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GUEST SPEAKER TUESDAY 7th OCTOBER



Ms Sherene Hassan

Not in my name: A Muslim woman addresses the current fears and misconceptions associated with Islam.

Sherene is passionate about building bridges with the wider community, and she has conducted over 950 talks on Islam to diverse groups including the Australian Federal Police. She states that one thing that encourages her is to watch the



Upcoming Events

[Vocational Visit Lost Dogs Home](#)

13 Gracie Street

Oct 15, 2014

5:00 PM – 6:45 PM

[Board Meeting](#)

RACV City Club

Oct 16, 2014

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

[McAuley House Working Bee](#)



transformation of individuals. School students in particular initially seem fearful to be in the presence of a Muslim, to be at a mosque. Then talking and sharing a joke for 40 minutes, they're completely relaxed, and it's incredibly rewarding to see

that transformation.

The greatest challenge for Sherene as a Muslim is trying to reclaim the narrative of Islam. With so much current threat to the harmony of our Australian and Victorian communities, Sherene's presentation will be a refreshing and frank session.

Sherene is a director of the Islamic Museum of Australia. She served as vice president and secretary of the Islamic Council of Victoria, the peak body for 90,000 Victorian Muslims for nearly eight years.

She was born in Perth to parents who had migrated to Australia in 1966. Her father is Egyptian and mother is Iraqi. The household was very happy but she found that at school she was probably the only non-Anglo-Saxon student at the school, probably the only non-Christian student at school.

In December 2007, Sherene was selected by the Age newspaper as one of Melbourne's 100 Most Influential People.

Formerly a chemistry and physics teacher, Sherene is married with four children.

[Read more...](#)

DUTY ROSTER 7th OCTOBER 2014

Chair	Bruce Heron
Sergeant	Bernie Gerlinger
Greeter	Sat Mishra
Reporter	Justine Murphy
Photographer	Kevin Love
Door	Kerstin Steiner
Director Report - International Service	
Bulletin Editor	David Jones

McAuley House

Oct 18, 2014

8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

PUB NIGHT

Cabinet Bar & Balcony

Oct 31, 2014

5:00 PM – 7:30 PM

PAUL HARRIS BREAKFAST

RACV City Club

Nov 18, 2014

7:15 AM – 9:00 AM

Board Meeting

RACV City Club

Nov 20, 2014

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Speakers

Oct 07, 2014

[Ms Sherene Hassan](#)

Not in my name: A Muslim woman addresses the current fears and misconceptions associated with Islam.

Oct 14, 2014

[Peter McTiernan](#)

Food Water Shelter

CALLING ALL ANIMAL LOVERS -Whānau too



Picture clue –not limited to dogs!

Your Vocational Services committee have arranged a visit to The Lost Dogs Home –including the private veterinary clinic to be followed by a visit to a nearby cafe, 7pm, for dinner [at own expense].

Please register your interest NOW by email to [Anne King](#) or [David Jones](#) [click on name]

When: Wednesday 15th October, 5.00pm

Where: Gracie St., North Melbourne Vic 3051

PAUL HARRIS BREAKFAST 2014

Nov 04, 2014

[NO MEETING THIS WEEK -
MELBOURNE CUP DAY](#)

Nov 25, 2014

[AGM](#)

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[David JONES](#) *(If you have any comments or questions, please contact the editor)*

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ROTARY CLUB OF CENTRAL MELBOURNE-SUNRISE INC.
2014 Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Breakfast

**When**

Tuesday
18th November 2014

Where

The RACV Club
Level 17
501 Bourke Street
Melbourne

Tickets

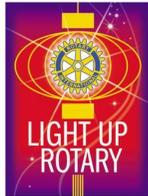
\$60.00 per head
or
\$580 for a table of ten
(incl. GST)

RSVP

11th November 2014

Time

7.15 for 7.30 till 9.00am

**GUEST SPEAKER**

**The Right Honourable Lord Mayor
ROBERT DOYLE**



"Melbourne: Safety. Liveability. Planning for Growth."

Robert Doyle was elected in 2008 and 2012, and is the serving Lord Mayor of Melbourne.

Robert Doyle is a Principal at The Nous Group, a management consultancy business based in Melbourne and, since 2007, has been Chairman of Melbourne Health (The Royal Melbourne Hospital).

