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### **GUEST SPEAKER TUESDAY 10th JUNE**

**Asst Commissioner Andrew Crisp and Sgt Ali Gurdag**

**Topic: *Central Melbourne Sunrise's Iftar Dinner***

Muslims fast for 30 consecutive days during Ramadan, from dawn until sunset. Iftar is the special meal prepared daily at the end of the day when the fast finishes. Muslims are encouraged to reach out, to build bridges and to work with colleagues and neighbours around them who are not Muslim, to share their faith and build on their shared values. The Iftar meal is a special time of day, as this is when Muslims open their fast and give thanks for the food they are eating.

Andrew is well known to club members. He is presently Victoria Police Assistant Commissioner for the North West Metropolitan Region. In recent years he has managed the counter terrorism coordination unit, led a project team to establish the Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency, worked as a Divisional Manager based at Knox and then as the Assistant Commissioner for the specialist units of the Operations Support Department.

Ali is the son of Turkish Muslim immigrants who knows first hand the experience of being vilified at school in Melbourne's northern suburbs. He has done considerable reading on Islam and this knowledge of the religion has assisted him greatly with multicultural liaison work within Vic Police.



Asst. Commissioner Andrew Crisp



Sgt. Ali Gurdag

### **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING 10th June 2014**

Members are reminded there will be a Special General Meeting convened during the regular club meeting on Tuesday 10th June -purpose to adopt changes to Club Rules from recent RI Council of Legislation decisions.

Formal notice of this meeting was circulated to all members on May 12th.

### **DUTY ROSTER JUNE 10, 2014**

Chair	Gerard Hogan
Sergeant	Michael Bromby
Greeter	John Price
Reporter	Neville John
Photographer	John Price
Door	Justine Murphy
Director Report	
Bulletin	David Jones

### **MEETING REPORT 3rd JUNE**

**Chair** – Herb Greenwood | **Sergeant** – Michael Bromby  
**Reporter** – George Mackey | **Photographer** – Allan Driver

**Visitors** – No visitors this week

**Speaker** – Gordon Morrison, Director of the Art Gallery of Ballarat

Our meeting on 3 June proceeded with reduced numbers – about 20 members - as we had a fair contingent of members participating in the Rotary International Convention in Sydney. Neville Taylor ably demonstrated that no person is really indispensable, as he calmly and methodically filled a number of roles during this meeting including that of President Doug, who was attending the International Convention.

#### **Announcements**

Frank O'Brien, . a call for volunteers for the next DIK project, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

George Mackey . 200 chairs donated by the TWU have been placed with the Lentara Asylum Seeker Project;  
 . a few more volunteers are still required to fill the support roster for our visitor from the RC Houston, from 17 – 25 July (thanks for the responses from Alan, David, Doug, Mary, Richard, Rob and Tony). All that is required is a bit of driving around the city;  
 . our candidate for the Rotary Peace Scholar Award was unsuccessful – he was too young!;  
 . interviews for RCCMS sponsorship for the next National Youth Science Forum are underway.

### Director's Report (Club Admin)

Neville Taylor delivered the Club Admin report, which demonstrated the very high level of activity underway at this time of the year. Activity, events and general announcements include:

- The finalisation of the events schedule and duty roster for July to October, inclusive
- The imminent handover of the Club Administration Chair to Roger Thornton
- About 130 confirmations for the Victoria Police Leaders Mentoring breakfast on 17 June
- Organisation for the changeover dinner at the Athenaeum Club on Friday, 27 June, is well underway
- The club planning forum (Horizons) is scheduled for 8.30am to 12.30pm on 22 June. Venue is the Montague Continuing Education Centre, 100 Montague St, South Melbourne
- The last regular club meeting this year will be 10 June.

### Sergeant's Session

The Sergeant's session featured an historical walk through significant events which have occurred on 3 June, or thereabouts. Events mentioned included the wedding of Edward, Duke of Windsor, to American divorcee Wallis Simpson, which precipitated his abdication in 1936; the Battle of Midway (1942); the first space walk by a US astronaut (1962); the resignation of John Profumo, the British Secretary of State for War (1963 - he would do that, wouldn't he?); the sustained attack by Israeli forces on the USS Liberty, during the Six-Day War (1966). An astute member pointed out to the Sergeant that he has missed the most significant event of all to occur around this date: the D-Day landings in 1944. The Sergeant showed his appreciation for this information by promptly fining the before-mentioned astute member. The Sergeant showed a slide indicating a pilot's view of night-time aircraft carrier landings, followed by Mary's above-averagely-eloquent contribution to "the epic poem", which is mercifully shuddering to a close.



Sgt Michael and Mary. [Ed Please ignore Sgt's words on the slide in background].

### Guest Speaker

Gordon Morrison, Director of the Art Gallery of Ballarat, presented an engaging dissertation on the history of Scottish migration to Australia. The Art Gallery of Ballarat is currently exhibiting the contribution made by Scots to the development of Australia as educationalists, missionaries, philanthropists and entrepreneurs. [Exhibition "[For Auld Lang Syne: Images of Scottish Australia from First Fleet to Federation](#)" Open 'til Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2014]

The presentation included the early history when Scots were transported to the colony of NSW as political prisoners and forgers. Gordon explained "the good the bad and the downright ugly" of Scottish migration, ranging from Mary MacKillop to Governors Macquarie and Brisbane, David Syme (co-founder of The Age), and the great outback explorers Major Thomas Mitchell and John McDouall Stuart.

