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TITLE OF PRESENTATION: SOLDIER ON: WWI SOLDIER SETTLEMENT STORIES

Victoria sent about 90,000 men and women to serve overseas in the First World War, about 70,000 of whom survived to return home. As the war continued, the issue of repatriating returning soldiers became increasingly urgent. As well as providing war pensions and other financial assistance, state governments of the time set up 'settlement' schemes to support returning soldiers with work. These schemes involved subdividing large rural estates into smaller farming blocks and leasing them back to discharged service-people. Reports from the time indicated there were around 11,000 farms created, although it seems likely this figure includes successful applicants to the scheme who did not end up going on to the land.

Returned service people and their families moved on to the land

Meeting Responsibilities

Chair

CAVELL, Warwick

Presenter

Greeter

CALLANDER, Tom

Reporter

ROLLS, Russell

Photographer

FRASER, Paul

Door

DURAS, Peter

Director Report

Bulletin Editor

DRIVER, Allan

Upcoming Events

Catch up with Echuca Moama
Mar 20, 2016

International Committee
Fundraiser
Apr 16, 2016

Speakers

Mar 15, 2016

Daniel Wilksch

Soldier On: WWI Soldier Settler Stories

from the first mass demobilisations right up until the 1930s, although the majority of blocks were granted in the early 1920s. The case studies on this site give a sense of the variety of experiences that building a new life on the land offered. A new exhibition about the Victorian soldier settler experience, *Soldier On*, is now showing at Old Treasury Building.



Daniel Wilksch is Coordinator, Digital Projects at Public Record Office of Victoria. As well as managing PROV's digitisation

program he has had a long involvement in developing PROV's online exhibitions, including the recent *Battle to Farm* website which complements the *Soldier On* exhibition with digitised copies of soldier settler records. He is a frequent speaker on topics of interest to community museums and has a background in historical studies.

MEETING REPORT 8th MARCH 2016

RCCMS Meeting Report 8 March 2016

Reporter: Warwick Cavell

Opening:

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Michael Wells, with a toast to Rotary International.

There were no visiting Rotarians.

President George welcomed the speaker Professor Michael Buxton and guest Stuart Taylor, son of Neville Taylor.

Club Announcements:

Mar 22, 2016

[DGE Neville John and PP Kevin Love](#)

2017 District 9800 Conference

Mar 29, 2016

[Molly O'Shaughnessy](#)

Women and children living free from violence

Apr 05, 2016

[Detective Senior Sergeant Stuart Bailey](#)

The Function of the Homicide Squad & Victoria Police / Rotary Mentoring Program Initiative

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Frank O'Brien reminded the club that the joint Echuca-Moama/RCCMS lunch will be held on Sunday 20 March at the Tooborac Hotel and encouraged members to support this event.

Herb Greenwood reminded the club of the upcoming fundraising wine event to be held on 16 April.

Directors Report

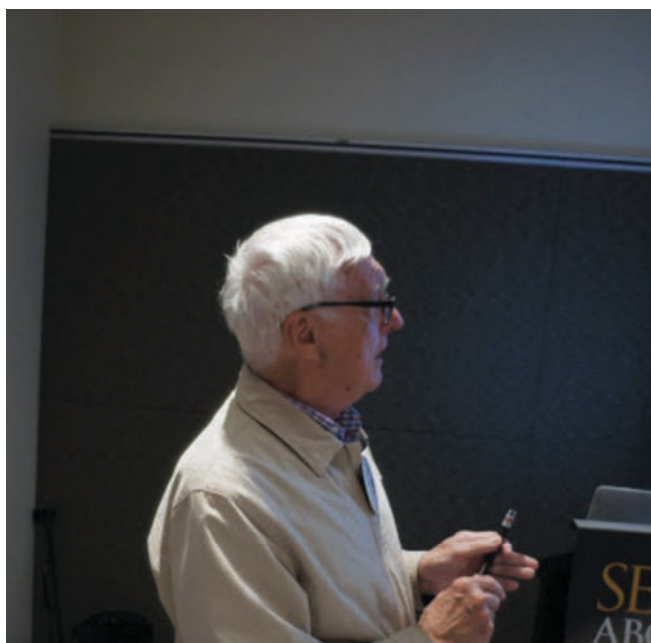
Peter Duras, Community Chair reported on the following matters:

- The Rotary Rest Centre at White Night – 20 & 21 Feb. A very successful event well planned by Neil Salvano and ably assisted by Rotarians and friends from Kew, Melbourne Park and Rotaract. Serving 2,600 cups of tea and coffee.
- Royal Talbot Working Bee 27 Feb. A highly productive Working Bee – a wonderful project with a great history.
- McAuley House. Graffiti painted out and some storm damage repaired. Arranged for the delivery of excess bread from the Farmers' Market.
- Caprice Donations. Working with International we have made 2 pickups of donations from Caprice in South Melbourne. Caprice thanked for their ongoing generosity.
- Lentara. Sam Sondhu, is keen for our club to resume our mentoring program, possibly with their members who are assisting with the Farmers' Market.

The next two months will also be focussed on building a sawbuck for Camp Getaway, investigating the future of our alliance with Youth Projects in Hosier Lane, publicising the Mens' Shed and planning the next IFTAR Dinner in June or July.

Presenter Talk:

Tony Thomas presented on the topic of "*The Evidence of Climate Change*".



The main thrust of Tony's concise and informative presentation was that, data claiming 2015 to be the hottest year on record was, at best, dubious. Tony advised that there is much conflicting



data on climate change and that some of the data is simply 'made up'. He pointed out that, in fact, the data from the RSS

Satellites indicates a warming halt over the last 19 years. This area of 'science', according to Tony, is an area subject to distortion to meet a political agenda. He presented a number of graphs and other data to support his points indicating that if the data does not fit the main hypothesis of climate change the data is adjusted until it does.

The last word presented by Tony on this matter came from the Editorial in The Washington Times last Friday under the heading of "The Doctored Science of Global Warming".

"Science must be free from pressure to validate political goals. If findings and measurements are altered to serve a political agenda, the findings are flawed. It's called fraud, and should be punished...If administration officials are colluding with scientists to cook evidence to demonstrate that the planet is warming, the skeptics deserve everyone's thanks".

Guest Speaker:

Michael Buxton (Professor of Environment and Planning at the School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT University) was introduced to the club and provided a most informative presentation on the topic of "Future Proofing Melbourne". The presentation was particularly well-received and generated much discussion.



Michael pointed out that we are going through a period of 'rapid fundamental change' and despite such events occurring in the past Governments seem not to learn the

lessons.

Governments fail to understand and deal with the very nature of change, despite there being well-established patterns. Change is non-linear and but is cumulative, often starting slowly until it reaches a threshold or tipping point from which it accelerates rapidly. Michael gave the example of soil moisture levels to demonstrate his point.

The time to plan for and deal with change, most efficiently and effectively, is in its early stages and not when it reaches this threshold or tipping point. We seem to be very poor at understanding and anticipating this. He believes that this inability has made a significant contribution to the downfall of civilizations, throughout history.

He talked about such change in the context of Melbourne growing from a four-million-people city to an eight-million-people city. He firstly made the point that Melbourne is already a large city – there are very few cities in Europe with four million people e.g. Berlin is a city of only three million. Then to grow to eight million presents a whole range of challenges, particularly for governments not structured to deal with and anticipate change as outlined above.

Our challenge, if Melbourne is to successfully grow to an eight-million-people city, is to identify and plan to deal with change in its early stages before it reaches threshold levels.

He specifically commented on:

- The need for quality public transport (and how far behind our current infrastructure and thinking is behind what is required).
- Protecting our heritage.
- The poor quality of much of our recent stock of high rise apartments.
- Social mix – a city is not only about physical factors but

also such things jobs in outer urban regions and how these areas function.

He challenged us to think about the question: *How will Melbourne, as a city of eight million people, function as a 'system'?*

Closure:

President George closed the meeting by thanking the guest, Stuart, as well as thanking the guest speaker. Light up Rotary.

DONATIONS IN KIND KEEPS ON GIVING

THANK YOU TO CAPRICE AUSTRALIA and TRAVELLERS AID

Report by Frank O'Brien

For the third time in as many months, Donations In Kind (DIK) has been the beneficiary of surplus goods from **Caprice Australia**, a major importer and distributor of, inter alia, childrens' wear and school items such as backpacks.

