



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

Stories

[BREAKFAST SPEAKER - TUESDAY OCT 22](#)

VOCATIONAL SERVICE FORUM

'What words of wisdom would you like to share with or pass on to the next generation?'

[Duty Roster for 22 October 2013](#)

Chair	Bernie Gerlinger
Sgt	Michael Bromby
Greeter	Marj Gerlinger
Reporter	Wolf Jacobs
Photographer	Robin Stephens
Door	John Price
Editor	Tony Thomas

[Urgent Message re "The Greatest Is Love"](#)

Message from President Doug:

I'm writing to you with a special and urgent appeal to boost your efforts to sell tickets for our play production "The Greatest Is Love".

I am asking for a huge and renewed effort from everyone to support this fund raiser. Our target is \$15,000 profit and this event is our major fund-raiser for the year; it's a lot bigger in scope than our Paul Harris Breakfast which is getting good support from other Rotary Clubs. If we can't raise funds, we can't maintain our club's level of charitable activities.

Roland, co-star Glenda Linscott and our task force are organising a big media blitz to the public in the coming week, in print and radio. We are counting on this blitz **and our members' personal efforts** to bring in the ticket sales we need.

Yours in Rotary
Doug

HOW TO BOOK: Go to our club webpage rccms.org.au and hit the link that says, CLICK HERE. Tell your friends too about this easy booking system. Prices are \$60 (A Res) and \$48 (B Res).

Or forward this email with a personal message and include the following:

Tickets: A Reserve \$60 : B Reserve \$48.



Upcoming Events

[Paul Harris Breakfast](#)
RACV City Club

Nov 13, 2013 at 07:30 AM - 09:00 AM

[Board Meeting](#)
RACV City Club

Nov 20, 2013 at 06:00 PM - 07:30 PM

[Christmas Party](#)
RACV City Club

Dec 17, 2013 at 07:30 AM - 09:30 AM

[Board Meeting](#)
RACV City Club

Dec 18, 2013 at 06:00 PM - 07:30 PM

Speakers

Oct 29, 2013
[DON STEWART](#)
TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

Nov 05, 2013
[NO MEETING THIS WEEK](#)
[\(Melbourne Cup Holiday\)](#)

Nov 12, 2013
[NO REGULAR MEETING TODAY](#)
Paul Harris breakfast tomorrow

Nov 13, 2013
[The Hon. Justice Chris Maxwell](#)
2013 ROTARY FOUNDATION PAUL
HARRIS BREAKFAST

Play starts at 3.00pm doors open 2.30pm
SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2013
Tickets: Click through from rccms.org.au

[McAuley House Newsletter Thanks RCCMS](#)

This is what the McAuley House Newsletter has reported:
"McAuley House Receives A Special Outdoor Makeover"
The Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise recently held a working bee in the outdoor area. Around ten volunteers, including some McAuley staff and residents, enthusiastically installed new pavers in the chapel garden, built new garden paths, made various repairs, and planted new plants throughout the gardens. The club also donated some beautiful outdoor garden furniture, made specially for the House, as well as a huge amount of garden and renovation supplies.
"The working bee was a great success and we can't thank the club enough for their time, generosity and hard work." said Robyn Davies, Program Manager for the House. "The outdoor area has been really transformed and everyone at the House is thoroughly enjoying the newly renovated spaces."

[Phillip Golez Returns](#)

Our 2006-07 exchange student Phillip Golez will be visiting our club with his parents on October 22 and will give a five-minute update on his subsequent career. Phillip is a brilliant pianist and we remember his time with us with great affection.

[MEETING REPORT, OCTOBER 15](#)



Chair Brian Downie (right) with unidentified club official

Meeting opened by "Chair of the Day", Brian Downie
Reporter: Russell Rolls
President Doug welcomed back Richard Bowen and Russell Rolls after extended periods of leave.

There were no visitors or guests.

There were no announcements.

Director's Report – Club Administration – Neville Taylor. Neville reported on a number of initiatives underway:

- Melbourne Project – overseen by Roger Thornton. The final strategy report will be submitted to the November Board Meeting.
- Fundraising Dinners – all organised. The next dinner at Alan Seale's home will be held on November 11 and is booked out.
- Peninsula BBQ – scheduled for February 23 at John Meehan's home.
- Heathcote Luncheon – with Sister Club Echuca Moama. In preparation in conjunction with the International Committee.
- 2013/2014 Wallet Cards now available.
- Web Resources Sub-committee – doing a great job. Have assisted a Sunshine Coast Club with their introduction to "Club Runner". RCCMS is considered a "benchmark Club" by "Club Runner"
- On-to-Conference – Justine Murphy co-ordinating. Don't forget the District Conference on the Gold Coast in March 2014 and the International Conference in Sydney in June 2014.
- Neville John reported that District Conferences always had a number of inspiring speakers, were great fellowship events and urged all Members to register for the Gold Coast Conference next year.

Nov 26, 2013
[SONYA CLANCY](#)
Hot Desking: Busting the Myth!

Dec 17, 2013
[CHRISTMAS PARTY](#)

Dec 24, 2013
[NO REGULAR MEETING THIS WEEK \(Christmas Eve\)](#)

Dec 31, 2013
[NO REGULAR MEETING THIS WEEK \(New Years Eve\)](#)

Jan 21, 2014
[Bernard McMenamin FCA, FCPA, CTA, TEP](#)
Estate Planning

Jun 17, 2014
[Police Mentoring Program 2014 Graduation Breakfast](#)

Jun 24, 2014
[NO REGULAR MEETING THIS WEEK](#)

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Bulletin Editor

[Kerstin STEINER](#) (If you have any comments or questions, please contact the editor)

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President's Announcements

- October 24 is World Polio Day. There are now only two countries (Afghanistan and Pakistan) where polio is endemic. The Club continues to donate to End Polio/Polio Plus, Rotary International's drive to eradicate polio. Some of the profits from the annual Paul Harris Breakfast go to this initiative.
- Fraternitas Award, International House. The award this year was presented to a young student from Bendigo.
- "The Greatest is Love" – the Club's major fundraising event for the year. Numbers are still disappointingly low. President Doug urged Members to distribute the "flyers" to as broad a community as possible.

Tony Thomas – Job Talk

The inimitable Tony did not let us down with an entertaining account of his encounter with "Q&A" and its guest, Dr David Suzuki. Tony has provided the following précis of his talk.

"My vocation is being a foot soldier in Australia's culture wars.

I recently appeared on "Q&A" asking a question of Dr Suzuki, an acclaimed environmentalist. My question was:

"David, you have urged twice that legal ways should be found to goad politicians for denying what you call the science of climate change. Do you still hold that view?"

Dr Suzuki's answer was – "You bet".

A day or two earlier, Dr Suzuki had described Prime Minister Abbott's climate policies as "criminal negligence".

"Q&A" gave Dr Suzuki the great honour of a solo spot on the podium. Since 2010, the only other guests with solo spots have been Australian Prime Ministers or ex-Prime Ministers and Bill Gates.

How did I get involved? My "Quadrant" editor, Roger Franklin, had a fiery exchange of e-mails with "Q&A" producer Peter McEvoy. My editor said that if "Q&A" wanted a tough question then they should contact me.

Hence, "Q&A" producer, Amanda Collinge, rang and I e-mailed this question:

"David, when you visited the small and junior John Abbott College in Montreal last October your staff requested the College, according to e-mails released under FOI, to supply you with two nicely-dressed and hand-picked female students as your bodyguards for the day. Your staff offered these two female students the chance to meet and chat with you in your hotel penthouse suite afterwards. The College staff sought to comply with these requests but eventually changed their mind and supplied both male and female student escorts. Why did you make that bizarre request for two female student bodyguards?"

I might add here that Dr Suzuki also got a \$30,000 fee from that small College for a 50 minute speech, plus more than \$11,000 expenses. The College is a quarter the size of the University of Ballarat.

"Q&A" refused that question but accepted my second-preference question about putting sceptics in gaol.

Marg filmed me asking the question using my pocket camera. I uploaded the film and "Q&A" spliced it into the program.

Let me sum up. In a Western democracy in the Year of our Lord 2013, 800 years since "Magna Carta", an honoured guest of the tax payer funded ABC espouses goading of elected politicians for criticising a climate science hypothesis.

Strange times we live in."

Sergeant's Session – Michael Bromby

- Winner of the Footy Tipping Competition was former Member, John Wright. Michael presented Brian Downie with the prize, a Hawks scarf, to pass on to John.
- Michael advised that the poem had "gone off the rails" somewhat with both "incorrect rhyme and meter". George Mackay read his revised verse and put the saga back "on track".
- Frank O'Brien is next week's poet.

- This week's music choice was Mahler's 6th Symphony. Whilst the symphony is far from the most popular of Mahler's works, Neil Salvano gave a spirited explanation of his love of the composition. Congratulations to Frank O'Brien for correctly identifying Neil as the "sponsor".

Guest Speaker – Brian Tanti



Brian has spoken to the Club on a previous occasion and brings his passion for automotive technology and a "hands on" approach to life. He is the former director of the Fox Classic Car Collection and is a former Docklands Chamber of Commerce president. Brian is also the CEO of the AutoHorizon Foundation, the not-for-profit organisation behind the FR-1 concept car. His workshop is based at the Automotive Centre of Excellence (ACE) but is part of the Fox Classic Car Museum.

Brian spoke about the "throw-away" society and "learned helplessness". In Brian's view this "no responsibility" approach stems, in part, from the reduction in apprenticeships and down-grading in the public mind of "hands on" careers. Brian emphasised the importance of technical programmes in schools to balance the "virtual world" of computer games. He spoke of the dichotomy in society between "knowledge work" and "manual work". There is no longer the same regard for "manual work". This might be contrasted with Germany, for example, where some 50% of young people in the workforce are in some form of apprenticeship.

In summary, Brian presented a logical, impassioned case for technical training in a broader sense to be given more priority within the educational system. Electrician, plumber, automotive mechanic, for example, is still a great career, especially for those students who struggle with the over-emphasis on the "knowledge" side of the secondary curriculum. I think that most Members present agreed with Brian in this regard.

A lively question and answer session followed, unfortunately cut short by the "bell".