



Stories

GUEST SPEAKER TUESDAY 27th MAY



Professor Nick Bisley

North Korea and its Nuclear Ambitions

La Trobe University has established La Trobe Asia which is a strategic initiative of the University to strengthen and deepen its relationship with Asia. Staff and students will be encouraged to work and study in the region and the university will systematically integrate the study of Asian languages, societies and cultures across the undergraduate curriculum and to improve the contribution to public debate in and about Asia.

La Trobe Asia runs a series of public events with recent sessions including:

- Japan's role in a changing Asia
- Previewing the upcoming Indian and Indonesian elections
- Making Peace in South Asia

Forthcoming sessions will look at: North Korea; social trust in Asia; and Reproductive Tourism in Asia – legal and anthropological perspectives.

Nick Bisley is Executive Director – La Trobe Asia. His research and teaching expertise is in the international relations of the Asia-Pacific, globalisation and the diplomacy of great powers. Nick is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the Australian Journal of International Affairs, the country's oldest scholarly journal in the field of International Relations.

Nick is a director of the Australian Institute of International Affairs, a member of the Council for Security and Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific and has been a Senior Research Associate of the International Institute of Strategic Studies and a Visiting Fellow at the East West-Center in Washington DC.

He regularly contributes to and is quoted in national and international media including The Age, The Economist, and Voice of America.

District 9800 Changeover Luncheon 2014

Date: 29 June 2014
 Venue: The Peninsula Room, Docklands
 Time: 12.00 pm for 12.30 pm (concluding 3.00 pm)
 Dress: Lounge suit / equivalent
 Cost: \$75.00 This all inclusive price includes beer, wine, main course, dessert and entertainment.)

Entertainment will be provided by the Williamstown Pipe Band and the Joe Bonnano Band.

Come and thank Ross for ***Engaging Rotary and Changing Lives*** and show your support for Murray as he begins to ***Light up Rotary***.

- Central location with excellent access to tram and train transport.
- Plenty of parking opposite at Ethiad Stadium and other nearby car parks.

Any Club members and partners planning to attend should notify Roy as he will do one booking for the Club.

RSVP to Roy by 10th June please, to enable him to make the booking and avoid the late booking surcharge [+25%].

Club Forum June 22 - 8.30am -12.30pm

From incoming president Roy Garrett:

Every year we have a Club Planning Forum to allow firm directions and budgets for our club. As you would expect, a large percentage of the work and the outcome is from our executive - committee chairs / directors and it is hoped that each of these people will attend the Forum. However, all members are welcome! If you have some special ideas for our club's direction next year or just want to know more about others' ideas, please feel free to come along.

I will be circulating more info over the coming weeks: an agenda, times and a venue for a start. The only thing known for sure so far is starting time on 22nd June, 0830 and finishing time 1230 (sharp!)

Please let me know if you plan to attend and please give me some preliminary notice if you have special matters you would like included on the day.

Regards

Roy Garrett

Meeting Report 20th May 2014

Attendance: 30

Chair: George Mackey

Guests

Visiting Rotarian, Dawn Colston, Rotary Club of Kent, Washington
Leonie Greenwood

Club Announcements

- Club Almoner, Richard Mitchell provided an update on Pamela Robertson who has been unwell recently
- Administration Director Neville Taylor reminded members of the necessity of booking for the Police Leadership Mentoring Program breakfast on 17 June.
- President Doug reported on District Assembly which had been attended by 460 Rotarians including a delegation of 12 CMS members. Alan Seale and Anne King had presented an excellent vocational workshop in the absence of Vocational Director, Justine Murphy who

was at the time completing a 100km run in the Blue Mountains in the satisfying time of 19 hours.

- Members were encouraged to support the Steam Rally, Country Kitchen over the Queen's Birthday Weekend. The Steam Rally which is the major fundraising event of our Sister Club Echuca Moama has been supported by CMS for over 10 years and is a great weekend of fellowship and hard work baking 2-3,000 scones and brewing gallons of vegetable and pumpkin soup. Normally we would have 10-12 members assisting but a combination of events has resulted in only 2 members being able to attend this year, so if you haven't enjoyed the fun of the Steam Rally and would like to know more contact Roy Garrett or Alan Driver

Directors Report Foundation

It was a rather confusing morning for Herb Greenwood, firstly he had bought Leonie along to what he thought was the PLMP breakfast and then proceeded to confuse the Chair by delivering his Directors Report during Club announcements.

Herb was proud to report some excellent numbers, re the distribution of funds raised from the PHF Breakfast held in November 2013

- Rotary Foundation. \$5,500, this exceed the recommended target of \$100 per member
- Royce Abbey Award \$1,195
- Polio Plus \$3150, this will be augmented by a 2 for 1 grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation of \$6,300
- Herb then reported planning was well in hand for the 2014 Paul Harris Breakfast.

Sergeants Session

Michael Bromby began in a determined attempt to unseat Club Comedian Gerard Hogan with a joke which threaded together a theme of golf, Jesus and St Peter where almost as miraculous a walking on water, Jesus converted a terrible slice into a hole in one.

Michael then announced that the Epic Poem was drawing to its close with the dastardly Darcy's new found status as a "pillar"? of Rotary. Over recent weeks members may have noticed Yanpu putting the saga to film and it is confidently expected that Fund Raising Director Greg Cuthbert will shortly announce a film deal and also a rumoured TV mini-series.

