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Upcoming events

Eminent Speaker Breakfast - Alan Attwood
RACV City Club
Apr 09, 2013 07:15 AM - 09:00 AM

Working Bee at Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre
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May 11, 2013 09:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Know Your Numbers – National Stroke Foundation
RACV City Club
May 14, 2013 - May 15, 2013

Club meetings: 7.15 for 7.40 am at the RACV Club
501 Bourke Street, Melbourne

DUTY ROSTER - 12 March 2013 (March is Rotary Literacy Month)

Chair	Richard Stone
Sergeant	Michael Bromby
Greeter	Bruce McBain
Reporter	David Jones
Photographer	Kevin Love
Door	John Barker
Director Report	Roy Garrett (International)

NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER - 12 March 2013

Brian Negus will address the issue of "Melbourne's Transport Planning"

Brian is the General Manager Public Policy for RACV. He is accountable for research and formulating policies and initiatives addressing road operational and public transport issues, road safety, road use management, safer vehicles, road user behaviour, driver education and training and environmental issues in the transport sector. The Department advocates and is the public face for these issues on behalf of the RACV's 2 million members. Brian represents RACV on the Intelligent Transport Systems, Australia Board of Directors and he is currently President.

There have been many promises by governments of all persuasions to improve Melbourne's road network and make public transport work efficiently. The RACV established a web site at the last election including election promises made by both parties. Brian will discuss the most urgent transport facing Melbourne and RACV's policies and proposed solutions.

REPORT OF LAST MEETING - 5 March 2013

Photo Albums

Christmas Breakfast
Paul Harris Breakfast
Vocational Visit Police College
Laos school project
Charity Gala
Camp Getaway Working Bee
McAuley House Working Bee
25th Changeover dinner
25th Anniversary Lunch

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Reporter: Russell Rolls

The meeting was chaired by Tony Thomas. There were two guests of Rotarians—Annie Garrett (partner of Roy) and Tony (guest of Doug Robertson) as well as the guest speaker, Libby McCann, from Kampuchea House

Announcements:

- Neville Taylor—reminded member of the Special Breakfast to be held on April 6 featuring eminent speaker, Alan Attwood. We need 80–100 attendees—booking forms have been e-mailed or can be collected from Neville.
- Marjorie Gerlinger—referred to the Rotary Literacy Project and asked member to bring books suitable for up to 5 year old children.
- Robin Stevens—reminded members of the morning tea at McAuley House on Tuesday, March 15 at 10.30am.
- Doug Robertson—announced that the Community Village planned for March 15/16 has been cancelled as a result of the clash with the District Conference.

Director's Report: Kerstin Steiner, Director, Vocational Service Committee

Kerstin briefed Members on the planned Vocational Skill database. The database will showcase the Club's vocational skills and will be used to assist with the planning and execution of the Club's programme of activities. It is proposed that the register of Member's skills will be available on the Club website. Members will be able to complete their input to the database online.

Presidents Report: Kay Stevens

- The Board has nominated George Mackey, Greg Cuthbert and Jillian Kavanagh to attend the Rotary Leadership Institute programme as preparation for future leadership roles within the Club.
- Reminder of the Sausage Sizzle fund-raiser on March 11 as part of the Moomba Festivities. The Community Village trailer will be set up on the lawns of St Pauls Cathedral to provide snacks and drinks to the Moomba "throng".

Sergeant's Session: Michael Bromby

Michael tantalised Members with a brief biography of Michael Smith—born in 1942, a singer and a child prodigy. Michael Smith changed his name to Michael Crawford and the rest is history. Rising above the farcical comedian "Frank Spencer", Crawford will be forever remembered as the "Phantom" in "The Phantom of the Opera".

Members were unable to guess that Anne King had chosen "The Music of the Night" as her favourite. Anne explained that she was captivated by "The Phantom of the Opera" having now seen it three times, including once in London. Anne, a resident of Adelaide with no particular leanings to Melbourne, had travelled to Melbourne to see "Phantom" and had decided that Melbourne might not be a bad place to live after all. The RCCMS is the better for Anne's decision.

(Might I, as the Reporter, inject a note of controversy into the discussion on those who played the "Phantom", Crawford, deservedly, has received universal acclaim for his performance. Whilst I did

not see Crawford on stage so am unable to comment on his stage presence, it is my view that our own Anthony Warlow's "The Music of the Night" was superior to Crawford's. Take a look at the 25th anniversary of "[The Phantom of the Opera](#)", three special performances were filmed at the [Royal Albert Hall](#), the third of which was screened live worldwide on 2 October 2011. For further releases, footage from all three performances was edited together. At the very end of the cinema release of these performances, all the living "Phantoms" were on-stage and sang "The Music of the Night". Warlow's performance was head and shoulders above the rest.)

To complete this session, Michael asked Libby McCann to name her favorite piece of music. Libby suggested "A White Shade of Pale" as it reminded her of her youth—a sentiment expressed by most Members!!!

Guest speaker: Libby McCann—Kampuchea House

Libby co-founded Kampuchea House in 2007. It is a privately funded orphanage with five "houses" and 36 children. The children all come from the local district and are selected by the Director of Kampuchea House in conjunction with the village chief. The staff members are all Cambodians. Kampuchea House is run on family lines so that the children get a sense of belonging and social friendship as they would in a normal family environment.

There are some 670,000 orphans in Cambodia most of whom have little to look forward to. Kampuchea House provides a way out of poverty and exploitation for its residents. Libby is a strong believer that "education is the way" out of this vicious cycle of poverty.

Kampuchea House has a "whole of life" approach to the welfare of the children. They are taught academic or manual skills according to their abilities. Those children who show special academic prowess are assisted in a Transition House in the village where they are able to attend a senior high school and possibly even progress to university in Phnom Penh. English classes extend to the local community and are overwhelmingly supported.

Libby explained the difficulty of raising the \$150,000 per annum needed to finance activities. Disappointingly, there is a lack of corporate sponsorship. Libby and her Board do a magnificent job in assisting the children from Siem Reap. In recognition of this, the Club presented Libby with a donation of \$1,000.

Take a look at the Kampuchea House website, www.kampucheahouse.org, for a more detailed review of activities.

The world would be a better place if there were more people with the energy and social conscience of Libby. She deserves all the support she can get.