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NEXT MEETING - CLUB DIRECTORS Q&A

Our Club Directors will update us and answer question on proposed club projects.

DROUGHT RELIEF FUNDRAISER

Posted by Neville TAYLOR



Channel Nine's TODAY's "fighting for our farmers" Drought Relief Appeal and Farm Aid Telethon has been an incredible success.

So far a staggering **\$9,169,083** has been raised to support drought-stricken farmers since the Appeal launched on August 2.

The Appeal is still open and all your donations will be fully tax deductible.

There are three ways to donate:

1. Online
2. Call 1800-732-165 from 8am to 8pm AEST
3. In any Westpac branch nationwide

The donations are being administered by Rotary Australia World Community Service via RC Southbank and are being distributed to farmers in need with the help of the National Farmers' Federation.

SPECIAL BREAKFAST with LORD MAYOR SALLY CAPP

Sally Capp was elected Lord Mayor of Melbourne in May 2018. The first woman to be directly elected as Lord Mayor.

We offer you this great opportunity to hear Sally share with us her strategy for maintaining or improving the livability of Melbourne for the coming 5-10 years.

Enjoy a hot breakfast and great company.

When: Tuesday 18th September

Time: 7.15 for 7.30 till 8.45am

Where: The RACV Club, Level 2, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Cost: \$50.00pp

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/XQKC

RSVP: 13th September



26TH ANNUAL PAUL HARRIS BREAKFAST



GUEST SPEAKER

Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston AK, AFC (Ret'd)

Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston AK, AFC (Ret'd) was awarded the Knight of the Order of Australia in January 2015 for extraordinary and pre-eminent achievement and merit in service to Australia, through distinguished service in the Australian Defence Force, continued commitment to serve the nation in leadership roles, particularly the national responses to the MH370 and MH17 disasters, and in a variety of roles in the community.

[Download flyer for full CV](#)

Ticket Price

\$65.00 per head or \$600 for a table of ten (incl. GST)

OR

if you would like to help us End Polio Now pay an extra \$5 and with donations from other sources including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation your donation becomes \$37.50

\$70.00 per head or \$650 for a table of ten (incl. GST)

Meeting Responsibilities

Chair
LOVE, Kevin

Greeter
WARIYO, Hamza

Reporter
WILLIAMS, Rohan

Photographer
THORNTON, Roger

Door
CAVELL, Warwick

Bulletin Editor
WILLIAMS, Rohan

Social Media
LIM, Daniel

Upcoming Events

[Benalla Tree Planting Weekend](#)

Sep 08, 2018 9:00 AM –
Sep 09, 2018 4:00 PM

[Board Meeting](#)

Sep 12, 2018
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

[SPECIAL BREAKFAST with LORD MAYOR SALLY CAPP](#)

Sep 18, 2018
7:15 AM – 8:45 AM

[VicPol Mentoring Program](#)

[Graduation breakfast](#)
RACV City Club
Sep 25, 2018
7:30 AM – 8:45 AM

[For Benefit Event Series first event "CEO v Board"](#)

"The Work Club"
Sep 26, 2018
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

[Bunnings BBQ](#)

Bunnings
Sep 30, 2018
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

[Board Meeting](#)

Oct 10, 2018
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Speakers

Sep 04, 2018
[Club Directors Q&A](#)

Sep 11, 2018
[Frances Cosway – Principal White Pebble Interiors](#)
[Downsizing Effectively](#)

Sep 18, 2018
[Special Breakfast with Lord Mayor Sally Capp](#)

Sep 25, 2018
[VicPol Mentoring Program Graduation breakfast](#)

[View entire list](#)



When: Wednesday 28th November

Time: 7.15 for 7.30 till 9.00am

Where: The RACV Club, Level 17, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/410919

RSVP: 13th November

We look forward to welcoming all Rotarians, partners, friends and colleagues – this event is not just for Paul Harris Fellow Recognition recipients.

MEETING REPORT - 28th AUGUST

Posted by Suwam GANGULI

Chair: Nick Clift

President Neville Taylor, welcomed members, guests and visiting Rotarians;

- Gene Pastidio – Guest of Lady Pastidio
- Jasmin Dhillon – visiting Rotarian from Rotary Club of Southbank
- Luz Restrepo – Guest Speaker, SisterWorks social enterprise

Neville then invited Chairperson Nicholas(Nick) Clift to propose a toast to the excellent work of Rotary International.

In the absence of Gerard, Neville invited Alan Seale to tell all members his Truth or Tale. Alan told the members a gripping *Tale* about a sailing trip off the west coast of Scotland in a heat wave and mooring at a jetty and a confrontation with a big man with a gun.

Announcements:

Herb Greenwood:

- Herb reminded members about the special breakfast planned for 18th September with Lord Mayor Sally Capp as guest speaker. The club has committed to at least 100 people at event. \$50 per head and TryBookings (www.trybooking.com/XQKC) is open for bookings. Herb asked all members to dig deep into their personal and business contacts list.

