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We meet Tuesday 7:15am for 7:40am
RACV City Club
501 Bourke Street
Melbourne, VIC 3000
Australia

Upcoming speakers

Jun 19, 2012

[Police Mentoring Breakfast](#)

Jun 26, 2012

[No weekly meeting](#)

Club changeover Friday evening

Jul 10, 2012

[President Kay Stevens](#)

Presentation of 2012-2013 Plans and Objectives

Jul 31, 2012

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Upcoming events

[Police Mentoring Programme graduation breakfast](#)
RACV City Club

Jun 19, 2012 07:15 AM

[25th Changeover Dinner](#)

Athenaeum Club

Jun 29, 2012 07:00 PM

[Working Bee in the gardens at McAuley House](#)
McAuley House

Jul 07, 2012 09:00 AM

[Camp Getaway working bee weekend](#)
Camp Getaway

Aug 03, 2012 - Aug 05, 2012

[Charity Auction](#)Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club
Oct 12, 2012 07:00 PM

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[Breakfast Meeting, Tuesday 19th June](#)

Posted by Marjorie GERLINGER

Victorian Police Leaders Mentoring Programme closing function for 2011-12.

[Duty Roster 19th June 2012](#)

Posted by Kay STEVENS on Jun 17, 2012

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.

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| Chairperson | Roy Garrett |
| Sergeant | Ed Stockdale |
| Greeter | Ian Angus |
| Reporter | Michael Wells |
| Photographer | Allan Driver |
| Door | Justine Murphy |

[Meeting Report, Tuesday 12th June 2012](#)

Posted by Roger THORNTON on Jun 17, 2012

Visiting Rotarians

Chris de Fraga, RC Balwyn and Guest Speaker

Bob Slater, RC Carlton and District 9800 Vocational Director

Guests

Frank O'Brien introduced Arty Lavos and Nicki Peters, both from Victoria Police, who along with Neville Taylor hosted the RCCMS vocational visit on May 18. Neville Taylor introduced Roger Strand, Chairman of the Board of Australia Policy Legacy.

Announcements

Keith Frampton announced that both John and Lorraine Meehan had been awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the Queen's Birthday Honours list. Keith said that John is a stalwart of RCCMS and a past President of the club. He listed many of John's significant contributions, including participation in President Elect training and attendance at District Conferences for the past 15 years. As well as being a recipient of a PHF + 2 Sapphires, John has been awarded the District Service Above Self and Four Avenues of Service awards.

Keith said that Lorraine is an expert surgical and practice nurse who has participated in Interplast trips. She is a long time Smith Family volunteer, as well as a public speaker on behalf of the Smith Family. She has spoken to many Rotary clubs and is a very active participant in RCCMS



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activities.



Doug Robertson reported on a visit by four RCCMS members to the HomeGround apartment block, where 131 previously homeless and low income workers are housed. Doug advised that next year's Community Service committee will be looking at opportunities for involvement with HomeGround.

Robin Stevens reminded members about a Working Bee at McAuley House on July 7, from 9am to 12:30pm, and requested those proposing to attend to sign up through Club Runner.

President's Announcements

President Kevin thanked those eleven members who had participated at the RC Echuca-Moama Steam Rally. This was again a very successful event with 4,000 scones baked.

The University of Melbourne has written to thank RCCMS for its ongoing support of the Silk Miller Scholarship.

Stephen Burke has been confirmed as the successful candidate for the GSE Team to England in October.

The President reminded members of the Changeover on June 29 and the DG's Changeover on July 1.

President Kevin then presented Roger Strand, on behalf of Australia Police Legacy, with a cheque for \$600, following the 'best vocational tour ever'. He said that, if the Board approves, this contribution will be doubled.

Sergeant's Session

Sergeant Peter Lake tested members' knowledge of RC Echuca-Moama. All were impressed that Russell Rolls knew that Echuca's first western name was Hopkins' Punt.

Guest Speaker

Herb Greenwood introduced Guest Speaker Chris de Fraga, who is a member of RC Balwyn. Chris was the Motoring Editor of The Age for 27 years, for the Melbourne Herald for 2 years and has been an advanced driving instructor. He spoke on "Cars, Safety and Motoring".

Chris pointed out that we're all taught to drive but not to crash. He said that over the years he had made many visits to car manufacturers, who were always keen to talk about their latest and best technologies. Many of these have been in the area of safety. For example, application of the latest electronic technology in some areas of the US now means that when you have an accident, information is passed via GPS to emergency services, providing information on the number of passengers and the likely severity of their injuries. Ultimately, all cars will be linked via GPS, thereby ensuring that they don't crash. Driving will be boring but safe.

Chris showed how safety features had improved from the first car, built by Karl Benz in his cellar in the 1880s (and incidentally stolen by his wife for a weekend trip!) to 1920s Chevrolets, without seat belts and inflammable in an accident, to modern cars such as the Audi RS6. A driver in this car had an accident at 90 kph, wrapped the car around a tree trunk, chopping it in two, but still escaped without a scratch. The safety feature which makes this possible is the set of airbags, both front and side (essential because the most common accident in Australia is the T-bone).

On being asked whether large cars are safer than small ones, Chris said that it very much depends on the type of car. It is quite possible to walk away from an accident in a small car if it has appropriate safety design features. Many US built cars are very safe because of their size, whereas in Europe the emphasis is on designing cars so as to avoid having an accident in the first place.

Looking into the future, Chris identified the hydrogen powered car (actually an electric car, which pulls an electron off the hydrogen molecule) as being both safe and environmentally friendly. In his view, the only problem with hydrogen cars is getting the hydrogen. Solar power is a possibility but not for a long time.

President Kevin's closing

Before handing the meeting back to President Kevin, Chairman Herb remarked that this was Kevin's last normal meeting. He said that Kevin may have the reputation of being a bit of a rough diamond but he is a real diamond.

President Kevin closed the meeting at 8:45am.



Pictured: Guest Speaker, Chris de Fraga

Changeover Celebration Dinner - Friday 29th June

Posted by David JONES on May 20, 2012

Our 'Next Big Thing' - Kevin's swan song and Kay's taking over the bridge.

Bookings and payments before 18th June please

In brief:

Friday 29th June at 7pm
Athenaeum Club
Cost \$95 per person

Details are on the web page - 'click' on the link in left column of this bulletin.

Please forward your completed booking form to David Jones. If unable to attend please email David (jomo001@bigpond.com).