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### GUEST SPEAKER TUESDAY 14th APRIL



#### **Dr Kerstin Steiner**

#### **Islam, politics and the law in Southeast Asia: implications for its neighbour Australia**

Australia's neighbouring countries have the world's largest Muslim population - Indonesia alone is home to more Muslims than the entire Middle East - yet nowhere in the region has a theocratic government emerged. Instead, Southeast Asian Islam is characterised by heterodox local traditions varying according to their specific historical, political and geographical context.

Muslim societies today are torn between Islamist reformers calling for Syari'ah law (Islamic law) and secular governments using law to contain and co-opt it. The result is a tension between state laws, institutions and Islamic alternatives.

Being able to navigate and understand in the trajectory of Islam and the discourses surrounding it is essential for Australia and Australians to find their place in this region.

Kerstin is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Business Law and Taxation at Monash University and an Associate of the Asian Law Centre and the Centre for Indonesian Islam, Law and Society both at the University of Melbourne. Her empirical research interests include the study of Southeast Asian legal systems with a topical focus on matters of the accommodation of Islamic law.

She has held numerous visiting positions in the region and internationally, for instance at the National University of Singapore; the University of Malaya where she was the first non-Muslim (female) visiting academic at the Academy of Islamic Studies, Department of Shariah and Law; and most recently at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at Oxford University.

### ROYAL TALBOT ANNUAL WORKING BEE

Posted by Bernie GERLINGER



### **DUTY ROSTER 7th April**

#### *Chair*

ELLIS AM, Stuart

#### *Sergeant*

WALKLATE, Kevin

#### *Greeter*

FRITSCHKE, Tony

#### *Reporter*

THOMAS, Tony

#### *Photographer*

SEALE, Alan

#### *Door*

GREENWOOD, Herb

#### *Director Report*

MACKEY, George

#### *Bulletin Editor*

JONES, David

### **Upcoming Events**

#### DIK Working Bee

Woolshed 40

Apr 11, 2015

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

#### Board Meeting

RACV City Club

Apr 16, 2015

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

#### Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre Working Bee

Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre

Apr 18, 2015

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

#### Camp Getaway Working Bee

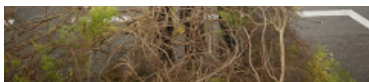
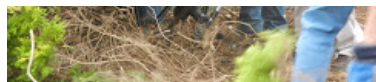
Camp Getaway

May 01, 2015 6:00 PM –

May 03, 2015 2:30 PM

#### RCCMS Golf Day

Southern Golf Club



**This event  
will be held on Saturday 18th April, Starting at 8.30am and concluding by 1pm.**

We will be under the supervision of Clinical Nurse Specialist and Horticulturist Steven Wells.

The tasks for the day will be defined closer to the date.

Members should wear appropriate clothing and if possible bring gardening implements including spades etc. If you don't have gardening implements, don't worry Steven has a supply.

Mid-morning refreshment and a light lunch will be provided.

**To assist with catering please register immediately with Bernie.**

### **ALSO ON 18th APRIL**

*Posted by Frank O'Brien*

If you are unable to get to Royal Talbot or are still looking for work after your gardening is complete, you need only drive to the new Box Hill hospital where DIK is arranging the collection of 150 hospital beds from the old hospital. Further details will be advised when available. There will be a good number of Rotarians from other Clubs working there but the job may need to run into a second day if insufficient help is available on the Saturday.



**NOTE** -Our 'regular' DIK working bee is scheduled for April 11th - see details in 'Up Coming Events' in right margin.

### **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE AT WORK AGAIN**

#### ***RCCMS SILK-MILLER GOLF DAY***

**SOUTHERN GOLF CLUB, KEYSBOROUGH. FRIDAY 8th MAY**

We will be raising funds for the Silk-Miller scholarship program, established in honour of the two Victorian police officers that lost their lives on duty on August 16, 1998.  
The format will be teams of 4 playing Ambrose.

Cost of the day is \$100 per person and includes a light lunch after the game.

Please consider attending and if possible fielding a team of 4.

Individuals are very welcome, teams will be assigned on the day for those not registering four players.

