



## Rotary Club of Central Melbourne Sunrise Inc

### eBulletin

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#### Future Speakers

**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"*

**Nov 17 2010**  
Governor of Victoria, Prof. David de Kretser AC  
*"The Biological Revolution"*

**Dec 7 2010**  
Cheryl Batagol  
*"Transforming the Environment Protection Authority ["EPA"] into a modern regulator."*

#### Upcoming Events

**Trivia Night**  
Oct 22 2010

**Fellowship Day with RC Echuca Moama**  
Nov 14 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 October 26th

by RIEBELING, Rebecca

#### Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)

##### **"Changing communities through entrepreneurial educational outreach projects"**

The University of Melbourne SIFE is a non-profit student organisation developing community projects to drive social change. Their current portfolio of four projects targets some of the biggest challenges facing this generation, including social inequality and climate change.

#### Duty Roster, Tues October 26th

by Rebecca RIEBELING

**Note:** Duty people are expected to be on duty at RACV at **7am** as many guests start arriving from this time.

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

<b>Chairperson</b>	Justine Murphy
<b>Sergeant</b>	Gerard Hogan
<b>Greeter</b>	Mary Voice
<b>Reporter</b>	Ian Angus
<b>Door</b>	Kerstin Steiner
<b>Photographer</b>	Paul Maguire

#### Meeting report, Tues October 19th

by Roger THORNTON

**Chairman**  
Neville John

**Guests**  
Pip Thornton  
Joel Siegersman

#### Visiting Rotarians

Rotarian Friendship Exchange group from District 1070 in the Midlands of England:

Malcolm Cockcroft and Janet (RC St Ives)  
Roger Calvert and Marilyn (RC Kibworth & Fleckney)  
Hilary Hearnshaw (RC Market Harborough)  
Ken Mellings & Jane (RC Northampton West)  
John Lowey & Marjorie (RC St Ives)  
Elaine Sefton (RC Huntingdon Cromwell)

Takahiro Nagai (RC Himaesi, Osaka in Japan)



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#### Sergeant's Session

In the interests of time, the Sergeant's session was replaced by a raffle.

#### Announcements

Herb Greenwood said that very few people have booked for the Trivia Night, to be held at the Tower Hotel on Friday, October 22. He exhorted members and their friends to attend the club's first major fundraiser for the year.

Michael Wells promoted the inaugural gala of a program called "Social Impact", which aims to help people with intellectual disabilities develop the social skills necessary to build and maintain personal relationships. The gala will be held at the Melbourne Town Hall on Friday, December 3. Members are invited either to attend the gala or sponsor a table. Michael will distribute details shortly.

#### President's Announcements

President Anne advised that the book "Under the Bridge", which contains photos and poetry from homeless people in Melbourne, is now available at \$10 a copy. To support Anne Mitchell and Steps Mission, Anne hopes that club members will purchase 100 copies.

#### Member behind the badge

Scott Munro introduced himself with a lawyer joke! He said his law firm, Soho Lawyers, has now been going for a year. He has a partner and two junior lawyers in the firm, which sets out to provide legal advice "with big firm polish without the big firm price tag".

He is a very keen sailor and owns a Contender, a one man 5m dinghy. He has just taken up cycling and recently rode from Byron Bay to Noosa and back in a week. He also cycled Around the Bay in a Day last Sunday, in awful weather.

Being very active in the community, Scott supports summer camps for 100 boys and 100 girls, with emphasis on competing in sporting activities. He also works with Power Assist - a basketball competition for the intellectually disabled and has just joined its board as a legal adviser. At Kay Steven's invitation, he has also joined the board of Uniting Care Kildonan.

Scott's Rotary ties are strong. His father was the charter President at RC Mitcham and is now a member of RC Nunawading and Scott went as a Rotary Exchange student to New York.

#### Guest Speaker

Brian Tanti, CEO of the AutoHorizon Foundation, talked about the automotive industry in Australia. Brian is a consultant to Lindsay Fox's car museum, where he is involved in its education programs and exhibitions for school groups. He feels that not enough students are interested in engineering and found that students did not connect with what was being done in the museum's workshop. However, he realised with the advent of cable TV shows, showing how cars are designed and built, that young people do react to an interactive approach to learning.

