



Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise

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Guest Speaker: January 17th – Mr Michael Gorton

Current issues in human rights and discrimination

Michael has been a board member and former Chair of the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission for over 10 years.

He is also a board member of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and Melbourne Health.

Michael is a solicitor and partner with Melbourne firm, Russell Kennedy.

Duty Roster 17th 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	Neville John
Sergeant	Ed Stockdale
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Meeting Report, Tuesday 10th January 2012

by THOMAS, Tony

Chair: John Ilott

Guests: Rob Deakin, Des Benjamin

President Kevin welcomed members to a new year of meetings.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Peter Lake noted this year is our club's 25th anniversary. Using John Meehan's club history as his text, he elicited fines via questions about our early days. Our charter meeting was at a Southern Cross Hotel dinner on May 1, 1989, and our club was called Port Phillip RC. We had 37 members of whom ten are still with the club. In 1998 we changed names to RCCM-S because a different local government district of Port Phillip had been gazetted. Our first female member was Billie Boyd, and our first Paul Harris Breakfast was in 1992-93.

Announcements

Michael Lapina introduced his guest Rob Deakin, President of the Lego Club of Australia. Rob is working to help autistic and Asperger's syndrome children learn better family communication skills through Lego-building, which these children particularly enjoy. Michael said one of his young sons has been diagnosed with high-level Asperger's and Michael will be singing at a fundraising concert at "BrickVention" - the Lego convention - at the Melbourne Town Hall on January 21. Rob mentioned his group was looking to set up Lego groups in both Melbourne and Adelaide to help such children in need. For more details please see the below article on the *Lego Therapy Program*.

President's Announcements

President Kevin reminded members of Jen Warner's email this week urging members to take part in a video shoot at St Leonards on January 15 (12 noon, 496 The Esplanade) associated with the launch of a song 'Fight for Life' by ROCAN (Ovarian Cancer Research). Attendees are required to contact Yvonne Moon at Yvonne.moon@bigpond.com before January 11.

Kevin also asked for help forming a small committee to organize the 25 year anniversary function Sunday lunch on May 6, joining Herb Greenwood and Peter Lake. Two more volunteers needed, preferably females.

Guest Speaker: Ian Brown

Ian is the District Coordinator, South East Metro for Freemasonry Victoria. He began by dispelling the myth that Freemasons ride on goats. He traced the history of Freemasonry back to 1119 and the Knights Templar who guarded Christian travellers to the Holy Lands, with the support of the Pope, and who also pioneered the system of travellers' cheques. The Templars were crushed by King Philip IV of France in 1307.

Masonic Lodges appear to date from 1390 in Scotland, with the surviving Rosslyn Chapel built in 1440 incorporating many Masonic symbols. Free (or "non") Mason membership began in 1641, to help spread the moral and spiritual ideals, which in respect to fellowship and charity are quite similar to Rotary's. (Both Freemasons and Rotarians were involved in the Tools for East Timor project, for example). Freemasonry in Australia has a history back to the arrival of Sir Joseph Banks in 1770, who was a Freemason with James Cook's party. First meetings were from 1802, on ships in Sydney Harbour.

Governor Macquarie was a Freemason and promoted tolerance. Ten Prime Ministers here have been Freemasons, as were Sir Donald Bradman and Weary Dunlop. In Victoria Freemasons established Freemasons Hospital, Clarendon St, in 1937, which was sold in 2006.

Membership peaked in Victoria at more than 150,000 at Grand Lodge level after a big spike in returning servicemen after 1945. Numbers are now down to 15,000, a trend common with other service clubs. However, numbers have gone up in the past 18 months with younger men joining and better publicity.

