



Rotary Club of Central Melbourne Sunrise Inc

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Future Speakers

Sep 28 2010

Stephanie Mendis

"Hotham Mission Asylum Seeker Project"

Oct 12 2010

Kym Peake, Deputy Secretary, Skills Victoria

"The functions of Skills Victoria"

Oct 19 2010

Brian Tanti, CEO, the Auto Horizon Foundation

"The automotive industry"

Oct 26 2010

Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)

"Changing communities through entrepreneurial educational outreach projects"

Nov 9 2010

Lambis Englezos AM and Tim Whitford

"The Lost Men of Fromelles"

Dec 7 2010

Cheryl Batagol

"Transforming the Environment Protection Authority ["EPA"] into a modern regulator."

Upcoming Events

**Hotham Asylum Seekers
Excursion to Science Works**
Sep 23 2010

**Guess Who's Coming to
Dinner**
Oct 2 2010

Melbourne Marathon
Oct 10 2010

Trivia Night
Oct 22 2010

**Annual Rotary Foundation
Paul Harris Breakfast**
Nov 17 2010

ROTARY ANZAC PEACE TOUR
Apr 1 2011

**Rotary Club of Osaka
Hommachi 20th Anniversary**
Apr 5 2011

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This Week's Speaker, Tues September 28th

by RIEBELING, Rebecca

Stephanie Mendis

"Hotham Mission Asylum Seeker Project"



The Asylum Seeker Project relies on donations, philanthropic grants and gifts of housing, to help more than 350 asylum seekers who are living legally in our community but who face destitution without community support. The Asylum Seeker Project works with children, women and men who are lawfully awaiting an outcome on their refugee or humanitarian protection claim. The Asylum Seeker Project provides housing, professional and volunteer support, advocacy, monthly cash relief, help with utilities bills, and other emergency help. Hotham Mission is the beneficiary of our club's Christmas hamper project.

Duty Roster, Tues September 28th

by Rebecca RIEBELING

Note: Duty people are expected to be on duty at RACV at **Zam** as many guests start arriving from this time.

Please note if unable to attend please arrange to swap your role with another member.

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| Chairperson | Michael Lapina |
| Sergeant | Roy Garrett |
| Greeter | Paul Maguire |
| Reporter | Jillian Cavanagh |
| Door | Robin Stevens |
| Photographer | Roger Thornton |

Meeting Report, Tues September 21st

by Bruce McBAIN

Attendance:

Visiting Rotarians
Paul Vieira (Canbrook Sunrise, British Columbia)

Guests
Joel Siegeram

The meeting opened with a toast to the peoples of Australia and Turkey.

Sergeant's Session:

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A hobbling Sergeant Roy bravely soldiered on to extract his fines quota with a test of knowledge, or lack thereof, firstly reminding that this day in history saw the arrival of Tolkien's Hobbit, the Peoples' Republic of China, and Blue Poles acquired for the National Gallery of Australia. Is VSOP "very special or very superior old pale", there was some debate as to that answer? Bermuda apparently is a colony of the Old Dart, whilst John Lennon shares his middle name with a certain Australian Prime Minister. The snooker players knew the highest break was 147 and others were able to identify the Romanian Gymnast Nadia Comaneci as the Olympian who scored a perfect 10 at Montreal in 1976, but most struggled to recall that Adam Cooney won the Bronlow in 2008, however, members correctly identified the players who had won 3 Chas Brownlow medals as Dick Reynolds, Bob Skilton, Ian Stewart and Hayden Bunton.

Announcements:

Bernie spoke about fundraising opportunities, this morning's raffle had raised \$150 and wine was available via internet order. Bernie is happy to sell items on EBay to raise funds for the club. All members need do is identify something no longer needed, keep it stored but photograph the item and send the details to Bernie who will list and monitor the auction. Kay Stevens & Brian Downie were this morning's raffle winners.

Herb Greenwood, Director of Fundraising unveiled the fund raising thermometer which will be displayed each week showing progress towards our target of \$25,000. At this point we have approximately \$24,000 to go. Next Fundraising Event will be the Trivia Night on 22nd October (see club website for details).

President Anne announced that the club had received a certificate of appreciation for our recent commitment to purchase two family survival boxes. Being Grand Final Week, the President recognised Brian Downie, for his umpiring role in the 1948 Grand Final.

