**A FUNDRAISING RAFFLE** is planned for pre christmas. Possibly 15,000 tickets at \$2 each. Proposal will be presented for board approval at October meeting.

**PROBUS CLUB**. We are looking to establish a probus club in Docklands – requires very little effort on our part and no funding from the club. The initial interest meeting is to take place in early December.

**STEPS OUTREACH**. When a copy of the book 'under the bridge' is available

from the publishers we will get a copy and take orders from members. The aim is to promote it to members as christmas presents and try to sell a target of 100 books with all proceeds to be retained by Steps.

The board has approved expenditure of \$1,600 to Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists for the printing of 10,000 brochures for teaching use at the University of PNG and for general use at the Port Moresby general hospital. These brochures are an updated versions of the brochures previously funded by our club in 2004.

**3E PROJECTS** - Paul Maguire is progressing an updated report to RAWCS and reviewing our potential projects.

**MICHAEL WELLS** is investigating a fund raising project with assistance from police mentoree pat boyle targeted toward 'youth culture and gang violence. He will present a proposal to the October meeting for a possible function in conjunction with Docklands club.

**LORD SUMMERS CAMP.** Scott Munro has contacts with this camp and our involvement is being considered by the new generations committee.

**DOCKLANDS CLUB.** I visited the Docklands club and am offering any help that President Ann Ellis requires. Our club needs to keep a watching brief over the Docklands club as it seeks to develop its future.

#### **Disaster Aid Australia acknowledged for assisting Pakistan**

by DRIVER, Allan

Rotarian DART's, Hans Van Dyk and Keith Robins were invited to tea with the Australian High Commissioner for Pakistan, Tim George so he could acknowledge their work and that of Disaster Aid Australia in assisting those in need in Pakistan.



Mr George complimented the humanitarian aid package and also thanked Australians who were making a huge difference to the people of Pakistan.

Jennifer Clancy from AusAID is now working with Disaster Aid Australia to deploy seven SkyJuice water units to ensure survivors have clean drinking water available to them - all are sponsored by Australian Rotarians.

"We expected the function to be attended by other NGOs, but it was just for us - I felt very honoured as I represented fellow Australian Rotarians who have supported our Disaster Aid program," Hans Van Dyk said.

*Source: Extract Disaster Aid Australia Newsletter 1 October 2010. Picture - Keith and Hans with the Khan family .*

A copy of the full Disaster Aid Australia Newsletter can be downloaded from our website at the following [LINK](#).

#### **Trish Franklin "Sunday Night" Channel 7**

by DRIVER, Allan



A special documentary on Trish Franklin and the Loreto Program will be featured on the "Sunday Night" program this coming Sunday, 10th October between 6:30pm and 7:30pm (Channel 7).

Many club members and guests attended the Trish Franklist fundraising breakfast organised by the International Service Committee on 17th July 2010. Our club donated \$1,200 to Trish Franklin's Loreto Program in Ho