Robert is President of the Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation, Chairman of the Royal Melbourne Hospital Foundation and a Trustee of the Shrine of Remembrance. Robert is also an Ambassador for Odyssey House, a drug and alcohol abuse rehabilitation facility, an Ambassador for SecondBite, a not-for profit organisation committed to making a positive difference by distributing fresh food to the disadvantaged and homeless, an ex-officio member of Cancer Council Victoria and an Ambassador for Field of Women, a charity raising awareness of breast cancer, an Ambassador for the White Ribbon Day Foundation, an international day for the elimination of violence against women, an Ambassador for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Honorary President of the Melbourne Region of the Scout Association and a Board member of the Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre (PICAC) Ltd.

In 2010 Robert was made a Fellow of Monash University.

Robert recently joined the United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities (UNACLA) as a committee member.

A Member of Victoria's Parliament for 14 years, Robert was Leader of the Opposition and Leader of the Liberal Party for four years. He has also been Shadow Minister for Health and, in government, Parliamentary Secretary for Health.

The Paul Harris Breakfast celebrates Paul Harris Fellow Recognition recipients and Foundation Alumni in Rotary District 9800.

All Paul Harris Breakfast proceeds go towards Rotary Foundation programs.

Thank you for your past support and we look forward to welcoming you again this year.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: Doug Robertson 0419 373 830 Email: dw-pa@bigpond.net.au

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INFORMING MEMBERS -BOARD MINUTES

Posted by Tony THOMAS

The minutes of board meetings are available for members to read.

Because they first need to be ratified by the board, the available minutes are those for the board meeting prior to the latest board meeting.

You can find the available minutes in the member area of the club website. Go to My ClubRunner/View Club Documents/Minutes of Board Meetings/2014-15.

Your Secretary is doing his best to make these Minutes exciting and colourful,

MUSICAL CHAIRS

Posted by Tony THOMAS

Oskar finds music opens doors.



Up and down Australia's east coast, Rotary Clubs in August-September had an unusual visitor, a blond-haired 18 year old from Arnbruck in Bavaria.

He then asks politely if members would like to hear a waltz, march or jig on a traditional Button Accordion? He drags a chair to the podium and launches a tune thick with counterpoint and harmonics.

He's Oskar Weinfurtner. His dad Oskar is a Past President of RC Bayerwald (Bavarian Forest). Oskar Jnr was awarded a Rotary scholarship in 2013, so he knows the ropes on Rotary.

On the Friday before AFL Grand Final, Melbourne's Southbank RC had a special footie breakfast at the Hilton for 160 people. The club got Oskar, in traditional lederhosen costume, to kick off proceedings with marches on his accordion. He's travelled from Brisbane to Cairns and then flown south to Melbourne and up to Sydney for his return to Munich. Oskar is not on exchange, but sees himself as a member of the global Rotary family. He attended Australian Rotary Clubs as a way to make friends, offer to help, and sometimes get offered a bed for a night or two. The rest of the time he uses the

'Couchsurfing' website to take part in Australian home lifestyles – Couchsurfing is a 7m strong club for home hosts, travellers and cultural exchange.

Clubs he's played accordion to include RC Albany Creek, Brisbane; RC Aspley, Brisbane; RC Geebung, Brisbane; RC Surfers Paradise; RC Hervey Bay City; RC Townsville; RC Cairns Sunrise; RC Mulgrave, Cairns; RC Heidelberg, Melbourne; RC Melbourne; RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise; RC Southbank, Melbourne, and Inner West Sydney, using the club-finder on the Rotary website.

Oskar for eight years boarded at the famous, 1000-year-old Regensburger Domspatzen high school. Its cathedral choirs are the world's oldest continuous choirs. Oskar also studied clarinet and piano. He decided on a three months Aussie trip before starting business-law at Passau University. He'll join Rotaract during his studies. He knows all about local traditions there as his grandparents started a family village business "Weinfurtner – Das Glasdorf" in glassblowing and artworks.

His Australian adventures, most with Rotary friends, included at Byron Bay his first surfing; seeing the Lions win at the Gabba; Taiko drumming at Cairns; making and playing his own didgeridoo; eating roo; and hauling in a 67cm mackerel in the Whitsundays. On Magnetic Island with ex-soldier Rotarian David Pierce, he joined a hike with four soldiers as they scouted ways to get heavy guns emplaced by barge for a celebration parade.

