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**Editor:** Rebecca RIEBELING  
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**Future Speakers**

**Apr 12 2011**

Club Assembly  
"Vocational Service and New Generations committee updates presented by the Directors"

**Apr 19 2011**

Chris Berg  
"Islam and the middle eastern states' economic development"

**Apr 26 2011**

No meeting this week  
"ANZAC Day Holiday"

**May 3 2011**

Kevin Love  
"Facilitating United Nations Negotiations"

**May 10 2011**

Stephen Gough - CEO Melbourne Cricket Club  
"The People's Ground - the MCG"

**May 17 2011**

Club Assembly  
"International Service and Foundation committee updates presented by the Directors"

**Jun 7 2011**

Professor John Reeder  
"Can we eliminate malaria?"

**Jun 14 2011**

President Anne King  
"Police mentoring program graduation"

**This Week's Meeting, Tues April 12th**

by RIEBELING, Rebecca

**Club Assembly**

"Vocational Services and New Generations committee updates" presented by the Directors

**Duty Roster, Tues April 12th**

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.**

<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Jennifer Warner</b>
<b>Sergeant</b>	<b>Gillian Farrell</b>
<b>Reporter</b>	<b>Neville John</b>
<b>Door</b>	<b>Micaela Lapina</b>
<b>Photographer</b>	<b>Scott Munro</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Bruce McBain</b>

**Meeting Report, Tues April 5th**

by Micaela LAPINA

**Announcements**



**Jun 21 2011**

No meeting this Tuesday  
"Club Changeover Friday evening"

**Jul 5 2011**

Club Assembly  
"Presentation on Plans for 2011-2012 by President Kevin and Committee Directors"

#### Upcoming Events

**Club Fellowship Visit to RC of Albert Park**  
Apr 13 2011

**Club Horizons/Planning Meeting**  
May 1 2011

**Cafe International 2011 "A '20s Murder Mystery"**  
May 7 2011

**Movie and Dinner Evening**  
May 14 2011

**Working Bee Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre**  
May 21 2011

**Vocational Visit**  
May 29 2011

**Echuca Moama Steam Rally**  
Jun 11 2011 - Jun 12 2011

**Vocational Visit**  
Nov 18 2011 - Nov 18 2011

#### News

Inside Story - One night only - Support the Blue Ribbon Foundation

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Alan Seale - International House is holding a '20s Murder Mystery' night at Cafe International on Saturday 7th May 2011. Tickets are 80 pp inclusive of 3 course meal and beverages. Dress code: Black Tie. RSVP 22/04/11.



Kay Stevens - A reminder to sign up on Club Runner for the Fellowship Visit to the Rotary Club of Albert Park on Wednesday 13th April. It is a dinner meeting starting at 6pm at 200 The Boulevard, Port Melbourne.

#### 2011 Rotary Conference in Adelaide

President Anne King & Justine Murphy described the conference as excellent with fantastic speakers and had a real buzz to the atmosphere. In fact, many people had described it as being "awesome". A key message was that the Rotary ambition to eradicate polio is going very well and we are getting very close to the end.

Justine shared that the conference was not boring. Not only did they hear about the projects being undertaken, but also the quality of speakers to which Rotary has access is exceptional. Adelaide had Andrew Bolt (social commentary), Jeffrey Archer (author), and Alexander Downer, to name a few.

Next year, the conference will be held in Melbourne, and everyone is encouraged to attend.

#### Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets have been distributed (2 booklets per member). It is very important that we raise money this year, and we are trying to source funding from beyond our members. Please sell tickets to friends, work colleagues, parish and local communities. We have also organised dates to sell tickets at shopping centres for which Bernie Gerlinger has created a schedule (still need more volunteers to fill this). We need to sell 300 books to make a profit of 10,000 and need to sell 100 books to break even.

