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Future Speakers

Feb 1 2011

Shekib Shaker
"Managing projects globally"

Feb 8 2011

Commander James Unkles RAN
"Justice Denied – The Breaker Morant Story"

Feb 15 2011

Rod Fraser
"The Fraser Foundation and its program of building schools in northern Laos"

Feb 22 2011

Mr Paulo Maia, Chief Executive Officer, HSBC Bank
"Australia's place in emerging Asia "

Mar 1 2011

Prue Simmons
"D9800 Group Study Exchange to Spain in 2010"

Mar 8 2011

Professor Glen Mola
"Achieving good outcomes in maternity care with minimal resources"

Mar 15 2011

Brian Kelly
"Victorian Historic Vehicle Movement"

Upcoming Events

Club BBQ

Feb 13 2011

Eminent Speaker Mr Paulo Maia, CEO, HSBC Bank Aust

Feb 22 2011

Walking Tour - Melbourne's Incredible History

Mar 19 2011

Trivia Night

Mar 19 2011

This Week's Meeting, Tues February 1st

by RIEBELING, Rebecca



Shekib Shaker

"Managing projects globally"

Shekib is an Afghan refugee who arrived in Australia at the age of 13. He had no knowledge of the English language. Despite all the hurdles he won the Honorary Award for Merit of Achievement at high school, received a double degree with honours from R.M.I.T. University in Melbourne and built an impressive international professional career.

Having lived in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Australia, Japan, Germany and Korea, Shekib is an accomplished professional experienced in international business development and project management involving multimillion dollar budgets. He has led teams based in Australia, China, India, Germany, Japan, Korea, US, Mexico, Sweden, Italy and Spain.

Shekib will talk about the most important steps for successful cooperation across borders, which involve understanding of the cultural differences, risk management and cultivating ongoing relationships with the international partners.

Duty Roster, Tues February 1st

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.

Chairperson	Greg Michener
Sergeant	Frank O'Brien
Reporter	Robin Stevens

DIK Working Bee and BBQ
Mar 27 2011

**Rotary District 9800
Conference**
Mar 31 2011 - Apr 2 2011

ROTARY ANZAC PEACE TOUR
Apr 1 2011

**Rotary Club of Osaka
Hommachi 20th Anniversary**
Apr 5 2011

Cafe International
May 7 2011

Movie and Dinner Evening
May 14 2011

Echuca Moama Steam Rally
Jun 11 2011 - Jun 12 2011

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Door	George Robinson
Photographer	Justine Murphy
Greeter	Margaret Stuart

Meeting Report, Tues January 25th

by Kevin WALKLATE

Chair: Michael Wells
Sergeant: Bernie Gerlinger
Greeter: Gerard Hogan
Photographer: Mary Voice
Door: John Ilott, Marjorie Gerlinger



Attendance Numbers: 30
Guests: James Pullar, Rotary Club of Melbourne

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Bernie opened the lively session with Kevin Love's birthday, John Ilott's wedding anniversary & Michael Bromby and Bruce McBain's 18th anniversaries at the Club. Members learned that on this day in 1924 the First Winter Olympics were held including 6 events. JFK introduced the first televised press conference in his first term as president. Rotary trivia questions included the meaning of SWSL - Save Water, Save Lives and TRF - The Rotary Foundation. The informative Sergeant's session was the final one for Bernie under the rotational system.

Announcements

Marjorie Gerlinger advertised that she had two '**Under the Bridge**' books left to sell in support of Steps Outreach.

Robins Stevens advised that the next **social event** was a BBQ at the Stevens Residence on 13 February 2011. Please advise of attendance to Robin via email or the club's website.

Kerstin Steiner promoted the next **Eminent Speaker Breakfast** on Tuesday 22nd February (cost \$45 for bookings up to two weeks before the date and \$55 for late bookings. The Guest Speaker will be Head of HSBC Bank Australia Limited Mr Paulo Maia.

Herb Greenwood spoke on the **Fundraising Raffle** proposal and various options with regards to prize values, tickets prices and volumes required to be sold. After several comments from the floor it was decided that members should further consider what format the raffle should follow and further discussion would be held on the topic at the next meeting.

