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Upcoming events

Club meetings: 7.15 for 7.40 am at the RACV
501 Bourke Street, Melbourne

OUR NEXT CLUB MEETING - 22 January 2013

Speaker : Bob Iversen

"The mental health of seafarers"

The mental health of seafarers in many cases continues to be very poor and often deaths aboard merchant ships resulting from depression leading to suicide being the damage to the seafarers, their families and ship owners cannot be ignored. It demonstrates the need for everybody connected with the international maritime industry to do something about it. The mental health of seafarers and the economic health of the industry will be improved as a result.

Bob Iversen is a member of the Rotary Club of Melbourne South and is project manager of the Mental Health of Seafarers. He has written a technical paper on the topic and it has been published in a Polish medical journal.

DUTY ROSTER - 22 January 2013

Chair	Russell Rolls
Sergeant	Michael Bromby
Greeter	Bruce McBain
Reporter	Frank O'Brien
Photographer	Yanpu Zhang
Door	Roger Thornton
Director Report	Roy Garrett (International)

[Report of meeting of January 15](#)

DIK Working Bee

Woolshed 40
 May 11, 2013 09:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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Visitors:

Des Malcolm, President of the Rotary Club of Tullamarine and guest speaker (pilot Ian Angus)

Albert Cavello, from Breathometer, the business owned by Des Malcolm

Vanessa Carstin, Roger Thornton's sister visiting from London

Nhat Nguyen, recipient of the Fraternitas Award



Announcements:

President Kay welcomed all to 2013 and provided a summary of the last Board and of the Clubs activities in the second half of 2012. The club has donated \$800 to Australia in recognition of the Philippines disaster. Volunteer hours now amount to 1000. Fulltime employment with about one third coming from non RCCMS volunteers. Committees have completed their interclub visits. Events coming up include a year announced social event in February, an International Womens' day event organized by Rotary, RC Echuca Moama 50th Steam Rally in June, and RYPEN in March for which plans are well advanced.

Presentation:

Roy Garrett, as Director of International Service presented the Fraternitas Award to Nhat Nguyen. The award is made every year to candidate students resident at international Host Schools who are voted for by their peers. Nhat has recently graduated in Accounting and Finance from Monash University.

Committee Report:

Bruce McBain, acting for Kirsten Steiner Director of Vocational Service, gave a s activities including the visit to the Police Academy, the Four Way Test Debate, ar Leaders Mentoring program. Bruce outlined the Committee's plans for a skills d another vocational visit.

Sergeant's Session:

Acting Sergeant Frank O'Brien, trying to be Michael Bromby without the special : a fine job of asking tricky questions about popular music. Too many to mention h with a line attributed to Elvis who when asked about music said "I know nothing e in my line of work, you don't have to" Enough said !

Guest Speaker:

Chair of the Day, George Mackey, introduced Des Malcolm proprietor of Breatho Corporation, a company based in Tullamarine which designs, manufactures, inst coin in the slot breath testing instruments typically in licensed premises. Des out various communities have achieved in reducing drink driving offences through th the these instruments at strategic locations in areas with known drink driving pro example is Melton where over a period of two years the incidence of positive alc dropped from 7 per 1000 drivers breath tested to 1 per 1000 following the introdu instruments.

The TAC has funded installations in the Eastern Corridor of Melbourne and sets major events such as the Grand Prix



Des described how his business has worked with the TAC and RoadSafe in Vict Maritime Services in NSW, Police, local government and Rotary in promoting the testing service as a key strategy in reducing the road toll. He also described the marketing work that the firm puts into updating the technology and the user appe instruments. The trick is to convince patrons to spend \$2 to get an accurate bre rather than rely on guesswork which is often wrong and in the wrong direction! T accredited by SAA and regular service and recalibration are all part of the packa

In particular, here in Victoria the TAC offers Community Road Safety Grants of \$:

installation of four instruments and a number of Rotary Clubs in D9800 and neigl have taken advantage if this scheme in a partnership with Breathometer. As an Tullamarine has 12 instruments in its area. The sponsoring Clubs receive the ee units and have an arrangement with the firm for servicing, coin collection, etc . I of course in encouraging our club to get involved, noting that whilst the CBD has premises, there are only 22 instruments installed.

Des circulated the latest Newsletter from Breathometer and thanked the club for opportunity to talk about a win-win story with a strong community service messa

Unreconstructed member's memoirs

Tony Thomas appears to be publishing his memoirs piece-meal on Quadrant's w This fragment, unusually, is rated G (involves some nudity of author).

Taken from the wild -- Part I

by Tony Thomas

January 8, 2013

At the age of 22 I was motoring round Perth's Crawley foreshore in my souped-u clapped-out Austin A40. I saw a caravan parked on the verge near the newly-op Bridge, offering free X-rays for tuberculosis screening. I stopped and had a ches later I got a letter inviting me to have a repeat. A day or two after that I was invite at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital in Shenton Park for an interview. He pointed at r indicated a 'spot' and said I would be a patient until my spot was under control.

Read on via <http://www.quadrant.org.au/blogs/qed/2013/01/taken-from-the-wild-q>

Next week: Part Two - How to get into a mental hospital (by mistake).



Rotary condemns terror attacks on vaccinators

Here is a statement from Rotary's International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robe concerning the attacks on health workers in Pakistan:

Rotary International joins the Government of Pakistan and our partners in the Global Eradication Initiative in condemning the recent attacks that have killed and wounded health workers in Pakistan.

The shooting victims are among the thousands of health workers and volunteers members of Pakistan's 151 Rotary clubs -- who are committed to saving children from the transmission of polio in Pakistan, one of three countries where the crippling virus is endemic.

The attacks prompted the Government of Pakistan to temporarily suspend the vaccination campaign due to concerns over the safety of health workers.

Rotary is deeply concerned that such attacks deprive at-risk children of basic life care services, including polio vaccinations. I know that Pakistani Rotarians, supporters and members worldwide, will continue to do their utmost to create a safe environment where dedicated health workers can reach the nation's most vulnerable children with various other vital health interventions.

Polio eradication has been Rotary's highest priority since 1985, and we are on track to achieve this history by beating polio once and for all.

On behalf of Rotary's 1.2 million members, representing 34,000 clubs in 200 countries, we extend our deepest sympathy to the families of the victims. Their dedication and courage inspire us to continue moving forward toward our goal of a polio-free world.

Robert S. Scott, Chair
International PolioPlus Committee
The Rotary Foundation
Rotary International