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## GUEST SPEAKER NEXT MEETING

Prof Alan Pears

**Challenges for consumers and government: Victoria's retail electricity and gas markets**



In November 2016, the Victorian Government announced an independent bi-partisan review of Victoria's electricity and gas retail markets, to examine the operation of the Victorian electricity and gas retail markets and provide options to improve outcomes for consumers. On 26 May 2017 the panel presented its preliminary findings to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change. The final report will be presented to the Government in late July 2017. As a highly respected expert on the subject of sustainable energy supply, Mr Alan Pears was a key contributor to the review.

Alan has worked in the sustainable energy and environment fields since the late 1970s for community groups, government and the private sector.

While working for the Victorian government in the 1980s, he helped develop and implement programs such as the Home Energy Advisory Service, public information and education, appliance energy labelling and mandatory building insulation regulations.

Since 1991, Alan has been an environmental consultant, and has been involved in building energy and environmental rating and regulation, green building projects, educational software, green appliance development, industrial and business energy and environmental management, and policy analysis in Australia and, more recently, the Asia-Pacific region.

Alan is a highly regarded analyst, consultant and commentator on sustainable energy and climate policy, and has written or peer reviewed many articles in specialist media such as [The Conversation](#), [Energy Policy](#) and [ReNew](#) magazine, as well as other academic journals, chapters of books and major reports.

Alan was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 2009 for his contribution to environmental and energy policy. He has also received a number of awards from industry associations and RMIT media awards.

## TREE PLANTING SUCCESS IN BENALLA

Posted by Elias **LEBBOS**

Last Saturday Gerard Hogan, Allan Crawford, Suvam Ganguli, Maria Groner (friend of RCCM) Nicole and I made our way to Benalla to do our bit for the Regent Honeyeater Project one of the nation's most active volunteer conservation projects. Allan was so keen to get there he arrived on Friday night and the rest of us left at the crack of dawn to make it to Benalla for a 9am start. After registration a safety prep talk and instructions, we selected our tools of choice and got digging.

Our aim was to plant 60 trees on behalf of the club. It wasn't too long before we stopped counting the holes we dug because we reckon we dug close to 350 holes and contributed to the planting of over a thousand trees.

I think RI World President Ian Riseley would be quite impressed with our clubs effort! Thank you to those who joined in. I highly recommend it next year.

## GUEST SPEAKER REPORT, LAST TUESDAY

Posted by Bruce **HERON**

Husna Pasha

**Bridging the Gap between Humans by creating Happier People**

Husna Pasha is a Melbourne-based Business Women, Author, Media Personality and Public Speaker. She's funny, smart, brave, honest and outspoken and she's attracting bigger and bigger audiences to her great mission in life.....to create happier people! Husna gave an enthralling talk about her background and her mission to bridge the gap between people, by empowerment through entertainment.

Speaking of her early years growing up in a country town in Tasmania as a very "different" Muslim Indian Australian, raised by her hard-working professional parents, Husna provided insight to the challenges reconciling the expectations of her more traditional heritage with the pursuit of happiness and her own personal growth. Now as a mother of two, a wife and a Muslim woman with a passion to engage communities and reduce the gap between them, she embodies the true face of modern Australian life and culture - globally connected, non-white, female, educated, experienced and aspirational.

After becoming a Guest Host on The Project and appearing numerous times in the media due to an initiative called 'Speed date a Muslim,' Husna has successfully raised her profile and is now speaking at many events to motivate and inspire people to take the right step forward in their lives. She started her own live-on-stage talk show in 2015 with the aim of empowering people through entertainment. The show has already been very successful with a full house on each occasion, leaving her audience feeling inspired and engaged. The shows have raised funds for suicide prevention, something that Husna is especially passionate about both at work and personally.

As a result of this success, Husna been approached by ABC Compass to do a documentary on her life and talk show which will be aired at 6pm on September 30th 2017.



## Meeting Responsibilities

*Chair*  
CAVELL, Warwick

*Greeter*  
EBRAHIMI, Rana

*Reporter*  
GANGULI, Suvam

*Photographer*  
THORNTON, Roger

*Door*  
CHAN, Alison

*Bulletin Editor*  
JONES, David

*Project Report - International Service*  
HINES, Rob

## Upcoming Events

[Vocational Visit to MCG](#)  
Oct 08, 2017

[Board Meeting](#)  
RACV CLUB  
Oct 18, 2017  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

[GRAND DINNER AUCTION](#)  
Oct 26, 2017  
6:30 AM - 11:00 PM

[Board Meeting](#)  
RACV CLUB  
Nov 15, 2017  
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

[25th Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Breakfast](#)  
RACV CLUB  
Nov 21, 2017  
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

[Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraiser](#)  
Nov 25, 2017

## Speakers

Oct 03, 2017  
[Prof Alan Pears](#)  
Challenges for consumers and government: Victoria's retail electricity and gas markets

Oct 10, 2017  
[James Tonkin](#)  
Melbourne Metro Rail Tunnel Project

Oct 17, 2017  
[Di Gillies](#)  
Interplast Making a Difference

Oct 24, 2017  
[Bob Slater](#)  
Life After Stroke Program

[View entire list](#)



**MCG INNER SANCTUM TOUR**

the Vocational Committee, in conjunction with our member (and sports aficionado), Peter Duras, has arranged a unique opportunity to experience a guided tour of the Melbourne Cricket Ground and the National Sports Museum on **Sunday 8 October**.

