



## 7th FEBRUARY 2017

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## NEXT MEETING - GUEST SPEAKER

### **Meryl Karlson**

#### **Five myths about the transition to retirement**

In the transition to retirement (55+?) people often worry about the future. Meryl's talk identifies the myths that cause unnecessary worry and provides strategies to create a dynamic next phase of life.

RETROACTIVE: the ageing evolution's presentations are well researched, relevant and aligned to the WHO's Age Friendly Community Strategies.

Meryl has 35 years in education and training and has post graduate studies in social ecology. She is well qualified and passionate about the subject of the art and science of positive ageing. She addresses the need for a radical new way that baby boomers can revision retirement in order to sustain wellbeing and grow into leadership roles within their communities.



## Meeting Responsibilities

### 7th February

#### *Chair*

HERON, Bruce

#### *Greeter*

HINES, Rob

#### *Reporter*

HINRICHS, John

#### *Photographer*

THORNTON, Roger

#### *Door*

ILOTT, John

#### *Project Report - Profile*

HOGAN, Gerard

#### *Bulletin Editor*

SOROS, Rob

## Upcoming Events

### Board Meeting

RACV City Club

Feb 15, 2017

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

### White Night

Feb 18, 2017 6:30 PM –

Feb 19, 2017 6:30 AM

**GVE LUNCH - 12th FEBRUARY****GROUP VOCATIONAL EXCHANGE WELCOME AND  
FAREWELL LUNCH - SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY**

Date and time – Sunday 12 February 2017, 12.00 midday to mid-afternoon.

Venue – Boroondara Park Primary School, Almond St, Balwyn North (Melway 46 F1). A leafy setting with plentiful seating, undercover if necessary, and toilets.

Menu – 3 meats, 3 salads, bread and coffee. Barrista coffee and soft drink available for purchase. BYO alcohol.

Cost – \$30.00 per person.

Speeches – of course, but short, sharp and interesting.

Entertainment - probably

**>> RSVP - Has now passed, please advise Marjorie GERLINGER ASAP if planning to attend <<**



*Photo: Emily Brown - our sponsored team member presenting at our meeting on 17th January*

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**ROTARY SHOWCASE AT ATRIUM - 25th FEBRUARY****Board Meeting**

RACV City Club

Mar 15, 2017

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

**Speakers**

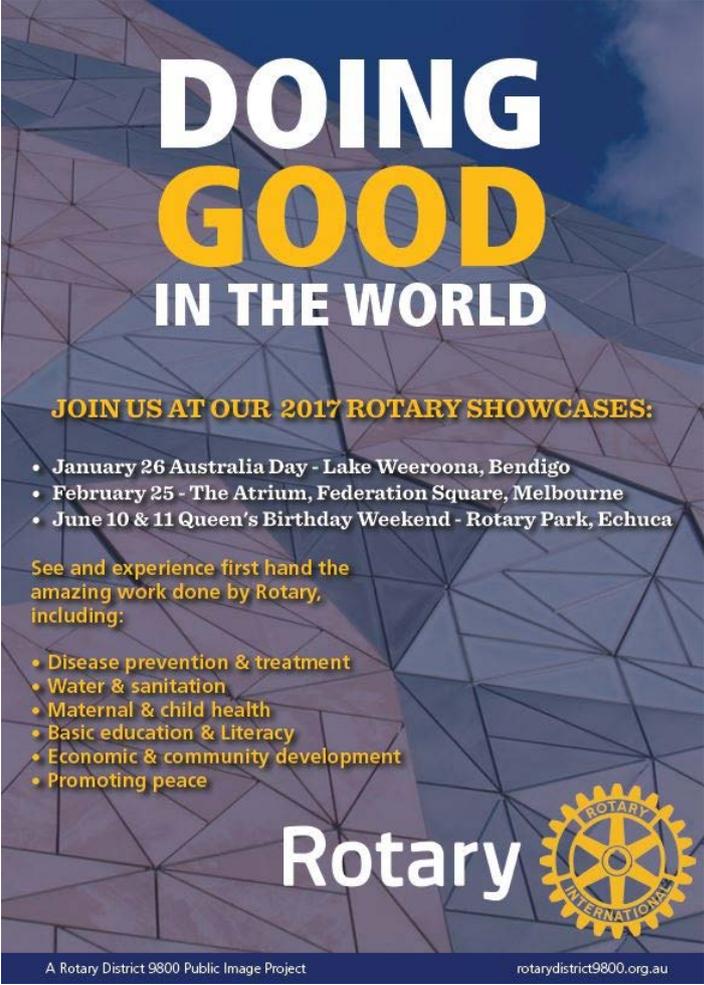
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[Meryl Karlson](#)

Five myths about the transition to retirement

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Interested in learning more about what Rotary is doing?

