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Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise
eBulletin

Sunday, December 11, 2011

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Hello Bernie! This email has been generated just for you as a member of our club. We hope you enjoy receiving this newsletter!

Editor: Rebecca RIEBELING
 If you have any comments or questions, email the editor.

Upcoming Event: December 13, Guest Speaker, Assistant Commissioner Andrew Crisp

Future Speakers

- Dec 13 2011**
 Assistant Commissioner Andrew Crisp
"My Policing Career - Highlights and Challenges"
- Dec 27 2011**
 No weekly meeting Christmas Break
- Jan 3 2012**
 No weekly meeting Christmas Break
- Jan 31 2012**
 Professor Danny Samson
"The future of local manufacturing - who cares?"

My Policing Career – Highlights and Challenges

Andrew is Asst Commissioner, Operations Support Department and is participating in the Rotary Police Mentoring Program with Alan Seale as mentor.

He has been a member of Victoria Police for 32 years. From 1993 to 1995 Andrew worked as a training advisor with the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary and then in 2000 worked for six months with the UN in East Timor. In recent years he has managed the counter terrorism coordination unit, led a project team to establish the Australia New Zealand Policing Advisory Agency, worked as a Divisional Manager based in Knox and then as the Acting Assistant Commissioner for 12 months in the former Region 1.

The OSD makes a strong commitment to road policing generally but specifically through the efforts of the Road Police Investigations Division and Road Police Enforcement Division.

Upcoming Events

- Club Christmas Party**
 Dec 20 2011 - Dec 20 2011
- Steam Rally with Rotary Club of Echuca Moama**
 Jun 9 2012 - Jun 11 2012

Duty Roster 13th December 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	Bernie Gerlinger
Sergeant	Peter Lake
Reporter	Marjorie Gerlinger
Greeter	Barrie Tassell
Photographer	Robin Stevens
Door	Herbert Greenwood

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Meeting Reporting, Tuesday 6th December
 by THOMAS, Tony

Guest: Margaret Gaita

Chair Frank O'Brien introduced himself for a vocational talk as a man who needs no introduction. He is a Fellow of the CPAs, has a law degree from Melbourne University and a Diploma in Financial Planning. He finds he uses this background every day in his financial services work with Sandhurst Trustees, a subsidiary of Bendigo Bank. He has been 50 years in the workforce and is manager of corporate trusts, a major custodial division. Sandhurst is the largest Victorian based property custodian with billions of assets such as shopping centres and child care centres, office blocks, etc.

Peter Lake as Sergeant raised funds at a record rate per minute by the simple expedient of fining everyone who isn't bald. Kay Stevens did her customary excellent job showing members how to login and accept events on the club website, especially our Christmas party. It was clarified that logging in, one's two names are not case sensitive.

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Announcements

Tom Callander as Club Protection Officer, urged all to register for working with children, mentioning that even Community Village work at night could be fall under the legislation.

Tony Thomas urged members to sign up as early birds by December 9th for District Conference in

Melbourne next March.

John Meehan announced that the club's nominee for Group Study in California next year, Adam McKie, had won endorsement to the team. Our other applicant Sara Thomas had withdrawn due to work pressures.

Keith Frampton mentioned that our ex-members Rod and Helen Norman are enjoying life as vigneron.

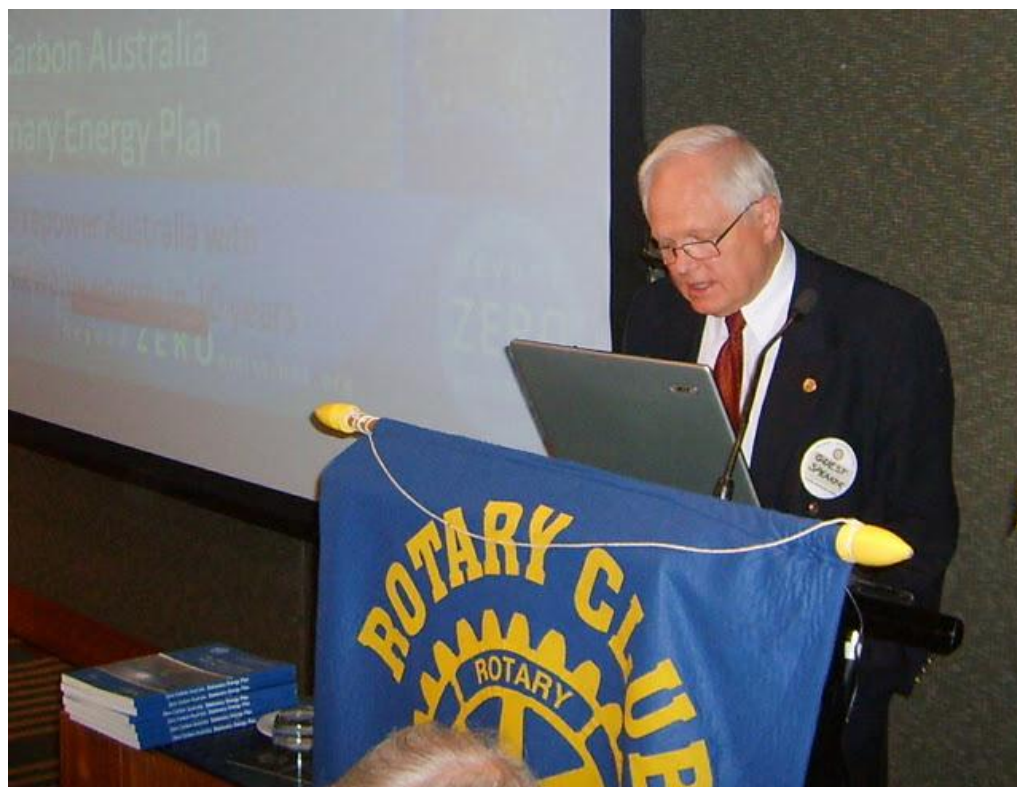
Guest Speaker: John Liddell, Beyond Zero Emissions (BZE)