Given Peter's involvement, we will have access to areas of the MCG that are not normally included in the package. Highlights of this must-see tour include:

- The famous MCC Long Room
- MCC Library (founded in 1873)
- MCG Tapestry
- Player change rooms
- Cricketers' viewing room
- Ron Casey Media Centre
- Portrait of Sir Donald Bradman and Sachin Tendulkar
- A walk on the arena
- Cricket Victoria Bill Lawry Centre
- Ponsford Stand
- City Terrace with view's of Melbourne's skyline.

Our itinerary for the day will be:

- **10:30am** - Meet at Gate 3 to commence (MCG) tour - Exclusive all access pass
- **12noon** - Short break at MCG Café
- **1pm** - Tour of the National Sports Museum
- **2pm** - Tour concludes

Those wanting more fellowship can proceed to a local cafe/bar (Venue TBC) for a late lunch/early dinner.

We've been able to secure a heavily discounted rate. Cost of tour is **\$20 per member** and **\$12 for kids** under 15YO. This can be paid on the day.

So that we can keep an eye on the numbers, please register via emailing Michael Lapina ([Michael@michaellapina.com](mailto:Michael@michaellapina.com)) for this unique Vocational Visit.

**TIME TO BOOK IN FOR THE AUCTION**



**OUTSTANDING SPEAKER FOR PHF BREAKFAST**

**25th Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Breakfast**

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**Daniel Flynn**  
 The Thankyou journey - a blueprint for turning ideas into reality  
 When, where and how to start, Daniel Flynn is one of Australia's most successful entrepreneurs under the age of 40.

**When:** Tuesday 27th November 2017  
**Where:** The RSLV Club Level 17, 301 Bourke Street Melbourne  
**Tickets:** \$50.00 per head \$40.00 for a table of 6 (incl GST)  
**Time:** 7:30 for 7:45 AM - 8:45 AM

**BOOKINGS:** [www.trybooking.com/209283](http://www.trybooking.com/209283)

**Rotary Club of Central Melbourne**

We look forward to welcoming all Rotarians, partners, friends and colleagues to the Paul Harris Breakfast. For further information PLEASE CONTACT: Business Manager 0344 344 344 Email: [business@rotary.org.au](mailto:business@rotary.org.au)

**INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE RUNNING MELBOURNE MARATHON**

Posted by *Suvam GANGULI*

Some of you may be aware that I am training for the **Melbourne Marathon** which is on the **15th October 2017**. I have never run a marathon before and the training has been quite gruelling so far. But the one thing that has kept me going has been the cause I am doing it for. I am passionate about **Universal Primary and Secondary Education for Kids** around the world and I have worked with a number of NGOs in the past to help kids from diverse backgrounds and abilities get ahead in life through learning.

This year I have decided to run the full marathon (42 Kms) to raise funds for a couple of hard working charities in India and Laos who work towards providing at risk and differently abled kids an opportunity to get an education. I am also aware that other club members like **Russell Rolls** and others are also participating in the Melbourne Marathon and their efforts and encouragement will also help us raise the necessary funds. The target I have set is **\$5,000** and though it may seem daunting at first but I am sure we can easily achieve this if each member raised **two \$50 donations** external to the club.

I have created a fundraising page (see link below) where you can get behind this important cause and donate. It is an opportunity for us to raise funds external to the club and I would strongly encourage you to forward this email to your family, friends and business associates to encourage them to get behind this great cause.

<https://run.gofundraise.com.au/page/SuvamGanqui> (copy and paste link into web browser)

Remember, every donation counts no matter how small it is and will make a tangible difference in these kid's lives. All donations will go directly to the bank account of **Rotary Club of Central Melbourne** and the **International Services Committee** will distribute funds to the respective NGOs.

**TONY'S PRESENTER SESSION**

Posted by *Tony THOMAS*

Tony opened his final presenter session with his support of its replacement with more member vocational talks.

He described the new-model RC of Seaford, between Adelaide and Victor Harbor to the south, a fast growing region of 30,000 that did not have a single service club. Cecile Cardwell was an active young Rotaraactor at Flinders University, and D9520 membership director Mark Huddleston challenged her at 28 to charter and lead a new club. She and friends took two years of work and chartered in November 2016 with 21 members, now risen to 28. Here's a snapshot of Seaford RC:

- Two thirds are women; 95% of members are in career mode not retirement.
- Meets fortnightly in different venues – homes, coffee and bookshops, sports centres, libraries.

