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NEW MEMBER WELCOMED

WELCOME NICK CLIFT



Nick and Jeni.

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

Marc Rusic - Author, Artist, Speaker

"Iconic Melbourne"

Mark will speak about his book, his self-publishing challenges & successes.

Iconic Melbourne showcases more than 20 of Melbourne's finest locations utilising artist, Mark Rusic's own original collection of paintings, poetry and photography, to present Melbourne in a most unique, dynamic and fresh way.

What sets Iconic Melbourne Australia apart is not only how we learn about and celebrate each icon, but how the artist uses his artistry to create a kind of 'iconic-impetus' to also encourage a positive social outlook, while inspiring the reader to discover and be empowered in their own creative potential.

Mark Rusic is a graduate Mechanical Engineer, self-published author, painter, husband, father of three (including twins) and Pastor of The Hope Church. A proud Melburnian, his first publication, "Iconic Melbourne", was published in 2014. Its history included a display at the Melbourne Library, book signing at Dymocks Camberwell and copies being presented to G20 leaders.



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RIDING TO CONFERENCE

Campbell is clearly out in front as our first member to get away to Conference. But then Campbell is riding 1,000km to the Warrnambool conference.

You can help make those kilometres easier for Campbell by donating to the RoCan cause in his name:

TO DONATE "[CLICK on CAMPBELL](#)"



RoCan riders at Werribee on Day 1, fresh and smiling!
Our man Campbell Chambers, 3rd from left.

Meeting Responsibilities

Chair
SEALE, Alan

Greeter
SOROS, Rob

Reporter
TAYLOR, Neville

Photographer
GARRETT, Roy

Door
SWANN, Millie

Project Report – International
HINES, Rob

Bulletin Editor
JONES, David

Upcoming Events

[District Conference](#)

Mar 16, 2018 – Mar 18, 2018

[Board Meeting](#)

RACV CLUB
Mar 21, 2018
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

[Royal Talbot Working Bee](#)

ROYAL TALBOT
Apr 14, 2018
8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

[Board Meeting](#)

RACV CLUB
Apr 18, 2018
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

[Foundation Grants Seminar](#)

Apr 30, 2018
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

[Camp Getaway Working Bee](#)

Camp Getaway
May 11, 2018 6:00 PM –
May 13, 2018 2:30 PM

Speakers

Mar 20, 2018

[Marc Rusic](#) - Author, Artist, Speaker

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Excerpt from a riders report after day 1:

At Werribee we started in the new estate where the Wellness Centre will be built. Again, very exciting and uplifting. The weather forecast was hot and headwinds. The forecast wasn't wrong. It was a challenging day especially the long continuous climb from Toolern Vale to Gisborne. It's a long climb and unrelenting, about 6 or 7 kilometres. I didn't know much about the climb and about 3 km into it I'm wondering when will this climb end. At that point, I rode past a place called something like half way cafe. ...better not to know sometimes!

As at Tuesday afternoon Campbells view was;

"From a personal perspective the ride has been an amazing experience- physically demanding but lots of support along the way. It was especially good to start in Werribee at the location of the new Cancer Wellness Centre and I'm looking forward to rolling into Warrnambool on Friday for a few well earned frothy's!"

For more on the RoCan cause, [click here](#).

[<http://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/news/1560/rotary-ovarian-cancer-research-rocan>]

GUEST SPEAKER REPORT 13th MARCH

Posted by Doug ROBERTSON

Rachael Johnson, CEO Victorian Ports Association [Melbourne].

The Evolving "New" Role of Victorian Ports Corporation {Melbourne}



Our guest speaker was Ms Rachel Johnson, CEO of Victorian Ports Corporation, having been appointed following its privatisation in November 2016. In previous roles, Rachel had worked at ports in Gladstone and Brisbane and during her time in those cities, was a member of Rotary. (Reporter's Note: there must be a great opportunity for Rachel to continue that association with a city centre club that gets its meetings over before 9.00am!!)

With privatisation, Land and Infrastructure along with Operational Assets and Liabilities have been leased out. The Victorian Ports Corporation is responsible for Regulatory Functions – Marine and Navigation. Responsibilities include ensuring safe and efficient navigation of vessels, providing essential connectivity to Tasmania and realising Victorian trade and tourism opportunities for seaborne passengers and freight.

