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NEXT MEETING - GUEST SPEAKER

Di Gillies, Rotarian Coordinator, Interplast Australia & New Zealand

"Making a Difference – Interplast Australia"

Interplast was started in 1983 in a formal partnership between Rotary and the Royal College of Surgeons.

It sends teams of volunteer plastic and reconstructive surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals to provide life-changing surgery and medical training in 17 countries across the Asia Pacific region. They do this in partnership with local organisations, including hospitals, universities and local NGOs.

Interplast's mission is to 'repair bodies and rebuild lives' by providing surgical services to those who could not otherwise afford or access these, and by building the capacity of local medical systems through training and mentoring programs.

Interplast is a fully [accredited NGO](#) with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), registered by the [Australian Charities and Not For Profit Commission](#) and is a signatory to the Australian Council for International Development (ACFID) [Code of Conduct](#).

Di was born in Auckland and completed her nursing training at Thames Hospital in New Zealand. She subsequently worked in hospitals in Melbourne and London before returning to settle in Melbourne where she settled and raised 3 children, now young adults.

She is an active member of the Rotary Club of Balwyn in roles such current President elect, Mentor to an Indigenous student, Donations In Kind, Youth Services Director, and, although she's not really sure how it happened, also D 9800 Conference 2018 Committee Chair.



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GUEST SPEAKER'S PRESENTATION 10th OCTOBER

Posted by Anne KING

James Tonkin, Director, Communications and Stakeholder Relations, Metro Tunnel Authority.

"Melbourne Metro Tunnel Project"

Meeting Responsibilities

Chair
HINES, Rob

Greeter
HERON, Bruce

Reporter
CRAWFORD, Michelle

Photographer
THORNTON, Roger

Door
GARRETT, Roy

Bulletin Editor
SOROS, Rob

Project Report - Fundraising
GREENWOOD, Herb

Upcoming Events

[Board Meeting](#)
RACV CLUB
Oct 18, 2017
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

[GRAND DINNER AUCTION](#)
Oct 26, 2017
6:30 AM – 11:00 PM

[Board Meeting](#)
RACV CLUB
Nov 15, 2017
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

[25th Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Breakfast](#)
RACV CLUB
Nov 21, 2017
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM

[Bunnings Sausage Sizzle fundraiser](#)
Nov 25, 2017

[Guess Who's Coming to Dinner](#)
Nov 25, 2017
6:30 PM – 11:30 PM

Speakers

Oct 17, 2017
[Di Gillies](#)
Interplast Making a Difference

Oct 24, 2017
[Bob Slater](#)
Life After Stroke Program

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The project is one of the initiatives taken by the Government to free the current bottleneck in traffic in the city and future congestion anticipated from the growth projection in Melbourne's population from 4.0M to 8.0M by 2050.

Business efficiency has driven many professionals to work in the city, which has impacted on rail congestion now. The Swanston St - St Kilda Road tram network is the biggest in the world and it is also under severe strain.

The tunnel will provide relief to the train system and significant capacity benefits through by-passing the current city loop underground system. Also many of the tram routes currently on the Swanston/St Kilda Road corridor will be diverted to the west as the Metro Tunnel system will have an underground station in Parkville to provide access to Melbourne Uni.

There will be 5 new underground stations, with work already commenced. They are:

- Arden St – this will precipitate significant urban renewal in this area, converting it into residential, light commercial and retail from high industrial.
- Parkville – catering to Melbourne Uni and the hospital precinct.
- CBD North – catering to RMIT Uni and will be close to Melbourne Central station to provide transport opportunities. Development retail and residential opportunities will be available above this station
- CBD South – this will provide some commercial and retail opportunities for development and provide an interchange with Flinders St station. This area will require the most care in engineering to preserve some of the older buildings in the vicinity including Young and Jackson, St Pauls Cathedral and Flinders Street Railway Station.
- Domain – This will provide a significant tram / train interchange area for the trams currently moving along St Kilda Road and a significantly quicker trip to Parkville than at present.

The project is expected to be delivered in 2026.

