



## BULLETIN

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### GUEST SPEAKER TUESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER



#### **Tom Brunzell**

**BERRY STREET, 'Courage, Integrity, Respect, Accountability and Working Together'**

Established in 1877, Berry Street's core activity has always been protecting children and strengthening families so they can provide better care for their children. Today Berry Street is the largest child and family services organisation in Victoria, helping over 24,000 Victorians over the past year.

Berry Street never gives up doing whatever it takes for kids because it believes that all children should have a good childhood, growing up feeling safe, nurtured and with hope for the future.

Tom Brunzell began his career in education as a Teach for America (TFA) corps member at NYC P.S. #28 in the Bronx. After taking the role as Lead Mathematics Teacher and professional developer for the school, he also became a Corps Member Advisor at the TFA institute for new teacher training. He now serves as Senior Advisor, Teaching and Learning, for Berry Street, working with school leaders, teachers, and their regions in the areas of school culture and curriculum development.

Since his arrival in 2011, Berry Street has collaboratively worked on raising expectations for student outcomes, accountability for visible learning, and diligently holding students accountable for their behaviour. By providing staff development around curriculum, school culture and student management, Tom has led this growth through mentorships with school leaders, lead teachers, and content teaching teams.

A Yale University graduate, Tom is also a PhD candidate at the University of Melbourne Graduate School of Education, studying trauma-informed pedagogy, positive psychology and their impacts on workplace meaning.

**DUTY ROSTER 9th SEPTEMBER 2014**

Chair	Peter Duras
Sergeant	Bernie Gerlinger
Greeter	Stuart Ellis
Reporter	Marjorie Gerlinger
Photographer	Allan Driver
Door	Wolfgang Jacobs
Director Report - Vocational	David Jones
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**CONFERENCE HOBART MARCH 2015****MEETING REPORT 2nd SEPTEMBER 2014**

*Posted by Tom Callander*

President: Roy Garrett  
 Chairman of the Day: Herb Greenwood  
 Guests; Jill Forsyth and Chris Hewett (both Rotary Club of Kew re Garden DesignFest presentation)

**Announcements**

1. Neville John re membership seminar held Saturday 30 August 2014. 12 Rotarians attended. Main points:
  - Recruitment is a continuous process.
  - Leverage of Rotary's image and programs.
  - Target participation by prospective members.
  - Be creative re meeting structures.
  - Develop relationship with other community groups.
  - Remember each member's priorities - family first, career second, Rotary third.
  - Tell us our stories and why we are involved (e.g.. Richard Stone presentation last week).
  - Need to be active and need to ask prospective members to join.
  - Develop a pipeline approach to membership.
  - Develop a membership action plan.
2. Tom Callander re Justine Murphy entering the Surf Coast Century Ultra

Marathon, Saturday 13 September 2014.

- This is now a fundraising sponsorship project for our Club.
- 27 members signed up for sponsorship last week at either 50c/km, \$1/km or \$2/km.
- Sponsorship sheets will be circulated again today and next week.
- Sponsorship payments should be made at our Club meeting on Tuesday 16 September, following the event.

3. Herb Greenwood re Donations in Kind working bee:

- Held last Saturday with six members/partners/friends present, the members undertaking "dirty and dangerous" work and the girls packing sheets for containers for shipment abroad. There was time only for one short break.

### **Garden DesignFest Presentation**

Jill Forsyth and Chris Hewett from the RC of Kew spoke about the Garden DesignFest development. It is now presenting its sixth biennial GardenFest and has raised in excess of \$300,000.00 (2012 - over \$100,000.00). Gardens have been opened throughout Melbourne and on the Mornington Peninsula.

Our Club will be involved this year with four gardens at Euroa on Sunday 16 November. This involves garden captains and volunteers from our Club for the four gardens arranging for support e.g., bus groups to Euroa, marketing through Shepparton New Estate Agents' boards, garden design web page and Garden DesignFest Facebook page.

Jill suggested that we should try to partner with charities with their websites and the data base. There was also support from Tourism Victoria. Use all media. Media does need content. Tickets for the lot are selling at \$45.00.

The event will be weather dependent; hopefully it will be a nice spring day.

Greg Cuthbert thanked Jill and Chris and announced that the four garden captains from our Club are Rob Hines, Allan Seale, Tom Callander and David Jones.

### **President's announcements**

President Roy mentioned that the fund raising committee had been strengthened with the appointments of Peter Duras, Darren Park and Tom Callander to help Greg Cuthbert. He asked members to think about individual fund raising events which may be spontaneous such as the Justine Murphy ultra marathon sponsorship.

### **Sergeant Session**

Bernie extracted fines for birthdays enjoyed by Dick Mitchell, Rob Hines, Peter Duras and Tessa Hines. He extracted further fines in examining Rotarians on their knowledge of the Four Way Test. Our longstanding Richmond supporter Frank O'Brien was duly fined for the Tiger's win last week. Anne King and Neil Salvano also contributed. Bernie's quote for the week:

"Real knowledge is to know the extent of one's ignorance"

**Guest speaker**

Our guest speaker was Susan McLaine, a bibliotherapist (Herb Greenwood read out her background details which were in last week's bulletin to some extent). Susan has been involved with bibliotherapy since 2008. Bibliotherapy involves the use of literature to help people deal with physical and psychological problems.

The therapy focuses on enabling individuals to gain knowledge from without and wisdom from within to discover the individual's self. The therapy involves doing so by means of stories and discussion groups.

Initially libraries were established in psychiatric hospitals and, during the war years, in convalescent hospitals to assist patient recovery. From the mid 20th century bibliotherapy evolved with the de-institutionalisation of mental health, and the provision of a wider range of treatments and therapies for patients. It has moved to educational, aged care and Department of Justice use. It concentrates on creativity.

Susan became involved from 2008 when she was undertaking an Honours thesis involving State Library development. She was influenced by Blake Morrison's book "Reading Curfew" and then encouraged by Sally Heath (then an editor at The Age) to promote "Creative Bibliotherapy". She has also been influenced by a Boston Institute of Massachusetts program "Changing Lives Through Literature", an alternative program to jail developed in Boston, USA.

Creative Bibliotherapy is promoted through groups to assist people who don't or can't read well. It supports them to read aloud, to undertake voluntary discussion and to help deal with emotional issues and expressing deeply held concerns. It provides a means for individuals to use their imagination. Its benefits include social aspects, being part of a group, "well being" in mind, developing a sense of being valued, and a willingness to give time and attention to others in the group. Stories lead to discussion on our behavior with others. Text reading is very important.

In 2010 St Vincent's approached her to start a group for homeless people or people at risk.

of homelessness, often with alcohol or dementia issues, often suffering the stigma withdrawal from the community and often feeling isolated. She became involved with the group and also with a Department of Justice Group run by St Vincent's.

Susan then read to us a short extract from Nelson Mandela's writings from around 1964 when he was still in prison, and his reaction to his mother's death and his eldest son's death. She said that this extract has a particular impact on group members who often then want to share their own thoughts. The group bibliotherapy programme makes such a difference to individuals.

### **Closure**

President Roy closed the meeting and reminded us to "light up Rotary".

### **GALLERY**

John and Herb doing the business.



Justine and Jill Forsyth [RC Kew].





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