The reason this association has been formed is that Caprice clears out its goods to make way for new seasons items, they found our website and they have realised that such clearance items are going to a good home (usually Timor Leste) and RCCMS is able to quickly organise to collect and deliver to DIK in West Footscray.

Two weeks ago, Kevin Walklate complete with trailer, Peter Duras with SUV and Frank O'Brien complete with trailer collected scores of large boxes from Caprice in South Melbourne.....and then stopped at the offices of **Travellers Aid** at Southern Cross Station (as arranged with our own Elias Lebbos) to collect surplus chairs and tables and then delivered the total load at DIK.

Back on 18 February, we had a team of RCCMS members (see attached photos) at DIK filling a container which by now would have arrived in Timor Leste.

The start of something big-will somebody do something?



Please be seated Kevin!

Someone was heard to say "If anything is decided, would you please let me know".



DIK really does a marvellous

job of collecting and receiving goods in good condition from literally everywhere, be it businesses, schools, hospitals, libraries etc., organising and containerising same and shipping to mainly Third World countries where we are assured they are gratefully received.

Ah, completed at last!



GOLDSBROUGH LANE GOURMET FARMERS MARKET

THE NEXT GOLDSBROUGH LANE GOURMET FARMERS MARKET IS ON THURSDAY 17 MARCH 2016. REMEMBER THE MARKET NOW OPERATES WEEKLY.

For those on Facebook refer to <https://www.facebook.com/GoldsbroughLaneGFM/?fref=ts>

*Market
Volunteers
Update*

We have secured an agreement with Lentara to provide helpers for the market bump in and out.

This means we do not require 4-6 club members to continue to do the bump in and out. Paul Fraser



will roster 1 Rotarian on for each bump in and out to supervise the Lentara helpers.

The Rotarian only need assist physically if they are able to do so.

We can still use volunteers to assist

with bump in or out – we have a number of Rotary/Rotaract clubs interested in helping. All volunteer and



Rotarian supervision
inquires can be sent
to Paul Fraser -



pjf3000@bigpond.com

Some of the goodies on offer.



*Rotary
Stall at
the
market*

We have
agreed to
provide
one stall



at each market for the use of any Rotary Clubs to selling Rotary related goods, raise awareness or use as they see fit for a cause of their choice.



All Rotary stall inquiries can be sent to Marjorie Gerlinger - marbern@bigpond.net.au

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE WINE EVENT OF THE YEAR 16th APRIL 2016

This Wine Event of the Year is not to be missed and at a venue that could startle you. If you only attend one wine event this year, this could be the one! This evening is being organised by the International Services Committee to raise funds towards the renovation of schools in Laos.

Some wines donated so far are: **Montvalley Shiraz 2004** [A pleasant light- to medium-bodied mix of red and black fruits; regional character will develop quickly].

Langmeil Shiraz Cabernet 2008

[Langmeil have long been known for big, robust, full-bodied Barossa red wines. Wines that serious red wine drinkers yearn for].

Lindemans Limestone Ridge Shiraz

Cabernet 2008 [Deep purple-crimson; a particularly luscious and rich Limestone Ridge, flush with blackcurrant, blackberry and licorice fruit, the full-bodied palate weaving positive oak and ripe tannins into its excellent texture].

Wynns Black Label Coonawarra

Cabernet Sauvignon 2008 [The wine seems to have been around forever, and so it has: this is the 53rd vintage. It is barrel-aged in French oak, 31% new, and comes from the top 25% of the available cabernet resources of Wynns. It is rich and luscious, with blackcurrant and dark chocolate aromas and flavours, the palate lengthened and strengthened by ripe yet fine tannins].

More information next week.





**WE NEED
YOU!**

**TO GO TO YOUR
CELLAR AND DONATE
ANY WINE THAT WILL
BUILD OUR STOCKS
FOR THE
WINE EVENT
ON
16TH APRIL 2016**

**YOU ONLY NEED TO ADVISE HERB GREENWOOD
BY EMAIL OF THE DETAILS OF YOUR CONTRIBUTION
greenwood@plm.com.au**

**WE WILL ADVISE OF FURTHER
DETAILS AS THE EVENT UNFOLDS**



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GALLERY

Interested members enjoying the fine words from our guest speaker.



Could someone tell me what is on the breakfast menu please?



Have you heard the joke about.....?



