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27th OCTOBER 2015

GUEST SPEAKER: MELANIE RAYMOND

TITLE OF TALK: Activities of the Youth Projects Organisation Operating from Hosier Lane in the Melbourne CBD

For over 12 years, Youth Projects have successfully provided a wide range of essential services to those at risk in the CBD. Their "clientele", aged from young teenagers to the over 50s, include the homeless, unemployed, single parent families and those with mental health, drug and/or alcohol issues.

Youth Projects provides a free medical clinic which incorporates a wide range of allied health professionals, plus mental health, drug and alcohol counselling. They combine job search training with accredited training and work

Meeting Responsibilities

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DRIVER, Allan

Speakers

experience. Their after hours primary care program centres around two highly trained nurses who cover the streets and crisis accommodation in Central Melbourne providing triage, counselling and protection to those most at risk.

As a major new initiative, funds raised by our club will allow this weekend nurse patrol to be extended to 10 week nights deemed to be high risk over the coming months.

[Refer to article about Lights and Bites in this Bulletin]



Melanie has been the enthusiastic Chair of the Board of Youth Projects for 16 years. She was recently named one of Australia's 100 most influential women by the Australian Financial Review and Westpac. She is also Chair of Opportunities for Carlton, a large, place based urban renewal project in the Inner North of

Melbourne.

Further, Melanie is Chair of the Australian Institute of Company Directors [AICD] Not-for-Profit [NFP] Advisory Committee, a member of the AICD National NFP Steering Committee and a Director of the philanthropic trust, the Inner North Community Foundation.

Melanie has worked in media and public relations for 15 years and has completed the Executive Program in labour-management relations at Harvard University.

Further information about Youth Projects can be obtained through the website: <http://www.youthprojects.org.au/about-us/our-history>

GOURMET FARMERS MARKET - NEXT MARKET IS 5th NOVEMBER

Oct 27, 2015

[Melanie Raymond](#)

Activities of the Youth Projects organisation operating from Hosier Lane.

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The Bystander Effect, and Why Boards Need to Overcome It

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Our 5th GOURMET FARMERS MARKET is on Thursday, 5th November 2015.

Please note that Paul Fraser is the contact person to enable you to contact for volunteering either for bumping in or bumping out. Paul can be contacted on mobile 0457 788 753 or email: phf3000@bigpond.com

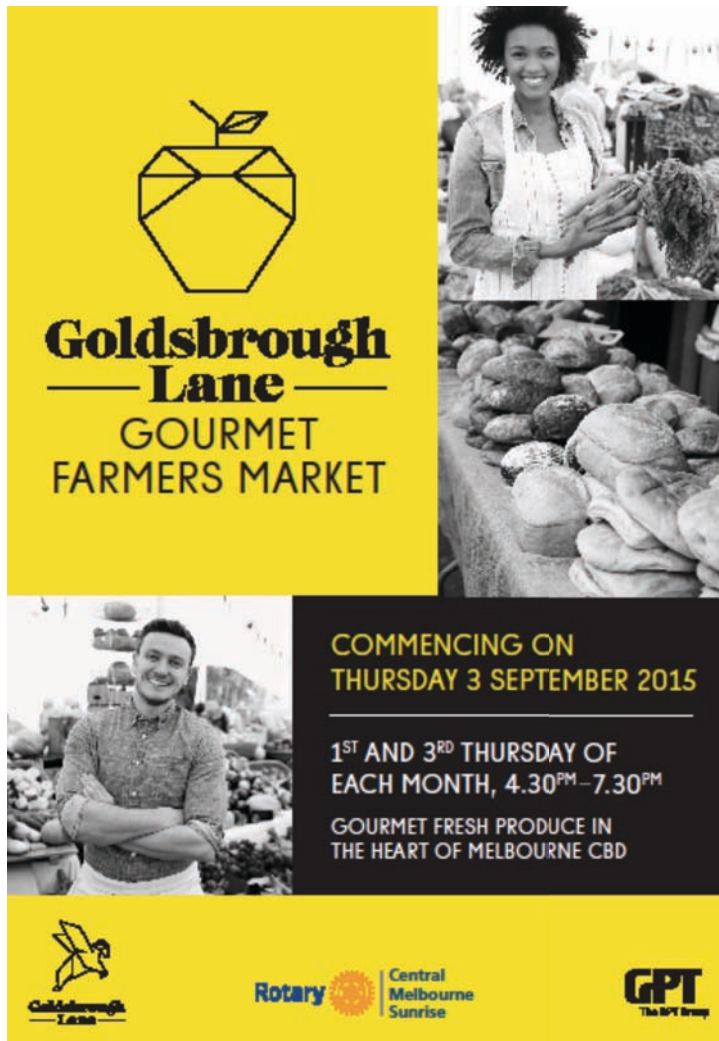
Also, the market has gained in popularity: See link for recent publicity: Goldsbrough Farmers Market <http://www.broadsheet.com.au/melbourne/food-and-drink/article/first-farmers-market-city>