Another benefit of this project is the ability to introduce high capacity metro trains with 7 and 10 carriage trains. There will also be high capacity signalling and platform barriers introduced to speed up the time trains are stationary in stations.

The project will cause quite a bit of disruption to traffic because of road closures and the narrowing of St Kilda Road, however this is an inevitable cost of being able to provide transport solutions for the current congestion and future growth of the city.



VOCATIONAL TOUR OF THE MCG

Posted by Michael LAPINA

The Inner Sanctum of the MCG

When the Vocational team organised a visit to the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) our team had no idea how interactive and unique the experience would be, especially for a Tigers supporter who was like a kid in a candy store.

A stalwart group of 15 Central Melbourne members, extended family and an exchange student, made the pilgrimage to the hallowed turf of the MCG. The events of the big Richmond win the week before was all but a memory, with the goal posts out of the ground and lying on the boundary, and the centre of the MCG making way for the installation of the Cricket pitch for the upcoming season.

We were met by our very own walking sports almanac, Peter Duras, who had arranged for a special guided tour by Belinda, a long-time Melbourne Cricket Club member, and Sydney Swans supporter.

Belinda took us on a modified tour, including access to areas that were not generally part of the standard tour:

- The interchange box on the boundary of the oval
- The Cricket box where the players wait before they walk out onto the cricket pitch
- The high-tech cricket training facilities
- The various team change rooms and media interview rooms
- MCC Long Room, Library, 150th Anniversary Tapestry
- Ponsford stand balcony overlooking the sports precinct



However, the highlight of the tour had to be the rousing pre-match revving that "Coach" Frank gave to the team in the Tiger's briefing room. It appeared as though the MCG was waiting for Frank to arrive because the Tiger's dressing rooms were still decked out with their various posters and decorations from the previous week's events. Frank was in his element.

After coffee Peter guided us in the Sports Museum, starting with a look at the latest addition to Peter's Olympic torch collection from the Rio Olympics. We then got to explore:

- The History of the MCG
- Australia in the Olympics
- Australian Rules Football
- Sports Hall of Fame
- Horse Racing; and
- The sporting interactive section, Game On!



It was a truly satisfying (and exhausting) visit. Although the tour had officially ended (after 4hrs), some members chose to stay on in the Sports Museum to explore further.

Photos, including a video of President Frank's rousing pep talk, can be found at <https://goo.gl/v7xJe8>.

OUTSTANDING SPEAKER FOR PHF BREAKFAST



Guest Speaker - Daniel Flynn

The 'Thankyou' journey - a blueprint for turning ideas into reality

Bookings now open www.trybooking.com/309283

When: 21st November 2017, 7.15 for 7.30am

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

Cost: \$65.00 per head or Table of 10 \$600.00

Driven, resourceful and determined, Daniel Flynn is one of Australia's most successful entrepreneurs under the age of 30.

He is the founder and managing director of the social enterprise Thankyou, which has given more than \$5.5 million to help end global poverty.

Thankyou's 50 products are stocked by major retailers in Australia and 100 per cent of profits go to funding water, sanitation, child and maternal health and food projects around the world. In nine short years, Thankyou has directly impacted the lives of 755,538 people in 20 countries, including Australia.

Daniel is also the author of best-selling book Chapter One, a story that generated \$1.4 million in sales in its first month using an unorthodox 'pay-what-you-want' model.

He is a genius at disruptive marketing and has received widespread media coverage for some truly unconventional and highly successful campaigns that led to Thankyou products being stocked by some of Australia's biggest retailers. He is an engaging and thoughtful speaker and his talks offer a blueprint for turning ideas into reality.

MEETING REPORT 10th OCTOBER

Posted by Anne KING

Chair of the day Allan Driver opened the meeting with a toast to Rotarians and Rotary International.

Visitors:

- Alice Miller introduced by Neville John and Lynne Webber introduced by Therese Robinson

"Lift the Lid":

Members participated in the "Lift the Lid for Mental Illness" campaign by wearing hats and donating for the pleasure of doing so; or were fined for not participating. This raised \$158.90 to be donated to ARHF.



