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1st September 2020

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NEXT MEETING (virtual) - TUESDAY 1st September

Posted by Allan DRIVER

Meeting Responsibilities

Chair
SEALE, Alan

Greeter/Zoom Host
DRIVER, Allan

Reporter
FIELDEN, Malcolm

Photographer
THORNTON, Roger

Door
LOVE, Kevin

Bulletin Editor
CLIFT, Nick

Social Media
LIM, Daniel

Upcoming Events

[Special Board Meeting](#)
Sep 02, 2020
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

[RCM September Board Meeting](#)
Sep 16, 2020
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

[School holidays](#)
Sep 19, 2020 - Oct 04, 2020

[Cambodia and Laos international projects dinner](#)
Kooyong tennis club
Oct 15, 2020 6:00 PM

[RCM October Board Meeting](#)



Pete Jensen: Lessons in Happiness from the Third World. What we can learn about happiness from COVID-19.

Pete is a former Rotary Exchange student and Rotarian and has a burning passion to both help leaders create organisations that are great places to work and equip individuals with the awareness and tools to create sustained happiness and wellbeing.

Over the past fifteen years he has worked with over 20,000 participants around Asia Pacific delivering leadership development, culture transformation, behavioural safety leadership and enabling wellbeing masterclasses and programs.

His breakthrough book, *Lessons in Happiness from the Third World* details the essential ingredients of happiness that the West seems to have forgotten or become too busy to pay attention.

This has led to Pete's becoming a sought-after speaker for conferences and organisations including the Workplace Wellbeing University, The Executive Connection, The CEO Institute, Deakin Prime, The Golden Door, Rotary International, and many others.

Pete's unique edge lies in his ability to create understanding, meaning, and inspiration, and he provides

Oct 21, 2020
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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Speakers

Sep 01, 2020 7:40 AM

[Pete Jensen](#)

Lessons in Happiness from the Third World. What we can learn about happiness from COVID-19.

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[Robina Bradley](#)

Pocket Positive - St Mary's House of Welcome

Sep 08, 2020 7:40 AM

[District Governor Philip Archer](#)

District Governor's official visit

Sep 15, 2020 7:40 AM

[Dick Whitaker](#)

The forecast for D-Day

Sep 22, 2020 7:40 AM

[Ignacio Inchausti](#)

Project and program management – the art and science of delivery

Sep 29, 2020 7:40 AM

[Tania de Jong AM](#)

Changing the world, one voice at a time

Oct 06, 2020 7:40 AM

[Adele le Roux](#)

My experience since joining Rotary Central Melbourne

Oct 13, 2020 7:40 AM

[Ben Vasiliou](#)

Helping young people to be the best they can be

Oct 20, 2020 7:40 AM

[Francesco Fedele](#)

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practical tools and practices to sustain happiness and positivity in all circumstances.

Meeting Report August 25th

Meeting Report, August 25, 2020

Chair: David Jones

Reporters: Ignacio Inchausti, Tony Thomas

Guests: Check with Therese 0447 751 137 or Allan Driver 0418 573 803

Allan Driver's Zoom meeting got off to a delayed start owing to a dud link but Allan recovered well by sending out a fresh link. Well done, that man.

Guest Speaker:

Ralph Alphonso is the Principal & Creative Director at Barley Store Productions. His 20 years of experience spans photographic and multimedia industries. He shared with us snapshots and cameo audio of the output of his "A Portrait of Australia" project – his solo expedition across Australia

Ralph described how he bought a 6-tonne truck modified for about 350l of fuel and a similar amount of water – enough for about 45 days drinking or 1800km range, for his National Geographic circuit of Australia. A normal circuit would be 25,000km but with all his zigzagging into the interior it extended to 40,000km. He still needs to cover Tasmania and the central desert. He found outback people were more accepting and friendly as they depended on their neighbours, unlike city-dwellers. He would chat to his portrait subjects for an hour or two or a day or two until he felt he could assess their personality for the pic.

His talk and films were engrossing to us all.

Announcements:

1. Face Masks: Rob Hines has received a further shipment of face masks from Yimba in Uganda to help them raise funds for their community. Students from the slums manufacture these masks.

If you'd like one (or more) please transfer \$20 per mask to the club account with the reference "Face Mask" and send me an email with your postal address.