John has been a Richmond Rotarian for 15 years and a friend of Rotary. BZE is a not-for-profit group of engineers, scientists, academics, etc dedicated to working for 100% renewable energy sources within 10 years. This would help maintain a safe climate regime confining global warming to 2 degrees, by deleting fossil fuels from the Australian energy mix. He cited the technology of solar based power with efficient storage, that could indeed supply base-load power. In Spain a plant at Torresol already provides baseload solar power 24 hours daily using molten salt storage. The technology had ramped up from 10MW (US 1996) to 20MW at Torresol with 100MW planned in Nevada in 2013. The Spanish plant involves Siemens, ACS and Google backers. He said Australia with its vast sunlight could replicate the technology. He cited costs of supplying the necessary energy on a business as usual basis in the coming decade and said the new technology could be competitive, given appropriate carbon dioxide pricing levels. In a lively question session, John said global warming threats made such technology imperative.

Meeting Closing

In closing President Kevin urged Christmas hamper bags to be collected, filled and returned at our next two meetings. He mentioned the Christmas card sale situation is unclear. He said the Community Village project had commenced in the past fortnight thanks to the work of Alan Seale, Richard Stone and many volunteers.

He urged participation in Docklands RC Sailing Day on December 11th and mentioned that there are many enjoyable get-togethers planned for the District Conference outside the official program. There would be focus groups for new members, alumni gatherings of ex-GSE teams, Women in Rotary meetings and many group sessions for veteran Rotarians.



Friendship Exchange good news stories continue

by THOMAS, Tony

The eleven member party who visited South Africa last May are continuing to get wonderful feedback from their introduction to the JBay Recycling Project at Jeffreys Bay, on the south coast of South Africa. The visit has now led to one boy being rescued from enrolment at a school for mentally disabled, to enrolment at a trade school where he can fulfill his dream to become a motor mechanic.

This project involves children from the poverty-stricken and AIDS ravaged local township who earn token money called 'Mulas' by bringing in rubbish for recycling. They can then spend the money at a special Mula shop on goods donated by Rotarians, business and the community, from biscuits to bicycles.

A \$500 special donation was sourced from our group, to look after a delightful boy Adrian, about 16 years

old. To this sponsorship a Jeffreys Bay sponsor added a further donation. Carina de Flamingh, JBay organizer, has emailed this new update:

"Magic and more! Adrian was noticed by the volunteers for his helpful and friendly attitude at the project and so began a beautiful friendship. Adrian became one of the first of our recycle clients to volunteer in the swap shop by helping younger children with the exciting task of choosing how to spend their hard earned Mulas! We got to know bits and pieces of his life story and also noticed that Adrian usually answered questions with one word, that he never seems to read but listens carefully and remembers like an elephant. The social worker dealing with Adrian then informed us that Adrian's literacy skills are so poor that he will be transferred to a school for the mentally handicapped by the end of this year. We all knew that it was not the place for this bright young boy.

With sponsorships from Margaret, wife of a Rotarian in Australia, and Gerrie, a friend and volunteer, Adrian started a literacy training program with Melainie, from Wise Eyes. We were optimistic and also wondered what will happen to Adrian's dream of becoming a motor mechanic. Soon after starting the literacy classes, Adrian started initiating conversations, using sentences and making eye contact.

Adrian was evaluated last week at his present school and he has improved so much that he is able to attend the Bergsig Trade school in Uitenhage next year and do his training to become a mechanic.

Carina in another briefing mentions how big the recycling project has become. On the Friday pick-up day of December 5, 260 kids arrived with 3 tonnes of glass, paper, plastics and other junk. As a thank-you for their hard work through the year, they received Christmas bonuses of 700 packets of biscuits, 250 books, 300 gingerbread men, 250 t-shirts, loads of Thom shoes and other desirables. The grant total of rubbish pick-ups for 2011, involving 39 Monday collections, was 62.5 tonnes brought in by 1657 children.



Pictured: Adrian and co-sponsor Gerrie

GSE Applicant to USA Successful
by MEEHAN, John



Of the five applicants nominated by our Club to tour India or USA with a Group Study Exchange Team next year, we have been successful with Adam McKie. Adam, aged 32 years, was chosen as one of four Team members to tour District 5230 in USA in April 2012. Adam is a Process Consultant with Mineral and Metals Group of Southbank and lives in North Melbourne. Adam holds a Bachelor of Business Management and Marketing from Victoria University. He has worked in banking, retail, government and the IT industry. We hope to see Adam at our meetings earlier in the new year.

Bernie's Commitments

Event Attendance

Date	Event Name	Location	Member/Friend
Dec 20 2011	Club Christmas Party	RACV City Club	Bernie GERLINGER

Club Meeting Tasks

Responsibility	Name
Chair	Bernie GERLINGER