Further, see next article in this Bulletin written by Tony Thomas.

If you haven't been to our market yet we hope you can make it to this one. Volunteers are always welcome to bump in and bump out.

If you have been already we know there is a strong chance you will be joining the repeat customers we have noticed.

181 William Street, CBD. 4.30pm - 7.30pm



GOURMET FARMERS MARKET RECEIVING A PUBLICITY BOOST

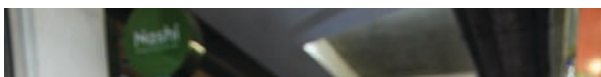
Posted by Tony THOMAS

Sourdough in the City – and much more

By Tony Thomas

Office workers by the hundreds are now collecting farm fresh food from Melbourne's first-ever CBD based farmers' market.

The market is managed by RC Central Melbourne-Sunrise for charity projects. It's in Goldsbrough Lane by the corner of Bourke & William Streets in the middle of Melbourne's CBD office precinct.



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chocolate, Chai Mix, fresh berries, macaroons, artisan biscuits, a bottle of cool climate Victorian wine, free-range pork and pasta sauce.

As one worker posted on the market's Facebook: "It's worth visiting on your way home. The cheese and jam -- yum!"

Says Rotary's organizer Greg Cuthbert: "We're open when office workers can duck in for a few minutes or homeward bound. They pick up produce for dinner and chat with the growers. It's quite different from the weekend-only markets all around Melbourne."

It currently operates 4.30-7.30pm fortnightly on first and third Thursdays of each month. The club provides five volunteers for setting up and packing up.

There's an all-round push to make it weekly. Cuthbert is talking to other Rotary clubs about labour and profit sharing from a weekly market in 2016.

"The market could replace people's regular shop on a Saturday morning. They'll get their Saturdays back, and quality fruit and vegetables. Food tastes much better when you've met those who made it or grew it."

Cuthbert took two years and nearly lost his sanity screening 40+ potential sites across the city. "We had to find a flat space which was undercover, space for loading and unloading for stallholders, large numbers of office workers nearby and ideally a site with cafes and restaurants people can relax in after they've bought their market stuff," he said. "We finally hit pay dirt with Goldsbrough Lane. The GPT Group has two large office towers there, there's big corporate headquarters nearby like CGU and NAB within walking distance, and the laneway already has fantastic retailers. The GPT Group is incredibly supportive by providing the Laneway for no cost and providing tables, cleaning and power.

The City of Melbourne and their street trading team helped us all through the permit process."

The club's takings go to charities including deprived schools in Laos. "The club's needed a regular income like this for ages," Cuthbert says.

"We want to get accreditation from the Victorian Farmers' Market Association by our next market on November 5th – as we are committed to sustainable, slow-food grown by real Victorian farmers and produce made by food artisans – not shonky resellers of other people's food."

