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## NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 28th JANUARY 2020

*Posted by Gerard HOGAN*



Oscar Clift, son of RCM member Nick Clift, will be talking to us on his experience at RYLA over the past two years. The impact it has had and the changes he has implemented.

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## Meeting Report January 21st

## MEETING REPORT 21 January 2020

*Posted by Doug ROBERTSON*

### **Chair:**

**Francesco Fedele** opened the meeting with a toast to Rotary International.

### **Guests Welcomed:**

**Visiting Rotarian Edgar Saenz from West Chester, Los Angeles.** Guests Dilip Shankar and Alan Lim were introduced by President Warwick both of whom he had met at Toastmasters when he attended as part of RI's new relationship agreement.

### **Member's Milestones:**

**Birthday: Pip Thornton 27 January**

**Wedding Anniversary: John and Raylee Hott 25 January**

### **Announcements:**

- **Roger Thornton asked to be advised of members and**

## **Meeting Responsibilities**

### *Chair*

MACKEY, George

### *Greeter*

DURAS, Peter

### *Reporter*

CARDELL, Stuart

### *Photographer*

THORNTON, Roger

### *Door*

LAURIE, David

### *Bulletin Editor*

CLIFT, Nick

### *Social Media*

LIM, Daniel

## **Upcoming Events**

### School Holidays

*Dec 18, 2019 - Jan 28, 2020*

### Peninsula Family BBQ

*Feb 09, 2020*

*12:00 PM – 4:00 PM*

### Board meeting – RACV club

*Feb 12, 2020 5:30 PM*

### Docklands dinner – social gathering

*Feb 22, 2020 7:00 PM*

### Opera on the yarra

*Mar 07, 2020*

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*Mar 07, 2020 7:30 PM*

### Labour Day

*Mar 09, 2020*

### Board meeting – zoom

*Mar 11, 2020 7:30 PM*

**partners attending the Peninsula BBQ at Lorraine****Meehan's** in Mt Martha on Sunday 9 February 2020.

- **Gerard Hogan mentioned that bookings for the District Conference are still open.**
- **Herb Greenwood reported that rather than Opera on the Yarra, we will have an entertaining evening "Stage to Screen" on 7 March at the Dock. Bookings will be via Try Bookings and details will be out this week. One for our diaries.**
- **Russell Rolls confirmed that our next DIK Working Bee date is Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and he needs to be advised of volunteers.**
- **Peter Duras was pleased to confirm that from recent Bunnings BBQ's, \$2800 had been donated to the bush fire appeal. He though is still looking for volunteers for midday and afternoon shifts at Port Melbourne particularly on Saturday 5 February and Friday 20 March. Other dates are Sunday 5 April and Friday 26 June.**
- **President Warwick's announcements followed:**
  - **International Women's Day Breakfast will be on 7<sup>th</sup> March and he is looking for a table from Members.**
  - **Confirmed that RI has established a relationship with Toastmasters International and he is keen to see this relationship extended locally.**

[Saint Patrick's Day](#)*Mar 17, 2020*[Family picnic/bike ride activity](#)*Mar 22, 2020 12:00 PM*[View entire list](#)**Launch of Probus Bearbrass:**

**President Warwick** set the scene regarding the launch of Probus Bearbrass at the Docklands. Rotary since 1976 has been setting up Probus Clubs to enhance the lifestyle and friendships of active retirees. Probus Clubs do not fund-raise for charity.

There are 124,000 Probus Club members in Australia and New Zealand, about four times more than Rotary members. Membership though has been in serious decline in the past decade, but this fall has now almost been stopped, with only a 1% decline last year. District 9800 has not set up a Probus Club since 2016. Probus now is harnessing its own resources for growth and is spending \$350,000 a year on membership promotion, including full-time staff. This means our Bearbrass marketing launch is very much a joint effort with Probus Headquarters.

**Tony Thomas** then commented that it is nine years since Rotary Central Melbourne launched Sunrise Probus in Docklands. Now, Sunrise Probus has grown to 120 members and closed the door to new applicants. City of Melbourne reports that the retiree populations in CBD, Docklands and Southbank is now 6200 and growing rapidly.

The marketing blitz has seen flyers and publicity go out to a lot of inner-Melbourne Rotary Clubs and other referrers. Probus is financing two display ads in Sean Car's CBD and Southbank News, and Sean will post an editorial in all his three newspapers. Along with trying community radio, there are 1000 flyers and 20 laminated notices to distribute. The new Club will meet at The Dock Library, in Docklands, which has a splendid modern auditorium.

All RCM members have in their emails, the flyer for the Bearbrass launch and are asked to pass it on to any potential Bearbrass members.

All are welcome to come to the launch at 10am Wednesday February 12.

**Guest Speaker: Club Member - Brett Jones.**

One evening in 1979, a 24-year-old police constable working with the Search and Rescue Squad in Auckland received a knock on the door. The policeman on the other side advised that an Air New Zealand plane had crashed into Mt Erebus; communications were jammed with calls, hence the personal advice that Brett would be part of the recovery team. He had ten minutes to get his gear together and leave for Antarctica.

Brett, along with the other members had no Antarctic experience and on the eleven-hour flight, he was re-assured that there was a broad skill set in the squad and problems would be addressed and solved as they arose. The recovery team included experts from NZ Civil Aviation, the USA equivalent, the plane maker McConnell Douglas and GE the engine manufacturer.

Tourist flights had been undertaken safely for the previous two years, however on this occasion the flight path was changed 2 degrees. The outcome was that the DC 10 had crashed into the base of 14,000ft Mt Erebus on Ross Island, killing all 257 on board. Wreckage was strewn over hundreds of metres.

