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10th OCTOBER 2017:

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## GUEST SPEAKER NEXT MEETING

James Tonkin, Director Communications & Stakeholder Relations, Melbourne Metro Rail Authority

### **"Melbourne Metro Tunnel Project"**

The Melbourne Metro Rail Authority (MMRA) is responsible for the delivery of the Melbourne Metro Rail Project - a twin 9km rail tunnel under the heart of Melbourne.

This \$9-11 billion infrastructure project will unlock rail congestion in the City Loop and deliver a transformation to the capacity, reliability and frequency of train services across metropolitan Melbourne.

Melbourne Metro will run between South Kensington and South Yarra, including five new underground stations at Arden, Parkville, CBD North, CBD South and Domain.

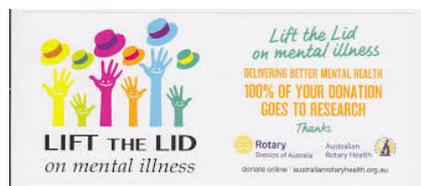
Construction works are due to begin in 2018.

James has more than 30 years' experience in media, strategic communications and stakeholder relations across the private and public sectors. He started his career as a newspaper journalist, working in Australia and London, before becoming a media and policy adviser for the Victorian Government in the early 1990s. James then moved into a number of roles in issues-rich and complex environments, including at Victoria Police, the EastLink Project, and most recently the AFL, where he led corporate communications.



## LIFT THE LID ON MENTAL ILLNESS

Members are reminded to wear a hat to next Tuesday's meeting.



To raise funds for Australian Rotary Health mental health research, members wearing a hat next Tuesday will be asked to donate \$5.00. Members choosing not to wear a hat will be asked to donate \$8.00.

## TIME TO BOOK IN FOR THE AUCTION

## **Meeting Responsibilities**

*Chair*  
DRIVER, Allan

*Greeter*  
DURAS, Peter

*Reporter*  
KING, Anne

*Photographer*  
GARRETT, Roy

*Door*  
BENJAMIN, Des

*Bulletin Editor*  
JONES, David

*Project Report - Community Service*  
LEBBOS, Elias

## **Upcoming Events**

[Vocational Visit to MCG](#)  
Oct 08, 2017

[Board Meeting](#)  
RACV CLUB  
Oct 18, 2017  
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

[GRAND DINNER AUCTION](#)  
Oct 26, 2017  
6:30 AM – 11:00 PM

[Board Meeting](#)  
RACV CLUB  
Nov 15, 2017  
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

[25th Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Breakfast](#)  
RACV CLUB  
Nov 21, 2017  
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

[Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraiser](#)  
Nov 25, 2017

## **Speakers**

Oct 10, 2017  
[James Tonkin](#)  
Melbourne Metro Rail Tunnel Project

Oct 17, 2017  
[Di Gillies](#)  
Interplast Making a Difference

Oct 24, 2017  
[Bob Slater](#)  
Life After Stroke Program

[View entire list](#)



### MCG INNER SANCTUM TOUR

The Vocational Team, in conjunction with our member (and sports aficionado), Peter Duras, has arranged a unique opportunity to experience a guided tour of the Melbourne Cricket Ground and the National Sports Museum on **Sunday 8 October**.

Given Peter's involvement, we will have access to areas of the MCG that are not normally included in the package. Highlights of this must-see tour include:

- The famous MCC Long Room
- MCC Library (founded in 1873)
- MCG Tapestry
- Player change rooms
- Cricketers' viewing room
- Ron Casey Media Centre
- Portrait of Sir Donald Bradman and Sachin Tendulkar
- A walk on the arena
- Cricket Victoria Bill Lawry Centre
- Ponsford Stand
- City Terrace with view's of Melbourne's skyline.

Our itinerary for the day will be:

- **10:00 for 10.15am** - Meet at Gate 3 to commence (MCG) tour - Exclusive all access pass
- **12noon** - Short break at MCG Café
- **1pm** - Tour of the National Sports Museum
- **2pm** - Tour concludes

Those wanting more fellowship can proceed to a local cafe/bar (Venue TBC) for a late lunch/early dinner. We've been able to secure a heavily discounted rate. Cost of tour is **\$20 per member** and **\$12 for kids** under 15YO. This can be paid on the day. So that we can keep an eye on the numbers, please call Peter now if you haven't registered.

