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NEXT MEETING 8th MARCH 2016 GUEST SPEAKER PROFESSOR MICHAEL BUXTON

TITLE OF PRESENTATION: FUTURE PROOFING MELBOURNE

The former Coalition Government's *Plan Melbourne* is currently being reviewed and modified. The plan contained useful elements but it failed to adequately address some key issues.

Melbourne has reached a critical point in its history. It is undergoing rapid and transformative change from a city of 4 million towards one of 8 million by 2050. The major arterial roads are already at or near capacity.

A long-term plan based around identifying, delivering and maintaining opportunities for future transport projects is desperately needed to future-proof Melbourne against the combined pressures of population growth, development, climate

Meeting Responsibilities

Chair

WELLS, Michael

Presenter

Greeter

TASSELL, Barrie

Reporter

AVRAMOPOULOS, Stella

Photographer

FRASER, Paul

Door

BAO, Ivy

Director Report

DURAS, Peter

Bulletin Editor

DRIVER, Allan

Upcoming Events

Catch up with Echuca Moama

Mar 20, 2016

International Committee

Fundraiser

Apr 16, 2016

Speakers

Mar 08, 2016

Prof Michael Buxton

Future Proofing Melbourne

change and the certainty of having to deal with major unplanned events.

Michael Buxton is a professor of Environment and Planning at the School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT University. He joined RMIT in 1998 after 12 years in senior



management with Victorian Government Planning and Environment agencies, and with the Victorian Environment Protection Authority.

He formerly headed the intergovernmental process for developing Australia's National Greenhouse Strategy, and the group responsible for the development and implementation of environmental policy

in Victoria. He was an elected Victorian local government councillor and Mayor for ten years and was a member of the Upper Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges Authority for six years. He is a former lecturer at Monash University, Melbourne. Michael heads a research team carrying out extensive research into peri-urban regions. This team's national and Victorian studies have investigated the nature and extent of contemporary peri-urban regions in Australia; identified future patterns of socio-economic, environmental change in peri-urban landscapes; and developed scenarios for future land use and management.

MEETING REPORT 1st MARCH 2016

Meeting Report 1st March 2016 – Elias Lebbos

Meeting was opened by Chair Neil Salvano with the toast to Rotary International.

President George welcomed members.

Announcements

- Herb Greenwood drew member's attention to a flyer on tables highlighting an upcoming wine event to be held Saturday 16th April 2016. This fundraiser is set to be full of entertainment but a low cost evening. The venue is yet



to be announced, but watch this space. Those unable to attend are encouraged to participate by donating a bottle (or two) to the auction.

Mar 15, 2016

[Daniel Wilksch](#)

Soldier On: WWI Soldier Settler Stories

Mar 22, 2016

[DGE Neville John and PP Kevin Love](#)

2017 District 9800 Conference

Mar 29, 2016

[Molly O'Shaughnessy](#)

Women and children living free from violence

Apr 05, 2016

[Detective Senior Sergeant Stuart Bailey](#)

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- Tony Thomas returned with a little humour.
- Frank O'Brien reminded members that the catch up with our sister club Echuca Moama will be held on Sunday 20th March 2016 at the Tooborac hotel and Brewery. A tour of the brewery will also be on offer for those interested.



- Neil Salvano thanked all those who assisted at the White Night event and informed members that \$1000 was raised.
- Neil also informed the members that Frank O'Brien has been nominated as President Elect for year 2017-18
- President George thanked Neil and those involved for the great effort at White Night and acknowledged the participation of members from Melbourne Park RC
- Greg Cuthbert highlighted the weekly Goldsbrough Lane Gourmet Farmers Market will be receiving greater publicity in the near future
- Peter Duras reported that the Royal Talbot working bee was a huge success which was also supported by members of the Melbourne and Melbourne Park RCs. Peter thanked Margaret and Bernie for the wonderful morning

tea and lunch. [See report later in this Bulletin]



President's announcements

The Business breakfast was successfully conducted and raised over \$3000 to support the Silk/Miller scholarship.

**Warrick Cavell – Member-owned Projects**

Warrick referred to previous discussions related to the 2015-16 strategic plan, which included Member-owned Projects. These projects raise small amounts of funds but contribute significantly to the clubs revenue. They also provide an opportunity for fellowship, community



engagement, attracting new members, raising Rotary's profile and provide energy to the club.

