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GUEST SPEAKER TUESDAY 3rd JUNE



Mr Gordon Morrison

"Scotland's contribution to the early European settlement of Australia"

The Art Gallery of Ballarat has opened its biggest exhibition – For Auld Lang Syne: Images of Scottish Australia from First Fleet to Federation. A total of 350 works are displayed, effectively offering a march through time of over 130 years.

The exhibition has a broad appeal to both historians and art lovers. It celebrates the contribution of Scots not only as educationalists, missionaries, philanthropists and entrepreneurs, but also includes the early history when Scots were transported to the colony of NSW as political prisoners and forgers, while at the other end of the scale two of the most important governors – Macquarie and Brisbane, were Scots. A significant part of the exhibition deals with the romantic interpretation of the Highlands in art and popular culture, with Highland Games and the wearing of Tartan being commonplace in the colonies.

Gordon is Director of the Art Gallery of Ballarat where he has worked since 2004. He is Australian-born but his parents left Scotland at the end of WWII so his father could accept a position with the CSIRO. He began his career at the National Gallery of Victoria after achieving a Bachelor of Arts with Honours at the University of Melbourne in 1979. He later went on to hold prominent positions within the NGV as that Gallery's Registrar and then Divisional Head of Exhibitions and Collection Management from 1997 until 2003.

DUTY ROSTER JUNE 3, 2014

Chair	Herb Greewood
Sgt	Michael Bromby
Greeter	Anne King
Reporter	Satyartha Mishra
Photographer	Allan Driver
Door	Neil Salvano
Director Report - Club Administration	Neville Taylor
Bulletin	David Jones

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

- *Do you [or spouse] have little free time between 17 July and 25 July 2014?*
- *Are you up for a little driving (a day or half day) around our beautiful city in support of a visiting Rotarian from Houston?*
- *Would you like to contribute to the hospitality being offered to three young people visiting the 20th International Aids Conference being held in Melbourne?*

If so, then please read on.....

The 20th International Aids Conference (<http://www.aids2014.org/>) is being held in Melbourne from 20th to 25th July 2014. We've had a request for support from RC Houston Skyline, to help between 17th and 25th July 2014. This is Michelle Heard's sponsoring RC - Michelle is the Global Peace Scholar we are currently hosting. There are three young people from Botswana involved, and we've been asked if we could provide hoc transport and logistics support around the city.

If we can supply names to populate a roster for a day/half day each that would be good.

Who's up for this one?

Please contact George Mackey, asap. ***[Editor; I DON'T THINK GEORGE HAS A SPARE NINE DAYS TO DO THIS ONE ON HIS OWN. SOME DINKUM AUSSIE EFFORT WILL BE REQUIRED.]***

ROTARY RUNNER TO BE PROUD OF.

Posted by Tony Thomas

D9800 fitness fanatic Rotarian Justine Murphy finished the Blue Mountains 100km "North Face Ultra-Marathon" in 19 hours 55 minutes, a bit behind the winner Stu Gibson who did it in 9 hours 31 minutes. (First woman was Nuria Picas of Catalunya, 10 hours 57 mins).

Contestants in the May 17-18 event were allocated a maximum 28 hours, which permits a few hours rest if necessary, but Justine's longest stop was 20 minutes for a dinner break. She's from RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise.

"Amazingly I had no injuries, no blisters, no chafes. It was all relaxed," she says.

Justine's been running for 15 years. She trained for the big event for 12 weeks, doing 120km a week via five hours on Saturdays, four hours Sundays and getting in two run-free days weekly. She lost 3kg during training. She now calls normal marathons a 'sprint'. She's done one, the 2012 Melbourne Marathon, and says that on the Ultra runs people have time to chat to other runners and plodders. She made friends with a life coach and several overseas runners.

She has booked in for the Surf Coast Ultra-Marathon from Anglesea in September.

Why does she do it? "Probably initially to prove to myself what I am capable of and it encourages an on-going fitness

regime into my old age – many older runners are in their 60s and 70s. I'm still a baby runner. I did the race three days after my 45th birthday. I did my initial half-marathon for my 35th birthday, so in ten years I've gone from Half to Ultra".

"Running for me is like meditation. I'm no good at yoga and running discharges my excess energies. It's calming for me."



Jusitne Murphy, Ultra Marathoner

MEETING REPORT 27th MAY

Chair: Sat Mishra

Visiting Rotarian: Welcome again to Peter Duras

Announcement: George Mackey advised the club has sponsored Alek Hillas as a candidate for the Rotary Peace Scholarship.

