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NEXT MEETING - CLUB FORUM 29th SEPTEMBER 2015

Posted by George MACKAY

Our meeting on 29 September will be a Club Forum to report on the progress of our club's strategic planning process.

This process started on 26 July, when DGN Peter Frueh facilitated a Club Vision activity at which a group of 20 RCCMS members were challenged to answer questions such as:

- What do we as Rotarians stand for?
- What do we want our club to look like in three to five years?
- What projects do we want to sustain, initiate and/or grow?
- How are we going to engage with our CBD community?

This activity was both interesting and valuable, highlighting the substantial gap between where participating members want our club to be in three years, relative to our current membership and fund raising capability.

The members attending the Club Vision expressed a clear desire to grow our RC and initiate more, even bigger, projects, at a time when I am concerned that we are over-running our

Meeting Responsibilities

Chair
CALLANDER, Tom

Presenter

Greeter
CUTHBERT, Greg

Reporter
AVRAMOPOULOS, Stella

Photographer
JONES, David

Door
MITCHELL, Dick

Director Report

Bulletin Editor
DRIVER, Allan

Speakers

Sep 29, 2015
CLUB FORUM THIS WEEK

Oct 06, 2015

capability to sustain many of our signature projects and programs.

Your Board would value your thoughts about the proposed vision for our club, and how we may best achieve it.

I urge you to come to the 29 September meeting - your input is an essential part of setting our club's strategic direction for the next five years.



GOURMET FARMERS MARKET - NEXT THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER

Our 3rd GOURMET FARMERS MARKET is next Thursday, 1st October.

If you haven't been to our market yet we hope you can make it to this one.

If you have been already we know there is a strong chance you will be joining the repeat customers we have noticed.

181 William Street, CBD. 4.30pm - 7.30pm

Scott Harris

Developing resilience and overcoming adversity

Oct 13, 2015

Nicholas Reece

Melbourne's Democracy Experiment Pays Off

Nov 03, 2015

NO MEETING THIS WEEK - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

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Goldsbrough Lane
GOURMET FARMERS MARKET

COMMENCING ON
THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2015

1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY OF
EACH MONTH, 4.30^{PM}–7.30^{PM}

GOURMET FRESH PRODUCE IN
THE HEART OF MELBOURNE CBD

Rotary Central Melbourne Sunrise GPT The RPT Group

LIGHTS AND BITES

OUR COMMUNITY SERVICES TEAM IN ACTION

THE MISSING INGREDIENT IS YOUR PARTICIPATION

Lights and Bites is all about our members, partners and friends getting together for a social evening where we will be spoilt by Sue and Peter, their penthouse and the views. With the fringe benefit of raising funds to support the life saving

STREET NIGHT NURSES PROGRAM
More about this new club initiative below

Please contact Peter now



"LIGHTS AND BITES"

Come along and enjoy a fun evening
with a magical view

Saturday 17th October 2015
at 7.00pm

The Penthouse, Victoria Tower
285/100 Kavanagh Street, Southbank
(Unlimited parking over the road for \$8.00)

\$50 per person
Drinks and food provided throughout the night
Entertainment by an excellent pianist
Plus, the finest of company

ALL PROFITS WILL SUPPORT
The Street Night Nurses Program run by



and a new project of RCCMS Community Service

BOOKINGS PLEASE RSVP by 6th October
Peter Duras 0413 599 121 or peter.duras@bigpond.com

ALL WELCOME, BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

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A LIFE SAVING NEED - IN OUR PATCH

Posted by Peter DURAS



OUR CLUB ZEROS IN ON AID FOR THE NIGHT NURSES PATROL

Funds raised at our 'LIGHTS AND BITES' function on 17th October will enable Youth Projects in the City to extend their life saving Night Nurses Patrol during the next 6 months.

Currently this after hours primary care service operates each weekend night in the CBD. Two nurses, highly trained in emergency medicine, drug and alcohol care and assistance, and mental health and homelessness issues provide assertive outreach help to those on the streets and in crisis accommodation.

Although these Youth Projects nurses save lives and ease pressure on hospital and other emergency services the program is stretched for funds following government cut backs to most NFPs. They have no prospect of funding patrols during the week when the risk level is just as high due to factors such as high temperatures or major events in the City.

After meeting with their CEO and Board Chairman we have agreed to support their greatest priority, the funding of 10 carefully targeted extra nights during the week over Summer at a cost of \$320 per night.

This is a major new initiative for the Club, and we ask you and your friends to come and enjoy a great night out on the 17th while supporting the work of the nurses.

ROTARACTS BLOSSOM

Posted by Tony THOMAS

Rotarians don't realise how much potential there is to get Rotaract clubs started. So says Riley Louise Thornton, 23, president of Brisbane Rivercity Rotaract Club. Rivercity chartered in July with 20 members and now has 25.