#### Induction: Tom Boyle

This week was the induction of Tom Boyle. His mentor will be Michael Wells. Tom expressed that he felt very privileged to have been invited to join Rotary. Tom shared how growing up in Swan Hill, his parents brought him up in a traditional way where the evenings were spent listening to his dad recite bush poetry. As a gift to us, Tom recited Banjo Patterson's Mulga Bill's Bicycle. He's looking forward to reciting more in the future.

#### Guest Speaker: John Todor - Christchurch Earthquake

The guest speaker was John Todor, who is the Commander of the Specialist Response Division of the Police force. He talked to us about the recent police deployment in Christchurch in response to the earthquake. This was a very humanitarian deployment which was very different to the

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peace keeping deployments that they normally do.

John commenced by comparing the September 2010 and February 2011 earthquakes. The September quake was a magnitude of 7.1. It struck 40km west of Christchurch and was 10km deep. While the city and surrounding suburbs suffered damages to buildings and infrastructure, there were no fatalities. In comparison, the February quake was 6.3 magnitude, however it caused much more damage and deaths because it was only 10km from Christchurch and 5km deep. One third of the city was destroyed, and the entire CBD was cordoned off. The eastern suburbs were reduced to third world conditions.

From the time that Howard Broad, the NZ Police Commissioner, contacted the Australian police commissioners (Victoria, NSW, SA and Federal) for assistance, it took 48 hours to mobilise 100 Australian police officers, deploy them to Christchurch and have them 'sworn in' to patrol Christchurch (the first time in 170 years that Australian police had patrolled the streets of NZ). John shared many photos of the devastated city, showing how life had just stopped in the CBD - a surreal feeling for the 2nd largest city in NZ.

Initially, the Australian officers were involved in patrolling the streets, but later were given charge of the deployments for the cordons of community, reassuring policing in the urban areas and civic rescue works. This allowed the Christchurch police to get on with their strategic planning as to how they were going to rebuild.

On their days off, the Australian police would volunteer in the communities, helping clean up homes and rebuild. One of the main challenges the deployment encountered was navigating the different industrial relations awards of the states involved. This, John said, was something that will need to be addressed by the organisations and how they work together in the future.

At the end of their deployment, the Australian police handed over \$15,000 that they raised from the sale of T-shirts to the Christchurch 'rebuilding fund'. The contribution of the Australian deployment was extremely appreciated by Christchurch.

#### **Rules, Constitution and By-Laws**

*by JONES, David*

Current members are reminded that the proposed changes to the governance rules of the club have been circulated and are open for clarification through to 17th April.

The Board would be grateful if members contact any member of the Board or the Rules Task Force to discuss any questions as soon as possible.

If you have not received a copy of the proposal please contact the Club Secretary, David Jones on 9815 0816.

#### **Our Group Leaves for Japan**

*by MEEHAN, John*

At the time of publishing this item, our small team will have left for Japan to arrive in Osaka on 4th April.

The main purpose of the visit was to attend the 20th



Anniversary of our Sister Club - RC Osaka Hommachi. 

Following the enormous tragedy inflicted on northern Japan by the earthquake and tsunami, they have cancelled their celebration but our team will still attend their normal weekly meeting and pay our respects. Osaka is over 250km south of Tokyo and 500km south of the major impact areas and considered safe to travel.

The team of Paul and Harumi Maguire, Herb and Leonie Greenwood and John and Lorraine Meehan fly direct to Osaka whilst Kevin and Veronica Love will meet them there at the end of a private tour. The remaining members, Frank and Pauline O'Brien will join the party at Osaka on 4th April also but following their 3 week tour of mainland China.

Highlights of the tour will include Hiroshima, Nara Park and Kyoto (4 days) and Takayama. Some of the team have decided to shorten their tour by two days to avoid Tokyo and its surrounds in the light of the Australian Government travel warnings. Great feelings of sorrow and compassion will be extended by our Team on behalf of all our members to our fellow Rotarians in Japan.

Pictured: Our Team (excluding Herb and Leonie Greenwood)