Nine years ago, Brian started AutoHorizon, with its first project to design and build the FR1 car. The primary aims of the FR1 project are to showcase Australian science and design capabilities, and to stretch thinking with regard to innovative use of materials and green power plants (the car includes some innovative elements of automotive design) and to build links into education, to awaken interest in careers in engineering and technology, especially in the automotive skills disciplines. The FR1 is built and has been acclaimed by the industry. The next project is to build a high speed electric car.

Brian also showed a film with people in the industry outlining what qualifications are required for different aspects of the automotive industry.

#### After the close of the meeting

President Anne closed the meeting on time but most members remained for 10 more minutes, to listen to Roger Calvert's presentation on the Midlands. Roger showed some great photos that exemplified the area, including a fox hunt, historic buildings (such as Althorp House, Princess Diana's home) and the Grand Union Canal (designed in the 19th Century to link London to the Midlands).

Roger finished with the following poem:

*Please lend your ears to a short verse  
I want to show we understand, or worse  
the language that you downunders choose  
for it sure us pommies does confuse  
when we wake we are not too cranky  
For a dingos breakfast we do thanky  
After which we are off to the dunny  
Where we hope it is not too runny*

*Thank goodness we do not have any yakka  
Plenty of time for us all to yabber  
No need for us to chuck some sickies  
As we all eat a daily dose of vedgies  
It's on with the old budgie smugglers  
On the lookout for white pointers  
Sheilas gathered like a shag on a rock  
The view from my pozzy you cannot knock*

*Thongs to you are thin knickers to us  
Strides are what we take to a bus  
Stations are where we catch the train  
Doodle that certainly is not the same  
Dill to us pommies is a tasteful herb  
Grouse no doubt is a gamey bird  
Mongrel a dog of mixed parentage  
Port a drink of ye olde vintage*

*But down to business for a great Barbie  
Plenty of tinnies in the old eskie  
Stubby holders I know we have a few  
Salad of fresh avo well that should do  
Chuck it all in the back of the ute  
To woop woop is our main route  
Frying up a tasty bunch of snags  
Then falling asleep in our comfy swags*

*Enough of this or you will think I am full  
Or maybe I have smoked to much mull  
Perhaps I will need to do a quick yewy  
To make time for a schooner of Toohey  
Are kangaroos loose in my top paddock  
A larrikin me just trying to shock  
I hope you think this was a ripper  
But maybe I have just come a gutser*

*This I'll finish with an Aussie salute  
Before the blokes all give me the boot  
Your dictionary for some time I mused  
Sadly Holy Dooley I have not used  
The lucky country is where you live  
These words for fun and thanks to you I give  
Golden wattle that's your special flower  
But I'll be off now for a Pommie Shower*

#### **Our Probus Club Launch - We Need Names!**

*by THOMAS, Tony*



Our club is embarking on a bold venture in December to launch a Probus Club for active retirees. The Club will cover Melbourne CBD and inner areas like Docklands, Southbank and St Kilda Road. There is already a Melbourne Men's and Melbourne Ladies' Probus Club, but they meet at Hawthorn and Kooyong respectively and do not have a CBD focus.

Our Community Services Committee believes there is large unmet demand in Melbourne for a Probus Club. It is probably decades since the previous Probus Club was formed anywhere near the city. Probus Clubs can only be started by a Rotary Club. The crucial distinction between Rotary and Probus is that the Probus constitution bans fund-raising.

Probus Clubs are purely social. Probus members have contributed back to

the community during their working lives and are now entitled to some self-indulgence. The clubs tend to meet monthly, not weekly, and during the late mornings. Costs are negligible. Between meetings, members can organise whatever social, cultural and intellectual activities they like.

I have had a lot to do with Probus Clubs in Melbourne and spoken to about 15 of them to date. Clubs are typically quite large - 60 or more members typically turn up - and members are keen to expand their knowledge.