The market uses Instagram and Facebook social media for promotion and to help people find and share their market experience with friends. Cuthbert says, "Connecting in a meaningful way with busy office workers is challenging, and social media creates real word of mouth to extend the market's reach quickly to those near the laneway.

We've helped the stallholders create their own social media accounts and recently had a picture of the market "re-grammed" (shared) by the influential Broadsheet publication leading to nearly 800 followers on Instagram in first two months. #

Market Instagram link: <https://instagram.com/goldsbroughgourmet/>

Contact: Greg.Cuthbert@auspost.com.au

LIGHTS AND BITES: A WONDERFUL NIGHT!

Posted by Peter DURAS

By any measure last Saturday night's Lights and Bites fundraiser at the high rise home of Peter and Sue Duras was a huge success. 57 Rotarians, partners and

guests (mainly from Tony Thomas' Probus Club) enjoyed a night of great food, fellowship and entertainment, while raising over \$2,900 to place extra crisis nurses on the streets of Melbourne on 10 week nights during some of the coming months.



With a background of beautiful keyboard music played by Essendon Rotarian John Gilbert the champagne, mineral water, laughter and conversation flowed freely for much of the night. In sharp contrast, you could have heard a pin drop as the two representatives of "Youth Projects", the group we are supporting, told us about the work carried

out by their Night Nurses' Patrol. Caroline Radowski, their Clinical Services Manager and the diminutive Sarah who has worked as a night patrol nurse for a decade told personal stories of the life supporting services that they provide every weekend in the CBD. Many questions followed, and all were answered quickly in the down to earth manner that typifies the approach of these dedicated women.

President George paid tribute to their work and Chairman Peter Duras thanked his Committee, Sue and the many others who contributed to the success of the night.

Youth Projects, operating out of Hosier Lane can only afford to run their Nurses Night Patrol in the CBD on the weekends. The money that we have raised will provide the bulk of the funds needed to underwrite 10 carefully chosen week night patrols over the coming months.

Photos of the event are included below:



FOCUS ON ROTARY CLUB ECHUCA-MOAMA: VISIT BY RCCM-S MEMBERS

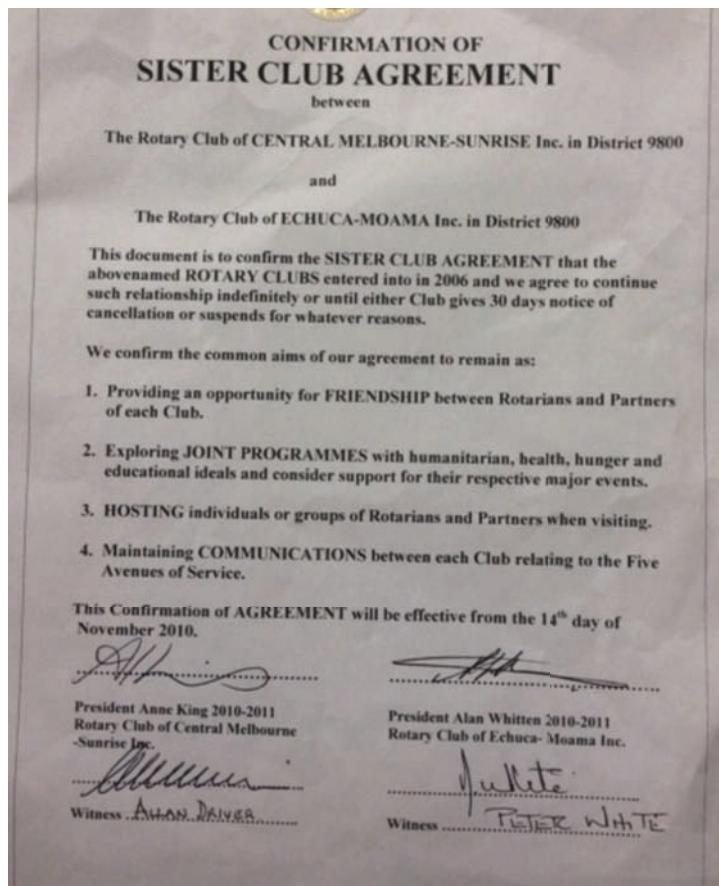
Posted by Frank O'BRIEN

Sister Club Relationship – Rotary Club of Echuca Moama (RCEM)

