



Rotary Club of Central Melbourne Sunrise Inc

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Future Speakers

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

Dec 14 2010
Tony Thomas
"From Dien Bien Phu to the Hanoi Hilton - adventures in northern-most Vietnam"

Dec 21 2010
Christmas Function

Feb 22 2011
Mr Paulo Maia
"The role of banks in the world today"

Upcoming Events

The Acclaim Charity Concert
Dec 16 2010

Christmas Function
Dec 21 2010

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

**No weekly meeting
Christmas New Year break**
Jan 4 2011

**Rotary District 9800
Conference**
Mar 31 2011 - Apr 2 2011

ROTARY ANZAC PEACE TOUR
Apr 1 2011

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

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This Week's Meeting, Tues December 7th

by RIEBELING, Rebecca

Cherly Batagol

"Transforming the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) into a modern regulator"



Cheryl has more than 40 years experience in environmental leadership. She became Chair of the EPA in September 2009.

As Chair of the EPA Victoria, she brings to the role her experience with numerous government boards including Chair of Melbourne Water, Deputy Chair of Sustainability Victoria and a member of the Victorian Catchment Management Council and the Victorian Sustainability Fund Advisory Panel.

Duty Roster, Tues December 7th

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.

Chairperson	Mandi Zonneveldt
Sergeant	Paul Maguire
Reporter	Michael Wells
Door	Neil Salvano
Photographer	Kerstin Steiner
Greeter	Tony Thomas

Meeting Report, Tues November 30th

by Neil SALVANO

Chair: President Anne King

Visiting Rotarians: James Carter - RC Euroa and John Sealy - RC Portland

Scene-Setting for the 20th anniversary of RC Osaka-Hommachi

Paul Maguire had prepared an introductory pictorial slide show and accompanying musical sound track, which was played during the breakfast segment of the meeting. The slide show was in two parts, featuring scenes of traditional and modern Japan.



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Currently twelve people have indicated interest in visiting Japan to attend the 20th anniversary celebrations of our sister Club, the Rotary Club of Osaka-Hommachi, in April 2011. It is proposed that the group depart Melbourne on April 4th for Osaka. A ten day cultural tour of southern Japan would follow the 20th anniversary celebrations, with the tour concluding in Tokyo on April 17th.

Paul advised that further details would be available to all members next week, along with a request for commitment by a set date so that firm planning for the visit and tour can commence.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Kevin Walklate commenced the session by fining all those members who were not wearing their Rotary lapel badge - an exercise which got a good rattle in the can.

Kevin continued with a mixture of questions on current affairs and Rotary knowledge - ranging from the FIFA 2018 and 2022 World Cup deliberations this week to the meaning of the acronym SAVI in a Rotary context.

The first of those questions *Name the woman who is co-presenting Australia's case to the FIFA executive this week?* was quite lucrative. It took three answers to get the correct one: *The Governor-General, Quentin Bryce*. Dick Mitchell disputed the Sergeant's ruling that the answer *Elle McPherson* was incorrect - pointing out that Elle was in fact part of the Australian delegation. Dick offered a \$20 contribution if the Sergeant would apologise for his earlier ruling, which Kevin graciously did.

Alan Driver demonstrated that he was fully in command of his portfolio as International Director when he correctly answered that *SAVI* stands for *Support a Village Initiative*.

Announcements

President Anne King announced that the Club had received a Certificate of Appreciation for its financial and moral support of the 2010 Blue Ribbon Day - the charitable Foundation which supports the families of members of the Victorian Police Force who have been killed or seriously injured in the line of duty.

She also urged members to consider purchasing the Steps Outreach book *Under the Bridge*.

President Anne summarized discussions at the October and November meetings of RCCM-S Board. *Please refer to the "Board report from the President" article below.*

Club Forum

President Anne King initiated a Club Forum on the findings from the recent Club survey. The PowerPoint presentation will be available from our website next week.

COZ Project (Community Village)

Alan Seale presented an update on the status and future plans for this community project.

The planned activities on each of the three weekends before Christmas 2010 will not now proceed. The principle hurdle is confirming suitable Public Liability cover under the Rotary insurance program. However, the recent call for volunteers was also disappointing, with only 12 people from RCCM-S responding in the affirmative - insufficient to staff the proposed six nights during December.

Strong support continues from Victoria Police and from various Rotary Clubs, and a viable self-funded "Community Village" could be mounted with approximately \$6,000 worth of equipment (tents, tables, chairs, heaters, etc) and the use of the lock-up trailer offered by RC Kew. There are also potential corporate sponsors for the consumables (bottled water, biscuits, etc) required. Kevin Love highlighted that there have been measurable reductions in street crime in the area. We have a huge social problem in poor behaviour at night, and this project is making a positive step forward.

