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Club meetings: 7.15 for 7.40 am at the RACV  
501 Bourke Street, Melbourne

### Next Weeks Speaker 27 November 2012

Posted by Bruce McBAIN

Acting Inspector Steve Bourke My Group Study Exchange

My Group Study Exchange Exopérience

Steve Bourke will share with us insights into his Group Study Experience to District 1080 in England.

Steve is an Acting Inspector with Victoria Police currently overseeing the statewide Operational Safety & Tactics Training, which also encompasses recruit training. He has responsibility for a range of training including firearms, defensive tactics, tactical house entry, high risk vehicle intercepts and crowd control. As a result of the Government's commitment to increase police numbers by 1700 police and 940 Protective Services Officers the police environment is obviously very active.

During the recent Group Study Exchange (GSE) to District 1080 in England Steve focused on aspects of police training, management and other practices hoping to bring back new ideas and practices within Victoria Police. The GSE exchange resulted in District 9 members experiencing English culture and institutions, observing how their vocabulary was practiced abroad, formation of personal and professional relationships, and allowing ideas to flow. Steve will discuss the specifics of this and how the experience will benefit District 9 Police and the community.

### Report of Meeting of 20 November 2012

Posted by Bruce McBAIN

Chair of the day Bruce Heron opened the meeting with a quote from Paul Harris about troubled times.

There were 3 visitors to the club this morning Wen Cheng, Niall Tofts and Andrea Rotaract members who had assisted our club at our Charity Auction in October this year.

The meeting commenced with the announcement from Neil Salvano that it was time for the AGM and there were formalities to undertake under the new rules and bylaws. A notice had been issued in late October 2012 and formal documents relating to the AGM were distributed. The club's website, including all the nominations for positions on the Board for 2013-2014, financial statements for 2011-2012 and related audit certificate. All members were asked to bring a copy of the notice to the meeting.

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## Upcoming events

**DIK Working Bee**  
Woolshed 40  
Nov 24, 2012 09:30 AM - 12:30 PM

**DIK Working Bee**  
Woolshed 40  
May 11, 2013 09:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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papers to vote for nominations and to accept the financial statements. Subsequent meeting it was announced that all nominees were voted in unanimously.

### Announcements:

**Robin Stevens** reminded members about the Xmas Hampers and asked anyone who had collected a bag yet to do so after the meeting.

**Mik Wells** then gave a director's update on New Generations. Tony Thomas attended the High during the month to award a \$200 Math's Prize, which is an important way to maintain our relationship with the school. Tony also attended the RYPEN Camp in March. Mik and Di together with a professional chef that has been engaged for the RYPI club will be catering for in March. Mik has also interviewed candidates for both the Scholarships and RYLA camps and will be making his recommendations to the Executive. Mik also set a record for talking within the short time of 2 minutes and 50 seconds.

**President Kay** awarded certificates of appreciation to our Rotaract Guests Niall, for their excellent work in helping with the charity auction. She also thanked the team together the Paul Harris Breakfast and announced that the club had raised just over \$1000 this year.

**Michael Bromby** then played Neville Taylor's favourite song Sitting on the Dock of Redding and extracted several fines on the way.

Our guest speaker **Helga Svendsen** then provided some thought provoking information about the Hotham Mission Asylum Seeker Project and the plight of refugees in general. Helga is the CEO of the organisation since January this year and much of her role involves trying to educate the public misconception about Asylum Seekers and Refugees since both sides have created a toxic political environment around the issue. She began by stressing that it is not such thing as "illegal" asylum seekers, anyone who seeks asylum because of fear in their home country is entitled to seek recognition of refugee status and are the living in the community whilst their claims are being processed.

Hotham Mission started 15 years ago when Timorese asylum seekers arrived in Australia. It was recognised that they required assistance until their claim for refugee status was approved. These people were not able to be employed until their status had been approved therefore they required the basic needs of food and shelter. The organisation is on a completely volunteer basis and has grown to a workforce of 35. Much of the work is done on a completely volunteer basis. The workers that are case managers for the asylum seekers. Houses are donated for individuals and the Anglican Church. Without the assistance of Hotham Mission many asylum seekers would be homeless.

Hotham Mission currently assists 118 people through two different programs, one funded by the Government. The people that they assist are provided with a basic allowance of \$33 per week, which does not go far when you consider the prices of the type of things they need to buy for their basic survival such as toilet paper, toothpaste, nappies range from 6 months to 60 and are referred by other community groups.

Helga also provided some statistics which were very enlightening:

- The system for seeking asylum is probably fair, but is convoluted and 50% of decisions made denying refugee status are subsequently overturned, which begs the question of how efficient and effective the system is.
- 95% of people that seek asylum are subsequently granted refugee status
- There are about 1.2 million people per year that are legitimate seekers of asylum but only 80,000 become settled in a different country, which leaves over 1.1 million people in fear of persecution.