Community Service Report: Report by Alan Seale, standing in for Roger Thornton.

On July 15 there will be an Iftar Dinner held in conjunction with the Australian Intercultural Society. Iftar is Arabic for "breakfast" and refers to the evening meal when Muslims break their fast at sunset during the Islamic month of Ramadan. The Australian Intercultural Society will allow the Club the use of their venue in St Kilda Road for this function. There will be no cost to the Club for the venue. There is an expectation that we will have some 100 attendees – there will be no regular Tuesday morning breakfast that week. This is an important Club initiative to promote intercultural understanding.

The Club has donated \$1,800 to the Lentara "Mentoring for Asylum Seekers" project. District 9800 has matched this donation. Allan Driver and Kevin Love will pilot the programme, which is aimed at assisting asylum seekers to prepare for the difficult task of seeking employment in their new cultural environment.

President's Announcements: Jillian Cavanagh has resigned from the Club. Jillian's research activities are increasingly taking up her time and she feels that she can no longer give priority to RCCMS activities.

The new, modern banner now adorns the lectern

Sergeant's Session: Michael Bromby advised that there were only two members who had yet to contribute to the "Epic Poem". These contributions will be made over the next couple of meetings. The filming of members' "two lines" is nearly finished.

Michael then highlighted some significant events that had occurred on May 27 and went on [and on] to use his time telling us that also on this day the "sins" of the American tele-evangelist Jimmy Bakker entered the public domain. Bakker's sordid behaviour and his ability to attract millions of dollars in donations, essentially for his private benefit, became an international scandal. Bakker was succeeded as the leader of the "Praise the Lord" movement by Jerry Falwell, another famous tele-evangelist. Falwell is reputed to have said of Bakker that he was "a liar, an embezzler, a sexual deviant and the greatest scab and cancer on the face of Christianity in 2,000 years of church history". Quite a recommendation!!!

Guest Speaker: Sat. introduced Professor Nick Bisley who spoke on "North Korea and its Nuclear Ambitions".

North Korea is somewhat of a conundrum as it is generally considered to be a "dark spot" with a lack of publicly available information. However, Professor Bisley advanced the contrary view that quite a lot was known about the country and the ruling regime.

In August 1945 the two Korea's were established with agreement between the USA and the Soviet Union, the "38th Parallel" being the dividing line. The Korean War started in 1950 with North Korea invading South Korea. Some 3 million combatants and civilians were killed during the war at the conclusion of which nothing had really been achieved. The Korean War is generally considered to be "the most futile war" in modern times. The War effectively ended following the intervention of China but there was then and still remains, no peace treaty. Therefore, both Korea's remain officially "at war".

The Demilitarised Zone is only one hour's travel from Seoul, has some 750,000 troops concentrated in the area and remains a particularly tense environment.

Under successive regimes, North Korea can be described as a military state at war with the world. Summarising Professor Bisley's main points about the country:

- In 1950, North Korea was the "rich" part of the country as it had been industrialised under Japanese colonial rule.
- North Korea is still in the 1950's, being a Stalinist command economy.
- It is governed through a cult of personality centred on the ruling "Kim" family.
- There is much internal propaganda that is deeply racist, emphasising the supremacy of the North Korean people. It has much in common with the Fascist states of the 1930's.
- The break-up of the Soviet Union caused a major economic crisis in North Korea when Soviet subsidiaries were withdrawn.
- As a consequence, there was widespread famine with some 2-3 million people dying of starvation.
- Militarisation has priority over all sectors of the economy.
- Kim Jong-un is "cut from the same mad cloth" as his father and grandfather.
- The economy is heavily dependent upon coal and mineral exports to China and South Korea.
- An "illegal" economy built around the export of counterfeit US currency, methamphetamine production and export and the export of short-range missile technology is critical to the country.
- There is significant drug addiction amongst the population.
- Poor farming techniques necessitate importation of food staples.

Turning to the nuclear question:

- The development of nuclear technology started in the early 1990's.
- By 1994 there was an "International Framework" agreed that stopped nuclear weapon development in return for foreign aid.

