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Future Speakers

May 10 2011
Stephen Gough - CEO Melbourne Cricket Club
"The People's Ground - the MCG"

May 17 2011
Club Assembly
"International Service and Foundation committee updates presented by the Directors"

May 24 2011
John Ilott
"The National Health Practitioner Registration and Accreditation Scheme"

May 31 2011
Andrew MacLeod
"Melbourne's Future as Seen by The Committee for Melbourne"

Jun 7 2011
Professor John Reeder
"Can we eliminate malaria?"

Jun 14 2011
President Anne King
"Police mentoring program graduation"

Jun 21 2011
No meeting this Tuesday
"Club Changeover Friday evening"

Jul 5 2011
Presentation on Plans for 2011-2012
"By President Kevin and Committee Directors"

Upcoming Events

Cafe International 2011 "A '20s Murder Mystery"
May 7 2011

Movie and Dinner Evening

This Week's Meeting, Tues May 10th

by RIEBELING, Rebecca



Stephen Gough - CEO Melbourne Cricket Club

"The People's Ground - the MCG"

Stephen was born in Cooma, NSW in 1953 and moved to Victoria, living in metropolitan Melbourne in the early 60s. Stephen then graduated from Bendigo Teachers' College and from the University of NSW.

Stephen travelled overseas for 12 months before settling back in Melbourne, joining Carlton Football Club in 1982 as the first full time Development Officer. Later that year he was appointed to the position of Football Manager, a position held for another 10 years. In 1993, Stephen was appointed CEO of both the Carlton Football Club and the Carlton Cricket and Football Social Club. In 1995 he was appointed as a Director of the Carlton Football Club.

Stephen was appointed CEO of the Melbourne Cricket Club in February, 2000.

Note: This meeting includes an official visit from our sponsor club the Rotary Club of Melbourne, if you are attending this meeting please confirm your attendance in advance for catering purposes.

Duty Roster, Tues May 10th

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	Brian Downie
Sergeant	Tony Thomas
Reporter	Gillian Farrell
Door	Justine Murphy
Photographer	Frank O'Brien

May 14 2011

Working Bee Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre
May 21 2011

Vocational Visit - Garrett Enterprises
May 29 2011

Echuca Moama Steam Rally
Jun 11 2011 - Jun 12 2011

Vocational Visit
Nov 18 2011 - Nov 18 2011

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Greeter

John Barker

Meeting Report, Tues May 3rd

by Bruce McBAIN

Attendance

30 members met for breakfast on 3 May

Sergeant

Sergeant of the month, Tony Thomas, tested members' metric knowledge. Gems included that the satellite which disappeared on Mars was apparently due to various people confusing metric and imperial measures, resulting in a crash landing. If you ever wondered how imperial measures such as yard, foot and inch related to the human frame then Tony had the answer. Whilst most knew the Melbourne Cup in imperial measure, few were able to remember it as 1,972 metres. Most picked up that eggs remain as an imperial dozen but naming the real estate market as last to go metric was more difficult, hopefully this lack of knowledge was reflected in the sergeant's bucket.



Announcements

Bernie Gerlinger promoted EBAY as a good way to unload unwanted junk and gain revenue for the Club from those who considered it treasure.

Kevin Love promoted the Melbourne Club 90th Birthday and advised 3 spots were available for this black tie event at the MCG.

Gillian Farrell appealed for further volunteers for "Know-Your-Numbers" on Thursday and Friday.

Kay Stevens promoted the Kino film night and dinner.

Kevin Walklate encouraged attendance at the District Assembly in Kyneton on Sunday May 14th and advised registration was paid by the Club.

The Horizons Planning Day had been well attended and would guide detailed program planning in 2011/12.

Bruce McBain advised that Melbourne Club were visiting the Club on May 10th. He also advised the changeover invitations had been mailed and sought a prompt response.

Presidents Announcements

Please refer article below

Guest Speaker

Immediate Past President Kevin Love spoke on two separate topics: The Rotary Foundation; and UN Negotiations.

Rotary Foundation

A major donor body which has made a significant impact, not the least being the virtual elimination of malaria, this had led to major support by Bill Gates and Warren Buffett. The Club consistently donated approx. \$6,000 dollars per annum, primarily funded by the successful Paul Harris Breakfast. Kevin then explained the grant system and other Foundation initiatives, including GSE teams, Ambassadorial Scholars and Peace Fellowships. In February-March 2012, District 9800 would host GSE teams from India and California and reciprocate with teams to those areas; there were opportunities for the selection of team members and team leaders.

Kevin also confirmed that eligible relatives of Rotary members were no longer excluded from selection. There are now further opportunities for the Club to take part in pilot projects looking at peace and conflict, disease prevention, and water and sanitation.

