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PRESENTATION OF PLANS FOR 2017 DISTRICT 9800 CONFERENCE

District Governor Elect Neville John and Past President Kevin Love will be providing news for club members on the plans for the District 9800 Conference to be held in 2017. Members are encouraged to



attend and hear the latest news. Neville and Kevin will be getting stuck into the work required to plan and action the District Conference.

For members to get a

Meeting Responsibilities

Chair

ELLIS AM, Stuart

Presenter

Greeter

TAYLOR, Neville

Reporter

CUTHBERT, Greg

Photographer

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Door

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DRIVER, Allan

Upcoming Events

Catch up with Echuca Moama

Mar 20, 2016

International Committee

Fundraiser

Apr 16, 2016

Speakers

Mar 22, 2016

DGE Neville John and PP Kevin Love

2017 District 9800 Conference



head start, have a look at the following video:

Mar 29, 2016
[Molly O'Shaughnessy](#)
Women and children living free from violence

Apr 05, 2016
[Detective Senior Sergeant Stuart Bailey](#)
The Function of the Homicide Squad & Victoria Police / Rotary Mentoring Program Initiative

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYxn8Cp6dXk>

MEETING REPORT 15th MARCH 2016

President George Mackey opened the meeting at 7:40am and welcomed the following people:

- Dr Bart Polder – visiting Rotarian from RC Emmeloord, The Netherlands
- Ally Bergermin – applicant for Global Peace Scholarship
- Sue Duras – wife of Member Peter Duras (whose family were Soldier Settlers)

Announcements:

Russell Rolls reminded Members of the Disaster Aid International appeal in response to the recent Cyclone Winston in Fiji. The cyclone has left 14,000 people sheltering in evacuation centres.



Donations will help Disaster Aid International respond with Family Survival



Packs, Home
Repair Kits,
SkyHydrant
water
purification
systems and
Sawyer water
filters.

Members are

referred to the website www.disasteraidaustralia.org.au through which donations may be made.

Frank O'Brien advised Members that it was Member Barry Tassell's birthday. [Photo: Barry and Ally Bergermin]

Frank gave Members a reminder of the forthcoming lunch with Members of our Sister Club – the Rotary Club of Echuca Moama. We meet for lunch at the Tooborac Hotel, a heritage listed building built in 1857, on Sunday, March 20. For details of this outing please contact Frank.



George Mackey gave Members a report on the recent District 9800

Conference. George made particular mention of the efforts of Kevin Walklate in his role as "On to Conference" Co-ordinator.

In summary, a





most successful Conference with many lessons learnt for the Club in the planning and organisation of the 2017 District 9800 Conference in Shepparton.

Neville John advised Members that congratulations were due to Member Stella Avramopoulos who received an inaugural "Royce Abbey Rotary Champions of Change" award at the recent Women In

Rotary 2016 International Women's Day Breakfast. The award recognises one who "Engages, Influences and Leads through Commitment and Action."

Mary Voice: Presentation of Global Warming

Mary had the "right of reply" to Member Tony Thomas' presentation of March 8.



Mary presented a graph of average global temperatures over the past 100 years that showed 2015 was the hottest year on record "with a very high degree of confidence". However, Mary suggested that the measurements for one year were not particularly important – a more relevant metric is the decade-on-decade measurement.

This metric was

shown graphically to highlight the temperature increments.

Nature responds to global temperature variation. Examples are - warming produces a decline in agricultural outputs, grape harvests are earlier than expected.

Mary then highlighted some of the challenges associated with temperature measurement: satellites drift in orbit necessitating corrections to temperature measurements, how to include recently "rescued" data, African data has degraded over the past 50 years, the disintegration of the USSR in 1991 adversely affected data collection and accuracy.

On the basis of observed data, 2016 may well be a "heatwave" year with significant hydrological droughts.

Mary referred Members to several "citizen science" projects. **IEDRO** is involved with [rescuing historic environmental data](#) to improve climate change research – www.iedro.org. **Old Weather** helps scientists recover Arctic and worldwide weather observations made by United States ships since the mid-19th century by transcribing these ships' logs. These transcriptions will contribute to climate model projections and will improve our knowledge of past environmental conditions – www.oldweather.org.

Mary presented a well-researched and passionate "right of reply" for Members to consider as part of their understanding of the complex science of climate change.

Guest Speaker – Daniel Wilksch "Soldier On – WWI Soldier Settler Stories"

Daniel is involved with the Public Records Office Victoria (PROV) project on the preservation of historically important State Government records.



Of the 70,000 soldiers returning from the First World War some 12,000 were given Soldier Settlement blocks. However, by 1929 17% of these blocks had been abandoned. This outcome was a result of two factors: agricultural prices fell during the 1920's making much small scale farming uneconomic and the lack of a farming background with many of the Soldier Settlement families.

Daniel showed a compelling video of oral history on Soldier Settlement. Interviewees highlighted:

- There was only one good year in every seven, making it an impossibility to sustain a family.
- On a typical 640 acre farm some 50 acres of crop was needed to feed the horses thus reducing the commercially productive area of the farm.
- When there was a good year the bottom fell out of the market due to an oversupply of grain.
- Black frosts either wiped out or significantly reduced farm production.
- Many men needed to find "wage" work off the farm thus contradicting the principal aim of the Soldier Settlement scheme – to make families self-sufficient on their property.

Daniel referred Members to the website www.soldiersettlement.prov.vic.gov.au "Battle to Farm" where details of individual Soldier Settlement

properties are presented.

In summary, the WWI Soldier Settlement scheme can probably be categorised as unsuccessful with some 50% of the original Settlers not on their property 30 years later. However, the post-WWII scheme that was established on a more economically viable basis can be considered a success.

Following Daniel's presentation there was a lively and informative question and answer session.