Russell Rolls:

- RC Central Melbourne is supporting the RC North Brighton International President's Breakfast on August 31. It promises to be an interesting morning with the guest speaker being Ian Risely, the past Rotary International President. Please register directly through the link:<http://northbrightonrotary.org.au/events/> then email Russell so that he can arrange the RC Central Melbourne table.

Anne King:

- Anne invited all members to a Vocational visit to launch Anne's new business, Virtual CFO on 26ths Sep, 6pm & 8pm at Work Co. Anne's will be focussing on the non for profit sector where there is an opportunity to deliver better financial outcomes. The business will use cloud accounting platforms for delivering services. Tickets are \$15 which will go towards the Rotary Foundation. Nibbles will be provided and drinks can be bought at the bar at discounted prices. Bookings can be made on www.eventbrite.com.au.

Elias Lebbos:

- Called on Youth Services committee members to join the Youth Services committee meeting straight after the regular club meeting.

Campbell Chambers:

- Reached out to a few club members that might have connections through their professional networks that may be interested in supporting the 2018 Garden Designfest via advertising or raffle donations. If you have any immediate questions, please contact Campbell on 0477 353 175 or email: campbell@gardendesignfest.com.au

Alan Seale:

- Tran Yu runs a mentoring program for unemployed youth, and she is looking funding from the City of Yarra. Members are requested to vote for the program. Voting closes on Sep 17th

Frank O'Brien:

- Frank announced that the he Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 26th August at Collingwood was a success and they collected over \$894.

Therese Robinson:

- Therese Robinson informed members that the annual Benalla tree planting weekend is on again on 8-9 September. This is a fantastic opportunity to involve young people you know in land care and meet Past RI President Ial Riseley's challenge for every Rotarian to plant a tree. Past reports have highlighted the great camaraderie and satisfaction from participating in this day. More details may be obtained at website details here: <http://regenthoneyeater.org.au/index.php>. Contact Therese or Gerard Hogan for further information; otherwise register your interest with becollective here: <https://www.becollective.com/events/5b7d28e68cb37f00213083ec/profile>.

President Neville's announcements:

- Kevin Walklate who is in recovery after his chemotherapy, travelled to Tailern Bend to visit the Bend Motorsport Park but on his way back had a fall and had to be admitted to Bendigo hospital. Kevin is to return home on Tuesday night.
- Recognising past members and their contribution to club and RI. The board has sent out invites to a number of honorary memberships to past members to recognise their legacy.

New member induction – Lady Pastidio:

- Mentor Anne King
- Elias Lebbos Chair of Youth services committee
- Vocation – External Audit

Neville welcomed Lady Pastidio to the Rotary family on behalf of 1.5 million Rotarians around the world.

Lady is a second generation Rotarian and as known in the Philippines Rota kid. Having worked with Deloitte Philippines and Deloitte Singapore, Lady signed up for a stint at Deloitte Melbourne. Lady is an External Auditor by vocation and most of her clients are non-for-profits in Melbourne. Anne King has generously agreed to mentor Lady for the first few years in Lady's Rotary journey. Lady has picked Youth Services as her preferred avenue of service, a cause she is passionate about. Lady will be doing the Oxfam Trail walk (100 Km) in January 2019, and asked members to wish her the best.

Guest Speaker Presentation:

Guest speaker **Luz Restrepo** gave an passionate and informative presentation about SisterWorks. As a political refugee, Luz arrived in Australia in 2010, with her life in tatters and spoke no English. She felt like a nobody: frightened, isolated and disempowered. But Luz soon discovered that she was not alone. In 2011, along with a group of 25 women experiencing similar challenges, they began to make and sell crafts around Melbourne. The group understood that to support each other was also to strengthen each other. Hence SisterWorks was formed.

SisterWorks is a not-for-profit that exists to help women migrants, asylum seekers and refugees become financially independent and happily settled in Australia.

The social enterprise currently supports 171 women from 55 countries, including 88 'Entrepreneurs' – who create and sell their wares from our Richmond 'Home' – with the remaining sisters supporting this effort behind the scenes.

The social enterprise also teaches their skills to others through workshops and shares their incredible stories through guest speaking opportunities. They foster those women with entrepreneurial ambitions, teach them skills, provide them a space to create and sell their wares, and the broader network of SisterWorks women supports them.

Women with migrant, asylum seeker and refugee backgrounds are the community's most vulnerable and disadvantaged newcomers. They face social isolation, domestic violence, long-term unemployment and dependence on government welfare. SisterWorks support women to support themselves.

Luz called for all members to support SistersWorks.

President Neville closed the meeting reminding us to "Be the Inspiration".

GALLERY

Posted by Roger THORNTON

Our last meeting



President Neville Taylor



Chair Nick Clift



Guest Speaker Luz Restrepo



President Neville welcoming Lady Pastido



Lady Pastido with her mother Jean Pastido



Jasmin Dhillon RC Southbank with Suvam Ganguli

Members in action after our last meeting



Someone's missing



Youth Committee



Be Collective District Rollout



Strategic Planning