One of the tasks of the International Service Committee is to maintain and develop our Sister Club relationships. Presently, we have 2 such relationships, one with the current Rotary Club of Osaka Midosuji Hommachi (this started over 20 years ago with the Rotary Club of Osaka Hommachi) and the second is with RCEM. **[A copy of the current Agreement is shown below]**

Of recent times, our relationship with RCEM has





generally consisted of some of our members assisting at the major Steam Rally conducted by RCEM over the June Queen's Birthday weekend and yet over the years, there has been a lot going on which is now largely forgotten. So yours truly decided to "get to the bottom of things" and what better way to start than to re-read John Meehan's "The first twenty years of service" of our Club to 2007 and then carry out further research. To cut a long story short, our Club has had connections with RCEM since the late 1990's. It started as a Friendship Club arrangement, was upgraded to a signed Sister Club Agreement in June 2006 and was re-signed on 14 November 2010 – see copy of that Agreement and its aims.

Over the years our Club has, inter alia, supported 2 Youth Exchange students from the Echuca area, attended RCEM functions, promoted a CD by 2 local Echuca musicians including hosting them at our Breakfast meeting, met with RCEM at a social function in 2010 and of course helped at the annual Steam Rally over many years.

With this in mind, we decided to visit RCEM and chat about our Club relationship and so Herb Greenwood, Allan Driver, Cecily Neil and myself travelled as arranged to Echuca on 13 October 2015 and met up with President

Mike Stansbury, PP Cliff Downey and Allison Lyall prior to their weekly Club meeting, which we all attended on the night. We were made most welcome. We discussed the Agreement generally and it was acknowledged that it was very timely to once again focus on its aims without any need for amendment. We will ensure that each Club receives each other's weekly Bulletin, we will look to further assist in their activities such as the Echuca Rotary Park revitalisation as will they with our projects, we will see RCEM members attending our meetings from time to time and RCEM will arrange a social get together on Sunday 20 March 2016, just before Steam Rally activities begin in earnest.

All in all, it was very "beneficial for all concerned" and we can look forward to positive mutual outcomes from this Club visit. We were also fortunate to meet Dianne Holland, a Disaster Aid Response Team [DART] member who had not long returned from carrying out relief activities in Nepal on behalf of Disaster Aid Australia.

For those who haven't seen a Steam engine in action, Pauline and I were lucky enough to see a monster on the roads in Cornwall on its way to a Steam Rally in last July, nearby.

Photos on the road in Cornwall are shown below:





MEETING REPORT 20th OCTOBER 2015

Posted by Elias LEBBOS

Meeting Report: 20th October 2015

President George opened the meeting and welcomed all.
Chairperson Bruce Heron proposed the toast to Rotary International

There were no visiting Rotary members or Guests.

Announcements

Peter Duras provided a brief report on the "Bites & Lights" fundraising event held on Saturday 17th October.

[See full report in other Bulletin article headed Lights and Bites]

Fifty two people attended the evening including 12 Probus members invited by Tony Thomas. Peter acknowledged the great effort made by Tony to encourage the participation of his Probus Club. Peter also thanked Bernie and Marjorie Gerlinger and Elias Lebbos for the catering contributions.

The event raised \$2900.00 which surpassed all

expectations. The funds will support the work of the CBD Night Nurses project.

Dick Mitchell informed the members that Wolfgang Jacoubs is showing good progress and is getting out and about gradually.

President George

- Highlighted three members from Melbourne Park Rotary Club will be joining our next meeting
- The strategic planning team is up and running.
- The fundraising team is looking for one or two more volunteers to join their committee
- President George thanked and congratulated Peter and Sue Duras and the Community Services committee for a well organised and successful 'Bites and Lights' event.

