



Stories

[This week's speaker, Asst Commissioner Jack Blayney](#)

Ice and its effect on country Victoria

The drug ICE has attracted considerable attention by Government and media recently. This presentation will describe the drug's impact on communities and discuss underlying causes for its growth in rural communities and actions that are needed to address the harm it causes.

Jack Blayney joined Victoria Police in 1975 and has performed duties in a variety of roles including general duties and criminal investigations as an operative, supervisor, station commander and manager. He has extensive experience in drug law enforcement and covert operations. His involvement in covert operations included working as an undercover operative, controller, manager and trainer. He has also been an instructor at the Detective Training School. Jack holds an Executive Masters degree in Public Administration at Melbourne University, a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Criminal Justice Administration and a Graduate Certificate in Applied Management.

He has received the following career awards and recognition: • Australian Police Medal • Victoria Police Service Medal • National Police Service Medal • National Medal • 6 Commendations including 5 Chief Commissioner's Certificates

Jack is the Region Commander for Western Region, Victoria Police and has performed this role since June 2011. He is responsible for the delivery of police services within the region.

Western Region is geographically the largest of the four police regions covering 136,700 square kilometres comprising six police divisions (Geelong, Warrnambool, Ballarat, Horsham, Bendigo and Mildura) fourteen police service areas and 145 police stations, providing police services to an estimated population of 950,000.

Duty Roster for Tuesday, 25th March 2014

Chair	Frank O'Brien
Sgt	Michael Bromby
Greeter	Neil Salvano
Reporter	John Price
Photographer	David Jones
Door	Anne King
Director report - Youth Service	Jillian Cavanagh
Bulletin Editor	Tony Thomas

Special General Meeting - April 15

Notice is hereby given of Special General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 15 April at 8am to enable members to vote on the election of the President Nominee for 2015-16. The Nominations Committee advised the nomination of George Mackey as President Nominee. ... Bruce McBain

McAuley House Working Bee goes great



McAuley House's big cleanup

About 20 people, including a dozen from our club, worked from 8.30am to 1.30pm on Saturday March 21 putting the grounds of McAuley House in order.

The group included a professional arborist and two helpers, hired by our club for \$1500 (including insurance), four women from RC Melbourne Park (pic below); and two McAuley staff.

The main job was pruning some seriously high and overgrown trees, including a liquid amber, a lilly pillly, and a big lemon tree. The arborist

went up using a harness. He trucked the offcuts to the Dynon Road Transfer Station.

The party also weeded and cleaned all the garden beds.

A grateful McAuley House, which looks after distressed women, laid on morning tea, topping off party pies etc with some delectable cakes.

A week ago Bernie Gerlinger was struggling to find helpers but after reporting that he had only four, club members rallied at the last minute to volunteer, as is their normal practice.

It was the biggest group ever to tackle the McAuley grounds and the morning's work made a real



Upcoming Events

McAuley House Working Bee

McAuley House

Mar 22, 2014 at 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

Working Bee at Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre

Royal Talbot Rehabilitation Centre

Apr 05, 2014 at 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Board Meeting

RACV City Club

Apr 16, 2014 at 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Camp Getaway Working Bee

Camp Getaway

May 09, 2014 at 6:00 PM – May 11, 2014 at 2:30 PM

Board Meeting

RACV City Club

May 21, 2014 at 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Speakers

Mar 25, 2014

[Asst Commissioner Jack Blayney, Victoria Police](#)

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difference. It was either the third or fourth working bee at the House.

Robyn Davies, program manager for McAuley, (pic below with President Doug) says, "The transformation was amazing! The garden had been lacking TLC for quite a while and got it today in spades. The arborist, your club members and the four girls from Melbourne Park Rotary were all fabulous and I cant thank them enough." #



Donations in Kind - Toilers Unite!

DONATIONS IN KIND (DIK) ...AND IN ACTION

From Frank O'Brien

On Tuesday 25 February, the last hot and blustery day of summer as it turned out, Yanpu, my wife Pauline and I travelled to the Rotary District 9800 Donations In Kind (DIK) store at Brooklyn after the Club meeting to assist with activities at the store.

Given the hot weather conditions with a strong northerly wind blowing through the open doors, it was a challenging day. Yanpu and Pauline worked tirelessly to sort and repack unused Coles uniforms (short and long sleeved blouses and tops) into boxes, resulting in 2 pallets being filled. Three Rotarians, including myself, loaded a 40 foot Container with various items including hospital beds and mattresses, office furniture, a generator, bicycles, computers etc. This Container was to be picked up 2 days later, and shipped to Dili, East Timor.

The DIK store is a hive of activity on at least Tuesdays and Thursdays. On the day that we were in attendance, there were Rotarians from other Clubs including Sunshine, Keilor, Melbourne, Wyndham and Port Melbourne. In the evening, the Yarraville RC were to sort and repack bed sheets from the Hilton Hotel which would eventually find their way to East Timor.

