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NEXT MEETING - GUEST SPEAKER LAURIE BENSON
20th OCTOBER 2015

GUEST SPEAKER: LAURIE BENSON

TITLE OF TALK: Masterpieces from the Hermitage: The Legacy of Catherine the Great

Catherine the Great bought her art collection with agents abroad to advise and bid for her. She would choose from the lists they prepared then snap them up and bring them to St Petersburg. Catherine would assess the works herself – Rubens, Rembrandt, Raphael, Tintoretto, Tiepolo, Titian, Velasquez.



For

Meeting Responsibilities

Chair
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Upcoming Events



Curator Laurie Benson, one of the great pleasures of working at the National Gallery of Victoria comes from the wealth of new experiences provided by the gallery's broad and diverse exhibition schedule. Over 400 works from the personal collection of Catherine the Great has travelled to Melbourne from the Hermitage to present Masterpieces from the Hermitage: The Legacy of Catherine the Great. Laurie will share an insight into working with one of the world's most important collections.

Laurie Benson is Curator of International Art at the National Gallery of Victoria. He has been at the NGV since 1999 and has worked on a number of major exhibitions including Caravaggio Darkness and Light, The Impressionists, Dutch Master's, Salvador Dali Liquid Desire, and Cinema India, the Art of Bollywood, Italian Masterpieces from Spain's Royal Court, Museo del Prado and this year's blockbuster Masterpieces from the Hermitage The Legacy of Catherine the Great.

With Ted Gott and Sophie Matthiesson of the NGV, he co-curated of Modern Britain 1900-1960. Laurie has also co-authored three of the handbooks of the NGV International Art collection. As well as being the curator of Medieval Moderns: The Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood he is also co-curator of the current exhibition The Horse.

GOURMET FARMERS MARKET - NEXT MARKET IS 5th NOVEMBER

Our 5th GOURMET FARMERS MARKET is on Thursday, 5th November 2015.

Please note that Paul Fraser is the contact person to enable you to contact for volunteering either for bumping in or bumping out. Paul can be contacted on mobile 0457 788 753 or email: phf3000@bigpond.com

"LIGHTS and BITES"

The Penthouse, Victoria Tower
Oct 17, 2015
7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

Speakers

Oct 20, 2015

Laurie Benson

Masterpieces from the Hermitage: the Legacy of Catherine the Great

Oct 27, 2015

Melanie Raymond

Activities of the Youth Projects organisation operating from Hosier Lane.

Nov 03, 2015

NO MEETING THIS WEEK - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Nov 10, 2015

Kath Walters

The Bystander Effect, and Why Boards Need to Overcome It

Nov 24, 2015

PAUL HARRIS BREAKFAST DR
KATE LESLIE

Bookings essential see link in more info

[View entire list](#)



Also, the market has gained in popularity: See link for recent publicity: Goldbrough Farmers Market <http://www.broadsheet.com.au/melbourne/food-and-drink/article/first-farmers-market-city>

If you haven't been to our market yet we hope you can make it to this one. Volunteers are always welcome to bump in and bump out.

If you have been already we know there is a strong chance you will be joining the repeat customers we have noticed.

181 William Street, CBD. 4.30pm - 7.30pm



The poster features a yellow background with a stylized apple logo at the top. Below the logo, the text reads "Goldbrough Lane GOURMET FARMERS MARKET". To the right of the logo is a black and white photo of a smiling woman holding a basket of produce. Below the main title is a black and white photo of a man with his arms crossed in front of a market stall. To the right of this photo, the text says "COMMENCING ON THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2015", "1ST AND 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH, 4.30^{PM} - 7.30^{PM}", and "GOURMET FRESH PRODUCE IN THE HEART OF MELBOURNE CBD". At the bottom, there are logos for Goldbrough Lane, Rotary Central Melbourne Sunrise, and GPT The MP Group.

