



Stories

THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER

Stuart Ellis AM Emergency Services in Australia

Emergency services across Australia are a large standing army, significantly greater than the Australian Defence Force. They are effectively state defence forces protecting against a range of hazards. All emergency services in Australia are members of the Australasian Fire and Emergency Services Council (AFAC). It is the national industry body that brings together emergency service agencies across the country. How this is done and the challenges ahead are the subject of Stuart's talk. With increasing budget scrutiny, greater numbers and intensity of natural hazard events and fewer people living in country areas, Australians will be best supported from emergencies with a national approach. - See more at: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/6912#sthash.IAh0TAGP.dpuf>



Duty Roster for Tuesday 28th Jan 2014

Chair	Gerard Hogan
Sgt	Michael Bromby
Greeter	Wolfgang Jacobs
Reporter	Neil Salvano
Photographer	Roger Thornton
Door	Richard Bowen
Director, Fund Raising, reports	Greg Cuthbert
Bulletin Editor	Tony Thomas

MERCEDES WALKLATE GETS MARRIED!



On January 23, Mercedes Walklate, who is known to many of our members and partners through her assistance and attendance at many functions, was married to Simone Dante in a lovely ceremony at Quat Quatta. (That's Ripponlea, not Dubai).

Three photos attached, the proud father, Kevin escorting Mercedes up the aisle, Mercedes and Simone signing the register, and Kevin stealing the limelight.



Upcoming Events

Board Meeting
RACV City Club

Jan 15, 2014 at 06:00 PM - 07:30 PM

Peninsula BBQ

Feb 16, 2014

Board Meeting
RACV City Club

Feb 19, 2014 at 06:00 PM - 07:30 PM

Speakers

Jan 21, 2014
Bernard McMenamin FCA, FCPA, CTA, TEP
Estate Planning

Jan 28, 2014
Stuart Ellis AM
Emergency Services in Australia

Feb 11, 2014
Dr Elizabeth Pittman
Medical Charlatans and Frauds

Mar 04, 2014
Peter Wilson
Mentoring - origins and its value to modern leadership

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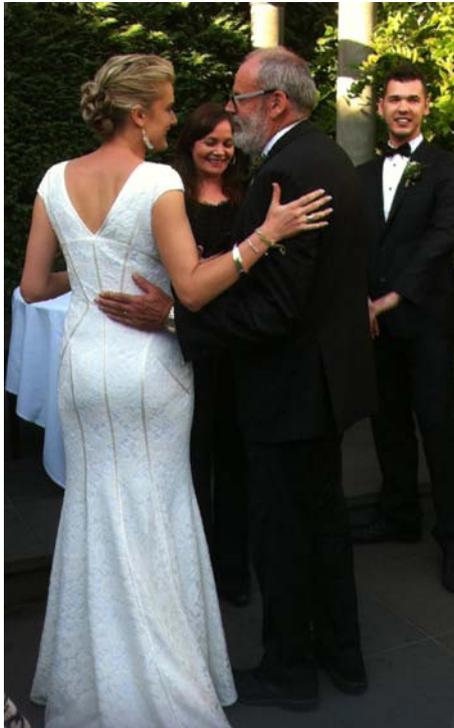
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TEMP HOME WANTED FOR STUDENT

A Letter from Switzerland

Dear President Doug,

I'm a Rotarian of the Rotary Club of Wil in Switzerland and I was President a couple of years ago. I'm writing to you on behalf of my son, Tobias Niederberger. He is 23 years old and will spend one semester (from february 2014 – july 2014) at the University of Melbourne. He has just finished his bachelor degree in food science (at the Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich/Switzerland) and he will start his master studies in food science at Melbourne University in February 2014. He has already spent one year in Australia in 2007/2008 as a Rotary Exchange Student with the Rotary Club of Nerang / QLD. Ever since then he has kept in touch with his Australian host families and friends and he always hoped to get the chance to go back for studies to “down under”. Now this chance has come and he is looking forward very much to his stay at Melbourne University. We are now looking for a place for him to stay with a Rotarian family. Since now he will not be on a Rotary Exchange Program but stay on a private basis in Australia, we would of course pay for accommodation. We were thinking about AUS \$ 500 – 600 / month for one bedroom . We would be very glad, if you could ask your Club members, if anyone living in Central Melbourne has the chance to offer housing for him. If you need any further information on Tobias, feel free to ask, or if you wish references on him, Mr Graham Ward from the Rotary Club of Nerang (07 55799000 or 0407 755550

or lancia@futureweb.com.au) will be glad to give you such information. Thank you very much for your help. Sincerely Rot. Christoph Niederberger RC of Wil - Switzerland

MEAT MASTICATION MARATHON AT MEEHANS, SUNDAY FEB 16



SOCIAL EVENT

Catch up with Rotarian friends, past and present, especially those who live on the Mornington Peninsula

"PENINSULA FAMILY BBQ"

WHEN: Sunday 16th February
TIME: 12.00pm
WHERE: **Lorraine and John Meehan's home, Mount Martha**
 15 Watson Road, Mount Martha (Melway: 144 J12)
SUPPLIED: Gourmet BBQ meats / Salads / Breads / Eating Utensils
COST: \$12.50 each (pay on the day)
BYO: Drinks & eskys / Chairs
RECREATION: 3 min walk to sandy beach or lap pool on site, boat along Balcombe Creek etc.
RSVP: **Register for the event with numbers and names attending on the RCCMS website or notify Roger Thornton on Mob: 0400 999 203 or email: piroton@connexus.net.au**
 Please advise of any special dietary requirements

Any enquiries to

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FOUR-WAY TEST: CASE STUDY

Readers of our august (note: no capital on the 'a') bulletin are aficionados of the Four West Test and need no reminding of its contents, namely:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



To sharpen our skills, please check the headlines below and rate them for Four Way Test compatibility.