Contact Rob Hines to register please [rob.hines@live.com.au](mailto:rob.hines@live.com.au)

### **FESTIVALS OF THE WORLD**

May 08, 2015  
7:30 AM – 3:00 PM

**Board Meeting**  
RACV City Club  
May 21, 2015  
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM  
**RC Echuca Moama Steam Rally**  
Rotary Park  
Jun 06, 2015 – Jun 07, 2015

### **Speakers**

Apr 14, 2015  
**Dr Kerstin Steiner**  
*Islam, politics and the law in Southeast Asia: implications for its neighbour Australia*

Apr 21, 2015  
**Dr Janet Butler**  
*Kitty's War*

Apr 28, 2015  
**Sister Trish Franklin**  
*Loreto Vietnam-Australia Project*

May 05, 2015  
**Peter Duras, Sports Physiotherapist**  
*Travelling with sporting teams*

May 12, 2015  
**Alistair Murray**  
*The highs and lows of manufacturing in Australia*

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**SATURDAY 9th MAY 6.30pm**

**GREAT ENTERTAINMENT & MEAL AT REASONABLE COST**

[50% profit to World Wildlife Fund / 50% profit to International House Students Committee]

**Suggestion;** Grab another club member and make up an evening out.

Russell Rolls is the 'GoTo' person for questions.

Our club has supported International House for several years.

**A WEEKEND IN THE COUNTRY?**

Posted by Allan DRIVER





Once again we have the opportunity to assist our sister club the RC Echuca-Moama raise money for their local community as well as having a great time.

**When:** Queen's Birthday Weekend 6 and 7 June 2015

**What time:** 9am – 4.30pm

**Where:** Rotary Park, Echuca

Please consider and place in your diaries.

If you need more information contact me on 0418 573 803.

Many thanks,

Allan Driver [on behalf of the International Service Committee]



## **MEETING REPORT 7th APRIL 2015**

*Posted by Tony THOMAS*

**Chair:** Roger Thornton.

### **Visitors:**

- Jim Prokhovnik and his wife Raelene Hunt, RC Albert Park, here to get insights into how to do ROMAC presentations.
- Warwick Cavell, on his third visit.

### **Announcements**

- Frank O'Brien: Donations in Kind working bee. 11/4, 9am-1pm West Footscray, all welcome.
- Marjorie Gerlinger: Club changeover dinner will be 26 June, a Friday night as usual but in a new still-secret venue. Cost will be similar to last year but bang for buck will be louder.
- Roy Garrett: Directors' reports for the annual report are required by 30 May, an absolute not rubbery deadline.

### **Directors Report - Roger Thornton: Director Club Administration**

- Bulletin editor pleas for more variety in photos for bulletin. A new editor desperately needed for when David stands down shortly. "Or someone will be volunteered", Roger added.
- Club also needs an On To Conference person for Bendigo District Conference next March.
- Club has approved a \$1000 donation to the Smith Family Let's Read literacy initiative and John Ilott is organising a Smith Family speaker to tell us about it all.
- A new three month duty roster will be emailed shortly – check your availability and arrange substitutes if necessary and also notify Roger.
- New member recruiting trend is encouraging. Personal invitations work best.
- Roger also pledged a \$5 donation to club kitty every time Melbourne wins its AFL match.

### **Sergeant Bernie Gerlinger:**

The Tassells celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary – well done! And 76% of people start eating their Easter chocolate bunny by biting the ears off first.

**Guest Speaker:** Gerry Phillips, Rotary Oceanic Medical Aid for Children ( 'ROMAC' ).

Gerry gave us the inside story on Romac's workings and successes, beginning with a film of Vietnamese girl Linh Da and the enormous resources devoted to removing her disfiguring facial cancer in Melbourne hospitals.





After a year's gap the Melbourne program has resumed. Last year saw Romac's 400<sup>th</sup> patient to Australia, coming at about 35-40 a year from Pacific Rim countries.

A quarter of Melbourne selectees in the past few years have been treated at Auckland's Star Hospital, which has built-in capacity.

Gerry showed slides of nearly a dozen children treated, and said he was amazed and awed at the competence and dedication of the medical staffs involved. He traced the medical treatments of Linh Da including an 11-hour series of operations a month ago, ensuring her cancer will not be fatal.

He paid tribute to the children's courage and said these children seem to have abnormal strength and resilience and ability to stay positive.

Costs are about \$1m a year and Rotary contribution was about \$543,000 last year. PR work is very necessary as only 219 of Australia's 1106 clubs donate to Romac, Gerry said.



## **GALLERY**



**HELEN AND BARRY ON THEIR WEDDING DAY.**

Note Their 55th anniversary was announced at last Tuesday's meeting but Helen assures us they have been married just a mere 54 years. One year to plan a trip to the Emerald Isles Barry.



**CLUB SECRETARY TONY THOMAS HAS BEEN BUSY GETTING HIMSELF INTO TIGHT**

**SPOTS, AGAIN.**

Tony advises "...in the chicken coup built last week for daughter Sara at Kilmore, named 'Coup de Grass -Sara's Hen Hotel, and secondly at the Aberfeldie 'Relay for Life' event where he was arrested for 'failing to move on'.