Negotiating at the UN - The Accidental Negotiator

Kevin Love was selected as observer at the UN Convention on Biological Diversity but ended up directly facilitating an outcome; this was a fascinating insight into how these conventions are thrashed out. The objectives were to reach consensus on:

- Conservation of biological diversity;
- Sustainability of its components; and
- Fair and equitable sharing of the benefits of genetic resources

To illustrate the importance of consensus, nine out of ten plants used in Pharmacology are in Africa where they are a threatened species due to the demands of economic development in the third world. This results in the argument of rights to resources versus a fair and equitable share of the economic benefits from the exploitation of those resources in the developed world.

Kevin explained the process of reaching a Convention through plenary, working groups; and contact groups, one of which styled 'Friends of the Chair' was comprised of some of the most vocal interest groups; it was into this environment that Kevin went from state government observer to an active role as facilitator.

Charting a pathway to consensus of negotiated outcomes involved dealing with the symbolic issues and sensitivities of the developing countries who argued that developed countries wish to halt development in poorer countries simply to enable developed countries to continue to pollute.

His observations led him to the conclusion that Conventions are reached by consensus, not every country will commit, and negotiations involved groupings as well as key individuals and that there is strong pressure on host country to achieve the desired outcome.

April Board meeting report from the President *by KING, Anne*

Community Service:

- The board carried a motion that the **Steps Out Reach** survivor kits not be provided this year and our assistance changed to Woolworths food vouchers because the survival kits that we have previously supplied them with will keep them going for a while.
- **Australian Rotary Health donation** . Board approved a \$1,000 donation be made with a direction that it be applied to Mental Health research
- **Community Village**. Because of our cluster relationship with Albert Park we have an offer from Jayco to build a caravan for this project, which Alan Seale is investigating. Insurance matter not yet resolved but a possible solution is on the horizon.

Marketing and Fund Raising:

- **Hypothetical 2011**. The ACMI facility at Federation Square has been investigated and it appears to be a better venue than BMW Edge because of a cost advantage and flexibility. The date has been set for **Thursday,**

11th August so members should put it in their diary.

- **A Special Breakfast has been tentatively scheduled to be held on September 13th with** Andrew McLeod being one member of a potential debate on the future development of Melbourne. An approach will be made to Dick Smith to be the opposing side of the debate that has population growth as a core issue.

Foundation:

- **PHF Breakfast 2011.** A guest speaker Prof. McGorrey has accepted.
- **Next years group study exchange will be with** India and California.

International:

- **Philippines Paul Maguire is currently preparing an update report on the status of our potential projects in the** Philippines

Vocational Service:

- **SIFE.** Justine reported RMIT look like coming into the scheme – connection will be coordinated by David.
- **Vocational Visits.** Two arranged for May and November.
- **Police Mentoring Programme.** Selection of mentoree's for the next rotary year is currently underway.

Rules and Constitution.

- Special General Meeting planned for 17th May is to proceed to approve the changes to the rules and constitution that has been circulated to members.

Attendance

- The board noted and discussed the fact that attendance seems to drop when a club forum is held in lieu of a guest speaker.
- The board resolved that attendance selling raffle tickets on a stand will comprise a make-up.

Directors - Code of Practice.

- Kevin L has compiled a broad guide for Directors of the club, currently in draft form. He is arranging for Bruce McBain and Richard Stone to review the draft with target completion before new Board takes office.
- Board asked that consideration be given to expanding the Code of Practice to include a Directors legal responsibilities

Club Survey

The board has received feedback that members are not aware of what the outcomes were from the club survey held at the beginning of this Rotary Year. The results have been previously published in the bulletin, on the website and I also presented them at a meeting late last year. I have had the results displayed as we have had breakfast and want to assure members that the results of the survey have been used in the planning for this year and next year both at board level and at Horizons.

Docklands

The board is continuing to monitor the difficulties that the Docklands club is experiencing and President Ann Ellis is keen to talk but a planned meeting did not eventuate and meeting will be rescheduled.

Presentation of Food Vouchers - Steps Outreach

by ROBERTSON, Doug W

This year the Community Services Committee of the Club has again supported Steps Outreach, not through the provision of Survival Kits as in the past, but through the presentation of \$1,000 worth of food voucher in \$25 denominations.



Anne Mitchell was delighted to receive them on behalf of the Steps Ministry, pointing out the benefit of receiving vouchers which can only be used in the supermarket for items excluding liquor and tobacco. Anne expressed her thanks for the continuing support of the Club.

The photo shows Dough Robertson, on behalf of this year's Community Services Committee, presenting the vouchers to Anne with Jen Warner the incoming Chair of Community Services Committee taking the opportunity to meet Anne.