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**Future Speakers**

**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 programme 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**

**Vocational Visit - Garrett Enterprises**  
May 29 2011

**Echuca Moama Steam Rally**  
Jun 11 2011 - Jun 12 2011

**Police Mentoring Programme graduation breakfast**  
Jun 14 2011

**24th Club Changeover**  
Jun 24 2011 - Jun 24 2011

**Vocational Visit**  
Nov 18 2011 - Nov 18 2011

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**This Week's Meeting, Tues May 31st**

by RIEBELING, Rebecca



**Andrew MacLeod**

*"Melbourne's Future as Seen by The Committee for Melbourne"*

Andrew MacLeod worked as a Marine Litigation Attorney in Melbourne, Sydney and London before being recruited by the International Committee of the Red Cross to deal with military factions in Yugoslavia and Rwanda. He was previously a Senior Adviser on Disaster Management for the United Nations and International Committee of the Red Cross. He ran high level humanitarian teams under great pressure to deliver results in the most arduous of circumstances, crossing cultures, borders and front lines of battle.

In these roles Andrew served in several conflict zones and natural disaster settings, including Bosnia, Kosovo, Serbia, East Timor, Pakistan, Philippines and Sri Lanka.

As CEO of the Committee for Melbourne, Andrew works to progress and enhance Melbourne economically, socially and environmentally.

He is well known to the members of RCCM-S as a regular participant in the club's annual Hypothetical.

**Duty Roster, Tues May 31st**

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.**

<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Margaret Stuart</b>
<b>Sergeant</b>	<b>Roy Garrett</b>
<b>Reporter</b>	<b>Bruce McBain</b>
<b>Door</b>	<b>Paul Maguire</b>

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<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Joel Siegersma</b>

#### Meeting Report, Tues May 24th by Allan DRIVER

**Chair:** Russell Rolls

**Guests:** Koren Harvey, Wei Kitto and Lyn McBain

**Sergeant:** Herb Greenwood

#### Sergeant's Session

Herb questioned the 25 club members and guests about our club as follows:

- Who was at the top of the membership list? Cec Ackerley
- Who was currently last on the membership list? Mandi Zonneveldt
- How many club members were women? 17
- How many charter members were still members of the club? 10
- What essential major function was not mentioned on the RCCM-S website? Changeover on 24th June 2011
- What day was the Steam Rally where assistance would be provided by our club to the RC Echuca-Moama? 11th June 2011. It was also pointed out that the Steam Rally was over 2 days: 11th and 12th June
- What is the first Rotary Avenue of Service? Club Service

#### Announcements

- Police Mentoring Program-Final Breakfast where presentations were to be made to Police mentorees: 14th June 2011. Let John Meehan know about your attendance.
- Frank O'Brien: Vocational Committee visit: 29th May 2011 to Roy Garrett's company in Dandenong and lunch afterwards.
- Herb Greenwood: Reminder about the need to sell raffle tickets. Closing date 17th June 2011. Return tickets and money to Marjorie Gerlinger as soon as practicable.

#### Special General Meeting (SGM)

David Jones had sent to all members the minutes of the SGM held last Tuesday and there was a requirement to have the minutes of the SGM ratified by the members at today's meeting. A motion was put by David Jones and seconded by Neil Salvano that the minutes be accepted. The motion was passed.

#### Guest Speaker: John Ilott

John was introduced by Russell Rolls and covered briefly John's extensive background; namely:

John Ilott, Director Operations comes to AHPRA with more than 30 years of experience as a senior executive of hospitals, pathology practice, professional associations in both the public and private health sectors. Prior to his current role at AHPRA he was General Manager, Victoria for St John of God Pathology and Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Branch of the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia. His hospital experience includes an executive role with the Women's and Children's Network in Melbourne and Chief Executive Officer of Wangaratta Base Hospital. He also served as Chief Executive Officer in several private hospitals in

Queensland between 1978 and 1997. In all these roles, John improved both the quality and profitability of the organisations through his approach to working with all staff and external stakeholders in gaining a common understanding of the organisations' goals. With wide experience in the health industry, he enjoys working with clinicians and people throughout the organisation in building and implementing strategy. His work in previous roles has led the growth in the sophistication and breadth of the services provided as well as full compliance with the relevant quality standards. John holds a Master of Arts by research from the Faculty of Law and Management, La Trobe University. His research topic was: An exploratory study of Agency and Stewardship styles of corporate behaviour. He also holds an undergraduate degree in business. He is a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and a Fellow of the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants.