Guest Speaker - James Pullar

Chairman Michael Wells eloquently introduced the guest speaker James Pullar from the Rotary Club of Melbourne on the topic of the day: Partnerships to end homelessness. James opened his slide presentation with details of the partnerships that had been formed between the Rotary Club of Melbourne and other organisations involved with helping address homelessness in Melbourne including an association with the recently opened Elizabeth Street Common Ground Supportive Housing project.

He advised the club that a recent survey revealed that on a single night in

Melbourne 190 people were sleeping rough and that 170 of those people had agreed to take part in an interview. It was assessed that 87 or 51% were considered vulnerable (i.e. likely to die within 5 years unless they were properly housed).

He talked about the profile of homeless people in Melbourne and touched on some reasons and circumstances that create homelessness, and the need for communities to help in breaking the cycle. He highlighted the need for access to services, reducing overcrowding and addressing discrimination in regards to housing.

James referred to the wonderful support that Rotarians of Victoria gave and continue to give to the homeless street soccer program which culminated in the successful Homeless World Cup in Melbourne in 2008. This program still runs with some 30 sites throughout Australia.

The next part of the presentation covered Melbourne Road Home Alliance, a partnership of a large number of organisations formed with the vision to end homelessness in Melbourne. The main objective is to provide affordable supported integrated accommodation.

One such housing complex has been opened in Elizabeth Street and they are currently investigating four similar sites in the future. The Elizabeth Street site contains 131 self contained units with 24/7 controlled access, in house service support and a 50/50 social mix meaning 65 of the city's chronically homeless people have their own units within the complex and the remainder of units are rented as affordable accommodation for low income earners. There are rigid rules that must be adhered to by homeless residents including rent of 30% of income earned and displaying behaviours of 'a good neighbour'.

The partnership to create this accommodation included Grocon who built the complex at cost with considerable savings (\$8 million) which were re-directed to affordable housing within the Yarra Precinct.

The units were completed with the support of many benefactors such as Bunnings, KMart, Clive Peters and Melbourne Rotary moved all the equipment into the units and set them up ready for occupancy. The occupants, however, still need assistance and support on an ongoing basis and will for a considerable time in the future.

Following the considerable success of these partnerships it has been decided to introduce the program into other cities such as Hobart, Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide in the future. James will be presenting at a Rotary Club in Sydney next week.

Chairman Michael thanked James for his enlightening and professional presentation and presented him with our usual speaker gift of soaps made and packaged in East Timor.

President Anne advised that she will report on the last two Board Meetings at the next club meeting and closed the meeting with the Rotary Theme 'Building Communities and Bridging Continents'.

The Power of Rotarians in Action

by DRIVER, Allan



After lengthy consultations, Royston Flude, Chairman and John Eberhard,

President of **Disaster Relief - Rotarian Action Group (DRRAG)** and David Langworthy, Chairman and Don Ohlgren, Executive Director of **Disaster Aid International (DAI)** are pleased to announce an implementation agreement between the two organisations.

Since its inception, DRRAG has been the Disaster Relief Action group whose Statement of Purpose, approved by the RI Board, has included expectations of service at all stages of the disaster continuum.

DRRAG has established a network of Rotarian members in many countries who have become Club and District Operations Officers and developed a highly functional communications portal and member service website.

DRRAG has been asked by District Governors to act as their agents in the raising of funds for their District Disaster Relief Committees in the face of local disasters. DRRAG has maintained web based "donor" solicitation capability for these special agreements.

To date, DRRAG has not had the capacity to offer immediate response in the wake of natural disaster. With the signing of this important Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with DAI, DRRAG will now be able to fulfill its intended mandate by expanding the Rotary International Network for disaster response and respond to the RI Board of Directors leadership in working towards a funding model for the service of the Rotarian Action Group with the Rotary Foundation.

As the Rotarian Disaster Agency within Rotary, working and co-operating with many Rotary Club based disaster response organisations, the MoU with DAI provides a new and functional relationship that will enhance the efficiency of both organisations. DRRAG will support DAI as its "implementing" organisation as defined by the Rotary Foundation.

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Echuca Floods

by McBAIN, Bruce

The Steam Rally Grounds and the Country Kitchen including the combustion stoves where Central Melbourne members have toiled baking scones each Queen's Birthday were submerged during the recent floods, however, all will be cleaned with ovens in pristine condition for the return of our Club's baking crew in June!