### GUEST SPEAKER'S PRESENTATION 3rd OCTOBER

Posted by *Survam GANGULI*

#### **Presentation:**

Guest speaker **Prof Alan Pears** gave an informative presentation about Australia's electricity and gas retail markets and encouraged members to use energy efficiently and to renegotiate their electricity and gas contracts with their respective providers to make the most of the discounts on offer in the market place.

**Alan's presentation included a slide with web information references which will be helpful for anyone looking to review their electricity / gas arrangements. This slide is reproduced below -click on 'READ MORE'. Any members wishing to review all 20 slides please contact David Jones for a pdf copy.**



[Read more...](#)

### OUTSTANDING SPEAKER FOR PHF BREAKFAST



**Guest Speaker - Daniel Flynn**

**The 'Thankyou' journey - a blueprint for turning ideas into reality**

**Bookings now open [www.trybooking.com/309283](http://www.trybooking.com/309283)**

**When: 21st November 2017, 7.15 for 7.30am**

**Where: RACV City Club, Level 17, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne**

**Cost: \$65.00 per head or Table of 10 \$600.00**

Driven, resourceful and determined, Daniel Flynn is one of Australia's most successful entrepreneurs under the age of 30.

He is the founder and managing director of the social enterprise Thankyou, which has given more than \$5.5 million to help end global poverty.

Thankyou's 50 products are stocked by major retailers in Australia and 100 per cent of profits go to funding water, sanitation, child and maternal health and food projects around the world. In nine short years, Thankyou has directly impacted the lives of 755,538 people in 20 countries, including Australia.

Daniel is also the author of best-selling book Chapter One, a story that generated \$1.4 million in sales in its first month using an unorthodox 'pay-what-you-want' model.

He is a genius at disruptive marketing and has received widespread media coverage for some truly unconventional and highly successful campaigns that led to Thankyou products being stocked by some of Australia's biggest retailers. He is an engaging and thoughtful speaker and his talks offer a blueprint for turning ideas into reality.

### **INTERNATIONAL TEAM FUND RAISING - MELBOURNE MARATHON**

*Posted by Suvam GANGULI*

Some of you may be aware that I am training for the **Melbourne Marathon** which is on the **15<sup>th</sup> October 2017**. I have never run a marathon before and the training has been quite gruelling so far. But the one thing that has kept me going has been the cause I am doing it for. I am passionate about **Universal Primary and Secondary Education for Kids** around the world and I have worked with a number of NGOs in the past to help kids from diverse backgrounds and abilities get ahead in life through learning.

This year I have decided to run the full marathon (42 Kms) to raise funds for a couple of hard working charities in India and Laos who work towards providing at risk and differently abled kids an opportunity to get an education. Club members **Russell Rolls and Tom Callander** are also participating in the Melbourne Marathon and their efforts and encouragement will also help us raise the necessary funds. The target I have set is **\$5,000** and though it may seem daunting at first but I am sure we can easily achieve this if each member raised **two \$50 donations** external to the club.

I have created a fundraising page (see link below) where you can get behind this important cause and donate. It is an opportunity for us to raise funds external to the club and I would strongly encourage you to forward this email to your family, friends and business associates to encourage them to get behind this great cause.

<https://run.gofundraise.com.au/page/SuvamGanguli> (copy and paste link into web browser)

Remember, every donation counts no matter how small it is and will make a tangible difference in these kid's lives. All donations will go directly to the bank account of **Rotary Club of Central Melbourne** and the **International Services Team** will distribute funds to the respective NGOs.

### **MEETING REPORT - TUESDAY 3rd OCTOBER**

*Posted by Suvam GANGULI*

President Frank, still looking resplendent in his Tigers scarf, welcomed members and guests;

- Prof Alan Pears Guest Speaker
- Robert Knowles from St Ives, Cornwall

Frank then invited Chairperson Warwick Cavell to propose a toast to the excellent work of Rotary International.



#### **Announcements:**

Herb:

- **Called for members to attend the Auction and bid generously.**
  - The major prize, dinner for 10 people, was also announced which could possibly attract syndication bids from members.
- Please see separate flyer in this BULLETIN for Auction details.*

Michelle:

- Members were encouraged to **wear a hat, a cap or even a fascinator to support "Lift the Lid on mental illness" day next Tuesday**. Attending members will be donating \$5 for wearing a head gear or \$8 for not wearing one.
- President Frank was seen wearing his Richmond cap straight away to show his support for the cause.