Our Club will have the opportunity to come together on a Saturday later in the year and work as a team at the DIK store. It is a rewarding experience for all. At the end of the day, the DIK store is simply a giant transfer station, receiving large and small donations of goods from large corporates down to individuals, and forwarding them to overseas needy nations. Of recent years, the bulk of the containers have been shipped to East Timor but most South Pacific nations as well as South East Asian countries have also been recipients from this store. It is with pride that one notices the large banner inside the store, "Over 100,000 volunteer hours achieved to date".

Rotary Meetings on the High Seas

For members doing a cruise liner trip, it's worth checking whether there's a 'service club' meeting on board. These mix together anyone from Rotary, Apex, Lions or whatever.

On the Holland America liner Oosterdam travelling the South Pacific, our reporter went to two meetings and picked up various gen.

Attendees included Rotarians from Naperville, Chicago RC (started in 1941), Lilydale D9810, Calgary RC, Canada, and Leeton RC, NSW.

Among the tidbits:

Rotary One, Chicago RC (est. 1905), grew to so many members, it needed two full-time staff to run the club. It now has a more manageable 200+ members. Possibly rises in annual dues effected part of the reduction.

Naperville RC since 1993 has raffled a new USD1 million home annually (tickets USD100 each), accumulating USD2.3m in a charitable trust in proceeds and investment income. The trust has distributed more than USD3.3m to charities. The club gives about \$300,000 to charity each year.

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A minor fund-raiser at many clubs is a system of an accumulating pot of money. A weekly winner gets to draw a card from a pack, and someone who eventually draws the joker gets a big windfall.

Naperville RC killed the sergeant's session ten years ago. Leeton RC continues to make it a feature of meetings.

Lilydale RC meets fortnightly, not weekly, but also has a monthly fellowship meeting. With the Montrose and Chirnside RCs, it runs the monthly Lilydale Farmers Produce Market – rather than contracting it out to a market organizer. This involves a lot of frequent organizer-meetings which tend to offset the absence of formal weekly meetings. The market raises \$3-4000 net per month, divided between three clubs. Lilydale RC collaborates with Doncaster and Melbourne RC to send plastic bins to East Timor for village rat-proof rice storage.

Leeton RC retains traditional Rotary rites. It sings Grace and the National Anthem. Membership is down in recent years from 60 to 32.

Unlike in Australia, Rotary in the US is popular at retirement villages. An outstanding example is John Knox Village RC in Florida (the village has 900 residents).

A different model of fund-raising is supporting major events by third-party charity fundraisers. An example is Fitzroy RC's help with the Multiple Sclerosis Mega Swim event at the Fitzroy Pool, which in February last year raised \$300,000. This annual event has continued since 2001. The club's work includes cooking food during the 24-hour swim, using sausages donated from Coles and other donations.

Lions and Apex clubs are generally having a very hard time sustaining memberships.

Meeting Report, March 18



Guest speaker Jessie Taylor



Chair Jillian Cavanagh
Reporter: Stuart Ellis

Notices

The Club welcomed, and Tom Callendar introduced Fiona Tse, who was an outbound student exchange in 2002 to Brazil. Fiona reflected on the impact of her Rotary Exchange year 12 years ago.

Anne King spoke to the Club on changing her career from 29 years with the Commonwealth Bank to being the CFO of the Lost Dogs Home, North Melbourne.

Greg Cuthbert spoke on fund raising:

- Fund raising meals and a recent lunch he hosted making \$1250 for the Club
- A further function planned for early May

- The potential for a photographic exhibition being considered

President Doug announced the birthday of Brian Downie 85 and Barrie Tassell 82 (pic above) and that George Mackey has been nominated as incoming President for the 2015-16 year. There will be a Special General Meeting on 15th April to confirm the nomination.

Neville John has been accepted by the District nomination Committee as the potential District Governor in 2016-17 Rotary year.

Speaker Jessie Taylor

One of the many privileges of being a Rotarian is having the opportunity to listen to a wide variety of quality speakers through the year. You may not always agree with all they have to say, but it is a privilege to have the opportunity to hear them.

Jessie Taylor is a barrister and refugee advocate who has worked in the field for 12 years. As a 19 year old, she first visited incarcerated refugees. She gave a very personal story about what she has seen: that seeking asylum is not illegal – it is enshrined in international law; why Indonesia has become a crossroads; that getting on a boat to Australia is their last resort, but perceived as a better option than returning to their homeland or remaining where they are.

She challenged us to unpack the notion of 'stopping the boats': what that meant and the implications; and that she had no pride in current government policies regarding asylum seekers previously referred to as 'Irregular Maritime Arrivals' and now 'Illegal Maritime Arrivals'. Jesse highlighted the costs for Australia of \$3bn to execute the existing asylum seeker policies and that UNHCR spend not much more, \$3.7bn caring for 25m people across the world. She advocated that current policies and approaches violated our national honour and did nothing to promote 'a fair go', let alone Christian ethics.

It was a challenging, moving and valuable presentation. #