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NEXT MEETING: 16th FEBRUARY 2016: GUEST SPEAKER DR MEREDITH DOIG

PRESENTATION: Pathways for Diversity Education

Pathways for Diversity Education is a coalition of faith and free-thought groups. Among other things, it offers an educational program for Year 10 students, in which three young adults tell of their family background and how they arrived at their own ethics and beliefs. Their stories illustrate major philosophies and faiths that are part of Australia's rich heritage: Abrahamic and Asian religions, humanism and atheism, indigenous spirituality and sustainability activism. Along with matters of ethics and belief, presenters can respond to questions on life issues such as prejudice and bullying, the refugee experience, sexual orientation and living with disability. The first of its kind in Australia, Pathways aims to extend interfaith dialogues to "inter-belief", demonstrating the possibility of mutual respect across wide differences of world view, which can thereby strengthen social cohesion.



Dr Meredith Doig is Chair of Pathways for Diversity Education Inc, and President of the Rationalist Society of Australia.

After a business career in Ford Australia, Rio Tinto and ANZ Bank, for the last 15 years Meredith has been a professional company director and governance consultant. Directorships have included the Port of Melbourne Corporation, Melbourne University Council and its subsidiary MUSUL, the Graduate Union of the University of Melbourne, V/Line Passenger Pty Ltd, the Victorian Channels Authority, Fintona Girls' School and the Driver Education Centre of

Australia. She is currently on the Council of Federation University Australia, and the board of Federation Training.

She has also been a facilitator of the Company Directors Course for the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a moderator with the Cranlana Programme on Ethics and the Good Society.

MEETING REPORT 9th FEBRUARY 2016

Visiting Rotarian: John Locke, RC of Kirkcudbright in the Scottish hinterland. A club of about 40

Meeting Responsibilities

Chair

VOICE, Mary

Presenter

Greeter

KING, Anne

Reporter

SEALE, Alan

Photographer

FRASER, Paul

Door

LOVE, Kevin

Director Report

KING, Anne

Bulletin Editor

DRIVER, Allan

Upcoming Events

Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre Working Bee

Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre

Feb 27, 2016

8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Catch up with Echuca Moama

Mar 20, 2016

Speakers

Feb 16, 2016

Dr Meredith Doig

Pathways for Diversity Education

Feb 23, 2016

Dr Simon Longstaff AO

Current ethical challenges facing Australian business

Apr 05, 2016

Detective Senior Sergeant

Stuart Bailey

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

View entire list

members. John exchanged a banner with Pres George.



Guests: Bruce McBain [with Barry Tassell below]
Benjamin with John Ilott, Frank O'Brien and Michael Bachelard

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Announcements

Tony Thomas was seen trying to abscond from the Epworth. The evidence has been captured on camera.

Roger has been assigned the role of gatekeeper to organise visitors to Tony in Epworth Rehabilitation. Tony is walking a lot to assist with his recovery. He is doing well but gets very tired if he receives too many visitors at a time. He may come home later this week but will have to return regularly for day treatment.

Peter Duras is looking for volunteers to assist at the Royal Talbot working bee on Saturday, 27/2/16.

The business breakfast on 23 February has 47 registrations at present. We are aiming for at least 100 to make this a financial success. Simon Longstaff is a very high profile speaker and well respected so President George has urged every member to explore "the inner salesperson" to attract greater numbers.

Rotary Peace Scholarships are open and D9800 has a great record of success. The scholarships provide candidates with the opportunity to study overseas. Please look through your contacts list for potential applicants.

Rob Hines - Director's Report International Committee



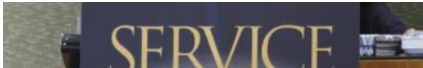
A social function with sister club, Echuca Moama is being organised for 20 March. The President of Echuca Moama, Mike Stansbury will be visiting our club next Tuesday, 16 February.

Roger Thornton is doing the Twin Gorges walk in the Kimberley as part of the preparation of this project for wider tourism promotion.

On 16 March another group of 16 is off to Laos for three weeks. Work will be completed on a school and water project.

