



Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise

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If you have any comments or questions, email the editor.

Future Speakers

Nov 1 2011

Melbourne Cup Day

"No Weekly Meeting"

Nov 8 2011

Dr Peter Ewer

"Storm over Kokoda - remembering the Air Force heroes of 1942"

Nov 15 2011

No weekly meeting on 15th November

"Paul Harris Breakfast on 16th November"

Nov 16 2011

Professor Patrick McGorry, AO

"A 21st Century Approach to Mental Health Care"

Dec 27 2011

No weekly meeting
Christmas Break

Jan 3 2012

No weekly meeting
Christmas Break

Upcoming Events

Paul Harris Breakfast

Nov 16 2011

Vocational Visit

Nov 18 2011 - Nov 18 2011

**Royal Botanic Gardens
Cranbourne**

Nov 27 2011

Club Christmas Party

Dec 20 2011

**Steam Rally with Rotary Club
of Echuca Moama**

Jun 9 2012 - Jun 11 2012

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No Club Meeting -Tuesday 1st November

by RIEBELING, Rebecca

A reminder that a club meeting will **NOT** be held this Tuesday, 1st November due to the Melbourne Cup Day.

Duty Roster 8th November 2011

by STEVENS, Kay

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	Richard Stone
Sergeant	Ed Stockdale
Reporter	Michael Bromby
Door	John Barker
Photographer	Peter Lake
Greeter	Ian Angus

Meeting Report, Tues October 25th

by Kevin LOVE

The meeting, with a full house of members and visitors, was opened at 8:40am by chairperson Marjorie Gerlinger.



Visiting Rotarians

Anastasia Driver
Vice President, RC of Melbourne Park

Elena Arias de Portes
President of Club Rotario Samborondon, Ecuador

Visitors

Adam Mackie, GSE team nominee
Xavier Arias de Portes
Bronwyn Flanagan, past GSE team member

Sergeant's Session

Reserved.

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Sergeant Gerard Hogan raised revenue directing a fine to anyone in the club that had a computer - easy pickings!

Announcements

Anastasia Driver invited club members to form a table for the RC of Melbourne Park's trivia night on 5 November at the Richmond Town Hall. Tickets are \$20 with a \$25 discount for a table of 10.

John Meehan promoted the Paul Harris Breakfast to be held on 16 November

Frank O'Brien encouraged members to attend the vocational visit to the Western Treatment Plant, Werribee on Friday 18 November

Kay Stevens promoted the Club Social Day and Picnic at the Botanical Gardens at Cranbourne on 27 November (These Gardens won an award at the prestigious Kew Flower Show in England)

President Kevin then introduced "Club Stuff":

- The Agreement to implement the Philippines project was executed at the October Board Meeting
- The Board also agreed to provide \$1,000 to the DIK project and up to \$6,000 for equipment for the Community Village project
- The Club AGM is scheduled for 22 November with details on our website.
- Doug O Robinson, Clayton VIC, has resigned from the club
- Volunteers to be Marshals for the City to Sea run on 13 November need to provide details of T-Shirt sizes ASAP. Each volunteer will earn the club \$30.

Community Village

PP Alan Seale provided a briefing on the Community Village project. This year the project will run on Friday and Saturday night for four weeks starting on November 25th. It will be based again at St Paul's Cathedral in Swanston Street and has the support of the Cathedral, the City of Melbourne and the Victoria Police.

The objective of the project is to provide a place for revelers to take some time out, cool down, rehydrate and get information. Past experience shows it indirectly reduces street crime and makes the area a much more pleasant place in which to wait for transport home.

Most of the issues that confronted the project last year have been solved and the Club will be purchasing its own equipment to reduce reliance on others.

Bernie Gerlinger will be arranging the roster and members are encouraged to volunteer some time for this important hands on project.

Guest Speaker

The meeting heard from Ms Elena Arias de Portes on "Rotary in Ecuador"

Elena is the President of Club Rotario Samborondon. This is adjacent to the big city of Guayaquil in which there are 11 Rotary clubs. The 59 clubs in Ecuador make up District 444.

Elena's club is the youngest in Ecuador and will celebrate its fifth anniversary in January 2012. The club has 15 classifications ranging from

lawyers to construction engineers. Ecuador has 40 million people and currently experiences 15% unemployment and 50% under employment. Its major exports are petroleum products and agriculture (bananas, cocoa/cacao and coffee).

