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NEXT MEETING 23rd FEBRUARY 2016 BUSINESS LEADERS BREAKFAST GUEST SPEAKER DR SIMON LONGSTAFF

2016 Business Leaders Breakfast - Tuesday 23 February 2016
Guest Speaker: Dr Simon Longstaff Executive Director, Ethics Centre
"Current ethical challenges facing Australian business".

Level 2, RACV Club, 501 Bourke St, Melbourne
Tickets: \$65 per person including a full hot breakfast.

Our Rotary Club is hosting its annual Business Leaders Breakfast on Tuesday 23 February 2016. The event has been designed to be an informative event for members and guests, plus all funds raised will go to support the Club's Victoria Police Silk Miller Scholarship program. This

Meeting Responsibilities

Chair
HINES, Rob

Presenter

Greeter

Reporter
MURPHY, Justine

Photographer
FRASER, Paul

Door
ROLLS, Russell

Director Report

Bulletin Editor
DRIVER, Allan

Upcoming Events

Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre Working Bee
Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre
Feb 27, 2016
8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Catch up with Echuca Moama
Mar 20, 2016

International Committee Fundraiser
Apr 16, 2016

Scholarship has been supported by the Club for more than 10 years and focuses on building the capability in Victoria Police to better understand and work towards reducing youth suicide. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THIS BREAKFAST IS SUPPORTED.**

We are most fortunate to have one of Australia's most talented and experienced senior executives and directors leading this event, Dr Simon Longstaff. He is currently Executive Director of The Ethics Centre and has worked



with many directors and executives in a variety of sectors.

Quote: **"I don't know one CEO or chairman in corporate Australia who has not worked with Simon"**

Longstaff"-Carol Schwartz AM, Director Stockland and Bank of Melbourne.

The Ethics Centre is the world's only organisation guiding on complex ethical issues across all levels of society. It works with individuals and families, organisations and industries, militaries and governments, to embed ethics at the centre of people's choices. Concern for business ethics was a founding principle of Rotary's formation a century ago.

Simon says, "Our work goes beyond relieving the symptoms of ethical failure - we also help to prevent its causes, empowering people to shape our world for the better.

Simon, whose PhD is from Cambridge University, was the first President of The Australian Association for Professional and Applied Ethics. He is a fellow of the World Economic Forum and has numerous Board positions.

Dr Longstaff will be providing valuable insights into the current ethical challenges facing Australian business, drawing upon his considerable experience and knowledge.

Please join us for this special event, and we encourage you

Speakers

Feb 23, 2016

[Dr Simon Longstaff AO](#)

Current ethical challenges facing Australian business

Apr 05, 2016

[Detective Senior Sergeant Stuart Bailey](#)

The Function of the Homicide Squad & Victoria Police / Rotary Mentoring Program Initiative

[View entire list](#)



to invite your friends and business colleagues to experience this rare opportunity. The flyer contains further details of this event.

Follow link: [Business Leaders Breakfast](#)

Tickets for this fundraising event are \$65 per person, and bookings can be made through the following site:
<http://www.trybooking.com/177164>

MEETING REPORT 16th FEBRUARY 2016

Guest Speakers; Dr Meredith Doig and Dr Paul Tonson

Guest Rotarians; Mike Kingwill – RC Mildura Deakin
David Schultz – President of RC
Heidleberg
Mike Stansbury - President of RC
Echuca Moama
Emma Davis – PE of RC Strathmore

Visitors; Des Benjamin

Announcements;

Greg Cuthbert provided an update of the GLGFM including a very slick video produced by the Farmers Market Association, which studiously avoided any reference to Rotary – Not Happy!!



President George emphasized the need to get the numbers up for the Business Breakfast next week – so please use your address book! George also reported that Tony Thomas is as busy as ever with his keyboard and will certainly be helping with the Garden Design Fest promotion.

Speaker's Presentation;

Dr Merideth Doig is Chair of Pathways for Diversity Education, the topic for the morning. She is also the President of the Rationalist Society of Australia. She has held a number of senior business and board positions.



