



## BULLETIN

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#### ***PRESENTATION: The Rotary E-Club of Melbourne, Connected, Collaborative, Community***

Belinda is the current President and a charter member of the Rotary E-Club of Melbourne. The E-Club is the first Rotary club that she has been a member of and she is enjoying the challenges that both a new club and being president bring.



Belinda's involvement with Rotary began in

#### **Meeting Responsibilities**

##### *Chair*

O'BRIEN, Frank

##### *Presenter*

THOMAS, Tony

##### *Greeter*

FRITSCH, Tony

##### *Reporter*

GARRETT, Roy

##### *Photographer*

FRASER, Paul

##### *Door*

GERLINGER, Marjorie

##### *Director Report*

GARRETT, Roy

##### *Bulletin Editor*

DRIVER, Allan

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Peninsula Family BBQ**

*Feb 07, 2016*

*12:00 PM - 4:00 PM*

### **Speakers**



2008 when she was selected as a member of a GSE team travelling to Sweden in 2009. This experience cemented her views of the great work of Rotary, however at that time she didn't believe that being a member of

a Rotary club was necessarily the best way she could contribute, given a busy professional and personal lifestyle. She maintained strong connections with her sponsor club, the RC of Laverton Point Cook, and through this was made aware of the establishment of the E-Club – a club which better suited her current situation.

Belinda is a strong advocate for Rotary Foundation and has presented her views on the benefits of the GSE program at any opportunity. She is currently a member of a newly established Alumni committee. Belinda works in educational leadership and is a pedagogy coach at Carranballac College in Point Cook.

The Rotary E-Club of Melbourne is geographically based in the city and environs of Melbourne, Australia. While its members meet regularly on-line through its website, there are opportunities for working together on projects to meet community needs identified by members. The Rotary E-Club of Melbourne was chartered on the 12th of March 2013 and is the first e-Club in District 9800.

### **MEETING REPORT 12th JANUARY 2016**

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### **Reporter**

Roger Thornton

### **Chairman**

Greg Cuthbert.

### **Guests**

None.

### **Announcements**

Greg Cuthbert advised that the first Goldsmith Lane Gourmet Farmers Market for 2016 will be held on Thursday, February 4. He then advised that the 2016 Business Leaders' Breakfast will be on Tuesday,

Jan 19, 2016

### **Belinda Grieve**

*The Rotary E-Club of Melbourne, Connected, Collaborative, Community*

Jan 26, 2016

### **NO MEETING THIS WEEK - AUSTRALIA DAY**

Feb 02, 2016

### **DGN Neville John**

*Preparing for the Role of District Governor from Personal and Club Perspectives*

Feb 16, 2016

### **Dr Meredith Doig**

*Pathways for Diversity Education*

### **View entire list**





February 23.  
 Dr Simon Longstaff, Executive Director of the Ethics Centre, will be the guest speaker. Bookings can now be made on line via Try Bookings. Roger Thornton, on behalf of Mary Voice, passed on good wishes from last year's GSE team member Matt

Winterkorn. He also reminded members about the Peninsula barbecue, to be held at the Meehan's home on Sunday, February 7.

Alan Seale reported that Richard Stone is in hospital. He has been diagnosed with cancer of the oesophagus. He is currently undergoing more tests but will need to have chemotherapy, followed by surgery and then another bout of chemotherapy.

Tony Thomas read out a poem from the current Quadrant magazine, entitled ***Twelve Don'ts for the Aged*** (see below).

Bernie Gerlinger advised that this year's Royal Talbot working bee will be held on Saturday, February 27; earlier than usual because Steven Wells has been awarded a Churchill Fellowship and will be away during the middle of the year.

### **President's announcements**

President George welcomed back Wolfgang Jacobs

(from illness) and Neville Taylor (from Sydney). He also reported that ten Rotary clubs in Rome have combined to develop a tourist information service for



Rotarians, saying that it sounds like a fantastic initiative. [See later story in this Bulletin]

### **Director's Report**

Community Service Director, Peter Duras, reported on the completion at the end of last year of five projects:

- 100 Christmas hampers were generously donated and distributed to Steps Outreach and Lentara Uniting Asylum Seeker Project. Special thanks to Marjorie and Bernie Gerlinger for their incredible generosity in again donating the Woolworths vouchers.
- TAL staff again were enthusiastic and generous participants in the Tree of Joy, organised by Stella Avramopoulos, assisted by her police mentee Kerry Hicks. They donated gifts, which were distributed to Shine for Kids, Lentara and Steps Outreach in mid December.
- 5 bicycles were handed over to the Footscray Community Bike Shed, for repair and later distribution.
- Community Village operated for 6 weekend nights before Christmas. Neil Salvano did a meticulous job in organising the program and has now prepared a report on its operation, with recommendations to be considered at the next Board meeting. An extended Community Village will again operate during White Night on February 20.
- Youth Projects in Hosier Lane ran ten additional nights of their Nurses' Patrol, from the start of Christmas week until January 3. Through Stella

Avramopoulos, we will continue to investigate other opportunities for working with Youth Projects.

Upcoming activity includes the Royal Talbot working bee and further involvement with Lentara Mentoring, Camp Getaway, The Melbourne Mens' Shed and McAuley House.

### **Presenter**

Tony Thomas presented a status report on malaria, saying it's a global scourge. Although preventable and treatable, half the world's population (2.3 billion) are at risk. 1 billion people are infected and one



child dies every 60 seconds.

However, eradication efforts are substantial and increasing.