In Cairns the Mulgrave RC took him to a giant cane fire where he helped with drink sales and duck-race tickets.

"My music has certainly opened doors for me down-under," Oskar says.

BOOKS - OLD HAT?

Posted by Tony Thomas

Old books have become charity 'gold' for Albert Park Rotary Club, which has raised well over \$200,000 in book sales since 2002.

Each year the club runs a book fair selling books donated by the public, and during the

year book dealers and internet sales bring a steady flow of revenue.

The next fair is at Albert Park College, Danks St., on the weekend of October 18-19, in conjunction with the college's Art Fair. This is expected to raise about \$5000 of the club's typical annual book sales of \$20,000.

The club's Ken Hall says dealers constantly check the club's stock and sometimes buy \$1500 worth at a time. The internet sales of rare and special books are global through AbeBooks.com. Books worth \$10 upwards often go on-line.

The system is simple. Three council libraries – Albert Park, Port Melbourne and St Kilda – have wheelie bins and people put their old books in. The libraries themselves don't contribute cast-off books. Each week the bins overflow with donated books. They are sorted at Albert Park College for the various book markets. Most fetch \$2-5 and minimum price is \$1.

"It's a win-win all round," Hall says. "People get rid of their book clutter, we raise heaps for good causes and quality books circulate to those who appreciate them."

The club puts nearly all the raisings back into the district. Typical grants are \$6000 scholarships in youth welfare, \$5000 each for primary literacy programs, \$15,000 for household items for disadvantaged homes, and \$5000 for hospitality courses.

Half the donated books are thrown out as rubbish – including encyclopedias, text books and foreign-language books. But recently a book collector pounced on a rare history book of the Collingwood Football Club, paying \$400 for it. Single books now and then fetch over \$100.

Albert Park College gets a host of good books for its school library – more than \$50,000 worth over the years. Thousands of good-quality books have also gone to charity op shops, fetes and nursing homes. Op shops sometimes pay for book stocks with 50c vouchers that go to needy people to buy clothing. A new home for some books is hospitals, where small libraries can be started in waiting rooms.

Book Fair, Albert Park College, 83 Danks St., 10-4pm, October 18-19

ON TO CONFERENCE -MARCH 2015

Posted by Anne KING

Rotary District 9800 Conference 2015
Illuminating Rotary
12-14 March 2015 | Hobart

DISTRICT CONFERENCE UPDATE

The Committee has been working hard to arrange a great lineup of Speakers as well as providing fabulous entertainment and time for fellowship.

DG Murray and Irene look forward to seeing you in Hobart in March 2015

Keynote Speakers

Rabia Siddique



Steve Bracks



Kathryn North



Ross McMullin



David Galbally



Felice Jacka



Saul Eslake

website and bookings www.rotary9800conference.org.au

MEETING REPORT 30th SEPTEMBER 2014

Posted by Koren HARVEY

Chair - Kevin Love

Guests

Inspector Cath Wilkins, Victoria Police. [Bernie is Cath's Mentor]

Elder Zhai and Elder Opiyo of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

George Mills visiting Rotarian from RC Port Macquarie [Past member RCCMS]

Announcements

- Tony Thomas – members are invited to join the **nominating committee**. The role of the committee is to select a nominee for election as club president for 2016/17. The committee comprises the current president (Roy), president elect (George), three previous presidents nominated by Roy and two other club members nominated by the membership. Anne King volunteered to join the committee, with one spot remaining. Please see Tony if interested. Members may also independently nominate for President.
- Neil Salvano – **Community Village** will be running again over the 4 weekends immediately prior to Christmas. Please start thinking about your availability to assist.
- Koren Harvey – 14 years after Koren took part in a Rotary Youth Exchange to Germany, her host sister, Julia, has moved to Melbourne for three months with her husband and young son. Julia's husband has taken up a scholarship at the University of Melbourne.
- Doug Robertson – Brochures are available for the upcoming **Garden DesignFest** and **Paul Harris Breakfast**. Members are encouraged to distribute these to anyone who may be interested in attending.
- Anne King – reminder that the **vocational visit** to the Lost Dogs Home is taking place on 15 October. Names required now.
- Kevin Walklate on behalf of Neville Taylor – The week of 5 – 12 October is **national**

Mental Health Week. Two Rotary events are taking place around this: MAARvellous Millinery Event at ANZ Pavilion, Arts Centre on 2 October. The annual Australian Rotary Health Golf Day is taking place at Royal Melbourne Golf Club on 6 October.

