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Meeting Report, Tues October 26th by Tony THOMAS



Chair: Micaela Lapina **Guests:** Team from SIFE - Wen Dee Yeoh, Veronica Nguyen, Lindsay Smelt, Anisa Pradhan, Nish Vivekenanthan, Ella Zhao, Anny Ma Joel Sigersma (guest of Barry Tassell)

Sergeant's Session:

Sergeant Gerard Hogan organised a cup sweep, 1st prize \$90, 2nd prize \$45, 3rd prize \$25 and last place \$10

Annoucements:

Brian Downie asked for member's assistance in securing further raffle prizes for the Paul Harris Breakfast, Nov 17th. Last year's raffle raised \$2,500. Prizes so far for this year include a Sherrin football from the Grand Final; Tramcar Restaurant; Australia Post parcel; Henry Buck's; RACV overnight stay; and Scotch Whisky.

Keith Frampton urged attendance at our Nov 9th breakfast meeting to hear Lambis Englezos AM and Tim Whitford talk about The Lost Men of Fromelles, the WW1 soldiers whose bodies were found and many of whom have been identified.

John Meehan alerted members to the Nov 14th get-together with RC Echuca Moama at Heathcote, starting at 11am with a visit to McIvor Estate Winery, followed by a lunch at the Tooborac Hotel on the Northern Highway. Please register for this event via the club's website.

President's Announcements:

President Anne advised that our application for funding for the Chill Out Zone (COZ) late-night trailer has been rejected by the Federal authorities. The club will now consider alternative strategies.

Anne thanked Herb Greenwood and Kathy Ilott in particular for the Trivia night last Friday which raised close to \$1,000. She will provide updates on this month's board meeting outcomes next week. Anne promoted the booklet for Steps Ministry, Under the Bridge, for sale at \$15 per copy. She also announced that the board nominating committee has nominated Kay Stevens for RCCMS President 2012-13.

President Elect Kevin Walklate announced his nominations for the 2011-12 board. Apart from Kay as President Elect and Anne as Past President, office bearer nominations are Marjorie Gerlinger (Vice President), Neil Salvano (Secretary), Doug W Robertson (Treasurer), and five directors Justine Murphy, Mike Wells, Michael Lapina, Jen Warner & Kerstin Steiner. "I ask for your support and votes at the annual general meeting on November 23," Kevin said.

Guest Speakers:

Chair Micaela then introduced our young speakers from Melbourne University on the SIFE program (Students in Free Enterprise). There are 1,500 universities involved and the Western Australia University team made it to the semi-finals for top project.

Speaker Nish Vivekenanthan said there are 42,000 students involved in SIFE globally in 40 countries, bringing together leaders in the quest of a more compassionate and sustainable world. The University of Melbourne team with 76 active members has the largest team in Australia, each member putting in more than five hours a week across three projects.

The team has won the national championships three times. Anisa Pradhan said there are 46,000 students graduating from Year 12 and the SIFE Think Act Green program is helping educate them and inspire them about

making a greener world.

Veronica Nguyen talked about SIFE work in Ghana where 170,000 children have been orphaned by AIDS, and life expectancy is now only 56 compared with 81 in Australia. A major project is an accomodation house for overseas volunteers at the "Nectar Home" orphanage, whose Volunteer Program fee of USD1,650 for four weeks is allocated 90% to the children.

Lindsay Smelt talked about their SIFE program to rejuvenate public open spaces to turn them into pleasant places for rest and recreation. This needs support from local businesses, community and civic authorities.

During questions the team explained they they get support in various ways including in-kind from the university and from business. For the year 2010 to June 30, total funding was about \$46,000 including in-kind contributions such as professional consulting aid. Since June 30 they have brought in another \$15,000 worth of income support, especially from accounting and law firms. The team is conscious of the need for continuity and its HR team is regularly recruiting at younger university levels.

The First Steps - Helping young job seekers to find their first job *by RIEBELING, Rebecca*

The First Steps Youth Job Search Program is an interactive website developed to help young job seekers gain their first workplace opportunity. It guides them through the process of putting a resume together when they have never worked before, conduct a job search,



prepare for an interview and make sound decisions regarding a job offer. It also helps to point young job seekers in the right direction, assisting them to develop the self-awareness, goals, common sense, and confidence required to get a job and succeed in it.

The First Steps program has been developed into an interactive online resource aimed at the 15-25 year-olds most likely to be looking for their first workplace opportunity.

The project is promoted through the Rotary Clubs of Southbank (District 9800) and Huon Valley (District 9830, Tasmania).

Content includes:

- Work out what you are good at and what you would enjoy doing for a job
- Start the job hunting process
- How to use job boards
- Put a resume together even if you have never worked before
- Write covering letters
- · Work out what job ads are really asking
- Prepare for an interview
- Answer typical interview questions
- Develop a list of your own interview questions
- Choose referees
- Work out if a job offer is right for you
- Negotiate a fair pay structure and conditions
- Develop job/life goals

For further information:

Download a PDF Flyer. – Why not send it to a young person?

Vist the Job First Steps Website.

Source: Rotary District 9800 Website.

Celebrate Rotary Foundation Month *by RIEBELING, Rebecca*