### **The "Launch" exercise**

We have booked a meeting room at The Hub, 80 Harbour Esplanade, Docklands, for 10:30am Thursday December 2nd. Meanwhile we will be marketing the concept around Melbourne through flyers and publicity. What our committee wants from YOU are names and phone numbers or addresses of potential members. We will then provide these people with a Probus magazine, etc and answer their queries. If you know a few people who would benefit from this new club please provide their names to Tony Thomas.

### **Award to Rotarian and Past President John Meehan**

*by McBAIN, Bruce*

At the completion of the third year of the ground breaking program in conjunction with the Victorian Police and Business Community and Rotary, the intense work over this period by John Meehan was recognised by Assistant Commissioner of Police Kevin Scott APM.



John took on the role of Administrator for the Steering Group of the Police Leadership Mentoring Program. This Program initiated by our Rotary Club's Past President Steve Hallis, was established to foster close professional relationships between the Victoria Police, Senior Business Leaders in Melbourne, and Rotary International.

The Program provides an essential personal interface between these three community leadership groups, towards the promotion of working relationships and a closer understanding of individual roles, requirements and responsibilities. The Program also invites closer communications and better understanding of their respective places in the community at large.

Liaison between Victoria Police - Assistant Commissioner Scott, Victoria's business community - Past President Richard Stone of KPMG, and Rotary - John Meehan, saw John perform a plethora of varied tasks of organization, communication and introductions ensured that the Steering Committee was enabled to meld the previously somewhat disparate groups into a force which has achieved significant results in understanding individual roles, the benefits of closer working, and the understanding of the totality of Police, business and community activities.

In the presentation to John Meehan by Assistant Commissioner Kevin Scott, John's significant excellent work was warmly recognised, for which he was presented with an attractive Award. Congratulations to John for another tremendous job.

### **District Rotary Friendship Exchange**

*by THOMAS, Tony*



Our club has had a successful and fun-filled visit from ten Rotarians, Inner Wheel members and spouses from central England in the week starting October 17. They came on the District Rotary Friendship Exchange program, following participation by a group from our District in an exchange to the Bristol region in 2008. That group included Tony and Margaret Thomas and Dick and Trish Mitchell.

The visitors were Malcolm (leader) and Janet Cockcroft (hosted by Thomas's), John and Marjorie Lowey (hosted by Shane Scanlon at Docklands RC), Ken and Jane Melling (hosted by Greenwoods), Roger and Marilyn Calvert (hosted by Thorntons), Hilary Hearnshaw (hosted by Mary

Voice), and Elaine Sefton (hosted by Margaret Stuart). Dick Mitchell helped with car transport. At the last minute, sadly, Geoff and Mary Bolland pulled out of departure from England owing to an injury Geoff suffered.

Thanks to all hosts, and special thanks to Mary Voice who hosted a farewell party for them at her home in Ivanhoe on Wednesday. One nice outcome were invitations for our club members to take part in a friendship exchange to central England in 2012.

Our visitors' program of sights around Melbourne was quite intensive. Monday included the State Library, the Shrine of Remembrance, National Gallery of Victoria and a sausage lunch below Federation Square. Tuesday they enjoyed our club meeting and then Healesville and the Yarra Valley. A highlight was the stunning views from both Tarrawarra Gallery and Yering Station winery. The Loweyes spent the evening at the regular Docklands RC meeting. Wednesday we visited the Aboriginal art gallery at Federation Square, and then Old Melbourne Gaol where we were all arrested and roundly abused by a lock-up sergeant (role-playing). We had lunch with Melbourne Rotary Club at the Windsor and then travelled by maxi-cab to the MCG.

Our member Brian Downie gave one of his super-special conducted tours. Feedback from the guests was that the tour was nothing less than stunning. From there some rested for an hour or two at the Hilton Hotel's lounge before taking a packed commuter train to Mary Voice's place for the party. Others came by car. The guests showed off their skills at song and poetry, often switching between a range of Yorkshire and Leicestershire accents. Somewhat mysteriously, there was also a rendition of the German (or Austrian) national anthem of circa 1912, to orchestral accompaniment, "Heil dir im Siegerkranz" (Hail thou in victor's crown).

The visitors left by train on Thursday afternoon for Bendigo, Daylesford and Gisborne, where Rotarians will show them similar hospitality.