Melbourne is the largest container port in Australia with 25% of Australia's imports and exports by value passing through it. There are 21,000 shipping movements each year although compared to Hong Kong with 250,000 movements it might not seem busy! The Port is particularly important to Tasmania and primary producers. Rachel also noted, somewhat tongue in cheek, that significant tonnages of coffee come in through the port!

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SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISER - FOLLOW UP

Members will recall the donation of "Dinner for Six" by Robyn and Alan Seale as an auction item for the 2017 Paul Harris Breakfast.

To bring you up to date: the money is in the bank; the purchaser is delighted; another successful fund raiser is concluded; job done.

"Dear Robyn and Alan,

Many thanks for a wonderful Hungarian experience in East Melbourne last night in your wonderful home. We cannot thank you enough for the magnificent food, wine, and ambience.

We have had great reports from the other guests.

Cathy joins me in thanks for a great night.

Peter

Dr Peter Rogers
Emeritus Chairman Monash Engineering & IT Foundation
Assistant Governor/ Chairman Australian Rotary Health D9800 Committee
President Rotary Club of Melbourne 2015-16"

Thank you Robyn and Alan.

MEETING REPORT - 13th MARCH

Posted by Doug ROBERTSON

Meeting Opening:

Chair of the day, Therese Robinson reflecting on International Women's Day in the preceding week, proposed a toast to women in Rotary and the men supporting them.

Visitors Welcomed:

- Keith Kendall, a visiting Rotarian from Kew who will join the Club shortly
- Nick Cliff, for the last time before he joined the Club, along with his wife, Jenny
- Dominic Varrasso, a guest of President Frank

Announcements:

- Alan Seale confirmed a meeting of the Vocational Team would be held at the conclusion of the Club's meeting
- Herb Greenwood advised there are plans to hold *Opera on the Yarra* again next year after favourable comments and successful fundraising, although the final financial result is yet to be determined. He also advised the Fundraising Team would meet at the conclusion of the Club's meeting.
- Peter Duras reported another successful fundraising BBQ at Bunnings on 12 March, netting around \$1300. He thanked those who assisted.
- President Frank's report included:
 - special thanks to Peter and Sue Duras for their hard work in organising the fundraising BBQ's which have now raised over \$5,000 this year. He also thanked those that had volunteered to assist at this latest BBQ.
 - confirmation that Campbell Chambers was still riding somewhere north of Melbourne and will eventually be heading to Warrnambool for the Conference and along the way raising funds for Rotary Ovarian Cancer Research (RoCan).
 - advice that he, Rob Soros, Sarah Overton and Peter Duras had the pleasure of representing the Club at a garden party at Government House, in honour of RI President Ian Risely.
 - a comment that the Club would be well represented at Melbourne Rotary Club's annual Angus Mitchell Oration
 - asked for some volunteers for a BBQ at the Immigration Museum in support of the international student's welcome



Induction – Nick Cliff

President Frank inducted Nick Cliff into the Club and members welcomed him and wife Jenny. Nick will join Youth Services Team with Stuart Ellis and Roger Thornton will act as mentor

Responding, Nick mentioned he had been a member of sister Club Echuca-Moama for some 6 years. He and Jenny are now living in Kensington from where they run their IT business and have their two sons working with them. He is keen to make that re-connection with the community through Rotary

UPCOMING EVENTS

What	When	Where	RSVP	Contact
Royal Talbot, Working Bee	14 April	Kew	To be advised	Elias Lebbos

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Melbourne Star Carnivale	22 April	The Melbourne Star, Docklands	Albert Park RC	Albert Park RC
Camp Getaway Working Bee	11-13 May	Axedale	To be advised	Elias Lebbos
Garden Design Fest (rural gardens)	10-11 November	Across regional Victoria	To be advised	Rob Hines
Garden Design Fest (metro gardens)	17-18 November	Across Melbourne	To be advised	Rob Hines
Special Dinner Event	To be announced	To be announced	Strictly limited seating	Herb Greenwood

GALLERY

Candidts from Tuesdays meeting and more of Campbells ride to Conference:

