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Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise eBulletin

Thursday, July 28, 2011

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Hello Bernie! This email has been generated just for you as a member of our club. We hope you enjoy receiving this newsletter!

Editor: Rebecca RIEBELING
If you have any comments or questions, email the editor.

Future Speakers

Aug 2 2011

Gillian Hibbins

"The Origin of Australian Rules Football"

Aug 9 2011

Leading Senior Constable Vikki Chaffey

"Policing in the Central Goldfields"

Aug 16 2011

Steven Wells

"Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre - Gardens in Health Care"

Aug 23 2011

John Taylor

"The Role of the Ombudsman in Victoria"

Aug 30 2011

District Governor Keith Ryall

"Celebrate the Past and make a Commitment to the Future"

Upcoming Events

Vocational Visit

Nov 18 2011 - Nov 18 2011

News

[RC CMS on Facebook](#)

[Loreto Vietnam Australia Program update](#)

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Our speaker next Tuesday is Gillian Hibbins, author of "The Origin of Australian Rules Football"

by JONES, David

Gillian is a Melbourne researcher and author as well as past Secretary of the Rotary Club of Melbourne.

Dismayed to find that Australia's national game was barely researched and that many misconceptions were common, she set out to do the research. Some twenty years later she was commissioned by the AFL to write the opening chapter of its book "150 years of Australian Football".



Gillian has also published *Sport and Racing in Colonial Melbourne*.

Duty Roster, Tues August 2nd

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	Michael Wells
Sergeant	Edward Stockdale
Reporter	Jillian Cavanagh
Door	Thomas Boyle / Bruce McBain
Photographer	Robin Stevens
Greeter	Terry Cocks

Meeting Report, Tues July 26th

by Rebecca RIEBELING

Welcome

The meeting chair Tony Thomas opened the meeting by proposing the loyal toast and Rotary Grace.

President Kevin Walklate welcomed visiting Rotarians and Guests: Roger McDonald

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Sandy McDonald
Des Benjamin
Bev Brown
Ng
Tom Connor
Charlene Hewat (Guest Speaker)
Veronica Chapman

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Ed Stockdale took the opportunity to relate three tales on the theme of Zulu Warriors. David Jones also 'bought the soap box' to announce he had moved into a new house.

Club Announcements

Paul Maguire ran through the 2011-12 social calendar which will feature: Guess Who's Coming To Dinner, an event co-hosted by the RC Docklands at the Car Museum, the Melbourne Marathon, a joint gathering with the RC Echuca-Moama, December Christmas Party, a few BBQs and architectural tours, a long weekend with RC Echuca-Moama in June and a Film Night. Other suggestions by club members were welcomed.

Joel Siegersma is arranging the Guess Who's Coming To Dinner event. He is looking for four or five hosts to provide one course. The event will be around the time of the Football Finals.

Neil Salvano announced he would be selling tickets for the RC Rochester raffle for Flood Relief after the meeting. He has 3 books of 10 tickets (\$5 a ticket). The first prize is a trip to Cairns and the second is accommodation on the Gold Coast.

President's Announcements

- President Kevin Walklate announced that the first Board Meeting had been held and he would provide a report at next week's meeting.
- Key plans and objectives would be placed on the website.
- Members were requested to contact the Club Secretary Neil Salvano if they wished to be added to the distribution list to receive the Club's eBulletin.
- Kevin advised that the club was under no obligation to take an incoming exchange student after sponsoring an outgoing student, however Members should contact the New Generation Committee if they are interested in hosting an incoming student.
- President Kevin is looking for a volunteer counselor and will follow up over the coming weeks.
- 'Rules of engagement' for board members will be circulated when ratified at the next Board Meeting.

Guest Speaker - Charlene Hewat

Refer below *article Our speaker for July 26 was the world famous 'rhino girl'* by Tony Thomas.

Our speaker for July 26 was the world-famous 'rhino girl'.

by THOMAS, Tony



Our club had an amazing speaker for our Tuesday July 26 morning meeting – Charlene “Charlie” Hewat, the world-leading activist for rhino conservation.

Rhino poaching (killing for their horns) is rampant and these (usually) gentle giants are in danger of rapid extinction in the wild. It is thanks to the dedication of individuals like Charlene Hewat who remain on the 'front lines' that these magnificent creatures can be saved.

Her early experiences of growing up on a farm in Zimbabwe instilled a deep love of nature and out of this was born her passion for the environment. Whilst out on a walk in the bush some 27 years ago, she came across the carcass of a poached rhino and it was this traumatic experience that started her on the path to where she is today. She decided something needed to be done to raise awareness and to raise funds for rhino conservation in Zimbabwe. So in 1987, together with a friend, Julie Edwards, she completed a 22,000km bicycle ride which took them from the UK across Europe and Africa back to Zimbabwe. This journey was recorded and published in a book 'Extinction is Forever' and Charlene is still affectionately known and recognised today, as one of the 'The Rhino Girls'.

She met many dignitaries during this time including the Pope, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Prince Phillip and had the rare privilege of spending a few months living in the bush with George Adamson (the Lion man).

She has won many awards over the years for her work, the most notable being in 1995 when she was awarded the Junior Chambers International Award for The Most Outstanding Young Persons of the World in the category of Environmental Leadership. Previous recipients of this prestigious internationally recognized award have been Orson Wells and the late John F Kennedy to name a few.

Charlene is touring Australasia to share her personal experiences of her conservation work in Zimbabwe and Southern Africa as CEO of the organisation she founded in 2000, Environment Africa. Donations welcome!

Nominations called for GSE Team Leader

by MEEHAN, John

Nominations are being called for throughout the District for Rotarians to apply to lead a **Group Study Exchange Team (GSE)** to either India or USA leaving in January 2012 and April 2012 respectively. The GSE program provides travel grants for teams of young business and professional men and women between ages of 25 and 40. It is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for 4 to 6 weeks to study the host country's institutions and way of life. The selection of a good **Team Leader** can make a big difference to the quality of the Team's GSE experience. Our Club would welcome experienced current Members to apply if they have experience in leading a team either in their employment or as a volunteer. Applicants must be well informed on our country and on Rotary. Whilst no age limit, they must be alert, energetic and physically able to keep pace with a rigorous host program in the host country.

Applications close on Friday 9th September 2011 and interviews by District will be held on 25th September 2011.

If you feel that you may qualify or would like an application form, contact John Meehan on 9859 1772 to discuss. Past GSE Team Leaders from our Club are Paul Maguire (Japan) and Neville John (Ireland).

by SALVANO, Neil

The following documents are now available to be viewed by Club Members on our club's website:

- 2011-12 approved Club budget
- Draft 2011-12 Plans & Objectives
- Communication of Board Proceedings (approved statement)

To access these documents you will need to Log In to the website using your User ID and password and select the 'View Club Documents' link on the Admin page. This is the folder to which Minutes of Board meetings will be uploaded, in accordance with the statement on "Communication of Board Proceedings".

Condolences messages to Norway

by WALKLATE, Kevin

This message has been authorized and issued by the District Secretariat on behalf of the District Governor:

'Dear Presidents and Secretaries,

We are all saddened by the recent tragedy in Norway, many Clubs have lasting memories especially with Youth Exchange with Norway, a Condolence Book via a facebook link, has been set up on the District Webpage www.rotarydistrict9800.org, if you would like to add your Condolence Message, simply go to the District Webpage, hit the "Like" button and you will be able to post your message.'