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NEXT MEETING - GUEST SPEAKER

Frances Cosway – Principal White Pebble Interiors

"Downsizing Effectively"

There comes a time when we may need to downsize. Our current home is too large, or we just need less. So what's the best way to do this? Look for a single level home, or one with all living area and the master bedroom on the same level. A smaller garden can also be more manageable, with minimal lawn. Frances will present a few key things to consider when downsizing.

Frances is an in demand interior designer with a passion and expertise in building and renovating beautiful spaces. She has over 15 years' experience and really enjoys watching homes come alive, and have her clients fall in love with them.

Frances studied Marketing at Monash and spent 20 years working in Marketing Communications for multi-national corporations before deciding to follow her passion for interiors. She studied interior design and decorating in London and started her own interiors business in London before finally setting up here in Australia in 2010.

Having lived in Europe (Amsterdam and London) for 12 years, Frances has developed her own unique style and influences. Her philosophy on design is that your home is a story of you, how you live, your lifestyle and your life journey, and she works with her clients to create homes that are uniquely theirs based on this philosophy.

She has completed many build and subdivision projects, including the build of her own 'Forever Home' in 2014. The house has featured in several publications including House & Garden, the Herald Sun, and been profiled on Houzz. She is also the author of 'Your Forever Home' – a practical guide for those about to embark on building or renovating to create their 'Forever Home'.

Frances is passionate about helping her clients through their build, extension or renovation, to alleviate the overwhelm often experienced with building, and to prepare them for each stage so they are confident in making the right decisions. She is known for her down to earth style and sharing her own experiences to assist clients. She is passionate about incorporating sustainable features into a home and challenging the status quo on how sustainability and good design can be intertwined.



TWO SQUARE PEGS

Posted by Alan SEALE

At our breakfast meeting on Tuesday 28th August, I made an announcement about the project managed by **Two Square Pegs** which is a Not for Profit run by **Ms Trang Du**. I asked members to vote for funding to go to Trang's work, which is in mentoring young entrepreneurs, particularly the unemployed. Both Neville John and I have met with Trang and her work is amazing so we feel the club could help by voting in this round of funding by the Department of Premier and Cabinet. Des Benjamin attended the launch of this program and spoke enthusiastically in support of the program. Anybody can vote by following the links below. Voting closes on Monday 17th September.

PICK MY PROJECT	Vote to help young people starting a business access ongoing business mentoring support
<p>Why?</p> <p>1. It's young people in their local communities who are most in need of support. So it's vital that we build an environment that supports young people to create their own jobs. To help them to become job creators, not just job seekers.</p> <p>However, they are faced with significant challenges when starting their own business. Mentoring has been proven to have a significant impact on business success.</p> <p>What to pick my project?</p> <p>The City of Melbourne government currently grants subsidies, funding to being chosen by popular vote.</p>	<p>How to vote</p> <p>You can help by voting for this project. Voting is open until 10:00 AM on Monday 17 September.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Go to pickmyproject.lac.gov.au and enter the location of the project at 144 Regent St. Please read about the 'Business Mentoring' role post below. Select or search for this project called "Business Mentoring" supporting young people and self-employment" in the dropdown menu. Add another 2 people to your shortlist by choosing projects. If you can't decide, you suggest nominating for "Fostering local entrepreneurship for better business" and "Support & New Region Learning Lab" to shortlist. Vote for 2 projects from your shortlist. Make sure you vote for the project "Business Mentoring" supporting young people and self-employment". Add your mobile number and access.

SPECIAL BREAKFAST – LORD MAYOR SALLY CAPP

Sally Capp was elected Lord Mayor of Melbourne in May 2018. The first woman to be directly elected as Lord Mayor.

We offer you this great opportunity to hear Sally share with us her strategy for maintaining or improving the livability of Melbourne for the coming 5-10 years.

Enjoy a hot breakfast and great company.

When: Tuesday 18th September

Time: 7.15 for 7.30 till 8.45am

Where: The RACV Club, Level 2, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Cost: \$50.00pp

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/XQKC

RSVP: 13th September



Meeting Responsibilities

Chair
FRASER, Paul

Greeter
LOVE, Kevin

Reporter
DRIVER, Allan

Photographer
THORNTON, Roger

Door
CRUISE, Bettina

Bulletin Editor
WILLIAMS, Rohan

Social Media
LIM, Daniel

Upcoming Events

[Benalla Tree Planting Weekend](#)

Sep 08, 2018 9:00 AM –
Sep 09, 2018 4:00 PM

[Board Meeting](#)

Sep 12, 2018
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

[SPECIAL BREAKFAST with LORD MAYOR SALLY CAPP](#)

Sep 18, 2018
7:15 AM – 8:45 AM

[VicPol Mentoring Program](#)

[Graduation breakfast](#)
RACV City Club
Sep 25, 2018
7:30 AM – 8:45 AM

[For Benefit Event Series first event "CEO v Board"](#)

"The Work Club"
Sep 26, 2018
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

[Bunnings BBO](#)

Bunnings
Sep 30, 2018
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

[Board Meeting](#)

Oct 10, 2018
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RC ECHUCA-MOAMA 70th ANNIVERSARY

Posted by Frank O'BRIEN

70th Anniversary Dinner
25th September 2018
Moama Bowling Club
 06.00pm for 6.30pm start
 Bookings essential; treasurer@echucarotary.org
 Phone: 0419 273 059 Dinner \$35.00 includes a donation

Guest Speaker; Philip Archer
Drought Relief

Your club, our community

Please contact **Frank O'Brien** for further details.**DONATIONS IN KIND ['DIK'] WORKING BEE**

Posted by Russell ROLLS

The International Team has organised another "working bee" at Rotary's Donations-in-Kind warehouse for the morning of **Saturday 27th October**. Please keep this morning free in your diary. This is an ongoing activity and a really "feel good" activity of our club. If you haven't been to DIK before, it is a massive hive of activity and a real eye opener as to Rotary at work for the local and international communities.