Guest Speaker:

Banu Tulumen - Turkish Australian ANZAC Peace Tour

Banu spoke of the legacy of the Gallipoli campaign in shaping the identity both of Turkey and Australia, of how the legend of the ANZACs had become indelibly linked to the emergence of a modern, secular Turkish republic under the direction of Mustafa Kemal Ataturk whose leadership at Gallipoli had arguably turned potential defeat into victory. She described how Ataturk, Turkey's first President, had transformed Turkey over a period of 15 years. In 1934 Ataturk, addressing the Mothers of Australia, had assured them that their sons lay at peace in the bosom of Turkey for they had become sons of Turkey as well.

Banu then developed a theme of how people intercede, often in small ways, to make lasting impressions that help shape us. She gave numerous examples; the Australian Exchange student who baked and shared ANZAC biscuits at Gallipoli, the small boy at the School for the Blind who having heard the ANZAC legend wanted to shake hands and feel the faces of Australians who were visiting with Banu, the little girl also blind who, when presented with a toy Koala, wanted to learn all about it. The freezing cold which preceded the Dawn Service at Gallipoli and drew the Australian RAPT group into the mystical atmosphere of 1915, the fellowship with Rotarians of boat trips on the Bosphorus and their fascination with bustling Istanbul, the sharing of Turkish cuisine with those Australian Rotarian Friends.

The experiences shared in Turkey had been reciprocated in Australia; flying in a helicopter over the sights of the Great Ocean Road, the excitement of Healesville and discovering Australian fauna and flora, enjoying a barbecue, laying a wreath at the Shrine, the presentation of a 'Hope and Peace' time capsule from the Rotary Club of Goksu to be opened in 2015, and organising an exhibition for Robin Seale together with a Turkish artist.

These personal bonds had enabled Turkish Rotary Clubs to engage with Australian clubs in a variety of matching grant projects in Turkey including a Bone Marrow Bank, optical reading equipment, and portable water to a high school. Again these links had been reciprocated with a donation to the Victorian Bushfire Relief, just as Rotarians of District 9800 had responded to the Turkish earthquake of 1999.

Banu drew these personal experiences together to illustrate that such events enabled strangers to become friends and that events such as RAPT were agents of goodwill bonding Turks and Australians as friends. Ataturk himself had set the scene in 1937 when he said, "mutual human and civilized relations with other nations is necessary for continued joint progress as equals".

Banu said RAPT was a positive and public example of this year's Rotary theme of Building Communities - Bridging Continents, in 6 years it had promoted goodwill and harmony and was a "highly visible initiative of international goodwill in the best tradition of Rotary ideals".

The 2011 Tour under the leadership of Allan Driver will leave on 15 April and return on 26 April, there is an option to extend this tour to see more of Turkey. It is expected about 20 Rotarians will participate. The talk finished with a colourful DVD presentation of past RAPT tours.

The brochure for the Rotary Anzac Peace Tour can now be [DOWNLOADED from our website](#).

DIK Working Bee - Sunday 19th September

by DRIVER, Allan



RCCM-S International Service Committee arranged a very successful working bee at the District 9800 Donations-in-Kind storage facility in Somerville Road, Brooklyn on Sunday morning, 19th September 2010.

Fourteen members and their partners and/or relatives attended. They were: President Anne King, David Jones, John Meehan, Roger Thornton, Gillian Farrell, Leonie and Herb Greenwood, John and Raylee Ilott, Kerstin Steiner and her parents Peter and Barbara Steiner (who are currently visiting Kerstin in Australia before heading to New Zealand), Robin Stevens and Allan Driver.

The work involved moving pallets around to clear the way for a future container load of goods to be loaded for a number of overseas countries and also sorting and packing clothes to be sent by container to Sudan in the near future. The door prize of a Yering Station Sangiovese from the Yarra Valley, donated by Jasper Kwok, was won by Gillian Farrell.

John Meehan, MasterChef of BBQs, cooked attendees steak and sausages. As such, most of the attendees were able to sit down to enjoy a sumptuous lunch and enjoy fellowship before heading back home. Our efforts were appreciated by both Laurie Fisher and Bill Dagg (and, of course, Sooty! Bill's lovely black Labrador dog).

Upcoming Events - The Lost Men of Fromelles - 9th November

by MEEHAN, John

Lest We Forget

Lambis Englezos and Tim Whitford have recently returned from France where they attended the dedication of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission - Fromelles Military Cemetery. For both men this ceremony was of great significance; both were instrumental in the search for this burial site of up to 214 missing Australian soldiers who fought and lost their lives in the battle of Fromelles in WWI. Join them as they reflect on their experiences.