The headlines appeared in Le Moniteur Universel, the principal French newspaper during and after the French Revolution. It was, virtually, the official journal of the French government of the day, including during and after Napoleon's rule.

Throughout the 100 days – the Cent-jours – between Napoleon's escape from Elba and the restoration of the Bourbons, Le Moniteur remained loyal to government. On the day of his escape Le Moniteur led with the following headline:

"The Cannibal has left his Lair."

Thereafter there appeared the following sequence:

"The Corsican Ogre has just landed at the Juan Gulf."

"The Tiger has arrived at Gap."

"The Monster slept at Grenoble."

"The Tyrant has crossed Lyons."

"The Usurper was seen 60 leagues from the Capital."

And then, a change of tone:

"Bonaparte has advanced with great strides – But he will never enter Paris."

"Tomorrow, Napoleon will be under our ramparts."

And then, another change:

"The Emperor has arrived at Fontainebleau."

And finally:

"His Imperial Royal Majesty entered his palace at the Tuileries last night in the midst of his faithful

subjects." #

Source: Former NSW chief justice and now ABC chair Jim Spigelman.

MEETING REPORT, JAN 21, 2014

Left: Our speaker Bernard McMenemy with President Doug



Left: Jillian Cavanagh feigns amusement at an attempted witticism by the chairman



Chair, Tony Thomas

Reporter, Herb Greenwood

Visiting Rotarian-Bob Nield from Canberra Sunrise Club.

Visitor- Yung Le a potential member.

A toast was proposed to Rotary International by Tony with additional *HUMOROUS* invocations from a UK Rotary book of Grace templates

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

ROGER THORNTON-Reminder of the Club BBQ on the peninsular in Feb at the Meehans. – see separate bulletin item

MARY VOICE-Two copies of the Melbourne University Book "160 Years 160 Stories"

All to the Political applause of *MR POINT OF ORDER*.

PRESIDENTIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

President Doug reminded of;

1. Roy Garrett nomination of Trish Franklin for THE ONE AWARD.
2. RCCMS meeting 25th Feb –Membership retention discussion and Club survey discussion.
3. Conference and Convention bookings still open.

AT THIS STAGE THE CHAIR FALTERED AND RECOVERED WITH PROMPTS

YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORT.

George Mackey.

A brief report on the strategy and action taken to support RYPEN , MUNA ,Mount Alexander College, Timor, SILK MILLER SCHOLARSHIP and the three School Recognition Awards to Mount Alexander College along with the Job Search Process training.

SEARGEANT AT ARMS-Michael Bromby**Part One****WOULD I LIE TO YOU?**

Based on the TV show of the same name Michael presented his latest antic of humorous beguilement.

Tony was selected to read the note and we had to judge if it was true.

Tony only fooled one of us.

Part Two

THE EPIC POEM

Koren read her latest addition to the poem and created the demise of the investigating detectives.

GUEST SPEAKER

ESTATE PLANNING-Bernard McMenamin

Two elderly spinsters in a country town owned both the Pub and the Chinese Restaurant.

As they did not drink they frequently visited the Chinese Restaurant and became well known by the operator who treated them well- good service good food and very helpful.

These two spinsters had brothers living in the City who were very successful bankers that rarely visited.

On her untimely death in a vehicle accident the wills disclosed that the main benefactor of some \$5million was the Chinese Restaurateur.

The brothers rushed to the town objecting to this action as they were left little only to find that they could not halt THE ULTIMATE TAKEAWAY.

A USA survey of beneficiaries disclosed the problems as being.

1. What was going on before whilst alive-not after death- 60%
2. Did not know where to go for advice after the death-30%

The old problem of who gets the farm in the family after the death.

These problems can all be avoided by discussions between all before a death occurs.

changing trends are occurring

1. Traditional-Little discussion-edgy recipients that may dispute or contest.
2. Discussion before the demise-all anticipate result and accept.
3. Cross Border issues-business in different locations with different legislation.
4. Art Works/Antiques-unknown and new values due to not appreciating worth.
5. Trusts-retaining value and distribute profits.
6. Changing legislation.
7. The Digital Age-List of accounts passwords and login info-hard to find information.

These are some of the considerations so plan ahead and make it easier for the beneficiaries to achieve the result that you want.

Tony made a small presentation to Bernard and thanked him for his interesting presentation.

MEETING CLOSURE

President Doug closed the meeting thanking the visitors for their attendance.

Also invited all to ENGAGE ROTARY AND CHANGE OUR LIVES.

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Reporter

Herb Greenwood