Allan Driver:

- Allan gave the members an update about club members who were dealing with health issues.

Peter Duras:

- Reminded members of the **exclusive tour of the MCG** and asked for members to be at MCG Gate 3 at 10.00am for a timely 10.15 start to the tour. Ticket prices are: \$20 for adults and \$13 for children under 15. **If attending please call Peter now. Pay on day.**

#### **President Frank's announcements:**

- Frank declared the Board's wish for members to attend a meeting of each of the Clubs in our Batman Cluster. All members have an **opportunity to visit North Melbourne on Thursday 5 October at 6.45 for 7.00pm**. It is a special meeting at which each Rotary Club who assisted their August Book Fair (A number of our members provided books) will be presented with a Certificate.
- The President plugged the **RI conference in June 2018 to be held in Toronto, Canada**, details of which can be found in the Weekly News. He recommended that anyone who is interested in attending should also consider attending the **Information Session on Saturday 28 October at 10.00am** at East Malvern.
- Following his predictable pattern of bringing up the Tigers at a drop of a hat, President Frank made the observation that he might be the first sitting president of RCCM to support the winning AFL club.

#### **Rob Hines – International Services Team update:**

- Ban Heutan, Laos School Project
  - Renovation to cost \$30K
  - District 9800 Grant has been approved
  - World of Difference also to contribute to the project
  - Application has been made to Australian Embassy for funds
- The project has been delayed owing to torrential rains and flooding in the region but should be finished before our visit in March 2018.



- Rob mentioned that the 16 days tour in March 2018 to Laos & Cambodia has had two couples need to pull out. Unless two more couples sign up the tour could be cancelled. This tour includes the opening of the newest school project in rural Laos -off the beaten track and extremely well reported by past participants. If you're considering this trip please chat to Rob asap.
- Rob also mentioned the Melbourne Marathon fundraiser which the International Services Team is running, and encouraged members to use this link to donate. Three club members are participating. <https://run.gofundraise.com.au/page/SuvamGanguli> (In need please copy and paste link into your web browser to support our team.)

**Presentation:**

Guest speaker Prof Alan Pears gave an informative presentation about Australia's electricity and gas retail markets. A very timely presentation that included some useful web site if you are interested in getting the best deal for your energy costs. *Please see separate report in this BULLETIN.*

President Frank closed the meeting reminding us to "make a difference in the world".

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

What	When	Where	RSVP	Contact
MCG Tour	Sunday 8th October 10am	MCG (meet at gate 3)	To Peter Duras	Peter Duras
Lift the Lid on Mental Health Breakfast	Tuesday 10th October 7.20am	RACV City Club	Wear a hat at our breakfast meeting	Michelle Crawford
Interplast Fundraiser Event	Wednesday 11th October 7.30pm	Athenaeum Theatre	via Ticketek website	Alison Chan
Melbourne Marathon (donations)	Sunday 15th October	Melbourne	Donations: <a href="https://run.gofundraise.com.au/page/SuvamGanguli">https://run.gofundraise.com.au/page/SuvamGanguli</a>	Suvam Ganguli
RCM Charity Auction	Thursday, 26th October 7pm	Melbourne Town Hall	<a href="https://www.trybooking.com/312270">https://www.trybooking.com/312270</a>	Herb Greenwood
Paul Harris Breakfast	Tuesday, 21st November 7.15am	17th Floor, RACV City Club	<a href="http://www.trybooking.com/309283">http://www.trybooking.com/309283</a>	Neville Taylor
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	Saturday, 25th November (all day)	Bunnings Port Melbourne	to Peter Duras	Peter Duras

**GALLERY**

Tree planting expedition to Benalla. Our team comprised Elias and Nicole, Suvam, Maria Groner, Gerard and Alan Crawford.

Extract from Elias' report. "Our aim was to plant 60 trees on behalf of the club. It wasn't too long before we stopped counting the holes we dug because we reckon we dug close to 350 holes and contributed to the planting of over a thousand trees. I think RI World President Ian Riseley would be quite impressed with our clubs effort! Thank you to those who joined in. I highly recommend it next year."