Warrick encouraged members to consider conducting an event that meets the clubs criteria:

- The project has the potential of raising more than \$1000
- Requires resources proportional to funds raised
- No risk to the clubs members, funds or reputation
- Passes the Rotary four way test

Guest speaker

Tony Johnson CEO - EY Oceania – Fostering Australia's Entrepreneurial Culture

Tony is CEO and Managing Partner for EY Oceania. He is responsible for setting strategy for the firm across the Oceania region and is focused on building a culture that supports EY's values and delivers exceptional service to EY's clients

The one thing that all incredible entrepreneurs have in common is an extraordinary passion for what they do. Their self-belief and drive keeps them going when others might give up. And it's

because of this that they play such a crucial role in helping



support and diversify the Australia economy. We're lucky here to live in a country which has a relatively favourable

environment for the entrepreneurial activity. But that doesn't mean we can rest on our laurels. There's plenty more work that needs to be done if we want to maintain an environment that will help foster the growth of a success entrepreneurial businesses into the future.

One of the largest challenges for any entrepreneur is accessing capital to fund their growth plans. Small capital markets are a key challenge for entrepreneurship in Australia. Young entrepreneurs are particularly vulnerable in this regard. If we want to encourage the next generation to follow their entrepreneurial dreams, we need to ensure they can raise the necessary capital to make them a reality.

Women entrepreneurs too often have more difficulty accessing capital to fund their growth plans than their male counterparts. The fact is, even though women launch nearly half of new businesses, they receive less than 10% of venture capital or angel funding. That's a huge gap – and one we need to address if we want to create a diverse and sustainable entrepreneurial landscape.

The good news is that the outlook is changing. The finance world has started to recognise the value in supporting women entrepreneurs, and we are beginning to see growing support for financing women-led businesses through traditional sources of capital, specialist angel investor groups, and even through newer channels such as crowd-funding.

Both locally and globally, entrepreneurial businesses are more important than ever to the long-term sustainability of the economy. As traditional industries, such as the resources sector, slow down, we need to look for and create new market opportunities that respond to technical advances and changing consumer needs. Entrepreneurs do this. They challenge our

views of what's possible and create new opportunities for progress – whether that's through better connectivity, ease of doing business or improving quality of life.

High-impact entrepreneurs are innovators. They spark the revitalization of mature industries, as well as the creation of new ones. They also provide a strong and diverse foundation for future economic growth and are a critical engine for job creation. In fact, entrepreneurs represent around two-thirds of all employment across the G20 countries. So it's through them that we have the greatest chance of successfully tracking some of the key issues facing the world today, like youth unemployment.

Australia is home to some truly world-class entrepreneurial talent. Any measures that support investor confidence and attract new resources of funding will be important in ensuring Australia's entrepreneurs don't miss out on opportunities to scale their businesses and create future growth.

Globally, entrepreneurs said they want the ability to voice their concerns on business regulations and be heard, making this their top suggestion for how countries could improve their regulatory environment. The good news is that entrepreneurial ambitions remain strong.

Incubators provide a collaborative, professional environment where early stage businesses and entrepreneurs can co-work, share ideas and access office space. At EY we recognise the important role they can play in spurring the next stage of growth for start-up businesses. And that's why we have developed strategic relationships with organisations like TankStream in Sydney and York Butter Factory here in Melbourne, to help them provide support to early stage companies.

There are clearly a wide range of factors that can impact an entrepreneurial culture, but there are some tangible things we can do to ensure we are fostering an environment where innovation and entrepreneurs can thrive.

- We need to ensure we are giving future generations of entrepreneurs the tools and environment that will enable them to succeed – be that better access to funding, incubator facilities, mentors or business networks.
- We need to address attitudes and remove the stigma around business failure.
- We need to champion entrepreneurship – sharing and celebrating success stories to help position entrepreneurship as valid alternative to more traditional career options.
- We need to promote united thinking in policy and business environments, and co-ordinate support across the private, public and voluntary sectors.

A thriving entrepreneurial culture is essential if we want to create the growth and diversity that will be essential to Australia's long-term economic sustainability. We need to ensure we are giving them the tools and environment that will enable them to succeed.

This can be achieved in a silo. Governments, entrepreneurs and

corporate all have to work together to foster a culture that will support the next stage of entrepreneurial growth.

President George thanked Tony and closed the meeting with his request to 'Be a Gift to the World'

THE GOLDSBROUGH LANE FARMERS MARKET IS NOW WEEKLY

THE NEXT GOLDSBROUGH LANE GOURMET FARMERS MARKET IS ON THURSDAY 10 MARCH 2016. REMEMBER THE MARKET NOW OPERATES WEEKLY.