LIGHTS AND BITES: LAST OPPORTUNITY TO BOOK

***LAST OPPORTUNITY TO BOOK FOR THIS
WONDERFUL EVENT***

[SEE FLYER BELOW]

***CONTACT PETER DURAS: 0413 599 121 OR
EMAIL: peter.duras@bigpond.com***

OUR COMMUNITY SERVICES TEAM IN ACTION

***THE MISSING INGREDIENT IS
YOUR PARTICIPATION***

**Lights and Bites is all about our members,
partners and friends getting together for a social
evening where we will be spoilt by Sue and
Peter, their penthouse and the views.
With the fringe benefit of raising funds to
support the life saving**

***STREET NIGHT NURSES PROGRAM
More about this new club initiative below***

Please contact Peter now



"LIGHTS AND BITES"

Come along and enjoy a fun evening
with a magical view

**Saturday 17th October 2015
at 7.00pm**

The Penthouse, Victoria Tower
285/100 Kavanagh Street, Southbank
(Unlimited parking over the road for \$8.00)

\$50 per person
Drinks and food provided throughout the night
Entertainment by an excellent pianist
Plus, the finest of company

ALL PROFITS WILL SUPPORT
The Street Night Nurses Program run by



and a new project of RCCMS Community Service

BOOKINGS PLEASE RSVP by 6th October
Peter Duras 0413 599 121 or peter.duras@bigpond.com

ALL WELCOME, BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

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MEETING REPORT 13th OCTOBER 2015

Posted by Marjorie GERLINGER

Meeting Report: 13th October 2015

Chair: Roy Garrett

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Fraser - Gourmet Farmer's Market

The market will be visited by the Lord Mayor on 5th November it would be great to have lots of Rotarians and partners around on that day.

Volunteers are required for two more market dates in December Paul will be emailing all members with the details. Please check your calendar and volunteer for Bump-in or Bump-out.

Roy Garrett – Paul Harris Breakfast

Please publicise this event to all your friends, family and work colleagues. We are looking for a target number of 300 attendees.

President George

George mentioned that there is a new cluster initiative to develop an Alumni of young people sponsored to attend various youth programs and to develop an ongoing communication strategy and pathways back into Rotary.

Strategic Planning Streams

Volunteers are required to join the project teams. Please contact the team leaders urgently to help progress our planning process – only three people have volunteered following the club forum.

Project team leaders

Fundraising – Greg Cuthbert

Membership – Neville John

Project Management – Anne King

Public Relations – Volunteer for team leader required – please contact George

DIRECTORS REPORT

Peter Duras – Community Service



Iftar Dinner –

The next event will be held in July 2016.

Planning is underway led by Alan Seale and Elias Lebbos.

The Men's Shed – The official opening was held on 7th September and attended by State ministers and the Lord Mayor with publicity of the event in the local newspaper. The continuing role of the committee will be to promote the Shed in the high-rise buildings in Southbank and the CBD.

McAuley House Women's Refuge – A large all weather dog enclosure and kennel was purchased and installed. The staff and resident's are delighted as it will allow women with dogs to use the refuge, as they fear if they leave them behind the animals will be attacked. The complete cost of this project was funded by Dick Mitchell which is very much appreciated. Installation was completed by Peter Duras, Kevin Walklate and Bernie Gerlinger, a much bigger and more difficult task than anticipated.

Camp Getaway – The Club will not hold a working bee this year but are planning on making a saw horse at the Men's Shed to make the cutting of fire wood much safer. Project leader – Kevin Walklate.

Mentoring at Lentara UnitingCare – The pilot Mentoring program carried out by Kevin Love and Allan Driver is currently being professionally assessed. Once this information is received a decision will be made whether the next stage is consolidation or expansion.

Tree of Joy – TAL has confirmed they will again support this project and the gift recipients will be the same as last year – Steps Outreach Service, Shine for Kids and Lentara. Project leader – Stella Avramopoulos.

Christmas Hampers – This project will take the same form as last year and will again support Steps Outreach Service and Lentara. Project leaders – Gerard Hogan with assistance from Margaret Thomas.

Community Village – Abla lead again by Neil Salvano this project will run during December and Neil will shortly be calling for volunteers.

Roadec – Kevin Walklate is serving on the District Roadec Community and is keeping the committee informed.

Basic Education and Literacy – We plan, with Board approval, to again financially support this District program.

Youth Projects – Night Patrol Nurses – The Board has approved funding of \$3,200 to allow two highly trained nurses to operate for 10 high priority nights in the CBD over the coming months. The Lights and Bites fundraiser on 17th October should go a long way

to covering the cost of this new, and potentially, life saving program.

