



Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise

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Future Speakers

Jan 25 2011

James Pullar, Rotary Club of Melbourne

"Partnerships to end homelessness"

Feb 1 2011

Shekib Shaker

"Managing projects globally"

Feb 8 2011

Commander James Unkles
RAN

"Justice Denied – The Breaker Morant Story"

Feb 15 2011

Rod Fraser

"The Fraser Foundation and its program of building schools in northern Laos"

Feb 22 2011

Mr Paulo Maia, Chief Executive Officer, HSBC Bank

"Australia's place in emerging Asia "

Mar 8 2011

Professor Glen Mola

"Achieving good outcomes in maternity care with minimal resources"

Mar 15 2011

Brian Kelly

"Victorian Historic Vehicle Movement"

Upcoming Events

Club BBQ

Feb 13 2011

Eminent Speaker Mr Paulo Maia, CEO, HSBC Bank Aust

Feb 22 2011

Walking Tour - Melbourne's Incredible History

Mar 19 2011

Trivia Night

Mar 19 2011

This Week's Meeting, Tues January 25th

by RIEBELING, Rebecca

James Pullar, Rotary Club of Melbourne

"Partnerships to end homelessness"



The Rotary Club of Melbourne has formed a number of partnerships with the aim to end homelessness in inner Melbourne. These projects are part of the club's Partnerships Advancing Community Engagement (PACE) program which commenced in 2006. The 2008 Homeless World Cup was part of this program.

James will present on the challenges and success of the partnerships with particular focus on the club's involvement in the recently opened Elizabeth Street Common Ground Supportive Housing project. This is a \$43 million residential facility providing affordable accommodation for low income earners and 65 of the city's chronically homeless people.

Duty Roster, Tues January 25th

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.

Chairperson	Michael Wells
Sergeant	Bernie Gerlinger
Reporter	Kevin Walklate
Door	John Ilott
Photographer	Doug W Robertson
Greeter	Gerard Hogan

Meeting Report, Tues January 18th

by Scott MUNRO

Visitors and Guests

Visiting Rotarians - nil

Guests - nil

President



DIK Working Bee and BBQ

Mar 27 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

Cafe International

May 7 2011

Movie and Dinner Evening

May 14 2011

Echuca Moama Steam Rally

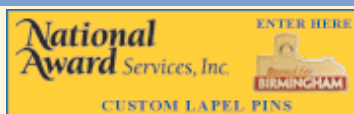
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Herb Greenwood stood in for absent President Anne King

Chairman

Bruce McBain gave the royal toast and rotary grace.

Sergeant's Session

Bernie Gerlinger's Sergeant Session featured "on this day" queries and tested knowledge of rotary terminology.

Club announcements:

- Kerstin Steiner reminded us of the **Eminent Speaker Breakfast** to be held on 22 February 2011. Booking forms were provided. The cost is \$45 if purchased by 15 February 2011. Thereafter, payment is \$55.
- John Meehan noted the **District 9800 Flood Appeal** has commenced. He advised that he has had discussions with our sister club, Echuca. They have not been under threat of flood, but have been helping out in the Rochester area. John will keep in touch with Echuca and will advise if there are to be any organised weekends whereby our rotary club could provide assistance.
- Frank O'Brien advised that the Vocational Services Committee has organised a tour of the **Werribee Western Treatment Plant** on 18 February 2011 at 3:00pm. There will be a small charge to cover bus hire.
- Marjorie Gerlinger advised that she still has some **Under the Bridge** books for sale. These are \$15 each.
- Alan Seale advised that he is still selling **Raffle Tickets** for the Audi A3, with funds raised to benefit PolioPlus.

Guest speaker

Our guest speaker, Prue Simmons, was unfortunately not able to join the meeting. Prue had expressed her apologies, and we look forward to hearing from Prue during the year.

Member behind the Badge

Jasper Kwok stepped in at very short notice to give a member behind the badge presentation. Jasper is a litigation lawyer and enjoys writing very, very, nasty letters.

He is a Hong Kong born Chinese man and spoke of the issues that he has faced relating to his identity. When Jasper was 15 or 16 years old, he recalls protesting in the streets of Hong Kong at the Tiananmen Square massacre. It was at this point that he realised that he was Chinese.

Having been born in a village in the Hong Kong countryside amongst Hong Kong indigenous people, he had realised that he was different from them.

Having attended an exclusive school in the city, this Hong Kong country boy also realised that he was different from the other kids at his school. Jasper finished school and when he was about 19, he came to Australia. Initially he moved to Perth to study. He observed the overt racism he received in Perth. After a year of study in Perth, he moved to Melbourne and found it easier to mingle in Melbourne. He studied cultural identity, and realised that when he was a majority in Hong Kong, he and others treated the minorities like he was being treated in Australia.

He finished his studies in Australia and returned to Hong Kong to teach

ethics, geography and english at the worst school in Hong Kong. He managed to become a very popular teacher, but his father discouraged him from continuing as a teacher and he returned to Australia with his wife in about 2000. He now has a little girl, four and a half years old, he loves very much.

Jasper provided us with a wonderful insight into his life and his identity as an Australian Chinese.

DAA offer of assistance

by DRIVER, Allan



*As we all watch in horror with heavy hearts as these tragic events unfold, **Disaster Aid Australia**, together with its international partners Canada, USA, UK & Ireland have offered to assist in any way we can. Although our charter is to provide humanitarian aid in developing countries, we cannot stand by without making that offer.*

Disaster Aid Australia General Manager, Jenni Heenan said, "We have been in contact with the Queensland government authorities offering support and aid in the form of tents and also the expertise of our Disaster Aid Response Team members. Our teams recently returned from flood devastated Pakistan and are on standby to assist should the authorities make a request."

Today, Disaster Aid Australia also contacted the Victorian authorities to offer assistance to those in Western Victoria who have been evacuated from their homes due to floods. "The know we are here if needed," said Jenni Heenan.

A copy of the Disaster Aid Australia January newsletter can be downloaded from our website at the following [LINK](#)

Photos from Loreto School in Vietnam

by MAGUIRE, Paul

"A great thank-you has been received from the Loreto School in Vietnam for Disabled Students. A box of Christmas presents was collected from club members after a very moving talk by Sr. Trish Franklin to our club.



The presents arrived just in time, on Christmas Eve. The students were excited to receive the presents especially the sports shirts. Thank-you to the club members for their support of this project."

A presentation containing further photos will be available on our club's website shortly.

Computer donation gratefully received

by THOMAS, Tony



Roger and Pip Thornton, now off to Dubai for a year, made a parting gift of their home computer, printer and large TV to this Somali family in a south-east suburb. They also donated a second printer to another family.

The mother has two daughters, studying at RMIT and Swinburne, and two sons still at high school. They have been in Australia for 18 months after difficult circumstances. The mother uses public transport to travel 90 minutes each way across the city to the north-west for English lessons three to four days per week. She earlier worked 15 years as a laboratory technician. She is highly motivated to succeed in Melbourne.

The children are already very fluent in English. They will all use the computer for lessons. Earlier the Thorntons donated a laptop and printer to a Sudanese family in the north-west. If anyone else in the club has an outmoded (but functional) computer to donate, we can readily find similar highly-deserving recipients among the African community.

In the case of the family in the south-east, a car would do wonders to improve their lifestyle and especially help the mother get to her English lessons. We don't suppose anyone has an old car of reasonable reliability to donate?