John's topic was to talk about the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for Health Professionals.

John commenced his talk with explaining that health practitioner registration included the areas of medicine, nursing, osteopathy, pharmacy, chiropractic, podiatry, dentistry, physiotherapy, optometry, psychology and the need to register to be allowed to practice across Australia. He also expanded on the establishment of a better complaints handling (notifications) process.

Mention was made that the establishment of these registration processes and requirements came from serious political reform through studies made by the Productivity Commission and the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), which resulted in an ambitious regulatory reform for the practices mentioned above.

He mentioned that the regulation of the various health practices were covered by 8 States/Territories, 85 Professional Boards, 37 Administrative organisations and 66 Acts of various Parliaments. With the establishment of one National Scheme, the following requirements have been achieved:

- Increased workforce mobility and practising Australia wide;
- Consistency in approach and standards;
- Increased efficiency-reduction in regulatory red tape;
- Collaboration increased-shared learning and understandings; and
- National registers which are available online for registrants, employers and the community.

John explained that the new arrangements started on 1 July 2010 with legislation passed in each State and territory through the use of an "Applied Law" model.

John explained the overall structure of the arrangements with the Ministerial Council having an overall management role. He further explained that this registration process was to ensure the public understood the role of health professionals throughout Australia. This arrangement had changed, however, there were some things that were different; namely:

- New legislation in place with an emphasis on the workforce and maintaining professional in the workforce;
- New business processes;
- New strategic partnerships;
- New IT systems;
- More complex registration functions;

- New notifications and tribunal processes;
- A national structure; and
- Broader career paths available for staff.

The structure of the national office was explained. Key issues that were needed to be considered are as follows:

- Applied law in legislation;
- IT system rollout;
- Data migration;
- Transition of staff;
- New rules for National Boards;
- National consistency; and
- Changes in political landscape.

Issues that continue to be addressed are as follows:

- Enterprise Bargaining Agreement;
- Financial viability demonstrated;
- Change in work practices;
- National consistency;
- Confidence of professionals, public and politicians;
- Health work innovations;
- Ambitious program by the National Board; and
- Four new professions included over the next 12 months.

#### **Report on Know Your Numbers**

*by FARRELL, Gillian*



In May 2009 we participated in The Stroke Foundation's 'Know Your Numbers' campaign, by setting up a blood pressure testing facility within the Soul Pattinson pharmacy adjacent to RACV in Bourke Street. In three separate two hour sessions on 17, 19 and 20 May, staffed by two club members per session, we successfully tested the blood pressure of about 60 passers-by.

All were given cards to record their respective blood pressure readings with information about the criteria for low, medium and high risk factors for strokes. At least five of these people were unaware that they had high blood pressure and so we suggested that they seek medical advice.

Thanks are due to pharmacist, Esther Paneth for assisting with this program in liaison with The Stroke Foundation.

This was also a promotional exercise for Rotary as the club's banners were prominently displayed and Rotary information booklets were given to those who showed interest. Our Rotary members wore their name badges which greatly helped communication and acceptance with the passers-by.

#### **Message from Roger and Pip**

*by THORNTON, Roger*

*"Hello from the newest member of the Rotary Club of*



*Jumeirah Dubai. I was finally inducted last Wednesday, May 18. On that evening, the club held a closed session to vote on the Board for 2011-12. Under its constitution, half of RC Jumeirah's 10 Board members must be Emiratis, as must be the President and Secretary. The same (almost only) five Emiratis retained their Board positions but a vote was needed for the other Board members, an eclectic mix of European, Canadian and ME Rotarians. The club has just held a most successful Caribbean Night fundraiser, in aid of a local special needs school.*



*Pip and I are doing well and after four months here are beginning to feel at home. We're starting to get out and about and a few weeks ago drove to Al Ain (near the Oman border) where we went to the zoo to see newly arrived white tigers, saw a world record (in terms of numbers) hanging basket display and were fascinated by the camel souk (see photo). And this coming weekend, we're off to Muscat for two nights.*

*Weather and work are both hotting up. The Iraq oil project is fascinating, both for the similarities and difference from projects previously experienced. I thought I was through all the office politics, however! Pip is playing lots of bridge (her life saver!) and meeting interesting and colourful people in the process."*