STAN GAWEL – RC Balwyn – On how to increase membership

Tony Thomas introduced his friend Stan who is of Polish Ancestry and came down from Sydney a while back. He was GM of Westpac's retail arm for southern Australia but had a mid-life crisis and went into business on his own as a wine wholesaler. Stan joined the RC Balwyn 18 months ago and turned his sales skills to recruiting members. In an interview style presentation Tony extracted the following information

from Stan:



- RC Balwyn recruited 18 new members in 2014-2015
- You need a person running the recruitment

process who will drive it

- Promote the product – Rotary is the Product
- Go out and talk to businesses and organisations
- Unless you get off your bum and do something nothing happens
- Look at improving gender balance and diversity
- Recruit members from all age groups (they have members in their early 20s)
- Use the message "Give back to the community"
- In some cases people found the cost too high and instead joined the Friends of Rotary Group and volunteer on projects or support fundraising.
- Recruit children of members
- Rotarians are great people and do great things but they don't sell their clubs to potential members. (His comment was "Piss poor sales people")
- Hold a membership event – identify potential candidates, invite, follow-up with a phone call, eye ball them and talk to them.
- YOU HAVE TO ASK

SPEAKER

Nicholas Reece

Melbourne's Democracy Experiment Pays Off

Nicholas
started by sharing stats taken in 2013
on views on democracy



In the
18-29 age
range – 48
percent
thought
democracy
was
preferable to
any other
kind of
government.
27 percent
thought that
in some

circumstances, a non-democratic government could be preferable and 21 percent said that for someone like me, it doesn't matter what kind of government we have.

In the 30+ group the stats were 62 percent, 25 percent and 11 percent.

More recent updates to those figures :

- A Lowy Poll in June found that only 60 per cent of Australians believe that "democracy is preferable to any other kind of government".
- And a recent ANU survey found that Australians' satisfaction with democracy had slumped from 86 per cent in 2007 to 72 per cent in 2014.

So the challenge is:

- Australia's democratic institutions were built in the 1850s and 1901.
- The system is struggling to build community consensus for reform.
- No silver bullet solution ... but we need to start

experimenting

The "Boule"

So how did the Melbourne's People Panel come to be. The group drew its inspiration from the 5th century BC when the Greeks used a similar sort of body, known as a boule, to make decisions on public affairs. The Boule was a "Council of citizens" chosen by lot.

The genius of the system was that it created a process for collective decision-making that treated all citizens as equal – and it was highly resistant to corruption. Also a very good means of establishing PUBLIC OPINION.

In the modern era, ordinary citizens are not normally well-informed on complex policy issues. Social scientists call this "rational ignorance". If you know your vote is only one in millions, why would you take the time to get across all the issues given all the other pressures you have in your life.

If people have an opinion it is often one formed from sound bites and headlines, or conversations with people who have the same opinions as them. As a result, many people do not get the proper occasion to consider competing arguments.

A people's panel allows you to establish public opinion on an issue once they have had a good chance to consider the issue. People's panels have proven that the public is very smart if given a chance. If people think their voice actually matters, they'll do the hard work, ask the experts smart questions and then make tough decisions. The result creates the cover for politicians to do the right thing.

The people's panel – sometimes called a "citizens' jury" – provides a way for ordinary citizens to work through the difficult trade-offs that are involved in policymaking.

Melbourne's Peoples Panel

In late 2014 - 43 residents and business owners, selected through a random sample, to make recommendations on a \$5 billion financial plan for the council.

Meeting over six Saturdays the Melbourne People's Panel as it was known was given open access to information and financial data about council, along

with briefings by experts, senior bureaucrats and councillors.

The task was made more challenging by the \$1.2 billion gap between what council has promised to deliver over the next 10 years and its capacity to fund it on current budget settings.

Like citizens serving on a jury, the panel members deliberated over what they heard and reached a verdict in the form of recommendations to councillors on priority projects, services, revenue and spending.

Some of the MPP Recommendations

- Rate rises each year of up to 2.5 per cent above CPI and an increase in developer contributions
- Sell non-core assets to reduce the council's property portfolio but against privatisation of Citywide
- Prudent increase in debt finance maintain AA credit rating.
- Questioned redevelopment of Queen Victoria Market
- 1 per cent compounding efficiency dividend but protect community services
- Increase funding to address climate change as well as more bicycle lanes and increased footpath widths in certain areas.

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