At question time Ian said Freemasonry was compatible with Catholicism and many Catholics are members. The Freemasons Hospital was sold because hospital management had become far more rigorous and specialized. Tom Callander said he had been a legal advisor to the Grand Lodge and had helped rationalization of lodges. Ian said Freemasonry continues to stress ceremonial aspects, formal attire and memorized ritual. John Meehan asked about women and Freemasonry and Ian said that some non-Victorian lodges included women. Social functions include women and the new Victorian membership manager is female. But he didn't foresee Freemasons becoming unisex in the foreseeable future.

In Victoria there are specialized lodges for military officers and even for motor-cyclists.



Pictured: Guest Speaker, Ian Brown

DIK Newsletter

by DRIVER, Allan

The RCCM-S will be sending Certificates of Appreciation to the students and staff who kindly assisted our Club at the DIK working bee last September. The International Services Committee plans to have another working bee on Saturday 24th March 2012. Please place this date in your diaries. The working bee will be in the afternoon from around 1pm to 5pm and finish with a BBQ

The December DiK newsletter can be downloaded at the following [LINK](#)

Loreto Year-End Review

by DRIVER, Allan

RCCM-S has made a special effort to assist the Loreto program over the last couple of years. Below is a copy of the year end message from the Loreto Sisters (VLAP).

"Dear Friends,

We have so, so much to tell you. The End Year Review is very detailed and informative and we hope you have time to peruse all stories, articles, points, commentaries and excerpts. It's all about the great little kids in our care. Enjoy every word and image. Wishing to each and all a very Happy and Flourishing 2012 and thanks for your constant interest and support."

Sr Trish Franklin

View a copy of the year end review at the following [LINK](#)

Lego Therapy Program

by RIEBELING, Rebecca

Rob Deakin (President of the Lego Club of Australia) is a Lego nut and incredibly passionate about supporting children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Aspergers through organised Lego play. Rob has seen first hand the powerful benefits of Lego for children with ASD and Aspergers in helping them communicate and learn to play, this has now been supported by ground breaking research. He has now established a foundation called ASD Aid and this year is establishing two Melbourne based Lego play clubs specifically for kids with Autism or Aspergers and their families. To do this he needs to raise \$5,000 for each club to fund the purchase of 80kg of Lego, training materials, and logistics (i.e. venue hire).

On the 21st of January, the Melbourne Town Hall (main Hall) will showcase hundreds of Lego models from all over Australia and is dedicating the space for the evening to ASD Aid and the launch of the program. It is a fairly informal event where you can wander around and see the great work whilst enjoying a glass of wine. During the day around 15,000 people will view the exhibition, so this opportunity is much more intimate and limited to only 200 people.

I'm also delighted to announce that our very own **Michael Lapina** will be performing at the launch of the Lego Therapy Program to support the cause!

Launch of LEGO Therapy Program

Join us for behind the scenes access to displays at Brickvention 2012 as we launch ASD Aid's LEGO Therapy Program and meet Ryan McNaught - LEGO Certified Professional (1 of only 13 in the World). ASD Aid is working towards bringing the benefits of LEGO play to disadvantaged kids, especially those with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

PURCHASE TICKETS NOW - SELLING OUT FAST

When: Melbourne Town Hall, cnr Swanston & Collins Sts, Melbourne

When: 6:30pm Saturday, 21st January 2012

Price: \$20

Bookings: Book online at <http://www.trybooking.com/18062>

Please consider sharing this message with your contacts and supporting ASD Aid's mission. Visit the ASD Aid website for further details at the following [LINK](#)

Brickvention 2012 Public Expo

When: Saturday, 21 January 2012 at 10:00 until Sunday, 22 January 2012 at 17:00

Where: Melbourne Town Hall, corner of Swantson and Collins Streets, Melbourne

Description:

Over two whole days of LEGO. Brickvention is Australia's premier LEGO fan exhibition. It brings together hundreds of original and unusual LEGO creations built by adult modelers and collectors from all over Australia. The event features a huge collection of LEGO models including trains, castles, pirate ships, Star Wars, space ships, planes, buildings, sculptures and more. Public tickets on sale now visit <http://www.brickventures.com/> to book your tickets.