For those on Facebook refer to <https://www.facebook.com/GoldsbroughLaneGFM/?fref=ts>

Market Volunteers Update

We have secured an agreement with Lentara to provide helpers for the market bump in and out.

This means we do not require 4-6 club members to continue to do the bump in



and out. Paul Fraser will roster 1 Rotarian on for each bump in and out to supervise the Lentara helpers.

The Rotarian only need assist physically if they are able to do so.



We can still use volunteers to assist with bump in or out – we have a number of Rotary/Rotaract clubs interested in helping.

All volunteer and Rotarian supervision inquiries can be sent to Paul Fraser -



pjf3000@bigpond.com

Rotary Stall at the market

We have agreed to provide one stall at each market for the use of any Rotary Clubs to selling Rotary related goods, raise awareness or use as they see fit for a cause of their choice.

All Rotary stall inquiries can be sent to Marjorie Gerlinger - marbern@bigpond.net.au

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE WINE EVENT OF THE YEAR 16th APRIL 2016

This Wine Event of the Year is not to be missed and at a venue that could startle you. If you only attend one wine event this year, this could be the one!



YOU!
TO GO TO YOUR
CELLAR AND DONATE

**ANY WINE THAT WILL
BUILD OUR STOCKS
FOR THE
WINE EVENT
ON**

16TH APRIL 2016

**YOU ONLY NEED TO ADVISE HERB GREENWOOD
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**WE WILL ADVISE OF FURTHER
DETAILS AS THE EVENT UNFOLDS**



WORKING BEE ROYAL TALBOT
REHABILITATION CENTRE 27th FEBRUARY
2016

Posted by Tony THOMAS

Sensory Gardens Make Over

It's hard to find lovelier gardens than those at Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre in Kew, Melbourne. A decade ago the grounds were brownish grass and concrete paths; today a riot of shrubs, flowers, succulents, green pergolas and natural timber textures have been established by Austin Health's garden guru, Steven Wells, 43. [Steven explains the garden philosophy to Sue Duras at morning tea]





These gardens continue to thrive thanks to what he calls "the fantastic support" of a cluster of Rotary Clubs that for 12 years have descended on the grounds for a massive annual working bee. On Saturday February 27 2016 another 30 Rotarians and friends slaved away at digging, re-potting, trimming, and spreading 7 cubic metres of mulch. The 90 patients mostly have brain, stroke and spinal injuries. They can rest their eyes on thriving and shady plants and arcades, take lunch outside and get away mentally from the wards and beds. Some can't talk, other can't use a limb, few can foresee a career. But they feel they can do small stress-free tasks or just sit in a pretty spot.

The working bee inspiration came 12 years ago from Lyn McBain [see left photo-Lyn is enjoying a well



earned break], wife of former Central

Melbourne-Sunrise RC member Bruce McBain. [Bruce is





seen here discussing old time with John Meehan]. Lyn worked there as a nurse for eight years from 2000 and felt sorry the patients had such sterile surroundings. She saw the opportunity for the Rotarians to support Steven and make a difference in the gardens for the patients.

This year's working bee included two Melbourne Park RC youngsters and three friends, two from Melbourne RC and 23 members and friends from RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise. [all hard at work in photo below]



Last year's similar party of 26 opened up a new section of tired brown grass, which Steven has planted during winter with low-growing and drought-tolerant native lomandra, dianella and succulents. He's topped it off with a metal artwork of symbolic leaves. "A new group of patients can now look out from their bedrooms to banks of green and the distant trees," he says.

"It's been such a sustained program over the years, with so many Rotary hands getting so much done in just a morning. They bring tools galore. I have my work cut out keeping everyone busy, but I make sure my list of tasks is big enough."



[The crew!]



Steven heads off to the UK and US on a Churchill Fellowship in May for seven weeks to study how

therapeutic gardens in hospitals are kept sustained beyond the initial establishment – which involves staffing and long-term planning.

The results are astounding.

GALLERY

There always is a supervisor in any work party.



Rotarians always have to be fed thanks to Lyn McBain and Marjorie Gerlinger.



"Does any one here know how to change this wheel?"



Our DG Elect, Neville John, Elias Lobbos and 2017-18 PE Frank O'Brien [How many Rotarians are needed here?]





Rob Hines and Tess Hines heard saying "Would you mind getting out the way so that we can work please?"