Current plans are to aim for a "Community Village" rollout on selected dates (AFL Grand Final, Australian Open, etc) from July 1, 2011, subject to

satisfactory resolution of the Public Liability issue. However, the other key determinant is continued support of the Club membership for this project. That support was very strong when the funding application was made in July. A show of hands indicated support from approximately 70% of members present at breakfast.

Fundraising

Herb Greenwood addressed fundraising issues and suggested people may prefer to donate cash annually rather than fundraise. A levy might seem cheap to some members but dear for others. There was discussion of the health of our charity raisings this year. Herb said a target should be \$25,000 with \$12,000 already raised. This included our Rotary Foundation donation.

Allan Driver queried whether the special breakfast cost should be \$45, \$50 or \$55. Herb said the board's concern was about both the cost and the frequency. Michael Bromby noted that there are two this year. Herb also raised the issue of the \$10 cost penalty for each breakfast someone booked late. Most of the \$12,000 raised related to the Paul Harris breakfast where funds go to the Rotary Foundation.

It was proposed that the Hypothetical should be continued with attention to a lower cost but effective venue. President Anne concluded that fundraising needs to be discussed further.

Board Proceedings

Tony Thomas circulated a paper urging greater transparency of board proceedings and access by members and board members to all board minutes. Secretary David Jones said there would be discussion about transparency changes to the rules at a later date.

Board report from the President

by KING, Anne

Conference - 10 rooms have been booked for the conference in March 2011. Early Bird registrations close 31st December. Full details under events on our website.

The Probus Club in Docklands is to be launched on 2nd December. 1,200 flyers have been distributed at a cost of \$100 and the meeting has been published in 'Docklands News' and 'Residents 3000'. There is no obligations on our club once it is up and running. Tony Thomas and his team have done an excellent job in promoting this initiative.

New Generations

RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) is a week long residential program conducted annually and is aimed at encouraging and developing leadership, personal development and social skills. The program is for people aged 18 - 25. The board has approved payment of \$690 and a candidate has been nominated.

The Board also approved a payment of \$200 for a Maths prize for University High.

Marketing and Fund Raising - The Board and Marketing and Fundraising Committee have had many discussions about the poor performance of the club in raising funds during recent years. The matter is to be further addressed based on the results of the club survey recently completed.

Changes to the Club rules and constitution are being considered by lawyers McKean Park. These changes are the result of legislative changes but also need to be considered by Rotary International. Once the changes have been approved the club will need to have a special general meeting to have the changes agreed to by members. A copy of the marked up copy will be sent to members 21 days before that meeting so that members can vote on the changes. At the same meeting members will be asked to vote on a motion to change how the nominating committee is structured to include two members that are voted on by members.

Attendance for October 58%. YTD 63%. 60 members at end of month. The Board expressed some concern at the low attendances as we require a minimum of 60% attendance for the weekly breakfast to cover the cost of the guest speaker's breakfast.

Paul Harris Breakfast - As mentioned by Dick Mitchell the PHF breakfast highlighted the need for members to respond on attendance before the close off date. There is an increase in cost of \$10 per head for late acceptances. The profit for the morning was \$6,904, not including a profit of about \$175 from the sale of PolioPlus fruit cakes.

Storage Facility - The club has now taken on a new storage facility to accommodate items of club memorabilia and consumables that were stored at several members' homes. We managed to obtain suitable storage space at a good concessional rate and inclusive of 2 months free rent in return for an ad on

our website.

Royal Talbot - There has been a hiccup with the concrete slab at the Royal Talbot and the working bee has been deferred however there are other opportunities possible at the hospital which are being investigated.

Christmas Hampers - Promotion of the Christmas Hamper project has commenced. Hampers will be donated to Steps Outreach, Hotham Mission and other charities suggested by members.

Hotham Mission Asylum Seekers - Approval was given by the Board to donate \$500 to the Hotham Mission Asylum Seekers to cover the cost of the visit to Scienceworks and provide for a similar activity for males.

The Rotary Friendship Exchange was successful and members of the team visited the club on October 19th.

Donations in Kind - The Board ratified the decision of last year's board to assist DIK with the rent for this year. Approval was given to issue a cheque for \$3,000. DIK is working on obtaining a sponsor to fund the rental payments on an ongoing basis.

International House - The Board agreed to a \$200 donation for a plaque for the winner of the Fraternal Award which will be awarded to winner Ton Lee Lamanit. Our relationship with International House has been investigated by members of the international committee and following their advice the Board agreed to a donation of up to \$1,000 for the 2011 academic year to assist fund 'In-House Counselling' for IH students.

