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Future Speakers

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

Vocational Visit

Feb 18 2011 - Feb 18 2011

Eminent Speaker Mr Paulo Maia, CEO, HSBC Bank Aust

Feb 22 2011

Walking Tour - Melbourne's Incredible History

Mar 19 2011

Trivia Night

This Week's Meeting, Tues February 8th

by RIEBELING, Rebecca



Commander James Unkles RAN

"Justice Denied - The Breaker Morant Story"

James is a legal officer and holds the rank of Commander in the Royal Australian Navy.

His work on the Breaker Morant is a private matter and he is not representing the case on behalf of the Australian Defence Force. He is acknowledged as the first individual to dissect the case against the convicted men and investigate the circumstances of their trials and examine whether they were arrested, tried and sentenced in accordance with the laws of 1902.

He has developed an interactive presentation and has written a number of articles about the case and defending officer, Major Thomas.

Emily Pritchard

We will also hear from Emily Pritchard on her RYLA experience.

Duty Roster, Tues February 8th

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	Brian Downie
Sergeant	Frank O'Brien

Mar 19 2011
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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RYLA - Leading the way

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Meeting Report, Tues February 1st *by Robin STEVENS*

Meeting Chair
Greg Michener

Visitors
Des Benjamin
Shekib Shaker (guest speaker)
Dr Kamilla Shaker (guest partner)

Guests
Teresa Angelico (guest of Neville John)
Peter Humphrey (President, Rotary Club of Shanghai - guest of Herb Greenwood)

Sergeant's Session
An entertaining Sergeant's session was presented by Frank O'Brien

Announcements

Frank O'Brien advised that a **Vocational Visit** to the Western Treatment Centre, New Farm Road, Werribee, has been arranged for Friday, 18th February. For further information please see article below.

Robin Stevens reminded the meeting of the first **Club Social Event** for the year - a barbeque to be held on Sunday, February 13th at the home of Kay and Robin Stevens, 19 Oxford Street, Malvern. If attending, please advise Robin via Club Runner or by email to Robin (robin.stevens@optusnet.com.au). Bring your own meat and drink and for attendees whose surnames begin with A to L, please bring a salad and for those whose surnames begin with M to Z, please bring a dessert.

Greg Michener reminded members about the **Special Breakfast** meeting to be held on 23rd February when the guest speaker will be Paulo Maia. Tickets are \$45 each and are available from Kerstin Steiner (kerstin.steiner@monash.edu.au) or Greg Michener (mitch3166@optusnet.com.au). Paulo Maia has been Chief Executive Officer of HSBC Bank Australia since July 2009, having previously been Chief Executive Officer of HSBC Bank Brazil. The title of his address will be "Australia's place in emerging Asia" and will include an outline of HSBC's insights into the current global economic situation, particularly the structural shift from West to East, the importance of China to Australia and the implications for the local and global financial sectors.

Peter Humphrey, President of the **Rotary Club of Shanghai** exchanged club banners with President Anne. Peter explained that the Rotary Club of Shanghai was formed in 1996 and is one of only two Rotary Clubs in China; the Club has 60-70 members.

President Anne presented a summary of **December and January Board Meetings** (please refer below for full details).

Guest Speaker - Shekib Shaker

Greg Michener introduced the guest speaker, Shekib Shaker, Director of Melbourne-based company Shaker & Associates Pty Ltd. He lived in several countries including Afghanistan, Pakistan, Germany, Korea and Australia. His address was titled "Managing projects globally".

Shekib began by outlining his background. When he was living in Kabul, Afghanistan, his dream was to live in France. He left Afghanistan after Soviet invasion and walked for ten days to get to Pakistan. Two years later he arrived in Australia as a refugee at the age of 13 through UNHCR. He then worked in Germany for an international Engineering company designing and developing high precision electronics for European car manufacturers. Five years later, he transferred to Japan and Korea for three years to manage 15 parallel design and production projects for different car models; this role involved him in leading 100 staff from seven different cultures.

Shekib then explained his approach to project management and leadership that has formed the basis for his current business. His approach involved three strategies which are based on his experiences in management in Japan, Korea and Germany which he outlined as follows:

Strategy 1 - Understanding

- it is important to keep harmony and save face (Japan)
- indirect style of communication can sometimes be best (Japan)
- decision making should be over consecutive dinner parties and not in meetings (Japan)
- utilize a direct style of communication (i.e. getting straight to the point) (Germany)
- be aware of hierarchical social structures (emperor, father, husband, older brother, older friend, customer) (Korea)

Strategy 2 - Building relationships

- kick off a project by meeting face to face
- arrange a coffee meeting over the phone (utilize different entry points for conversation depending on culture)
- make a point of meeting not only managers but also production staff
- have one-on-one time for every member of the team

Strategy 3 - Managing risk

- aim to deliver product earlier than expected (this can result in increased quality and customer satisfaction) (Germany)
- initiate launch management at start of mass-production (Korea and USA)
- incorporate a buffer in setting deadlines (Korea).

Shekib explained that these strategies helped him to bring all of his projects to successful closure, to launch mass-production on time and specification, and to increase the profitability margin by 20%, and have formed the basis to his approach to his current business as a management consultant and leadership facilitator.

Highlights of Dec and Jan Board Meetings

by KING, Anne

The board agreed to contribute an amount of \$1,000 to a Rotary Foundation Special Project for a Vocational Training Team (VTT) with the focus on Maternal and Child Health in Timor Leste. Professor Jeremy Oats (Member of RC Melbourne) is to be invited to be a guest speaker to our club in 2011 to talk about the project.

