



## Rotary Club of Central Melbourne Sunrise Inc

### eBulletin

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#### Future Speakers

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

**Nov 23 2010**  
Scott Pinnegar  
*"Unusual (exotic?) travel destinations"*

**Nov 30 2010**  
Club Forum  
*"Discussion on recent club survey"*

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

**Dec 21 2010**  
Christmas Function

#### Upcoming Events

**Fellowship Day with RC Echuca Moama**  
Nov 14 2010

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

**The Acclaim Charity Concert**  
Dec 16 2010

**No weekly meeting Christmas New Year break**  
Dec 28 2010

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Jan 4 2011

**ROTARY ANZAC PEACE TOUR**  
Apr 1 2011

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

#### News

[The Acclaim Charity Concert](#)

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#### Tues, November 16th - No Club Meeting

by Rebecca RIEBELING

A reminder that there will be **no club meeting** next **Tues, 16th November** due to the Annual Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Breakfast being held on Wed, 17th November.

#### Annual Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Breakfast, Wed November 17th

by RIEBELING, Rebecca



#### Governor of Victoria, Prof. David de Kretser AC

##### *"The Biological Revolution"*

Professor David de Kretser AC was born in 1939 in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and migrated to Australia in 1949. He was educated at Camberwell Grammar School, the University of Melbourne and Monash University. He received his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery degrees from the University of Melbourne in 1962, and his Doctorate of Medicine from Monash University in 1969. His doctoral research focussed on the structure and function of the human testis.

Professor de Kretser was the founding Director of the Monash Institute of Reproduction and Development from 1991-2005, and a Professor of Anatomy of the Faculty of Medicine of Monash University since 1978. He was also Associate Dean for Biotechnology Development in the Faculty from 2002 to 2006. In 2003, he was named a Sir John Monash Distinguished Professor.

In 2000, with support from the Federal Government, Professor de Kretser initiated a highly successful program of community and professional education in male reproductive health called Andrology Australia. Professor de Kretser's research into reproductive biology, infertility and endocrinology has seen over 600 papers featured in national and international peer reviewed journals, many being presented at international meetings. Professor de Kretser has made important contributions to our understanding of how sperm and testosterone are produced and how these processes can be disturbed in infertile men. His laboratory also pioneered a program of research that resulted in the isolation of novel proteins that, in addition to controlling reproductive processes appear to have key roles in modulating the inflammatory response.

He has served on various boards, including the Human Reproduction Program at World Health Organisation and the Executive Council of the International Society of Andrology. Professor de Kretser is a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, the Australian Academy of Science and the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering. He was made a Companion of the Order of Australia in 2006, and received the Centenary Medal in 2003. Professor de Kretser and his wife Jan have four sons, and seven grandchildren. He was named Victorian Father of the Year in 2001. Professor de Kretser assumed office as the 28th Governor of Victoria on April 7th, 2006.

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**Duty Roster, Wed November 17th**

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.**

<b>Chairperson</b>	Anne King
<b>Sergeant</b>	Kevin Walklate
<b>Reporter</b>	Kathy Ilott
<b>Door</b>	Marjorie Gerlinger
<b>Photographer</b>	Mary Voice

**Meeting Report, Tues November 9th**

by Bruce McBAIN



The meeting was attended by 70 members and guests, among the many visiting Rotarians we welcomed Joy Gluckman and partner Troy visiting from U.S.

**Announcements**

**District Conference**

Kathy Ilott reminder members interested in going to District Conference in Adelaide to confirm with her if they wished to stay at the Conference Hotel. Registration can be made online. Kathy reminded members that airfares were currently low, Tiger from \$30 one way to Qantas \$98 one way.

**Paul Harris Breakfast** Wednesday 17 November

Members were reminded that if not already booked they should confirm attendance and pay Dick Mitchell as soon as possible. This promises to be an outstanding event with Professor David de Kretser, AC, Governor of Victoria speaking on "The Biological Revolution".