Directors Report – Foundation

Roy Garrett reminded the members the Paul Harris Breakfast is to be held on 24th November 2015.

- The guest speaker is Professor Kate Leslie.
- Stuart Ellis and Marjorie Gerlinger have produced and distributed the event flyer.
- Ten Members have volunteered to phone the presidents of all the Rotary Clubs in our district and invite them and their members to the breakfast

Roy encouraged club members to consider inviting a guest and if possible a whole table.

Koren Harvey

Koren Harvey provided club members with an insight into her history with Rotary. Koren's relationship with Rotary began some 15 years ago as part of the International Student Exchange program. She was hosted by three German families and when she got to Germany she spoke no German, except for what she had picked up from the 'Sound of music'.

Koren considers her host families as part of her real family and has chosen to keep in regular contact with all three host families. In fact she has hosted two of the families in Melbourne.

Koren works for the State Government at Small Business Victoria and is currently seconded to the Small Business Festival. The festival is a vehicle for small businesses across Victoria to access training and resources they may not normally have the opportunity to.

Outside of her 9 to 5 role Koren is a marriage celebrant

and does not take this role for granted. She enjoys and appreciates being able to share these special moment with people. "It's truly wonderful when two people find each other and being able to share this is special". Koren shared this special moment with one of her host sisters in Germany where she had the honour of conducting the English components of her host sister's wedding ceremony.

Koren was introduced to the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne – Sunrise by Robyn Seale and she joined because of the wonderful relationships in Rotary and highlights the strong sense of community she has experienced found within Rotary itself has also maintained her motivation.

Guest Speaker – Laurie Benson

Laurie Benson is Curator of International Art at the National Gallery of Victoria. He has been at the NGV since 1999 and has worked on a number of major exhibitions including Caravaggio Darkness and Light, The Impressionists, Dutch Master's, Salvador Dali Liquid Desire, and Cinema India.

For Laurie, one of the great pleasures of working at the National Gallery of Victoria comes from the wealth of new experiences provided by the gallery's broad and diverse exhibition schedule. Over 400 works from the personal collection of Catherine the Great has travelled to Melbourne from the Hermitage to present Masterpieces from the Hermitage: The Legacy of Catherine the Great. Laurie shared an insight into working with one of the world's most important collections.

Laurie explained the collection consists of works of art collected over Catherine the Great's lifetime. The collection is part of the world's largest art collection. The National Gallery of Victoria (NGV) is proud to own 70,000 pieces of art and in comparison the Hermitage boasts 3 million objects in its collection.

The Legacy of Catherine the Great is an insight into Catherine II life and her appreciation for world history and culture. Catherine was married to Peter III of Russia at an early age. The marriage was one of political convenience. When Peter III died Catherine set out to bring Russia into modern times through culture and art. She began collecting masters of art and ended up with a collection of 4000 pieces. She collected big and extraordinary pieces. Catherine was not only attracted to works by famous artists but sought out some not so well known works.

As the Hermitage was not suitable for hanging art, Catherine built galleries to house and hang her growing collection. Her love for culture art extended to the

performing arts as well and she was also instrumental in building many of the opera houses in Russia.

Catherine was a far more successful leader than Peter III. She managed her relationships with the church, the military and court much greater respect and wisdom than her late husband. She kept close relationships with the great philosophers of the time such as Voltaire and Diderot. Her regular correspondence and contact with these great minds influenced her thinking and opened her mind to the wider world.

The NGV has created 8 mini exhibitions and guarantees something for everyone.

Bruce thanked Laurie and presented him with a gift of appreciation.

The 'Swindle'

Roy Garrett won the opportunity to draw the Joker from the deck and unfortunately was not successful. One less card in the deck and the odds become that little bit better.

Final Acknowledgements

President George thanked Laurie for a great insight into the world of Catherine the Great.

President George also thanked Koren Harvey for the insight into her Rotary journey and closed the meeting with his message to the members – ***"Be a gift to the world -2015-16"***

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