Please join us at the showcase:

**Where:** The Atrium at Federation Square

**When:** Saturday 25th February

**RSVP:** not necessary

### **GUEST SPEAKER'S PRESENTATION - 31st JANUARY**

*Posted by Roy GARRETT*

#### **“The Challenge for Directors of Government Boards”**

#### **John Peberdy, Chair of the Victorian Managed Insurance Authority**

John has had extensive experience in the insurance industry and has acted on several boards. In this capacity he has had much involvement with politics and politicians



– state and federal.

Because of his insurance experience and the previous practice of including a fire levy on insurance premiums, he was appointed to the board



of the Country Fire Authority (CFA). His tenure bridged the issues of Black Saturday and the resultant Royal Commission, the Fiskville training centre health issues. There were up to 400 items for the CFA board to address!

The law changed to remove the fire levy from insurance premiums and John left the board as he felt no longer relevant but then was re-appointed as Deputy Chair. When the State Government changed from Liberal to Labour, the United Firefighters Union (UFU) moved to progress their Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA). However the CFA Act, requires the CFA Board to not act to the disadvantage of CFA members and the EBA clearly did just that. Hence resignations of Minister Garrett (who would not sign off on the EBA), CEOs and sacking of Board members by replacement ministers (with less scruples than the original ones).

The essential problem in the EBA is the handing of the power of veto to the UFU over the CFA.

John said dealing with government boards is difficult but he found it very rewarding. Frustration, bureaucracy and lack of security drive some good people away. In some cases the remuneration is quite inadequate.

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## **MEETING REPORT 31st JANUARY**

*Posted by Roy GARRETT*

### **Visitors**

- Judy Wolford, RC Circeball Noon, USA
- Dallas Rynd, guest & partner of Judy
- Gavan Thoms, RC Keilor
- Snr Sgt Rachel Goss, Victoria Police, Rotary Mentee
- John Peberdy, Guest Speaker

### **Announcements**

- Herb Greenwood reported on Chinese New Year celebration at Cecily's. A most enjoyable evening and over \$2,000 raised.
- Marjorie Gerlinger made a final call for attendees to Group

Vocational Training.

- Neil Salvano thanks to volunteers for White Night on 18<sup>th</sup> Feb but now need someone with SUV or similar to deliver stuff to the city site on the Saturday morning.

#### **Police Mentee Presentation: Rachel Goss**

Currently working in training in East Melbourne but has spent majority time in force "on the job". Rachel also is charged with the review of failed prosecutions, looking for reasons for failures with a view to improved procedures and money savings. She has an 18 year old daughter about to start honours degree in psychology (scary) and a 15 year – old son about to get L plates (also scary).

Rachell's mentor is Warwick Cavell which she says is like "winning the lottery". They are running a project on lifting VicPol diversity – gender and culture, but especially the African community which generally has a lower level of regard for the police force. She is working on a program aimed at finding, sifting, recruiting and then setting up mentoring of African recruits with appropriate police officers.

#### **Fund-raising Report by Kevin Walklate standing in for Neville Taylor**

The Goldsbrough Lane Market has not operated since last September, partly due to our failure to renew permit. We are targeting a re-open on 9<sup>th</sup> Feb but so far have only 4 stalls. GPT want to see this project succeed and will encourage local shops to stay open. Lentara want to assist with setting up and setting down. This should be a great project but more effort is needed.

#### **Guest Speaker, John Peberdy: "The Challenge for Directors of Government Boards"**

See separate item above.

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### **SAVE THE DATE 100 YEAR CELEBRATION - 31st MAY**

The District 9800 100 year foundation celebration will be hosted by Southbank Rotary Club and held on Wednesday 31 May.

Please note this date in your diary and stay tuned for more information.

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### **GALLERY**



S. Sgt Rachel Goss presenting at meeting



President Justine with Warwick Cavell & his VicPol mentee Rachel Goss



President Justin with U.S.A. visitors Judy Wolford & Dallas Rynd

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