Where : Store 39, 400 Somerville Road, West Footscray
 (Parking inside the complex, along side store)

When : Saturday 27th October, 8.45am - 12.30 ish.

Club contact is Russell Rolls

E: rjr@rolls13.com.au

**26th ANNUAL PAUL HARRIS BREAKFAST****GUEST SPEAKER****Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston AK, AFC (Ret'd)**

Air Chief Marshal Sir Angus Houston AK, AFC (Ret'd) was awarded the Knight of the Order of Australia in January 2015 for extraordinary and pre-eminent achievement and merit in service to Australia, through distinguished service in the Australian Defence Force, continued commitment to serve the nation in leadership roles, particularly the national responses to the MH370 and MH17 disasters, and in a variety of roles in the community.

[Download flyer for full CV](#)

Ticket Price

\$65.00 per head or \$600 for a table of ten (incl. GST)

OR

if you would like to help us End Polio Now pay an extra \$5 and with donations from other sources including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation your donation becomes \$37.50

\$70.00 per head or \$650 for a table of ten (incl. GST)

When: Wednesday 28th November

Time: 7.15 for 7.30 till 9.00am

Where: The RACV Club, Level 17, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/410919

RSVP: 13th November

We look forward to welcoming all Rotarians, partners, friends and colleagues – this event is not just for Paul Harris Fellow Recognition recipients.

Please contact **Frank O'Brien** for further details.

MEETING REPORT - 4th SEPTEMBER

Posted by Rohan WILLIAMS

President Neville Taylor opened the meeting by inviting Chair Kevin Love to propose a toast to Rotary International.

Visitors:

- Siddharth Verma guest of Neville John
- Assistant Governor Dale Hoy RC Balwyn

President Neville also welcomed back Gerard Hogan, Kevin Walklate and John Hinrichs.

Truth or Tale?

Suvam Ganguli shared the true story about how he developed a keen interest in travelling. As a baby, he spent a night with the wife of the local elephant trainer, whilst the elephant trainer guided Suvam's parents on an elephant through a jungle.

Announcements:

- Frank O'Brien informed members of the 70th anniversary for RC Euchuca-Moama on Tuesday 25th September. Please let Frank know if you able to attend so that transport can be arranged.
- Kevin Love informed members of the Police Mentoring Breakfast on Tuesday 25th September.
- President Neville reminded members of the Special Breakfast with Lord Mayor Sally Capp on Tuesday 18th September and requested members to book their / their guest's attendance this week.
- President Neville informed members about the Victorian Police initiative "Head to Head Fundraising Walk 2018" to increase awareness of mental health. Victorian Police Chief Commissioner Graham Ashton and the Victorian Police Association Secretary Sergeant Wayne Gatt will walk from opposite corners of Victoria, visiting police stations and participating in community activities and meet in Wangaratta. Rotary Clubs will be supporting this initiative.
- President Neville thanked the 25 members who had participated in recent meetings arranged by other Rotary Clubs.

Directors Q&A:

President Neville opened the session by summarizing what had been discussed at the Kickstart Meeting in June and how this had contributed to our clubs strategic plans. Neville highlighted that the attendees had been challenged to think beyond the coming 12 months to what we would like our club to be like in 3 years time.

Responding to a question about the partnerships that our club was looking to develop:

- Warwick Cavell mentioned promising contacts with William Angliss Institute and Quick Copy.
- Frank O'Brien and Therese Robinson highlighted the opportunities to deepen our partnerships with Caprice who had donated children's clothes and shoes and Concern Australia who had distributed Christmas hampers collected by our club.
- Elias Lebbos identified the opportunity to work with Princes Hill Secondary College and Police Legacy to develop new ways to assist young people.
- President Neville stated that Stuart Ellis was developing a corporate membership proposal for the Board.
- Rob Hines highlighted the responsibility of the International Team to develop sister club relationships and the specific opportunity with RC Kolkata

Responding to a question about how newer members can learn about club projects:

- Sarah Overton, Elias Lebbos and Kevin Love recommended that members speak with Directors and other knowledgeable members involved in specific projects of interest.
- Warwick Cavell agreed to revise our club's 1-day plan and make it more readily available
- Roger Thornton highlighted that all members may attend a Board Meeting.
- Assistant Governor Dale Hoy stated that RC Balwyn regularly shares its 4 year strategic plan with members.

President Neville invited Directors to share some examples of how the club is modernizing:

- Rob Soros stated that the change of the weekly Swindle to Social EnterPrize was enabling members to contribute to social enterprizes to assist disadvantaged people.
- Rob Soros mentioned the creation of an online roster for our breakfast meetings.
- Sarah Overton highlighted the Be Collective online platform to connect people with volunteering opportunities.

President Neville closed the meeting by sharing a recent experience. Neville received a call from Margo in Ballarat, who was looking for someone to help assemble a trampoline for her disabled grandson. Margo had obtained Neville's phone number by accessing the RC Central Melbourne website. After making several calls, Neville enlisted the assistance from RC Diamond Creek, Diamond Valley Lions and Banyule Men's Shed to assemble the trampoline. Shortly afterwards, Neville received a call from Margo's daughter to thank all involved for making an incredible difference for her son.

GALLERY

Posted by Roger THORNTON

Our last meeting



Siddharth Verma guest of Neville John



Suvam Ganguli



Our Directors