Club Bank Account

BSB 033-000

Account number: 791085

2. Raffle: Rob Hines advised members that the Rotary Central Melbourne Monthly Raffle had been launched. Ticket sales are now open via <https://www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=sky93>. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The prize is a \$100 gift voucher that can be used at any Woolworth's owned outlet including Dan Murphy's. Ticket sales will close at Midday on Friday September 18 and the draw will take place during the Club meeting on Tuesday September 22.

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people at Risk of Homelessness. Rohan Williams, Community Service Director, will describe this project in more detail at our club meeting next Tuesday morning.

3. Rohan Williams: Club intends to help a social enterprise café in refurbished Royal Alfred Hospital, training at-risk people in hospitality jobs.

4. David Jones: The Trivia Night at 5.30pm Friday 28 August will be hosted by the club's enfant terrible Tony Thomas so Zoom along for a great and probably outrageous time.

Our club guest speaker September 29, Tania de Jong, is speaking at the Australia Institute on August 26 by webinar.

5. Peter Duras: I've received another big shipment from Caprice of kids' backpacks of every description and some shoes. If you know of any charities willing to take some, pls confirm with them first and then ring me with details of how many by category.

Member Interview:

Brett Jones interviewed Adele le Roux about her South African life and journey to Australia. From an Afrikaans-speaking home, she started with chartered accounting studies but it was too hard and she switched to HR. It was troubling times as leader de Klerk was ruling prior to Mandela's release. Her family came to Melbourne in 2011 with just four suitcases. She has never regretted the move.

Pocket Positives:

Neville Taylor told how his large 20-member family engineered togetherness around tipping via "Coin Toss Football League (CTFL)".

Other business deferred owing to time constraints.

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Fundraising during Lockdown



I am delighted to announce the launch of the Rotary Central Melbourne monthly raffle.

Ticket sales are now open, please click here to go the website and purchase your tickets:

<https://www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=sky93>

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This year is going to be an especially challenging one for Fundraising given our lack of face to face meetings and events, not to mention the sausage sizzles! The Garden DesignFest has also been postponed until 2021.

At the breakfast meeting this week I introduced the concept of discretionary donations to the club to help to fund various club projects.

Given that we have no weekly meeting fee at present and many members are saving those costs as well as related travel and parking costs there may be an opportunity for some of our members to make discretionary donations while we are in lockdown. For example, if 30 members contributed \$5 every week for 6 months we would generate almost \$4,000 towards a nominated club project.

At the meeting Rohan Williams, Director Community Services outlined the Hope for the Future Scholarships program which we have selected as the first recipient of voluntary donations.

If you are in a position to make a donation or even a series of weekly donations then please arrange to transfer those funds to the club bank account with the reference "Donation".

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Account number: 791085

Thanks very much in anticipation of your support.

Regards,
Rob Hines
Director, Fundraising

Trivia 28th August

Nothing but trivia
Rotary Central Melbourne/Bearbrass Probus Trivia Night last night (28/8) was replete with brain food, stuff-ups (by

author), and borderline videos ranging from Malcolm Fraser's loss of pants in Memphis (attached) to mating giant pandas and Carlton AFL's highest marks. Talking of high marks, the night's honors went to four of Bearbrass's newest friends and first-timers, the team Rose Mandemaker and Gill Ralston, and Jahn Burman and Paul Cosgriff, all with 28/47. There were 21 Bearbrassers and friends present and ten RCM-ers and friends. Quiz categories started with AFL matters supplied off-line by Frank O'Brien. Next was The Cosmos, with Tony Thomas claiming there are 8 billion planets just in the Milky War in zones conducive to alien life. He also discussed the planet Uranus after eschewing the temptation to make puns. "I knew Tony was high-minded and his conduct on this occasion was exemplary," said Anne King. "And you can quote me on that." It turned out that Uranus was originally named George by its discoverer William Herschel in 1781. Actually Georgium Sidus (the Georgian Planet) in honor of his patron, King George III. Pity it didn't stick. Next category was Politics, illustrating how little we know about who runs what in Australia, and finally Sex, featuring famous cases of low conduct in high places.

Rose and Gill have kindly offered to furnish the questions for our next Trivia Night Friday Sept 11.

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Meeting Photos



Chair David Jones



Guest speaker Ralph Alphonso



Rob Hines



Adele le Roux