**Social Day with Sister Club** of Echuca-Moama Sunday 14 November.

Kerstin Steiner promoted a visit to the McIvor Creek Winery to be followed by lunch at the Tooborac Hotel & Brewery.

**Sergeant Session**

Sergeant Walklate announced that in order to give maximum time to the speakers there would be no formal sergeant session but the bucket would be passed with all collected going to Legacy, \$149 was raised for Legacy.

**Guest Speakers**

**Not Forgotten - A Journey of Remembrance**

Lambis Englezos, AM and Tim Whitford took us through the Battle of Fromelles in July 1916 when 5,533 Australian soldiers were killed or wounded and how painstaking research had led to the discovery of the mass graves of 250 missing soldiers and the positive identification of 96 Australian soldiers. Lambis a Greek born retired Arts and Crafts teacher had developed a theory that the bodies of the missing soldiers had been buried in Pheasant Wood on the village fringe and in 2006 he joined forces with Tim Whitford a retired regular army tank corp sergeant, or as he described it a "gasoline cowboy", to prove their theory that the graves existed.

The land in the area around the village of Fromelles was controlled by the Germans from a high point nicknamed "sugar loaf" by the Australians due to its distinctive shape. The Australian 5th Division which consisted of 3

brigades; the 14th (NSW), the 15th (VIC) and a mixed group the 8th (QLD, SA & VIC) had newly arrived in France and were to assault the left flank of the "sugar loaf" on 16 July 1916. The assault by the 8th and 14th brigades initially secured their objective, but a ditch of water limited their ability to defend their gain. On the right flank the 15th brigade was cut to pieces, leaving the 8th and 14th brigades defenceless.

The 15th brigade was asked to rejoin a renewed assault but this proved futile when the British cancelled the assault without informing the Australians. Meanwhile the 8th and 14th brigades were isolated like islands in a sea of Germans and a German counter attack resulted in close personal encounters, by the morning of 20 July 1916 there were few survivors.

The Germans, mainly to avoid outbreak of disease, buried the dead in mass graves. Many were identified post war and were reburied, but by 1922 the search for further graves was officially closed.

Lambis believed that further bodies had been transported by narrow gauge trench railway before being buried in a series of pits on the outskirts of Fromelles and that these graves had not been discovered. Then began a painstaking search. A series of aerial photographs provided the initial lead, one taken on 19 July 1916 showed signs of freshly dug ground that was not there a month earlier, another in December 1918 showed no signs of the pits, from which Lambis concluded these would have remained undiscovered.

A non-invasive geophysical survey was commissioned by the Australian government in 2007, conducted by Glasgow University Archaeological Research Department (GUARD) in 2008, this with the work by First World War Historian Peter Barton and Military archaeologist Dr Tony Pollard led to the discovery of 772 metallic objects including a good luck AIF badge identified as belonging to Private Harry Willis the great uncle of Tim Whitford. An under-aged Harry had enlisted after getting a white feather.

The Archaeology work initially used metal detectors, then finding signs of metal first removing a layer of top soil then minutely squeezing the soil through fingers, to ensure no relic could be missed. On 29 May 2008 GUARD found conclusive evidence of human remains. Six burial pits were excavated and human skeletal remains were found in five of them. Artifacts, such as uniform badges and buttons, were recovered, among these were an underlined bible page and a Perth-to-Fremantle train ticket, confirming that the bodies included Australians. There were few rising sun badges but this was attributable to the common practice of Australian soldiers giving them away to pretty girls. Lambis and Tim determined that the bodies should be recovered and given a proper military burial.

Lambis Englezos spent a significant amount of time in Fromelles with Tony Pollard. He provided assistance, particularly in briefing members of the project team on details of the battle and guiding them around its key sites. On June 7, 2009 Lambis was honoured by the Australian government, when he was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) in the General Division. His citation read: "For service to the community through research and advocacy roles relating to Australian soldiers of the Great War buried in Fromelles, France".