The Probus Club. Launched successfully on 2nd December. The Board acknowledged the excellent contribution from Tony Thomas and agreed that it had no objection to the name Melbourne Sunrise Probus Club Inc. At present there are 48 members of the club

Christmas Hampers. Successful delivery of 58 hampers to Steps Ministry was undertaken on the 14th December and a similar number to Hotham Mission on the 21st.

The board agreed to a donation of \$3,000 to support the rental of the DIK property, however we have advised that we will not join an Incorporated Association if formed and our financial assistance to be reviewed on an annual basis.

The board also agreed to support a cluster project with a contribution of \$500 to send a container of medical equipment to Uganda, East Africa.

Community Village -Discussions are continuing regarding insurance matters.

The clubs nomination for District Nominating Committee to elect District Governor for 2013-2014 will be Bernie Gerlinger.

An investment policy was agreed to by the board to maximise interest earned from funds held prior to being spent on club projects

The following dates were locked into the Club Planning Calendar.

- There will also not be a meeting on 21st June 2011 due to the Changeover Dinner being on the 24th June
- The Police Mentoring Certificate Presentation will be on 14th June
- It was confirmed that the RCCM-S will not meet on 26th April 2011, 1st November 2011 or 27th December 2011.

A Storage facility has been established. Items of club memorabilia and consumables that are stored at several members' homes should be transferred to the storage facility as soon as practicable.

A reminder from David Jones for members to keep their records up to date in Club Runner

Raffle. – As mentioned by Herb, it will only proceed if members agree to support it.

The RC Melbourne visit to our club will be in May 2011 and each committee is going to organise for members of our club to attend a meeting of each club in our cluster before the end of this rotary year.

The membership committee is planning a social BBQ for new members in March and is planning a recruitment meeting in May / June for prospects within the CBD.

The New Generations committee are supplying people-power for a welcome to International Students to be held on 5 March.

A task force has been meeting to work on a proposal for changes to the club's constitution and are presenting proposed amendments to the board on February, following which there will be a distribution of the amendments to members and a Special General Meeting will be

held in late April to ratify changes after members have had the opportunity to review and consult on the change

Probus Club membership: 62 and rising

by THOMAS, Tony

Our sponsored Melbourne Sunrise Probus Club was launched on February 3 by President Anne King.



She presented the club's Interim President Harold Fraser with this collar of office and the office bearers with their official badges.

The club thanked her warmly for the financial and moral support of RCCM-S, without which the club would not have been possible. The theatre seating for the meeting at The Hub, Docklands, was packed, and no wonder since 12 new members joined on the spot, taking the club's membership to 62. New members continue to arrive. When the club started on December 2 last year, the possibility of having to put a ceiling of 80 or 100 members was raised, but the committee viewed it as far too hypothetical to worry about. It has now become a living question.

In Melbourne's mid to outer suburbs, Probus clubs with 100+ members are common. But it had been expected a CBD club would be relatively small. It is a relatively young club with members typically in the 60-70 year bracket. Fees are \$40 pa and despite investing in the purchase of ClubRunner software and a small netbook computer for logging attendance, etc, the club's finances remain healthy.

A large number of social events are now listed on the website, the most ambitious being a multi-day getaway to Bright in October, coinciding with Bright's annual festival. The club is liaising closely with Melbourne City Council and is now using the council's 12-seater people mover (self-drive) to help with longer trips such as to the Murdoch's Cruden Farm and dinner at Werribee Mansion.

The club's unsolved problem is finding a central venue that is large and cheap. Ideally it would be nearly free with the owner enjoying the revenue from a lunch service. The club is working towards incorporation. The continuing value of the Rotary connection is shown in the good offices of Rotary District 9800 Probus Chair Graeme Newton in assisting with incorporation issues.

Access the Melbourne Sunrise Probus website at the following [LINK](#)

Vocational Visit - Western Treatment Plant

by O'BRIEN, Leonard [Frank]

A Vocational Visit has been organised to the Western Treatment Plant, which is off the Princes Highway on the Geelong side of Werribee. The simplest way to get there is to take the Princes Highway through Werribee and turnoff shortly thereafter.

Arrangements are as follows:

- Where - Meet at Discovery Centre, New Farm Road, Werribee - Melway Reference, Map 205 E11
- Time - By 2:55pm for 3:00pm start
- Duration - 3 hours
- Cost - Bus hire approx. \$15 per person payable on the day

This will be a fascinating visit. I encourage you to check the website to learn more beforehand. Access the Melbourne Water website at the following [LINK](#)

The Metropolitan Farm as it used to be known has been in operation for almost 120 years. Over that time, apart from continuing to carry out its original purpose, it has become famous - world famous in some instances, for its cattle, its wetlands and migratory birds and its water recycling initiatives.

It is a huge complex and hence we need a bus to tour around, thus the cost. We are privileged to have the General Manager of the Plant, Brad McLean, as our guide.

We look forward to as many of you coming as possible. It will be well worth the time and effort.

Please let me know your attendance by 14 February and whether you wish to partake of a group meal thereafter.

How Smart is Your Right Foot?

by MEEHAN, John

You have to try this please, it takes 2 seconds. I could not believe this!

It is from an orthopaedic surgeon... This will confuse your mind and you will keep trying over and over again to see if you can outsmart your foot, but, you can't. It is pre-programmed in your brain!

1. While sitting at your desk in front of your computer, lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles.
2. Now, while doing this, draw the number '6' in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction.

I told you so! And there's nothing you can do about it! You and I both know how stupid it is, but before the day is done you are going to try it again, if you've not already done so.