Visiting Rotarian

Dawn Colston who owns an employment service company is President elect of Kent Rotary Club and is in Australia to attend the Sydney Congress. Kent is due east of Seattle in an industrial area with major industries including Boeing and the Star Bucks Roasting Plant, Seattle Airport is nearby. The Club has 70 members of whom 40% are female. The membership age range is 25-90 years. Fund raising is focused on one major event, a dinner auction which this year had raised \$US 120,000

Guest Speaker, Professor John Polesel, Melbourne Graduate School of Education, University of Melbourne.

Professor John presented an analysis of what had happened to the 45,000 student who had completed year 12 in 2013. Key statistics indicated that the major direction was to University 53% while 8% had begun Certificate programs. Of the others, 7% had entered traineeships or apprenticeships, 12% had entered employment, 5% were unemployed and 1% was inactive. Employment figures had masked underemployment and jobs which didn't offer a growth pathway.

84% of year 7 starters ultimately make it to University, however girls are more likely to enter University as many males are drawn towards apprenticeships.

Of those that enter employment straight from school, a high proportion, mainly female will engage in part time lower paid work with no obvious growth pathway. 40% of part time workers are in low paid casual job which offer no skill development. The situation for school leavers is

made worst by the fact that those applicants compete against university students and those seeking part time after school jobs.

Deferment is critical in rural areas; this is attributed to affordability and maturity which limits opportunity to move to the City. Research has shown that deferment by rural students often results in their not going on to tertiary studies.

Although overall 53% of school leavers enter university, only 40% of lower socio economic students will enter university and these will usually be red brick rather than the sandstone universities and the dropout rate will be much higher than norm, this suggests the need for a more diverse University sector distinguishing the sandstone research group of 8 from new style Polytechnics which will prepare students for the workforce.

The low esteem attached to VET vocations as an academic pathway had made it essential to refocus VET in schools as pathways to Cert 1V qualifications and not directly to work. There was a need to better link VET pathways with the TAFE sector, industry and employees and to focus on non university pathways in career education, this also would require better funding of TAFE's. The refocus needed to be coupled with developing better support structures for those school leavers who do not go on to further education

The Chair thanked Professor Polesel and presented him with a gift of soap pointing out that this supported cottage industries and the Aloha Foundation in Timor Leste.

President Doug then formally closed the meeting, inviting members and guests to adjourn for coffee.



Dawn and Pres. Doug.



Speaker John Polesel and George.

Duty Roster, May 27, 2014

Chair	Sat Mishra
Sgt	Michael Bromby
Greeter	Mik Wells
Reporter	Russell Rolls
Photographer	David Jones
Door	Alan Seale
Director Report - Community Service	Alan Seale
Bulletin	David Jones

District 9800 Helps with Probus Clubs

The Probus movement in Victoria is in an active phase, with assistance from Rotary sponsors including District 9800.

District 9800 Probus chairman Peter Milburn lists the following initiatives of the past few months:

- RC of Keilor East has founded the Keilor East Combined Probus Club, now with 180 members and meeting in the Keilor Hotel
- RC of Brimbank Central has founded the Taylors Lakes Combined Probus Club, with 100 members and meeting at Taylors Lakes Hotel
- RC of Glenferrie is in the process of establishing a Probus club next month (June), probably to be called the Deepdene Probus Club, meeting in the church hall, corner Mont Albert & Burke Roads, Camberwell
- RC of Laverton & Pt. Cook is establishing a Probus club in the Sanctuary Lakes Resort, to meet in the resort's open-access golf club rooms.

However, three Probus clubs have folded in 2013-14 through reasons such as members' advanced age and unwillingness to take on committee roles. These are the Canterbury Mens' club, Elsternwick Ladies' club, and Williamstown Greenwich Bay Ladies' club. "Such clubs might have been founded 30 years ago, and without recruitment, that could lead to founding members now being in their 90s," Milburn says.

Because many Probus clubs nationally are in similar positions, the Probus South Pacific HQ has launched a strategy of 're-birthing' ageing Probus clubs through Rotary involvement. This involves a Rotary club recognising a Probus club that is expiring and, with consent, creating a new club alongside with new name and perhaps new venue. The new club attracts new members plus the more active members of the existing club. "This has not yet occurred in Victoria but has occurred successfully in at least a couple of cases so far in NSW" Milburn says.

"One problem is that declining Probus clubs may fail to make their plight known to a Rotary club and expire before remedies can be launched. If we learn a club is in trouble, we have a chance of saving the situation."

Meanwhile, Rotary/Probus office-bearers are planning an Information Day on strategy and operations in late June for numerous Probus clubs in northern Victoria and southern NSW. "Clubs near the border are very active," he says. "For example, in Echuca-Moama there is one Rotary club with about 22 members, but three Probus clubs with a total 360 members.

"The information day will be coordinated by national Probus board member Bruce Cameron, also of East Keilor RC."

Footnote: Only Rotary Clubs can found a Probus Club. Once founded, Probus Clubs normally operate independently of Rotary. Probus Clubs do not fund-raise or require charitable activity, and exist purely for social and educational benefits for retiring/retired people.

[RI Convention 2015 São Paulo](#)

While preparing for the RI Convention 2014 in Sydney you might also want to think about the 2015 convention and register for São Paulo!

If you are going to Sydney then look for the 2015 Convention Promotion Booth at the Billabong House of Friendship, Sydney Showground, The Dome and Exhibition Halls or join the "On to São Paulo" luncheon, Wednesday 4 June at 12:30pm Sydney Showground, Exhibition Hall 6. Check for ticket availability at the RI

Ticket Sales Booth in Exhibition Hall 5

Otherwise register via your 'My Rotary account' at www.rotary.org/myrotary.