Hotham survives through fundraising, donations, volunteers and advocacy and I members of our club for its continued support of the organisation.



Chair of the Day Bruce Heron thanks Helga for her presentation and presents a gift made in Timor Leste. This project of the Aloha Foundation supports cottage weavers and box makers

### Vocational Visit Victorian Police Academy, Swearing in Ceremony and Marc

Posted by Bruce McBAIN

24 Rotarian their partners and Honary Members spent four extremely interesting Police Academy at Glen Waverley which is considered to be a world class training. Upon arrival we were met by our hosts Acting Inspector Steve Bourke, Inspector and Sergeant Glenn Whyte. After a welcome we caught two buses to the outer acre campus. The Academy with a full time staff of 60 is responding to the increase arising from the increase in Police force recruitment and also training of Protective Officers. In addition to new recruits the centre is also catering for updating safe handling of weapons, communication skills & ethics. This workload has also increased as a result of the need to replace old Kelly era pistols for the more modern Smith & Wesson. We moved to the weapons area where the correct taser & gun handling was explained. Shooting training is conducted at three ranges 25 metres, 15 metres (typically where a third party is at risk) to 3 metres tactical range. Steve Burke explained that shooting practice targeted upper body as a last resort when all else had failed and officer at risk.



#### Acting Inspector Bourke inducts trainees in correct use of spray

Tuition is undertaken in what were described as portable class room but in fact a constructed in Bendigo then transported and assembled on site, they have prove serviceable and flexible. Average intake age of a recruit is 30 and they have corr of backgrounds and bring a range of new skills to the force. The attrition rate is 7 than the normal 3% due to the current pressure on increasing police numbers re: time to spend with individual students. The recruits spend 33 weeks at the Acad they become Constables which enables them to take the class room theory to p experiences at weeks 13, 17, 18 & 26. Week 17 is traffic conducted in CBD and based in a station on counter duties and also may experience hands on public or bus operations. After graduation they spend 2 years as probationary constables. room we went to a mock village which enables training to take place in realistic e miniature town is complete with an ANZ bank, Pub, and Office Block BP Service a vacant block and a railway platform complete with a Hitachi train carriage used Protective Service Officers, this new facility was opened earlier in the day by Pre platform and classroom is dedicated to the memory of Constable Charles Norma was fatally stabbed at Flinders Street Station on 8 January 1974. The village sett realistic role plays set around family violence, forceful police entrance and locatir window sills etc.





No body gets pass me without a valid ticket

We were then hosted to lunch by Chief Commissioner Ken Lay and Senior Office lunch were members of the Curson family and Telstra who have provide a schol Graduate Training. The 2012 recipient was announced as Inspector David Cowa undertake a program at Harvard-Kennedy in the USA.



Immediately post lunch we were escorted to reserved seating to watch the formal parade and receipt of warrants by the 22 graduates of Squad 30. Awards were presented to Constable Scarlett Mackenzie (The Blue Ribbon Foundation Angela Taylor Memorial , Academic Achiever Award) and Constable Joshua McCabe( Blue Ribbon Foundation Tyna Operational Skills Highest Achiever Award)

Commissioner Lay addressing the graduates encouraged them to make a difference, reminded them of their responsibility to help the community by demonstrating leadership, to promote ethical leadership and accountability whilst mindful of the extraordinary challenges they face and using that power to benefit the community. He urged the Graduates to take every opportunity given to them and to engage challenges and seize opportunities.

Constable Scarlett McKenzie then gave the Valedictory response on behalf of the graduates. Senior Police Chaplain Reverend Dr John Broughton gave the Blessing.

The Graduation finished with trooping of the Police colours, and march past of the Police Band and a swirl of Pipes from the Police Band.





The visit concluded by visiting the Academy Chapel which was built in 1959 in the Basilica Style with some Renaissance influence. The Chapel was originally the Christ the King theological College prior to its sale to the Police in 1974. As the chapel was ready for a wedding we were unable to go in but were able to stand at the entrance to view the Stained Glass Windows and 2.8 x 1.8 Cross weighting 88kg which adorn the Altar.

Thanks to John Meehan of the Vocational Committee for organizing a great visit and Zhang for assisting with the organization..

#### **Duty Roster 27 November 2012**

Posted by Bruce McBAIN

Chair	Justine Murphy
Sergeant	Michael Bromby
Greeter	Bruce McBain
Reporter	Koren Harvey
Photographer	Alan Driver
Door	Kerstin Steiner
Director Report	Kevin Walklate