Not beyond a little polite sledging of the English, Gordon explained that very few convicts of Scottish origin were ever transported to Australia. The reason for this was attributed to regular reading of the bible on Sundays by the strictly

Presbyterian population of Scotland at the time and the high level of literacy that this caused (*Ed*: I think this was a subtle way of implying that the canny Scots were too smart to get caught although the Scottish justice system had a third verdict category of 'case not proven', unlike the remainder of the convict donor countries.)

A viewing of the exhibition at the Art Gallery of Ballarat is highly recommended. In the best tradition of Scottish stereotypes, together with the long memories of most Europeans, Gordon recommended our attendance on 24 June 2014. On that day entry to the exhibition is free, in memory of a rare victory against the English at the Battle of Bannockburn in 1314.

Questions had to be curtailed owing to time and between them Herb and Neville closed the meeting only two minutes late.



Guest Speaker Gordon Morrison with Mr Fix I/T and Chairman Herb.

### **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK**

- *Do you [or spouse] have little free time between 17 July and 25 July 2014?*
- *Are you up for a little driving (a day or half day) around our beautiful city in support of a visiting Rotarian from Houston?*
- *Would you like to contribute to the hospitality being offered to three young people visiting the 20<sup>th</sup> International Aids Conference being held in Melbourne?*

If so, then please read on.....

The 20<sup>th</sup> International Aids Conference (<http://www.aids2014.org/>) is being held in Melbourne from 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July 2014. We've had a request for support from RC Houston Skyline, to help between 17<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> July 2014. This is Michelle Heard's sponsoring RC - Michelle is the Global Peace Scholar we are currently hosting. There are three young people from Botswana involved, and we've been asked if we could provide hoc transport and logistics support around the city.

If we can supply names to populate a roster for a day/half day each that would be good.

Who's up for this one?

Please contact George Mackey, asap.

### **CLUB FORUM JUNE 22, 8.30am -12.30pm**

From incoming president Roy Garrett:

Every year we have a Club Planning Forum to allow firm directions and budgets for our club. As you would expect, a large percentage of the work and the outcome is from our executive - committee chairs / directors and it is hoped that each of these people will attend the Forum.

However, all members are welcome! If you have some special ideas for our club's direction next year or just want to know more about others' ideas, please feel free to come along.

I will be circulating more info over the coming weeks: an agenda, times and a venue for a start but for now the starting time on 22nd June is 0830 and finishing time 1230 (sharp!)

Please let me know if you plan to attend and please give me some preliminary notice if you have special matters you would like included on the day.

Regards

Roy Garrett

#### **DISTRICT 9800 CHANGEOVER LUNCHEON 2014**

Date: 29 June 2014

Venue: The Peninsula Room, Central Pier, 161 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands

Time: 12.00 pm for 12.30 pm (concluding 3.00 pm)

Dress: Lounge suit / equivalent

Cost: \$75.00pp This all inclusive price includes beer, wine, main course, dessert and entertainment.)

Entertainment will be provided by the Williamstown Pipe Band and the Joe Bonnano Band.

Come and thank Ross for ***Engaging Rotary and Changing Lives*** and show your support for Murray as he begins to ***Light up Rotary***.

- Central location with excellent access to tram and train transport.
- Plenty of parking opposite at Ethiad Stadium and other nearby car parks.

Any Club members and partners planning to attend should notify Roy as he will do one booking for the Club.

***RSVP to Roy by 10th June please***, to enable him to make the booking and avoid the late booking surcharge [+25%].



DG Elect Murray Verso and DG Ross Butterworth.

#### **POSITIONS VACANT**

District 9800 is looking for two new leaders to help with key District programmes.

**1. A volunteer Rotarian to coordinate Rotary Australia Benevolent Society ["RABS"] activities in 2014/2015.**

Position brief;

Rotary clubs may apply for registration and gain tax deductibility for projects that arouse the compassion of the community and will provide direct relief to people in need in local communities.

The Coordinator will report to the District Chair of Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) and will be required to:

- review RABS applications for their suitability for registration
- attend bi-monthly RAWCS Committee meetings
- submit a brief monthly summary of RABS activities.

**2. Rotary Overseas Medical Aid for Children (ROMAC) is inviting applications for a Chairperson for District 9800 for 2014/2015.**

Position brief;

ROMAC assists children aged fifteen years or younger, by bringing them to Australia or New Zealand for lifesaving or dignity restoring procedures to improve their quality of life. Cases are accepted only when the required medical treatment is not available to them in their own country. Patients come from developing countries in South East Asia and the Pacific Islands.

The ROMAC District Chair is appointed by the District Governor. Primary responsibilities will focus on:

- Awareness of ROMAC within the District and its Rotary Clubs
- Fundraising and promotion
- Care and support of ROMAC patients and their parents/guardian.

A background in the health sector is desirable but not essential. Applicants should have sound administration skills. You will not be expected to do all of this on your own; you will be assisted and supported by others within the ROMAC "family". There are also guidelines and procedures available in the ROMAC Manual of Procedures to guide activities. A hand-over by the experienced incumbent will also be arranged.

***Any member who is interested in either of these positions please contact President Elect Roy.***