Since 2000, funding has increased 20 times to US\$3B p.a., resulting in a 40% reduction in new cases, 60% reduction in deaths (still 500,000 p.a.) and 20% gain in

infant mortality. It is expected that a one shot "super drug" cure will be available within 5 years, changing the focus from control to eradication. By 2030, WHO plans to triple funding to US\$9B. The Bill and Melissa Foundation is already contributing \$250M p.a. and expects the disease to be eliminated by 2040.

Most malaria is concentrated in 15 African countries. Closer to home, malaria was the biggest killer up to 1997, now it is ranked as 8<sup>th</sup>. This is due in no small part to the efforts of RAM (Rotary Against Malaria), which has distributed over 9 million nets (at a cost of A\$10 each).

## Guest Speaker

Chairman Greg introduced guest speaker Justine Murphy, who apologised for the absence of her co-presenter Anne King, due to illness. Justine's topic: **"A better deal for animals without owners – The Lost Dogs' Home"**.



Justine started with a brief history of the Lost Dogs' Home, which opened in 1913 as the "Temporary Home for Lost and Starving Dogs". It is still in its original location – 2 Gracie Street, North Melbourne, although the site is now squashed and stale.

Originally, the home was for dogs alone but now, because it operates as the pound for 20 councils, it accepts all comers – be they dogs, cats, goats, alpacas or chickens.

Officially, the home provides pound and adoption services. Unofficially, however, its scope is much broader: to enrich lives via its core activities of Prevention, Rescue, Care and Connection. The home runs an amazing rescue program. It is bigger than the RSPCA and currently has 80 dogs on its rescue program, where the animals are looked after on a one on one basis, for example, after surgery.

Anne and Justine are both members of the executive team. Anne is GM Corporate Services, with responsibility for IT, HR and Finance. After 29 years in banking, then as a consultant, Anne joined at the beginning of 2014. Justine initially came on board in

March 2014 as the Acting COO and has now been appointed full time as GM Projects.

Approximately 30,000 animals pass through the Lost Dogs' home each year. Not surprisingly, the home has a large veterinary clinic which is operated in partnership with the University of Melbourne, whose students man the clinic and de-sex animals.

Approximately 80% of the dogs that reach the Lost Dogs' Home are returned to their owners, 70% within three days. This success rate is largely due to micro-chipping. The cost of lifetime registration and micro-chipping is only \$25. It used to be \$60 until the Lost Dogs' Home set up a mobile facility, in a vehicle with the registration Reggie, offering a cheaper service, much to the ire of vets around the country. The home is now planning on putting Reggie back on the road, this time offering cheap de-sexing.

One initiative being considered, that could involve Rotarians (but not necessarily RCCMS, which is already too busy), is to pair lonely elderly citizens with an animal to become a pet and friend. Rotarians could act as facilitators, firstly to establish the relationship and then to keep an eye on the animals, to ensure that they are being properly looked after.

### **President George's closing**

George closed the meeting at 8:45am.

### ***Twelve Don'ts for the Aged For Alan Bennett***

Don't neglect your daily bath.  
Don't become a psychopath.  
Don't say all the best has gone.  
Don't go on and on and on.  
Don't decide to grow a beard.  
Don't do anything too weird.  
Don't rub pig fat on yer bonce.  
Don't make scenes in restaurants.  
Don't be stingy: tip the waiter.  
Don't become a couch potato.  
Don't spend every evening plastered.  
Don't be such a dismal bastard.

***John Whitworth***

### **GREETINGS FROM RCs IN ROME**

## **GREETINGS FROM THE ROTARY CLUBS IN ROME**

Pres George mentioned this story in his announcements at the 12th January meeting.

### **ROTARY SUPPORT for the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy**

Dear fellow Rotarians worldwide,

Rome and the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, 12 August 2015 to 30 November 2016, wanted by Pope Francis, are waiting for you.

We, Rotarians of Rome, want you to know that it is our desire to give you support for your visit in the city. There is a dedicated website [www.giubileoguide.it](http://www.giubileoguide.it) which you can view in your native language, where to find useful information. Registration is free (click [here](#)), and you can send us your queries on Rome. We will be happy to reply.

We will also try and support you with problems that you may encounter during your stay in Rome.

You will be able to take part in the events that the numerous city Clubs organize during the week from Monday to Friday, so we can have the chance to get to know each other better. You can confirm your presence at one or more events through the website.

It is important that you are aware that you have friends in Rome who want to make you feel at ease.

We are not travel agents; however, should you require so, we will do our best to give you all our support.

Please pass this message along to the members of your club.

We are looking forward to receive your messages at [info@giubileoguide.it](mailto:info@giubileoguide.it) and hopefully to meet you in Rome.

Warm regards,

Lucia Viscio

Pres. RC Roma Cassia

Gloria Maria Diani Pres. RC Roma Palatino

Giada Gibilaro Pres. RC Roma Sud

Ovest

Piero Sandulli Pres. RC Roma Parioli

Alessandro Bani Pres. RC Roma Appia

Antica

Giancarlo Muci Pres. RC Roma Sud

Francesco Baldoni Pres. RC Roma Castelli Romani

Claudio Spalvieri Pres. RC Roma Sud Est

Paolo Camarri Pres. RC Roma

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Cesare Ortis Pres. RC Roma Campidoglio

Mauro Covino Pres. RC Roma

Mediterraneo

Antonio Gatti Pres. RC Roma Circo Massimo

Gian Paolo Regensburger Pres. RC Roma Nord Est

Massimo Massella Ducci Teri Pres. RC Roma Nord

Giovanni Vitaloni Pres. RC Roma Ovest

## **GALLERY**



Kevin and Ivy ensuring all the admin has been completed!

Our guest speaker all badged up and ready to let loose about cats and dogs.



Members ensuring that they take in all the good information from the announcements.