- This framework was really a case of “bad behavior gets rewarded” but it did curtail the country’s nuclear ambitions.
- However, by the early 2000’s North Korea felt that it needed more foreign aid so it recommenced its “bad behavior”.
- This was a particularly dangerous development with 3 nuclear tests being conducted.
- New, Six Party Talks were initiated as the international community considered it preferable not to continue the policy of rewarding bad behavior. These talks aim to find a peaceful resolution to the security concerns as a result of the [North Korean nuclear weapons program](#).
- Today, North Korea has a stockpile of nuclear material that would allow the building of 4 to 10 weapons.
- However, it probably is incapable of deploying a nuclear weapon as it lacks the three enabling technologies, viz – the ability to initiate the explosion, the ability to miniaturise the warhead and the delivery platform
- Why does North Korea persist with nuclear weapon development? Essentially for security reasons and for international prestige.
- North Korea is most unlikely to hand over its nuclear weapons to an international “monitor”. So, there are two options – “wipe it out” or “live with it”.

In Professor Bisley’s opinion time will solve the problem and North Korea will ultimately go the way of other totalitarian regimes.

Question time was grasped with enthusiasm by several members.

President Doug closed the meeting.



Sat. Mishra, Nick Bisley, Doug Robertson and the new banner.

POSITIONS VACANT

District 9800 is looking for two new leaders to help with key District programmes.

1. A volunteer Rotarian to coordinate Rotary Australia Benevolent Society ["RABS"] activities in 2014/2015.

Position brief;

Rotary clubs may apply for registration and gain tax deductibility for projects that arouse the compassion of the community and will provide direct relief to people in need in local communities.

The Coordinator will report to the District Chair of Rotary Australia World Community

Service (RAWCS) and will be required to:

- review RABS applications for their suitability for registration
- attend bi-monthly RAWCS Committee meetings
- submit a brief monthly summary of RABS activities.

2. Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) is inviting applications for a Chairperson for District 9800 for 2014/2015.

Position brief;

ROMAC assists children aged fifteen years or younger, by bringing them to Australia or New Zealand for lifesaving or dignity restoring procedures to improve their quality of life. Cases are accepted only when the required medical treatment is not available to them in their own country. Patients come from developing countries in South East Asia and the Pacific Islands.

The ROMAC District Chair is appointed by the District Governor. Primary responsibilities will focus on:

- Awareness of ROMAC within the District and its Rotary Clubs
- Fundraising and promotion
- Care and support of ROMAC patients and their parents/guardian.

A background in the health sector is desirable but not essential. Applicants should have sound administration skills. You will not be expected to do all of this on your own; you will be assisted and supported by others within the ROMAC "family". There are also guidelines and procedures available in the ROMAC Manual of Procedures to guide activities. A hand-over by the experienced incumbent will also be arranged.

Any member who is interested in either of these positions please contact President Elect Roy.

DISTRICT 9800 CHANGEOVER LUNCHEON 2014

Date: 29 June 2014
 Venue: The Peninsula Room, Central Pier, 161 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands
 Time: 12.00 pm for 12.30 pm (concluding 3.00 pm)
 Dress: Lounge suit / equivalent
 Cost: \$75.00pp This all inclusive price includes beer, wine, main course, dessert and entertainment.)

Entertainment will be provided by the Williamstown Pipe Band and the Joe Bonnano Band.

Come and thank Ross for ***Engaging Rotary and Changing Lives*** and show your support for Murray as he begins to ***Light up Rotary***.

- Central location with excellent access to tram and train transport.
- Plenty of parking opposite at Ethiad Stadium and other nearby car parks.

Any Club members and partners planning to attend should notify Roy as he will do one booking for the Club.

RSVP to Roy by 10th June please, to enable him to make the booking and avoid the late

booking surcharge [+25%].



DG Elect Murray Verso and DG Ross Butterworth.

CLUB FORUM JUNE 22, 8.30am -12.30pm

From incoming president Roy Garrett:

Every year we have a Club Planning Forum to allow firm directions and budgets for our club. As you would expect, a large percentage of the work and the outcome is from our executive - committee chairs / directors and it is hoped that each of these people will attend the Forum.

However, all members are welcome! If you have some special ideas for our club's direction next year or just want to know more about others' ideas, please feel free to come along.

I will be circulating more info over the coming weeks: an agenda, times and a venue for a start but for now the starting time on 22nd June is 0830 and finishing time 1230 (sharp!)

Please let me know if you plan to attend and please give me some preliminary notice if you have special matters you would like included on the day.

Regards

Roy Garrett

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 10th June 2014

Members are reminded there will be a Special General Meeting convened during the regular club meeting on Tuesday 10th June -purpose to adopt changes to Club Rules from recent RI Council of Legislation decisions.

Formal notice of this meeting was circulated to all members on May 12th.