- Kevin Love – please let Kevin know ASAP if you would like to join the club’s table at the **Blue Ribbon Foundation ball** on 24 October.

Director’s Report

Roger Thornton gave an update on **club administration**, focusing on make-up opportunities. A variety of events that qualify as a makeup and members are encouraged to report attendance at any of these to the club secretary. For further information on what constitutes a makeup, log in to the club website, view ‘Club Document’s and search for ‘makeup’.

Roger also gave an overview of the Alola Foundation, which the club supports through our speaker gifts. The not-for-profit organisation was founded in 2001 by Kirsty Sword Gusmao, then first lady of East Timor. The aim of the foundation is to nurture women leaders and advocate for the rights of women through a variety of means.

President’s Report

Roy thanked Tom for acting for him at the recent board meeting and announced the AGM has been set for 25 November.

- George is currently considering his leadership team for 2015
- The board approved leave of absence requests for Frank O’Brien, Mary Voice, Kerstin Steiner and Russell Rolls
- The club has donated \$800 to a children’s isolation ward in Sierra Leone, currently the epicentre of the Ebola outbreak.
- The board endorsed the Group Study Exchange application by Grant Godino.
- Roy is arranging another group tour to Laos for November next year. Members are welcome - please let Roy or Frank know if you are interested in participating.

Sergeant’s Session

Two club anniversaries were announced – Alan, celebrating 24 years and Yanpu, 3 years. Tony was fined – twice, once by the club and once by the police – for running a red light on his bike. Bernie very graciously offered all members the opportunity to confess to any recent police-issued fines, prompting a donation from Peter Duras (speeding in France)

and Roy Garrett (crime unknown).

Sergeant Bernie then treated us all to a trivia session, beginning with some Rotary knowledge. This session confirmed (because we all knew these answers, surely) that:

- the Rotary theme for October is vocational service, and
- that our club is well represented at District level with Justine serving as Vocational Service Chair and Marjorie as the Community Service Chair.

Other learnings from the session included the office of Alderman was abolished in Melbourne in 1939, with Arthur Calwell the last person to hold this office, 112,000 punnets of strawberries are consumed at Wimbledon each year (only 100,000 more than Allan Driver estimated), plus there are 60 designated wine regions in Australia and further Jacques Villeneuve won 4 grand prixes in his debut F1 season.

Guest Speaker – David Cray, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints



David Cray, Director of Public Affairs for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Victoria, gave an overview of the Church, whose members are often referred to by the nickname 'Mormons'.

The Church began in the United States in 1830 and has grown to over 15 million members worldwide, with 140,000 living in Australia. It is currently the fourth largest Christian church in the United States and experiencing rapid growth in South America and Africa.

David outlined the basic beliefs of the Church as:

- Jesus Christ is the son of God and Saviour of the World
- Families can be forever as part of God's plan of happiness
- the Restoration of Christ's original Church as in the Bible.

Church members serve in voluntary part-time roles in their local congregations in addition to their regular employment and are encouraged to be contributing members of their communities. Young adult Church members often travel overseas as missionaries. Elder Opiyo stated that currently there are more female missionaries than male missionaries worldwide. While mission work is often undertaken by youth, David also gave an example of an older Australian couple currently working in Kenya to bring fresh water supplies to a village.

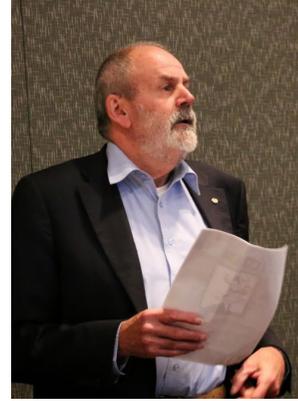
David included in his presentation a video outlining the various roles Church members can participate in and the Church's focus on strengthening families. The Church has the world's largest collection of family history records and these may be accessed by members of the public.

The church gives to many international causes, usually via other charitable groups rather than in its own name.

David's interesting presentation concluded with a number of questions from the floor, including one from President Roy about the similarities between the work of the Church and the work of Rotary, with both organisations having an aim of serving others.

GALLERY

Meeting as seen through the photographer Allan's lens.



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