One of the major issues facing the poor is lack of portable water and the club has a number of projects on provision of water and sanitation, supported by its own fundraising and RI matching grants.

The Mayor is a strong supporter of the club and some projects also have municipal funding. Club fundraising comes from Bingo, Marathons/Fun Runs, Balls and a Theatre Group.

Elena is visiting Melbourne for the marriage of her son Xavier to Bronwyn Flanagan who was our club's representative on the GSE trip to Iowa/Nebraska. Her overall impression of Australia was the level of safety and security and the discipline and respect shown by people.

Upcoming Events: Nov 8, Guest Speaker, Dr Peter Ewer

by RIEBELING, Rebecca



"Storm over Kokoda - remembering the Air Force heroes of 1942"

Most of us have heard of the battered and muddy troops who 'saved' Australia on the Kokoda Track during the darkest hours of the Pacific war. Far fewer know of the Australian pilots and aircrew who first checked the Japanese advance into the South West Pacific in desperate air fighting that swirled over the jungles of New Guinea and the base at Port Moresby, six months before the land campaign began.

In this fascinating presentation, Peter Ewer will tell how Australian crews, in a handful of aircraft, took the fight to the Japanese. Drawing on eye witness accounts and combat reports, Peter sheds new light on a neglected episode in Australian military history. This is not merely an 'aviation' story, but a compelling tale of men at war - on both sides - in a harsh physical environment. This was a time when every flight proved an epic, and every man a hero.

Peter Ewer completed a first-class honours degree in politics at Macquarie University in 1983, and a doctorate in technology and culture from RMIT University in 2005 which won a university research prize. Dr Ewer is currently an official in the Victorian Department of Justice, and has published in local and international history journals.

3E Projects in Bagong Barrio, Manila, Philippines

by DRIVER, Allan

As you may be aware, Rotary International and Rotarians around the world contribute in various ways to assist in improving the quality of life of many people around the world less off than ourselves. This is one of the reasons that the RCCM-S is supporting

the 3E projects in Bagong Barrio.

I came across this video [see link below] recently under RI made 11 months ago and it demonstrates that, in some small way, Rotary Clubs can contribute to the worthwhile living standards of others. By the end of the video, the 3Es-Enterprise (micro credit loans), Education (literacy), Environment (clean sustainable water) and other self-sustaining projects (example: health clinic) subjects are covered.

Over the past years, the RCCM-S, through the International Service Committee and other members, has worked in the following areas: Mongolia and Kalimantan, Indonesia (supplying health equipment); and

West New Britain (supply and installing water tanks).

Our club has also contributed funding to Donations-in-Kind and District 9800 International Projects.

Currently, we are working on the 3E project-Bagong Barrio- to ensure the lives of residents are improved through education by the provision of 10 scholarships (\$4,500) for training of students involved in gaining qualifications in order to start their own businesses and provision of funds for 10 business start up kits (initially \$2,500 and then up to \$5,000 in the future based on feedback about performance to our club). In the future, we hope to add the third of the 3Es-Environment- in water and/or solar energy projects.

On Thursday 27 October 2011, an agreement, approved by the RCCM-S Board was signed. It is between RCCMS and Hands-on-Health, Australia for provision of funds to kick start these projects.

Of course, the development and implementation of the current 3E projects could not have occurred without the funding support of the Rotary Club Osaka-Hommachi, and the Rotary Club South Yarra (now unfortunately no longer in existence) as well as funding from the RCCM-S. We should also acknowledge the hard work carried out by Paul Maguire and John Barker and various members of past International Service Committees for progressing the 3E projects in our club.

<http://vimeo.com/17165881>

Member in the Spotlight

by *RIEBELING, Rebecca*



"Connecting with others through vocation"

Who of us would care to imagine a world without music, without its wondrous power to inspire, to calm, to ease despair or amplify celebration, even to aid in healing?

Music crosses barriers of culture, language and time, giving voice to emotions and feeling, the sorrow, gladness, yearning, hope and love which touch all our lives and connect us to each other.

Club member Michael Lapina recently spoke to Kairos magazine about the joy of connecting with people through his vocation as a singer and music director. A copy of this article can be viewed at <http://www.cam.org.au/kairos> or by selecting the following [LINK](#)