An International Committee fundraiser is scheduled





for Saturday, 16 April. Details are yet to be finalised but please put it in the diary.

Guest speaker - Michael Bachelard, Investigative Editor for The Age



Michael became interested in vocational education some years ago when he met a salesman who was trying to market vocational training in similar ways to the sales tactics that were being applied to the electricity industry.

The VET sector proved to be "a fire hose of cash" for these sales people. They were making millions of dollars from the sale of diplomas to prospective students.

VET Fee Help was created as a HECS-style student assistance, however, there were no checks and balances as those that exist in the university system. There were also no caps on the prices for courses. It was not uncommon for students to be sold up to two courses with debts of around \$36,000, all funded by taxpayer money.

The students targeted were invariably poor people with little capacity to complete the courses successfully. Completion rates were no higher than 5% of students recruited.

Eventually the government stopped the extraordinary levels of payments and a case involving Phoenix Education is listed for the Federal Court.

The system started with the opening up of the VET sector to competitive forces. Controls were gradually lifted by state governments and the private sector eventually had virtually unlimited access to the vocational education industry in competition with TAFE colleges.

Victoria, Queensland, SA followed this route, supported by the Commonwealth's open-ended funding system. NSW is watching closely before it commits to its own privatisation. There was no standard cost for courses, no quality assurance and no time limits for completion of courses.

The regulator, Australian Skills Quality Authority were clearly out of its depth and had no chance of regulating the sector. By 2014, the cost to the Commonwealth was \$1.3 billion.

New legislation was introduced on 1 January 2016. It is hoped that this will start to rein in the excesses in the industry to date.

The broader public policy argument is whether we should be expanding public service to private providers as is also happening in disability and aged care sectors.

GOLDSBROUGH LANE FARMERS MARKET IS NOW ON WEEKLY FROM 4th FEBRUARY 2016

THE NEXT GOLDSBROUGH LANE GOURMET FARMERS MARKET IS ON THURSDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2016





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 inquiries can be sent to Paul Fraser - pjf3000@bigpond.com

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

IMPORTANT MESSAGE! BUSINESS LEADERS BREAKFAST 23rd FEBRUARY 2016

2016 Business Leaders Breakfast - Tuesday 23 February 2016

Guest Speaker: Dr Simon Longstaff Executive Director, Ethics Centre
"Current ethical challenges facing Australian business".

Level 2, RACV Club, 501 Bourke St, Melbourne Tickets: \$65 per person

Our Rotary Club is hosting its annual Business Leaders Breakfast on Tuesday 23 February 2016. The event has been designed to be an informative event for members and guests, plus all funds raised will go to support the Club's Victoria Police Silk Miller Scholarship program. This Scholarship has been supported by the Club for more than 10 years and focuses on building the capability in Victoria Police to better understand and work towards reducing youth suicide. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THIS BREAKFAST IS SUPPORTED.**

We are most fortunate to have one of Australia's most talented and experienced senior executives and directors leading this event, Dr Simon Longstaff. He is currently Executive Director of The Ethics Centre and has worked with many directors and executives in a variety of sectors.

Dr Longstaff will be providing valuable insights into the current ethical challenges facing Australian business, drawing upon his considerable experience and knowledge.

Please join us for this special event, and we encourage you to invite your friends and business colleagues to experience this rare opportunity. The flyer contains further details of this event. Follow link: [Business Leaders Breakfast](#)

Tickets for this fundraising event are \$65 per person, and bookings can be made through the



following site:
<http://www.trybooking.com/177164>

MORNINGTON PENINSULA BARBEQUE 7th FEBRUARY 2016

Once again, Rotary Club members, partners and guests made their way to the Meehan's abode in Mount Martha. Nearly 50 people attended on a glorious day. Every one enjoyed a day of fellowship, socialising, eating and [not much] drinking. Here are a few photos taken of the occasion.

The hosts [doing what they do best]
The cooks [Guy Grossi does not compare-next gig MKR?]



The customers [a discerning group]



A lot of happy and well fed people!







GALLERY

Rotarians talking shop before the meeting.
Overheard "Now about my delivery of The Age"