Her involvement with Pathways had its origin in a chance meeting with Dr Paul Tonson when he was a Uniting Church Minister in Nunawading. Paul was unusual in that he invited

people of different religious faiths and free thinkers, ie. agnostics, atheists, humanists, rationalists, etc. to address his congregation.

This approach by Paul struck Meredith as both novel and very constructive at a time when public discourse about belief tends to be polarized with the help of a sensationalist media. She and Paul have debated the question of whether religion is irrational and whilst agreeing about many things, do not share a conclusion. Herein lies the main point Pathways strives to make – as a community we should focus on our common beliefs and values rather than our differences. Failure to do this she argued damages social cohesion in a Country that by and large has managed multiculturalism pretty well.

Meredith and Paul then embarked on a program with secondary school children to tackle this problem following the reported assaults on Indian students several years ago. The program is supported by the Victorian Multicultural Commission and started in 2012. It is called Path-Wise and takes young speakers with a wide range of world-views from faith and free thought traditions into Year to 11 classrooms. A panel of three young adults, two being

members of a faith group and one from a free thought movement talk to students about their beliefs and why they hold them. They take any questions from the students and are trained on handling any "Gotcha" moments.

Pathways target State schools in particular as private schools are more likely to have tuition on religions in their curriculum. Panel members are recruited through Sponsor organisations or word of mouth. The School visited can nominate their preferred combination of three voices. Currently Path-Wise presents at a school about once a month, but are keen to grow the program. Whilst the program is supported by VMC, it also receives donations from individuals and its sponsors. Meredith noted that whilst there are quite a number of multi-faith organisations, this is the only one that embraces free thought organisations.

President George closed the meeting with the observation that Pathways and Rotary have much in common with regard to social cohesion through building peace and goodwill

THE NEXT GOLDSBROUGH LANE FARMERS MARKET IS THURSDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2016

THE NEXT GOLDSBROUGH LANE GOURMET FARMERS MARKET IS ON THURSDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2016 AFTER THE 18th FEBRUARY. REMEMBER THE MARKET NOW OPERATES WEEKLY.

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 inquiries can be sent to Paul Fraser - pjf3000@bigpond.com

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

URGENT REQUEST FOR HELP FROM WERN

Our Club has just received an urgent request for help from The Western Emergency Relief Network[WERN], which has 5 Rotary Clubs as members.

They have been offered a significant amount of equipment from The Hotel Charsfield, 478 St Kilda Rd., Melbourne which is closing down.

This equipment needs to be loaded on trucks from 9 am next Tuesday 23rd and then unloaded at the WERN Warehouse, 3 Cross St West Footscray.

The total time needed is 3-4 hours, but any time would be appreciated. The collection is not heavy lifting, and trolleys and other equipment are available to make the job easier.

As this follows soon after our business breakfast meeting, it is suggested that we meet at the Hotel in St Kilda Rd as soon practical after 9 and work from there.

If you are free to help would you please email me at peter.duras@bigpond.com

Many thanks' Peter Duras (0413 599 121)

[Western Emergency Relief Network(WERN) is the ideal Rotary program for Clubs and Rotarians to become involved in. Not only does WERN provide emergency relief to those in need in our own community, we provide a number of networks with local community organisations and receive much support and coverage for our program, Rotary and the Clubs involved. It provides an opportunity for Rotarians and friends to get involved directly to assist the program to help others. Currently Rotary Clubs of Bacchus Marsh, Caroline Springs, Melton Valley, Werribee and Yarraville are Member Clubs of the program which was also supported by Sunshine Rotary previously.]

GALLERY



Mike



Stansbury - President of RC Echuca Moama



Mike
Kingwill
– RC
Mildura
Deakin
and
chair
for the
Day:
Mary
Voice



Look
what
the East
wind
blew in!
David
Jones
no less!



Serious discussion about life in general, including Emma Davis – PE of RC Strathmore [centre]