Rotary District 9600, including Brisbane, had no Rotaract clubs early this year. It now has two – Rivercity and Brisbane CBD (11 members at chartering last March, now 12 with three more expected). Two more Rotaracts, North Lakes and Sunshine Coast, charter in October, with about 20 and 15 members respectively.



Part of this success story is Rotary's youth exchange and youth leadership programs, that introduced youngsters to Rotary and inspired them to get Rotaracts started. A small mystery is why these Rotaracts tend to have 50% or more females while Rotary in Australia has about 75% males.

District 9640 (Gold Coast) sponsored Riley Thornton to the Enrichment Program during high school and then to a year's Youth Exchange to Denmark in 2010. She also became involved with Rotary Youth Leadership and grew "a passion for Rotary". "I met Melanie Packer **[photo right]** last year while looking for recruits to Rivercity," she says. "Mel was also starting a Rotaract. We decided to launch two clubs rather than combine."

Mel, 27, is a town planner who was first involved with Redlands Rotaract, south-east of Brisbane. Travelling through Queensland on State

government business, she's used Rotaract as a short cut to friendships in towns and cities she visited.

[Read more...](#)

MEETING REPORT 22nd SEPTEMBER 2015

Posted by Tony THOMAS

Chair: Frank O'Brien

Visitors: Molly Harriss Olson of Fairtrade and her colleague Sophie.

Announcements:

- Dick Mitchell reported that member **Wolfgang Jacobs** is improving slowly after illness and may be absent from meetings for some time.
- Peter Duras said that funds raised from the Lights & Bites evening at Chez Duras 17 October will go towards **Youth Projects nurses' night patrols** in the city, checking the streets and lanes, crisis accommodation for severe cases and reducing burdens on hospital emergency stations. Our raisings will fund two nurses to do ten high-priority non-weekend nights, a total cost of \$3200. A District Grant may also be involved.
- Neil Salvano invited past presidents to apply to join the **nominating committee** for District Governor 2018-19.
- Mik Wells continued his **sales of mint-condition DVDs** at \$2 towards the Shine for Kids charity. His office is drowning in these disks.
- President George with Kevin Love visited **Rotary Dockland's** meeting last week, "the most interesting they'd ever attended".
- **New member seminars** are scheduled for 28 September and 20 October.



- Our next **meeting September 29** will be a club forum discussing the strategic plan formed at the previous board meeting. Members and especially colleagues are welcome to the (hot) breakfast.

Presenter, Tony Thomas: [previously known as Sergeant]

Tony marked UN's and Rotary's International Day of Peace last weekend, and the 70th anniversary of the end of WW2 on September 2, with a contemporaneous 8 minute newsreel of the surrender ceremony in Tokyo Bay on the battleship Missouri, led by General MacArthur.



Tony remarked that the general's generous treatment of the Emperor and the nation ("Peace with tolerance and justice") saw Japan re-emerging as a stable and peaceful world power and democracy. Japan by the way now has 8% of the world's Rotarians. MacArthur was sacked by President Truman in 1951 for insubordination while commander in the Korean conflict.

Roger Thornton again starred in the draw for the Swindle but sadly failed to pick the joker, leaving the \$600+ in the pot to fester in the club's bank.

Guest Speaker: Molly Harriss Olson and Sophie of Fairtrade.

Molly said trade with justice enabled third-world poor to take control of their lives. Currently 25m coffee farmers are dominated by a mere four trading companies controlling 40% of the \$A9b world market. The farmers typically live on



\$2 a day from 1 acre holdings.

From a start in Mexico 25 years ago, Fairtrade now works with 1.5m farmers in 74 countries, with emphasis now on expanding south-south trade. Fairtrade negotiates with traders to set prices 8-15% above sustainable cost of production. The proceeds – often merely some cents per unit – benefit not only farmers but permits community investments – such as living quarters nearby for a school teacher previously remote from a school, water pipes and simple processing machinery. Dealings from the bottom up are required to be transparent and cooperative, including women's rights, voting and no child labor. Price premiums can be withdrawn if there is non-compliance.

Benefits to growers can sometimes filter through to large numbers, such as 2600 growers in PNG highlands impacting 50-60,000 villagers.

She spoke of the UN's new Sustainable Development Goals such as halving replacing the 15-year Millenium Development Goals which halved child poverty and helped the world's neediest.

Molly was thanked for her lively and insightful talk.

GALLERY



OUR MEMBERS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE DISTRICT 9800 PRESIDENTS ELECT TRAINING AT BENDIGO LAST WEEKEND WARWICK, MARJORIE, BERNIE AND NEVILLE

PICTURED WITH GUEST SPEAKERS MOLLY AND SOPHIE AFTER LAST TUESDAY'S MEETING.



ATTENTIVE MEMBERS