Adopt a Village [PNG]. The Board agreed to donate \$1,000 for mosquito nets for the Somwadine village PNG. This will be the fifth village we have supported and given the nets have an expected life of five years it is possible that we will maintain our association with these five villages on a rolling basis each year.

Toys for Vietnam - An amount of \$130 was approved to post toys collected within the club to the Trish Franklin orphanage in Vietnam.

Philippines 3 E's Projects - Projects developed at this stage estimated to require approximately \$12,000 funding. Board discussed and decided committee should not look to any further expenditure until current projects are known quantities, to ensure there is no cost overrun.

The international committee have organised the CEO of HSBC bank to be a speaker in February and sought Board response to this being a fundraising breakfast. Non-members will be targeted to raise funds. The committee was asked to put a proposal to the next Board meeting.

Friends of Rotary - John Meehan is working on a proposal for District policy consideration. 'Friends of Rotary' are unofficial groups of people attached to various clubs and managed on varying basis. Any proposal by John to District will need to be made in the name of our club therefore he intends to have a proposal ready for the Board December meeting.

Texas Connection - All Directors were requested to make contact with their counterparts in the Rotary Club of Downtown New Braunfels, District 5840.

DAA Christmas Appeal - Give someone a smile this Christmas

by DRIVER, Allan

History tells us that over the Christmas and festive season, someone in the world will need our help.

Disaster Aid Australia, together with their valued partners around the world are committed to rebuilding shattered lives by delivering emergency shelter and sustainable water solutions to those who have lost everything in a disaster.



As part of their Christmas Appeal DAA are asking you and your family to help them put smiles back onto the faces of those they serve this Christmas.

A copy of the DAA Christmas Appeal form can be downloaded from our website at the following [Link](#).

RAM Update

by DRIVER, Allan



RCCM-S has supported the village of Somwadine in the Esa'ala district in Milne Bay Province (at a cost of \$995.26 for sponsorship) in Papua New Guinea. For the past 5 years the RCCM-S has provided sponsorship of a village in PNG.

The success in Papua New Guinea can be attributed to the nation-wide fight against malaria including an approximate 50% reduction in mortality; big reductions in the number of premature births; a

general increase in birth weight; many children's wards in hospitals enjoying a significant reduction in malaria cases or all beds in these wards are completely empty of such cases.

In relation to the last point, the reduction in the incidence of malaria translates to an increase in children attending school. The successful outcomes being achieved in PNG are directly attributable to the use of Long Life Insecticide Treated Bed Nets which has resulted in a general improvement in health that the people are now enjoying as a result of this intervention.

A copy of the current RAM newsletter can be downloaded from our club website at the following [link](#).

Probus Launch a Big Success

by THOMAS, Tony

A new Probus club, "Melbourne Sunrise" launched on Thursday December 2 at Docklands, with our club as sponsor.

Forty-seven would-be members crowded the meeting room at The Hub (a Docklands community centre), with a dozen other applicants seeking written enrolments. About two-thirds were women. More than half of attendees paid their first-year dues on the spot.



The atmosphere was enthusiastic, with many retirees rejoicing in the chance to form new networks. Some were from the same big towers but had never met. The next step is to get the provisional Probus club ratified by Probus HQ, after which it can be formally handed over to its management team.

A full management team was elected, led by Harold Fraser as interim President. Spots for vice-president, treasurer, secretary and three committee members were filled at the meeting.

The new club is only the third launched in Victoria this year, the first for District 9800 and the 20th launched nationally. Probus clubs in Australasia total 2250. The other Victorian launches were Notting Hill (Monash RC) and Pakenham Central (Pakenham RC). Notting Hill is already at 80 members and Pakenham Centre at 100, with a waiting list of 20.

Community Services Director Tony Thomas believes Melbourne Sunrise could well achieve similar growth by word-of-mouth. He had already booked The Hub for the monthly meetings through 2011 but the club is now chasing a venue able to handle 60-80 rather than 40 people.

Our Community Services team six months ago noted the gap in Probus coverage which meant that despite the influx of thousands of residents to the CBD, Docklands, Southbank and St Kilda Rd., the retiree group had no Probus Club. The team had good success with media publicity, using Docklands News, Melbourne 3000 Residents website and other media. Tony's team for the morning was Kay Stevens, Gillian Farrell and Doug W Robertson. They created the infrastructure for a successful meeting, which included a DVD presentation and a testimonial from a Stonnington Probus Office-bearer Chris Wain and Graeme Newton, District 9800 Probus Chair, presiding.

Photo (left to right): Probus Melbourne Sunshine office bearers: Russell King (committee), Mary Hart (committee), Harold Fraser (interim President), Marilyn Seen (Vice-President), Gaye Schneider (Treasurer), Absent: Carol Berg (Secretary). Foreground: Tony Thomas RCCM-S.