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### SPEAKER TUESDAY 2nd DECEMBER



#### **Kevin Love "Making a difference - Rotary's School Projects in Laos"**

Our member Kevin Love and Veronica have just returned from Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos where they attended a ceremony at Ban Houy Thao village to officially open the school.

This is always an unforgettable experience.

Kevin and Veronica also inspected the school at Ban Baum Aor village, site of this year's project.

Kevin will give our club a report on the experience at next Tuesday's breakfast meeting.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT - FITZROY CROSSING

Posted by Rob HINES

The CEO Circle and the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne - Sunrise are collaborating to support the indigenous people of Fitzroy Crossing.

Fitzroy Crossing houses the Marninwarrtikura Women's Resource Centre where two remarkable women have been challenging the culture of drinking and domestic violence that has done so much damage to this small community.



June Oscar and Emily Carter have successfully lobbied to prevent the pubs from selling full strength alcohol to take-away. Since 2007 when the ban came into effect the community has seen a consistent reduction in alcohol related crime and domestic violence.

### **MEETING ROSTER 11th NOVEMBER**

*Chair*  
Rob HINES

*Sergeant*  
Bernie GERLINGER

*Greeter*  
Koren HARVEY

*Reporter*  
Bruce HERON

*Photographer*  
Allan DRIVER

*Door*  
Herb GREENWOOD

*Director Report*  
George MACKAY

*Bulletin Editor*  
David JONES

### **Upcoming Events**

[RC Osaka-Midosuji Hommachi  
1st anniversary party](#)

Dec 11, 2014

[Christmas Party Breakfast](#)

RACV City Club  
Dec 16, 2014  
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

[Board Meeting](#)

RACV City Club  
Dec 18, 2014  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

[Board Meeting](#)

RACV City Club  
Jan 15, 2015  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

[Peninsula Family BBO](#)

Jan 18, 2015  
12:00 PM - 4:00 PM



These two women have also been championing an education program for the women of the valley about the effects of drinking alcohol in pregnancy. Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder or FASD has had a devastating effect on the children of the valley. As many as 1 in 5 of the children

born there show some symptoms of FASD. [Photo *The Lancet*]

The leadership of these women is inspiring. The Rotary Club of Central Melbourne Sunrise and The CEO Circle are collaborating seeking ways to support them and their community.

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## MEMBER NEWS

Member birthdays during December are;

- Keith Frampton                      10<sup>th</sup> December
- Roger Thornton                      28<sup>th</sup> December

## "STEPS" TO A BETTER FUTURE FOR HOMELESS KIDS

Posted by Tony THOMAS



Anne Mitchell 58, has run a service for young homeless people in Melbourne for seven years without any government funding. She has worked for the homeless for the last 13 years.

"The steps are my 'office'," she says. "As soon as you take government money you have to work to guidelines that may not match what young homeless people need. For example, the government might put limits on how many times we help a person or what age we can work with them until. But we keep helping as long as the young person needs us to."

Anne is the only full-time worker for Steps Outreach Service, part of the non-denominational Concern Australia group. She has a part-time youth worker and, she says, a wonderful team of volunteers.

Rotary clubs around Melbourne have supported Steps for more than a decade. Southbank RC helped Steps create a book of poetry by homeless people matched with photography by secondary school students and Central Melbourne-Sunrise RC has provided close to 600 Christmas hampers and over 500 survival packs (containing toiletries). Many other Rotary clubs have also provided support over the years, including Albert Park and Port Melbourne.

She says, "We told one young boy who had not eaten all day, that he needn't go hungry because....."

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## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS MADE EASIER

Posted by Roger THORNTON

## ORDERS FOR LENTARA SPICE SETS BY 2nd DECEMBER PLEASE.



As in past years we have a Christmas

## Speakers

Dec 02, 2014

[Kevin Love](#)

*Making a difference - Rotary's School Projects in Laos*

Dec 09, 2014

[Julia Page](#)

*veski inspiring women: support, advance*

Dec 16, 2014

[CHRISTMAS PARTY- RSVP to Roger](#)

*We hope you and your family will join us for a special Christmas breakfast - bookings essential*

Dec 23, 2014

[NO MEETING THIS WEEK - CHRISTMAS BREAK](#)

Dec 30, 2014

[NO MEETING THIS WEEK - NEW YEAR BREAK](#)

Jan 06, 2015

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Hamper project, to provide useful food items to people in our community less fortunate than ourselves.

