



# Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise

## eBulletin

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### Club Christmas Party - 20th December

by STEVENS, Kay

You, your family and friends are invited to the club's Christmas party on 20 December at 7:40am at the RACV club.

The biscuit swap is an important part of the day. This is symbolic of the giving spirit of our club. If everyone can bring along, say six small bags of biscuits, so they can be shared with others at the party.

### Meeting Report, Tuesday 13th December

by GERLINGER, Marjorie

**Chair:** Bernie Gerlinger  
**Guests:** James Bowen

President Kevin warmly welcomed back Wolfgang Jacobs and sent the Club's best wishes to Monika.

### Special General Meeting

A quorum of members was in attendance. The special resolution "The Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise Inc hereby adopts in substitution of its existing approved Rules and Bylaws the amended rules dated November 16, 2011 and the amended Bylaws dated November 21, 2011 and directs the Public Officer to lodge those amended Rules and Bylaws with the Registrar for approval under the Association Incorporations Act 1981" was moved by Neil Salvano and seconded by Bernie Gerlinger. Passed unanimously.

Tony Thomas reminded members that the minutes of Board meetings were available for reading in the Club Document section of the website.

President Kevin announced the nomination of Doug W. Robertson as President for 2013-2014. Carried unanimously.

Sergeant At Arms Peter Lake then proceeded to extract lots of dollars by first fining Koren Harvey for her partner David's birthday, Neville John for Rebecca's birthday, Michael Bromby for his and Jane's wedding anniversary, Tony Thomas for his and Margaret's wedding anniversary and Tom Callendar for his and Ann's wedding anniversary. He then proceeded to double his "take" by asking a series of questions on the road rules and first informing everyone that the answer was always B.

### Announcements

**Christmas Party**, Tuesday 20th December - If you haven't booked please do urgently. Robin is still looking for members to join the choir if you feel like singing give him a call.

President Kevin reminded everyone to bring their **Hampers** along next week.

Date for the Diary - **Club's 25th Anniversary** - Sunday lunch May 6th, 2012.

Richard Stone announced that the **Community Village** is going very well and it will be run for two weekends in January to coincide with the Tennis Open.

Richard also announced that 22 Mentorees had been chosen by the **Police Mentoring** steering committee and that 22 Rotary Mentors and 22 Business mentors were in place and had been matched to the mentorees. The Chief Commissioner is hosting a cocktail party next Monday night for all participants.

Keith Frampton announced that his gorgeous granddaughter Rachael had just celebrated her 21st birthday.

Kay Stevens announced that she and Robin were grandparents to new arrival Emily.

Tony then held a draw for the early registrants for the District Conference. The prizes were a MacBook Air and a \$50.00 note. Marjorie drew the luck x and opted for the MacBook Air although she suspected there was a catch. It turned out to be the famous computer that Tony bought on eBay for a song which turned out to be a fake Mac. Neville John won the photocopied \$50.

### Guest Speaker - Assistant Commissioner Andrew Crisp

#### *My Policing Career - Highlights and Challenges or "What makes me a Copper"*

Andrew started his talk by saying what a wonderful programme the Police mentoring programme was and that he was a participant in it this year and acknowledged his mentor Alan Seale. He said he was privileged to be Chair of the Steering Committee.

He went on to say that Highlights in his career have been built on Challenges.

On September 4th 1978 he walked through the gates of the Police Academy and was picked up for having long hair even though he had just had it cut. This was the start of his now 32 years in the force.

In 1982 he joined the Special Operations Group and went on to say that this was the toughest physical and psychological challenge of his career. It was a 12 week course in the middle of winter and included climbing up electrical pylons with frost on them and then doing chin-ups. Using logs for weights while doing upper body exercises and running from Fairfield to the Yarra and then having to swim across and back on a freezing cold day. In the last week of the course they had to run 2 miles on Monday, 5 miles on Wednesday and 20 miles on Friday all in full kit.

