



## BULLETIN

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### OUR CLUB CHANGE-OVER

#### **DUTY ROSTER 2nd JUNE**

*Chair*  
MACKEY, George

*Sergeant*  
GERLINGER, Bernie

*Greeter*  
AVRAMOPOULOS, Stella

*Reporter*  
CAVELL, Warwick

*Photographer*  
ROLLS, Russell

*Door*  
CALLANDER, Tom

*Director Report*  
MACKEY, George

*Bulletin Editor*  
JONES, David

#### **Upcoming Events**

[RC Echuca Moama Steam](#)

[Rally](#)

Rotary Park

Jun 06, 2015 – Jun 07, 2015

[Board Meeting](#)

RACV City Club

Jun 18, 2015

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

[28th Club Changeover Dinner](#)

Jun 26, 2015

7:00 PM – 11:30 PM

#### **Speakers**

Jun 02, 2015

[Darren Eger and Marcus](#)

[Maquire](#)

*Drone technology adapted for business*

Jun 09, 2015

[Dr Cecily Neil](#)



They share a passion for aviation, cinematography and photography and have utilised this to embrace the rapidly emerging remotely piloted imaging technologies utilising what are colloquially known as "drones". These technologies are providing businesses with a multitude of new options for conducting existing business activities and offering new possibilities that were previously unavailable.

They will be sharing their endless enthusiasm for what is currently possible with remotely piloted technologies and offer insights into where these exciting technologies are likely to head and invite participants to let their imaginations take flight.

### **TRAVELLERS AID BLUES TRAIN**

*an invitation from Member Elias Lebbos*

**Travellers Aid Australia would like to invite you and your friends and colleagues to join us for a fun filled night on the legendary Blues Train to raise funds for our work in assisting travellers in need!**

You don't have to be into blues music to enjoy the Blues Train ... you just have to be up for a really good time.

A night in the Blues Train consists of a meal at the historic Queenscliff Railway Station, followed by a musical journey on a moving steam train accompanied by talented blues musicians.

On every show we have a solo act, a duo, a trio and then a full band, each offering intimate concert for just 50 people at a time.





**TRAIN DEPARTS SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
**CONTACT ELIAS TO-DAY Tel 0411 721 744**

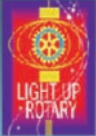
### **INVITATION DISTRICT GOVERNOR CHANGE-OVER**

**THE ROTARY DISTRICT 9800  
2015 CHANGE - OVER EVENING**

**Hosted by  
The Rotary Clubs of Werribee & Wyndham**

District Governor Murray Verso and  
District Governor Elect Julie Mason invite  
you and your partner to the  
Annual Change-Over Dinner







Join District Governor Murray Verso and District Governor Elect Julie Mason in an evening of fun, fellowship and entertainment at the Annual District Changeover.

**HOSTED BY THE ROTARY CLUB OF WERRIBEE AND WYNDHAM DISTRICT 9800**

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**WHEN:**  
Saturday June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm

**WHERE:**  
Ultima Function Centre Corner Keilor Park Drive and Ely Court Keilor

**COST:**  
\$70 per head  
3 course meal, inclusive of beer, wine and soft drinks

**ENTERTAINMENT:**  
The Barking Dogs  
The Salvation Army Band

**DRESS CODE:**      **Formal**

**RSVP:**                      **June 12<sup>th</sup> 2015**

**MEMBERS WISHING TO ATTEND SHOULD;**

1. FORWARD THEIR NAME TO DAVID JONES BY MONDAY 8th JUNE AT LATEST
2. PAY BY CREDIT CARD AT NEXT WEEKS CLUB MEETING or
3. PAY BY DIRECT DEPOSIT TO CLUB BANK ACCOUNT BEFORE 9th JUNE  
[Westpac Bank BSB 033-000 Account number 791085]

**MELBOURNE PARK CHANGE-OVER INVITATION****INVITATION.**

We receive several invitations to fellow club changeover evenings and it will not be possible to publish all.

RC Melbourne Park invitation is placed here - this young club have generously supported our club at working bees throughout this year and attending their change-over is one way in which we can return the compliment.

An opportunity to team up with another of our members and represent our club and support this young club.





## **MEETING REPORT 26th MAY 2015**

Posted by Roger THORNTON

### **Chairman**

Russell Rolls, who volunteered at the very last minute.

### **Guests**


Guest speakers Zac Lewis.

Dr Cecily Neil, who has applied for membership of RCCMS.

MUNA candidates sponsored by RCCMS, Aditha Sethis and Joseph Nguyen, from Melbourne High.

NYSF candidate sponsored by RCCMS, Adam Schlicht, from Xavier College.

### **Announcements**

- Roger Thornton reminded members that the Changeover Dinner is now only a month away and commented that surely members must know whether or not they'll be in Melbourne on that date. Still only 29 acceptances.
-  Elias Lebbos advised that his organisation is selling tickets for the Blues Train and has 10 tickets available at the discount price of \$50 each. **[See separate invitation in this Bulletin]**

### **President's announcements**

President Roy advised that the **guest speaker at the 2015 Paul Harris Breakfast** on November 24 will be anaesthetist Professor Kate Leslie, who was the winner of the 2014 AMA Woman in Medicine Award.