Over a week, the squad was involved in the recovery of bodies or parts. Temperatures ranged from zero to minus 20 degrees. Brett contrasted the chaos and devastation of the immediate site with the sheer beauty of the unspoilt Antarctic landscape. He also found that the mission was a powerful personal experience and one that was ultimately empowering for him. However, this was not the case for all.

The inevitable inquiry was blighted by political interference and unnecessarily impacted on some that were involved. For Brett however, once the mission was completed, he moved on to other roles, as did others from the squad.

In 2019, Brett was invited back to the site of the crash for a commemoration service to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the crash. This was also an outcome from the previous year, when the NZ Prime Minister acknowledged the obfuscation and blame that had occurred during the original inquiry. The trip also included a visit to the historic sheds at the Scott and Shackleton bases. It was noticeable that the photos from this trip were much brighter and clearer than the few grainy shots taken during the recovery in 1979.

In conclusion, Brett commented that there is great value in the Treaty arrangement protecting the continent, the importance of the scientific research being undertaken and the extraordinary and wonderful people undertaking work there. And on a further positive note, for one member of the team that had been greatly and negatively affected by his role in the recovery, the visit 40 years on was a cathartic experience that unburdened him.

**Meeting Closure:**

Chairman Francesco thanked Brett for presenting a unique and personal perspective on the tragedy of Mt Erebus. The raffle was drawn, and President Warwick closed the meeting.

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**Golden Ball invite Feb 29th**

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

The Rotary Club of Wyndham Harbour is having a fun night of shows and entertainment on the 29th of February 2020, and you are invited!

**On this night, we invite you to celebrate with us, our 1st Year in Rotary Service as the Rotary Club of Wyndham Harbour.** We are also commemorating 115 years since the founding of Rotary. Marking the founding of one of the largest philanthropic organizations in the world, Rotary International.

A fundraiser night with proceeds to benefit homeless people in Wyndham and also our club services. Our aim is to gift 250 sleep well packs. **It's time to give back and we have a limited number of tickets available.**

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**Please be our guests as we celebrate this joyous occasion.**

For Tickets - <https://www.trybooking.com/BCRPD>

**February 2020  
Saturday  
29**

Sign up today, this event will sell out!

**BOOK NOW!**

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**DIK Working Bee Feb 22**

RCM supports the District 9800 Donations In Kind (DIK) activity. Each Rotary year we organise a couple of working bee at the DIK premises. The next working bee is on Saturday, February 22. The details are:

**Where :** Store 39, 400 Somerville Road, West Footscray (Parking inside the complex, alongside Store)

**When :** From 8.45 am, finishing 12.30

**Tasks :** To be confirmed but normally repackaging of donated goods from Corporates and NFP's, goods destined for Containers for delivery to 3rd World countries. There is a worthwhile task for everyone who comes.

This is an ongoing activity of our International Committee and a really "feel good" activity of our Club. If you haven't been to DIK before, it is

a massive hive of activity and a real eye opener as to Rotary at work for the local and International community.

I look forward to your attending. Please let me know if you can make it. We need around 10 volunteers.

Russell Rolls

([rjr@rolls13.com.au](mailto:rjr@rolls13.com.au))

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### **NEW PROBUS CLUB**

## PROBUS CLUB LAUNCHES FOR INNER-MELBOURNE RETIREES!

**Melbourne Bearbrass Probuss** for active retirees launches at Library at the Dock, 107 Victoria Harbour Promenade, Docklands at 10am-noon on Wednesday February 12.



Have the honour of becoming a Bearbrass\* foundation member, or just check us out. We'll also welcome potential office-bearers.

You'll meet like-minded friends, hear stimulating monthly speakers, and with new friends you'll

enjoy ...

- # Theatre, movies, music, arts, coffee, food & wine
- # Walking, biking, bowls, golf, Pilates & fitness
- # Bridge, mah-jong, books, ancestry, photography
- # Victorian, national and offshore trips, and
- # Discounts and attractive overseas travel cover

Our regular monthly meetings will be from March at the Dock Library from 10am on second Tuesdays of each month. Fees will be only \$30 to join and \$60 yearly (*subject to club ratification*).

Probuss runs entirely for friendships and lifestyles of sociable retirees and near-retirees with lively minds. It does no charity fund-raising.

Bearbrass Probuss, sponsored by Rotary Central Melbourne, caters for the city's huge growth in male and female retirees living in the CBD, Southbank and Docklands. But you can join from anywhere.

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\* "Bearbrass" was an early suggested name for the settlement that became "Melbourne".

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### **SOCIAL EVENT PENINSULA BBQ\_9th February**

Posted by Roger THORNTON



## Rotary Central Melbourne

### Peninsula Family Barbecue

We hope you and your family will join us for a barbecue hosted by Lorraine Meehan

**WHEN: Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**TIME: Midday**

**WHERE: Lorraine Meehan's home  
15 Watson Road, Mount Martha**

**SUPPLIED:**

BBQ meat / Breads / Eating Utensils / Plates / Glasses

**BYO: Drinks**

**SALADS, ETC.:** Please advise Roger Thornton if you would like to assist by bringing a salad or fruit plate

**RECREATION:** 3 min walk to sandy beach or lap pool on site, boardwalk along Balcombe Creek, etc.

**RSVP: Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

To register, please notify Roger Thornton  
Mobile: 0400 999 203 or email: [rogert1000@gmail.com](mailto:rogert1000@gmail.com)

**Please advise any special dietary requirements**

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### GALLERY



**Dilip Shankar & Alan Lim, from Toastmasters, with Pres.  
Warwick**



**Pres. Warwick with Edgar Allen, RC Westchester**



**Guest speaker Brett Jones**



Chair Francesco Fedele