Prior to leaving for PNG in 1993 he was in Charge of the Training Wing of the Protective Security Group. His role in PNG was Curriculum Development Advisor which included having to review and rewrite course validation procedures for local police training. He was a little nervous about this as his boss was a former University Lecturer but used his networks to work through any issues. This was not an easy task as it was essentially imposing a Western Judicial System on a Tribal community. One of the things that he found unusual when on this assignment was that locals often continued to hold your hand while they talked after shaking it. Lessons learned from this experience were using your networks, not getting frustrated and the difficulties of trying to bring about change.

In 2000 Andrew left for East Timor. His job was to provide policing service, on the job training for East Timor Police and building community confidence. He was also the Police Welfare Officer. During this time he worked with NGOs to bring people back from West Timor and the mountains where they had fled during the troubles. He worked with the UN which had members from a number of countries in the contingent and found that many of them were not the most professional of police and this was due to some of them buying their way into the position so they could secure their future in their home countries.

2002 saw Andrew appointed to the Counter Terrorism Group whose role was to Enhance the Australian National Counter Terrorism Plan.

In 2006 Andrew became Divisional Superintendent of Region 4 located in Knox and at the same time was seconded to a leadership role to establish the Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency, ANZPAA. This role involved Co-ordinating Policy Advice to Commissioners.

He then moved in 2009 to Region 1 and said one of the highlights of his days was to drive across Bolte Bridge and look at Melbourne and think what a great city we have.

Twelve months ago he was promoted to Assistant Commissioner Operations Support. His areas of responsibility include Protective Services, Specials Response, Emergency Response, Road Policing Enforcement, Road Policing Operations and Investigation, Transit Safety and Licensing Enforcement.

### Future Speakers

**Dec 27 2011**  
No weekly meeting  
Christmas Break

**Jan 3 2012**  
No weekly meeting  
Christmas Break

**Jan 31 2012**  
Professor Danny Samson  
"The future of local  
manufacturing – who cares?"

### Upcoming Events

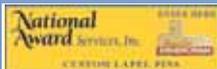
**Club Christmas Party**  
Dec 20 2011 - Dec 20 2011

**Steam Rally with Rotary Club of Echuca Moama**  
Jun 9 2012 - Jun 11 2012

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Andrew took a number of questions from the floor and again thanked the Club for its support of VicPol in a number of areas and said he said he would treasurer the speaker gift which reminded him of his days in East Timor.

#### **Group Study Exchange Team Welcom Cocktail Party for team from D3030 India**

When: Wednesday, 29th February 2012

Where: Malvern Valley Receptions, Golfers Drive, Malvern East

Time: 6:30 for 7:00pm

Cost: \$20pp (substantial finger food, drinks at bar prices)

RSPV: Wednesday 15th February 2012

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#### **Disaster Aid Australia Update**

by DRIVER, Allan

Disaster Aid Australia (DAA) proudly displayed our humanitarian aid at the recent Rotary Institute in Brisbane where we had the opportunity to showcase our unique relief tent which is the largest available for survivor of disasters.

Rotary International President Elect, Sakuji Tanaka and his wife Kyoko were very impressed with the diversity of our aid included in our Family Survival boxes and the sustainable water and solar lighting.

Our exhibit, including items from our Australian-made partners, the SkyJuice Foundation (sustainable water) and Solar-Gem (solar lighting) clearly displayed the uniqueness of the aid we are able to provide thanks to the generosity of our fellow Rotarians and other valued donors.

Present, past and future Rotary District Governors from Australia and New Zealand, as well as others attending this annual Institute all had a first-hand opportunity to see the DAA humanitarian aid items and to meet with our representatives - an opportunity we greatly appreciated.

We were again privileged to meet RIPE Tanaka a few days later at the TRF Dr Ken Collins Dinner in Perth - the 14, address on behalf of The Rotary Foundation.

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