In April 2009 it was announced that DNA samples would be taken from the remains to increase the chances of identification and on 16 March 2010, Tim Whitford's great uncle was identified, so far 96 of the 250 bodies have been identified. An estimated 330 British bodies remain missing.

The original burial location was unsuitable for a permanent cemetery because of regular flooding, and difficulty of access for visitors. The site for the new permanent CWGC cemetery with capacity for 400 graves was selected in late 2008 and is located approximately 120 metres from where the bodies were found. The land was gifted by France and the town of Fromelles, the grave site land was gifted by the owner Madame Demassiet.

On 30 January 2010 the first body was re-interred with full military honours. On July 19, 2010, the anniversary of the battle, the burial of the last soldier, identity unknown, occurred with full military honours. The cemetery was then dedicated in the presence of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Kent, Australian Governor-General Quentin Bryce, and a rabbi, a minister and a priest.

Having concluded Fromelles, Tim and Lambis remain committed to locating other missing Australians including 37 Australians missing after the 1917 battle of Langemarck.

#### **Disaster Aid Australia News Update**

*by DRIVER, Allan*

Over the past two months Australian Disaster Aid Response Team members (DARTs) have been engaged in delivering the humanitarian aid you so generously gave in the form of Family Survival Packs and sustainable water solutions to the survivors of the devastating floods in Pakistan. Three DART teams consisting of mainly Aussie Rotarians joined with Rotarian partners from Canada and the USA to ensure your aid was delivered. Also, Rotarian Disaster Aid Response Team (DART) member, PP Eb Friedrich from D9800 together with Lions member and DART Peter Newton from Shepparton (Vic) confirm in their daily reports that you as Australian Rotarians are making a difference to the people of Pakistan.



In the first deployment, DARTs are distributing 5,000 LifeStraws and LifeBoxes in Pakistan. A lifeBox contains 6 LifeStraws and were distributed to survivors in the Pushtoon Gari where every house had been destroyed. DART Peter Newton reports, "We were introduced to a young man with eight siblings whose father had been killed in the floods; he was most grateful to receive a LifeBox."

Also, a letter was sent to DG Iven Mackay from Pres. Zahiruddin Khan, RC Rawalpindi Central, Dist. 3272 Pakistan and Afghanistan Dist. Chair, Grants (North) which contained the following statement, "On my behalf and on behalf of all the club members want to put on record our profound thanks and deep appreciation for all the efforts being done by Yourself, Messrs. Eb Friedrich and Peter Newton along with their previous team members, Rotary Clubs of Australia and DA Australia to alleviate the suffering of the flood affectees. We really appreciate all the aid provided swiftly and promptly to mitigate the suffering of fellow beings."

*Extract Disaster Aid Australia Newsletter 28th October 2010.*

*A copy of the full newsletter can be downloaded from our website at the following [LINK](#).*

#### **Club Fundraiser - The Acclaim Charity Concert, December 16th**

*by RIEBELING, Rebecca*



The Rotary Club of Melbourne and The Rotary Club of Cheltenham are proudly sponsoring via Acclaim Awards Limited a new International Opera Award for young Australian opera singers, giving them the opportunity to study and perform in Italy in 2011.

The Awards will be made by way of a competition, commencing on Thursday, 9th December 2010 and culminating in the Acclaim Awards Charity Concert to be held at the Dallas Brooks Hall, East Melbourne on Thursday 16th December, commencing at 7:30pm. Tickets \$25.

The Acclaim Charity Concert promises to be one of the most exciting evenings in the Rotary Calendar. Australia's most gifted young opera singers, fresh from the Acclaim International Masterclass Series and Italian Opera Fellowship Concert will perform the world's most loved arias. A special guest performance will be given by Valeria Esposito, one of Europe's most sought after sopranos (Cardiff Singer of the Year, La Scala, Wiener Staatsoper).

A night of Italian passion and drama for Rotarians to savour for a lifetime.