- Meetings can be free for members who don't want to pay for a meal, and some bring-a-plate.
- All what Cecelie calls "Rotary Baggage" has been thrown out.
- It avoids guest speakers except those directly relevant to its service program.
- Meetings are baby, baby-feeding and kid-friendly.
- Seaford RC partners with local charities rather than DIY.
- It also invested in a \$350 popcorn machine which starts recruitment conversations.

Cecelie thinks a club with many females is less intimidating to newcomers, especially as the women are so energetic about local community projects. "I look forward to more families getting involved with Rotary and to us changing the old images with new ones filled with diversity and love," she says.

### MEETING REPORT - LAST TUESDAY

Posted by Campbell CHAMBERS

#### Meeting report - 26 September 2017

The meeting opened with President Frank, looking resplendent in his Tigers scarf, welcoming our guests;

- Speaker Husna Pasha,
- Roger Leask from the Essendon Club and his guest Brent West,
- Peter Jankowski who is the partner of Rana and
- Suvarna Bai who was a guest of Rob Soros.

Frank then invited Chairperson Campbell Chambers to propose a toast to the excellent work of Rotary International.

#### Announcements

- Peter Duras reminded members of the MCG Inner Sanctum Tour on October 8<sup>th</sup>, please RSVP to Peter for this special opportunity as soon as possible with more details at the bottom of this bulletin.
- Herb Greenwood gave an update on fundraising activities for the Charity Dinner and reminded everyone to book their seats via the link below.
- Elias Lebbo gave an update on the tree planting weekend (see separate report).
- Tony Thomas positioned us for his update on the success of a new Club, Seaford.
- Michelle Crawford reminded everyone of the Lift the Lid Mental Health Breakfast on 10<sup>th</sup> October and looked terrific in her coloured sombrero, a short video provided some more details.
- President Frank's announcements:
  - Congratulations to Alan Seale and team for arranging such a successful Victoria Police Mentoring Celebratory Breakfast meeting last week.
  - It is our intention for our Club members to attend a meeting of each of the Rotary Clubs in our Batman Cluster. We have an opportunity to visit North Melbourne on Thursday 5 October at 6.45 for 7.00pm. It is a special meeting at which each Rotary Club who assisted their August Book Fair (A number of our members provided books) will be presented with a Certificate. Full details will be found in an email to be issued later this week.
  - We have received a letter of thanks from the Executrix of the Estate of our late member, Wolfgang Jacobs, which was read out and is published in this Bulletin.
  - From the Board meeting last week:
    - (a) As per last week's Bulletin, the Board has agreed to financially support DIK by the payment of \$3500 pa for the next two years, subject to annual review.
    - (b) New Member presentations will be included at least monthly in future meetings. Millie Swann will organise.
- The first of our new members to complete the Rotary Leadership Institute was Alison Chan and she was presented with her Certificate by Pres Frank. A second new member, Rana, will shortly complete her programme and will likewise be presented.
- Thank you to Elias Lebbo and his team for the work over the weekend in planting trees outside Euroa (see separate story). RI President Ian Risley asked for at least one tree to be planted for every club member. If the stories from the field are correct, it seems that Elias and colleagues have planted trees for almost the whole District!! Well done.



#### Presentations

- Tony talked about the Rotary Club of Seaford near Victor Harbour in South Australia which is challenging the norms of the traditional Club (see separate story).
- Vocational report by Alan Seale was postponed due to time constraints.

President Frank closed the meeting reminding us to do good in the world.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

What	When	Where	RSVP	Contact
North Melbourne club visit	Thursday 5th October 6.45pm	TBC	To Frank O'Brien: pandfob@bigpond.com	Frank O'Brien
MCG Tour	Sunday 8th October 10am	MCG (meet at gate 3)	To Michael Lapina: <a href="mailto:Michael@michaellapina.com">Michael@michaellapina.com</a>	Michael Lapina
Lift the Lid on Mental Health Breakfast	Tuesday 10th October 7.20am	RACV City Club	Wear a hat at our breakfast meeting	Michelle Crawford
Interplast Fundraiser Event	Wednesday 11th October 7.30pm	Athenaeum Theatre	via Ticketek website	Alison Chan
Melbourne Marathon (donations)	Sunday 15th October	Melbourne	Donations: <a href="https://run.gofundraise.com.au/page/SuvamGanguli">https://run.gofundraise.com.au/page/SuvamGanguli</a>	Suvam Ganguli
RCM Charity Auction	Thursday, 26th October 7pm	Melbourne Town Hall	<a href="https://www.trybooking.com/312270">https://www.trybooking.com/312270</a>	Herb Greenwood
Paul Harris Breakfast	Tuesday, 21st November 7.15am	17th Floor, RACV City Club	<a href="http://www.trybooking.com/309283">http://www.trybooking.com/309283</a>	Neville Taylor
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	Saturday, 25th November (all day)	Bunnings Port Melbourne	to Peter Duras	Peter Duras

### GALLERY

**Roger Leask with guest Brent West and Peter**



**Guest Suvarna Bai with Daniel**



**Congratulations Alison!**



*The ladies led the charge at Benalla*



*Tea break at Benalla*



*Footy fans our in full force this week*