A portrait of her, by artist Andrew Mezei, entitled Morpheus was a finalist for this year's Archibald prize. Professor Leslie will talk on "Awareness, Dreaming and Anaesthesia". *[Right]* President Roy then summarised some of the decisions from the Board meeting, held on May 21:

- Cecily Neil's membership application was approved and she will be inducted in two weeks' time.
- It was with regret that the Board accepted Kerstin Steiner's resignation. Kerstin is finding the pressure of work too great for her to contribute to Rotary satisfactorily but may return at some time in the future.
- \$10,000 has been transferred to the Your Own Two Hands fund, to pay for the latest school construction in Laos.
- A donation of \$2000 has been made to Disaster Aid Australia, to assist earthquake sufferers in Nepal.
- RCCMS will be conducting a Sports Breakfast on Thursday, August 20. Kevin Sheedy will be the guest



speaker.

- A pallet load of equipment destined for the Fitzroy Crossing Men's Shed is on its way free of charge, courtesy of Toll.
- RCCMS will be hosting 60 students at Camp Getaway this weekend, May 29-31, for MUNA.

#### Student presentations

Youth Service Committee Chairman, George Mackey, introduced the three students attending breakfast and each spoke briefly about his current school activities and future aspirations.



- Aditha Sethi is in Year 12 and studying science subjects at Melbourne High and hopes to become a physicist. He said everyone has a responsibility to be involved in politics and it is this belief that prompted him to apply for MUNA.
- Joseph Nguyen, also a Year 12 student at Melbourne High, is studying Science, English and Maths. He has been involved in the Model UN and debating club at his school, so it was logical to apply for MUNA.

Aditha and Joseph will represent France at MUNA.

- Adam Schlicht is attending Year 11 at Xavier. He is applying for NYSF because he has a strong interest in Science. However, he is also very keen on theatre and has been in numerous musical productions at school. He also has a strong interest in social justice.

#### Sergeant's session

Sergeant Bernie chose the topical subject of the Eurovision Contest with which to test the audience's knowledge. No-one guessed that the competition has run for 60 years. Most guessed that Abba was the most popular winner, in 1974, but forgot that the winning song was Waterloo. It was certainly a surprise that Ireland has had the most wins of any country.

#### Guest Speaker

Chairman Russell introduced Zac Lewis, spokesperson for the Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC), to talk about ***Back from the Brink: Restoring Australia's Lost and declining Biodiversity***.

Zac started with good news and bad news. The good news is that Australia has more biodiversity than any other developed nation, particularly in the Top End, which is a biodiversity hotspot. The bad news is that it also has the worst mammal extinction rate in the world.

AWC's mission is the *effective* conservation of all Australian animal species and habitats in which they live. To achieve this mission, AWC



- Has established a network of sanctuaries, to protect threatened wildlife. AWC now manages 23 sanctuaries across Australia, covering 3 million hectares. One property with an area of 60,000 hectares, AWC bought for \$1.
- Implements practical on-ground conservation programs, including feral animal control and fire management.
- Conducts scientific research that will help address the key threats to native wildlife.
- Employs a staff of 80 people, 80% of whom are in the field.
- Spends less than 20% of its \$11-12 million budget on administration and fund raising.

Zac said the purpose of the land acquisitions is to reverse the decline in Australian animal populations. 83% of all native birds and 67% of all native mammals are represented in the properties owned by AWC. Three major extinction drivers are wild fire, feral cats and free ranging feral predators, including herbivore ferals. In the Kimberley, AWC is control burning 24,000 sq km to prevent wild fires, which wipe out native species and their habitats. Cool burning is achieved by lighting spot fires in patches at the start of the dry season. Using this technique, AWC has reduced wild fires by 50%, achieving 130,000 carbon credits in the process, and the distribution of 3+ year vegetation has greatly increased.

Feral cats have the potential to kill many millions of native animals a day. Research being undertaken in the Kimberley, with cats fitted with GPS radio collars, shows that cats interact with fire, hunting along the fire scar, attacking native animals attempting to escape. Zac said cat eradication is unrealistic. Instead, AWC is attempting to fence off large areas, eradicate ferals, particularly cats and foxes, from inside the area and then reintroduce native species. He stressed that field based science is essential for achieving a satisfactory outcome. For example, removal of dingoes might seem appropriate but actually, they are a major deterrent to feral cats.

In closing, Zac said that AWC is protecting more threatened species, has a fire management program that is larger than any other non-Government program and controls more fox and cat free land than any other organisation.

#### President Roy's closing

President Roy closed the meeting at 8:45am.

#### GALLERY



**CONSERVATIONISTS EXTRAORDINAIRE**



**PRESIDENT ELECT GEORGE - NO DOUBT A SUCCESSFUL YEAR AS DIRECTOR  
YOUTH**