The project supports two organisations;

- **Steps Outreach Programme**, that works with young homeless people in the city.
- **Lentara UnitingCare Asylum Seeker Project**, caring for 'approved' asylum seekers restricted from earning by legislation.

Each of these organisations works with different sections of our community and if we are to provide real support it is important that the contents of our hampers are appropriate. The hampers are therefore separated into two groups, RED for Steps Outreach Programme and GREEN for Lentara Asylum Seeker Project.

- A list of suggested contents for the hampers has been drawn up to make life easier. [CLICK HERE to view.](#)
- The LENTARA hamper includes many foods not easily obtained in appropriate portions and, once again, Margaret Thomas has offered to buy in bulk and break down into better sized packs. [CLICK HERE to view content of pack.](#)
- To order a set of packs from Margaret **please email her before 2nd December.** [CLICK HERE to email Margaret.](#)

Margaret and Tony will bring the packs to our meeting on 16th December when they can be placed directly into the hampers.

## **MEETING REPORT 25th NOVEMBER 2014**

Posted by Tony THOMAS

Chair: Gerard Hogan.

### **Guests:**

Juanita Fewkes, our Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) candidate.

### **Introduction:**

Juanita explained she was a student in physiology, Monash Uni, Clayton, and she hopes to study medicine. She does a lot of voluntary work and works part-time at Westfield Knox. She is devoted to helping others towards a better life.



### **Club Service Report:**

Neville John described the **membership drive strategy** begun last year. We now have a club brochure and a coffee-table book *Humanity in Motion* about Rotary projects across all Australian districts. This club has innate attractions to recruits including good venue, speakers, and age, quality and diversity of members. But membership has fallen to 44, the lowest for many years, partly through retirement of charter members.

Members need to constantly be checking at work, socially and at recreation for potential members. Start the process with engagement with Rotary activities, leaving 'recruitment sell' to later. An instance was his table at the Paul Harris breakfast including five non-members. The club has 18 potential members in the pipeline.

The Business Leader breakfast in March with Qantas chair Leigh Clifford as speaker is a chance for more such networking.

We need to hose down people's concerns about time-demands placed by Rotary. It's up to individuals. Members are not expected to attend every week's meeting and the 50% -of-meetings goal is just a rule of thumb. The key is fellowship and engagement with projects.

### **Announcements:**

- Roger Thornton distributed red and green hamper bags for the Dec. 16 Christmas party for Steps and refugees. Contact Marg Thomas [margthomas6@gmail.com](mailto:margthomas6@gmail.com) to order a

spice pack for refugee bags at heavily discounted prices. **Members need to book for the Christmas Party, not just show up. RSVP by 10th December to Roger - [CLICK HERE](#)**

- Anne King said 22-23 pax have already signed on for Rotary Convention Hobart, a 'bit of a record'. Early bird fee rates close December 15. A great dinner is booked for the Friday night at Salamanca Place.
- President Roy mentioned;
  - The Garden DesignFest was a huge success raising \$135,000 overall of which just under \$24,000 came from our Euroa day. Funds will be allocated among participating clubs.
  - The Paul Harris Breakfast was another outstanding success, raising \$8745 net.
  - Welcomed home Kevin and Veronica Love from Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, where they attended the opening of our project-built Laos school.

#### **Sergeant's Session:**

Bernie presented George Mackey with a 'Caution - Emus!' sign for his 4WD's bull-bars, a tribute to George's slaughter of an emu pedestrian in the country somewhere the other week.

#### **Guest Speaker:**

John Doherty, 'Inside Police Forensic Services.'

John described the structure of VicPol forensics, with 250 unsworn staff, 100 sworn staff in crime scene/ballistics/fingerprints etc, and 40 support staff, and 330 regional crime scene officers dealing with 'bulk' crimes like burglaries and car theft.

He outlined the organisation structure covering everything from drug analysis to handwriting and CCT video enhancement.

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#### **GALLERY**

**GUEST SPEAKER JOHN DOHERTY WITH JOHN AND THOSE PARTS OF KEVIN THAT RETURNED SAFELY FROM LAOS.**



**MIK WITH NEW BIKE [PHOTOGRAPHED BEFORE THIS ONE GETS NICKED].  
[Editor - Bike may not be so new after giving George a ride!]**