A very interesting presentation on an important aspect of Victoria's social history.

"Swindle"

With a "pot" of some \$600 there was no winner this week. Members live to fight another day!!!

President George closed the Meeting at 8-45.

GOLDSBROUGH LANE GOURMET FARMERS MARKET

THE NEXT GOLDSBROUGH LANE GOURMET FARMERS MARKET IS ON THURSDAY 24 MARCH 2016 [JUST IN TIME FOR EASTER!]. REMEMBER THE MARKET NOW OPERATES WEEKLY.

For those on Facebook refer to <https://www.facebook.com/GoldsbroughLaneGFM/?fref=ts>

Market Volunteers Update

We have secured an agreement with Lentara to provide helpers for the market bump in and out.

This means we do not require 4-6 club members to continue to do the bump in and out.

Paul Fraser will roster 1 Rotarian on for





each bump in and out to supervise the Lentara helpers.

The Rotarian only need assist physically if they are able to do so.

We can still use volunteers to assist with bump in or out – we have a number of Rotary/Rotaract clubs

interested in helping. All volunteer and Rotarian supervision inquires can be sent to Paul Fraser - pjf3000@bigpond.com

STALL HOLDERS ON THURSDAY 17th MARCH WERE:

Tranquil garden Precut flowers
 John Howell orchards Apples/pears
 Kookaberry Fresh and frozen berries
 Nougatine Macarons
 Stir crazy Crackers and cordials
 3 bees Honey Honey & Honey Comb
 Julia Organic Organic vegetables
 Raynor Orchards Stone Fruits
 Sourdough bakery Sourdough Bread and Pastries
 Gourmet pies Gourmet pies and pasties
 WillowZen Free range Eggs
 Boatshed Cheese Goat and Milk Cheeses
 Redbox Wines Yarra Valley Wines



Some of the goodies on offer.





Rotary Stall at the market

We have agreed to provide one stall at each market for the use of any Rotary Clubs to selling Rotary related goods, raise awareness or use as they see fit for a cause of their choice.

All Rotary stall inquiries can be sent to Marjorie Gerlinger - marbern@bigpond.net.au



ROTARY FELLOWSHIP PERSIAN BREAKFAST 3rd APRIL 2016

Dear Members, partners and friends, you are invited to attend from 7.30 - 12noonish on Sunday 3rd April 2016
RSVP - Thursday 31 MARCH to Gerard Hogan by email: ghogan6@bigpond.com or mobile phone: 0408 511 060
211 SEPARATION ST., NORTHCOTE
Please advise of any special diet requirements sooner rather than later.

All welcome



, bring a
friend
Profit to
the
Sergeants
Bucket



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE WINE EVENT OF THE YEAR 16th APRIL 2016

Posted by Herb Greenwood

Craft Beer and Fine Wine Event run by the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne Sunrise to meet our commitments for its school projects in Laos to be held at

Henry Street Brewhouse, Unit 5, 38 Barrett Street, Kensington. [<https://henrystbrewhouse.com.au/>]

On Saturday 16th April 2016.

Born from humble beginnings in the backyard on Henry Street, this tiny artisan microbrewery pride themselves in handcrafting exquisite beers and ales. Created using the finest ingredients, a lot of passion and hard work.

As well as the opportunity to taste a range of craft brews, the event will feature an auction of fine wines and a talk by Sandra de Pury, winemaker at Yeringberg Wines, who has also donated some notable wines for the event.

Sandra, along with her father Guill de Pury and wife Katherine make wines for the new millennium from the low-yielding vines re-established in the heart of what was one of the most famous vineyards of the 19th century. In the riper years, the red wines have a velvety generosity of flavour rarely encountered, while never losing varietal character; the long-lived Marsanne Roussanne takes students of history back to Yeringberg's fame in the 19th century. They export to the US, Switzerland, Hong Kong and China.

RCCMS members have raided their cellars to present a range of interesting wines for the special silent auction and the highlight auction on the evening.

Attendance is strictly limited to 40 people. Finger-food and vouchers for tastings or wine, beer and soft drink by the glass are included in the ticket price. Further drinks can be purchased at the bar.

Also a lucky door prize will be awarded at no cost.

If you cannot attend or miss out on a ticket, you can still participate by making an advance bid for the auction items from the list to be circulated before the event.

The Laos school projects run by RCCMS refurbish classrooms and toilets at village schools in Laos, near Luang Prabang. The Laotian people have a strong desire for education but limited resources and RCCMS with your help is working to address this issue.

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UPDATE ON MACAULEY HOUSE

As members would be aware, our club has supported and assisted Macauley House, the women's refuge in Flemington Road, North Melbourne, over a number of years with major working bees, outdoor furniture and the dog enclosure. The operation of Macauley

has been a great success and will be on the move in the next 12 months .

These photos show their new building under construction in Footscray.



GALLERY

Dr Bart Polder - visiting Rotarian from RC Emmeloord, Netherlands with President George Mackey.

His club, with 55 members, is 80km east of Amsterdam, in a region 4.5m below sea level. The land was pumped out of Zuiderzee (a sea turned in a big lake now called Jsselmeer) in 1942 and became a world export centre for seed potatoes. "Our district was also known during World War II as the perfect bail-out area for British bomber pilots, because they could bail out and stay hidden," he says.

Bart is an orthodontist and dental implant specialist in a practice with 5 dentists and 25 employees, and also works with complex hospital cases. He's in Australia to address orthodontic conferences in Sydney and Melbourne and train post-grads with a California-based global academic program. [from Tony Thomas]



It is always good to catch up with other members before the meeting.



David Jones and Sally enjoying David's birthday dinner in The Whole Earth, Chang

Mai, Thailand
The RCCM-S members travelling in Thailand