Presenter:

Joker Gerard played three (obscure to some) songs which had a theme that was obscure to the reporter. He also announced birthdays this week, including Michelle, Marjorie and Bernie....and also pointed out they had been married for 34 years, although Bernie would not either confirm or deny this number.

Announcements:

Herb Greenwood reminded us of our major fund raiser for the year, the **GRAND CHARITY AUCTION** on 26th October and gave us a taster of some of the auction items that will be available for auction, including :

- A full tool kit
- A bottle of Grange
- A balloon ride
- A dinner for 10 cooked by Jeffrey Tan
- A Mercedes Benz driving experience



Sarah Overton provided details of the **Conference to be held at Warrnambool on March 16th 2018** including accommodation and dinner venue booked. She also reminded members that the cut-off date for early bird registration is 30th November 2017.

Suvam Ganguli called for more donations to **support himself, Tom Callander and Russell Rolls in the Marathon to be run on Sunday October 15th**. Their aim was to raise \$5K but to date have donations of only \$1,600. The link to support their cause is: <https://run.gofundraise.com.au/page/SuvamGanguli> . This going to a very worthwhile overseas cause, to provide **Universal Primary and Secondary Education for Kids**, so please back the guys for this event.

President Frank O'Brien reiterated Herb's call for attendees to the **Charity Gala, with a sombre note that we could lose money on the number of attendees registered to date**.

Frank also announced with regret the passing of Pam Robertson's father last Friday, aged 98 years and that Neil Salvano's father is presently very ill.

Past District Governor **Neville John** presented the club with a **Presidential Citation for the 2016/17** Rotary year and pointed out that our club was only 1 of 2 clubs in the districts to be awarded the citation (which is an exceptional effort given that there were 67 clubs in the district last year).



Peter Duras talked about some matters relating to **Community Service**. Firstly he commended the club on the number of attendees at the recent Homeless Forum organised by Bronwyn Stevens. It was evident at that event that our club is at the forefront of assisting with homeless projects.

Peter also mentioned a recent meeting with the new CEO of **Youth Projects**, who was a most impressive person. Our club's focus will be in assisting with the night nurses program this coming summer and also potentially with equipping them with a spirometer which assists with lung problem. Lung issues are apparently a major issue with homeless people.

Therese Robinson spoke about a **potential pilot program** for our club following the recent talk given by Rachel Goss (Rachel is mentored by Warwick Cavell in the VicPol Leadership program) on the difficulty of getting **diversity into the Victorian Police**, owing to the current system being disadvantageous to people of other cultures. The program will include the mentoring of young people of African origin. It has been identified that these young people need some exposure to other experiences outside their own community to build up some resilience within Australian society.

Today's guest speaker was **James Tonkin** Director, Communications and Stakeholder Relations for the Metro Tunnel Project, who gave an overview of this project. **Full report of this presentation is a separate item in this BULLETIN.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

What	When	Where	RSVP	Contact
Melbourne Marathon (donations)	Sunday 15th October	Melbourne	Donations: https://run.gofundraise.com.au/page/SuvamGanguli	Suvam Ganguli
RCM Charity Auction	Thursday 26th October	Melbourne Town Hall	https://www.trybooking.com/312270	Herb Greenwood
Annual General Meeting	Tuesday 14th November 7:20am	2nd Floor RACV City Club	N/A	Neil Salvano
Paul Harris Breakfast	Tuesday 21st November 7:20am	17th Floor, RACV City Club	http://www.trybooking.com/309283	Neville Taylor
Bunnings Sausage Sizzle	Saturday, 25th November (all day)	Bunnings Port Melbourne	Peter Duras	Peter Duras
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner	Saturday 25th November evening	Surprise	Contact John Ilott Host/Guest	
Christmas Family Breakfast and Hampers	Tuesday 19th December	RACV City Club	by 15/12/17	Paul Fraser
Peninsula Family BBQ	Sunday 21st January 2018. 12 noon	15 Watson Road, Mt Martha.	by 11/1/18	Roger Thornton

GALLERY

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THE VOCATIONAL TOUR OF THE MCG

LAST WEEKS 'LIFT THE LID ON METAL ILLNESS' MEETING

