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GUEST SPEAKER TUESDAY 29th JULY



Cameron Sinclair, CEO RTSSV The effect of road trauma and how one organisation is responding

Road Trauma Support Services Victoria (RTSSV) was founded in 1994 by a small group of people whose lives had been directly impacted by road trauma. They understood the need for a specialist service where support could be offered to those like them who were suffering from the loss of

loved ones on the roads. They joined with professionals working in the area to provide counselling and support.

From this humble beginning over 20 years ago, RTSSV has grown to offer state wide counselling, support and education services to any Victorian affected by a road incident.

Cameron joined RTSSV in 2012. Cameron has qualifications in science, nursing & management and he is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. He brings over 20 years' experience in health and community care. Ten of those years were at senior and executive management levels in the aged care, primary care and community service settings across the private and not-for-profit sectors.

Cameron's clinical nursing practice focused on palliative care and advanced nursing practice providing valuable insight into issues surrounding grief and loss.

DUTY ROSTER JULY 22 2014

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Greeter	George Mackey



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MEETING REPORT 22ND JULY 2014

Welcome

President Roy Garrett invited Chair of the day, Anne King to give a toast to Rotary International. Roy then welcomed AG Ian Salek, Global Scholar Michelle Heard, guest of Tony Thomas, David Cray, guest speaker Ed Pettitt II, and club members to the meeting.

Announcements

AG for the Batman Cluster, Ian Salek addressed the meeting and spoke of the clubs comprising the Batman cluster (Melbourne, Melbourne South, Southbank, North Melbourne and CMS), and in particular the excellent programs conducted by RCCMS, such as Community Village and Police Mentoring. Ian also outlined the need for clubs to continue their membership development and retention activities.

Vocational Service Director, David Jones outlined the plans for the year, including participation in the Shine On Awards, Member behind the badge, job talks and at least three onsite vocational visits during the year.

President Roy announced that the club has been invited to participate in the nomination of a Rotary International Director if they had someone in mind.

Sergeant's Session

Bernie Gerlinger took members through a very testing knowledge tour of the Rotary Acronyms and collected plenty of fines in the process.

Guest Speaker - Ed Pettit II - Building a Brighter Future for Children & Adolescents with HIV/AIDS

George Mackey introduced Ed Pettitt II, a Rotarian with the Houston Skyline Rotary Club and a visiting Rotarian with the Rotary Club of Gaborone, in Botswana, where he is currently working as a Senior Project Coordinator for the Baylor College of Medicine International Pediatric AIDS Initiative. Ed is attending the 20th International AIDS Conference in Melbourne, and began his presentation with a request for a period of silent reflection in honour of those delegates who had lost their lives in a plane mishap en-route to the conference.

Ed oversees the world's largest network of peer support programs for adolescents living with HIV and is also helping to launch a pediatric genomic research imitative in sub-Saharan Africa. Ed has also served as a HIV/AIDS technical expert for the World Health Organization and UNICEF and is co-founder of the Houston Global Health Collaborative.

Ed advised that BIPAI's first African clinical centre of excellence (COE), in Botswana, now treats over 4,000 children, most of who are now surviving into adolescence. It is expected that the number of HIV positive adolescents enrolled in care will double by 2015. Despite this nationwide trend, there is a paucity of psychosocial support programs addressing adolescents' specific issues, which led the Botswana-Baylor COE to partner with the Rotary Club of Gaborone, along with a network of Rotary Clubs in the U.S. and beyond via a Global Grant, to build and equip an adolescent HIV/AIDS centre. First of its kind in Botswana and the African continent, the Phatsimong Adolescent Center is a safe and welcoming place where adolescents receive life skills education and health counseling, leading to improved clinical and mental health outcomes as well as a healthy transition into adulthood.

Following questions, the Chair thanked Ed for his fascinating presentation. President Roy closed the meeting after thanking the visitors attending and reminded all members to 'Light Up Rotary'.



GUEST SPEAKER ED PETTIT II

RCCMS TRANSPORT CORPS

George wishes to publicly thank the members who responded to the call for help with visitors from Botswana, in Melbourne for the World AIDS Conference.

The visiting group comprised six young people, each with HIV AIDS, and Ed Pettitt, who was our guest speaker last Tuesday.

Neville and Suzette Taylor and George and Julie Mackey offered accommodation and a team of Alan Seale, Doug Robertson.Richard Stone, Tony Thomas and David Jones made up the RCCMS Transport Corps, on standby for help around the city and of course a compulsory trip to Healesville.

Alongside the thanks from George it is appropriate for the club to give an even larger thank-you to George and Julie. The organisation and contact with the group pre conference, all undertaken by George, was 'not inconsiderable' and when coupled with visitors' missing connections, one leader not being able to make the trip [= a further three young people in the equation], a visitor's mobile phone not working and one young person 'lost' in Melbourne you will gain an idea of how George and Julie spent last weekend. Basil Fawlty comes to mind. Great to see you smilling and your usual unfazed self last Tuesday George.

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE 2015 ["GSE']

A preliminary note that our District has arranged a GSE with District 6840 for the current Rotary year. District 6840 is in the USA and serves South-East Louisiana, including New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The inbound team will arrive in Melbourne on 21^{st} February 2015 and jointly with our outbound team will depart on 22^{nd} March.

Our club's involvement will be considered by our Board at the August meeting. If any member has an interest in this exchange please contact David Jones now.

DISTRICT DIRECTORY - ELECTRIFIED

The District Communication Directory has come into the 21^{st} century – cheers all round. You will now be able to access up to date data and communicate easier – and of course you will have a responsibility for keeping your data up to date should there be any change.

District Governor has advised office bearers directly of the change. A précis of his letter follows –the District Directory is available for all Rotarians in 9800.

"As we 'Light Up Rotary' I am pleased to advise the launch of the 2014-15 District 9800 online directory.

<u>This is a link to your 'quick quide'</u> for access and use of the online directory. As you familiarise yourself with the online directory, you will find that there are significant benefits and features.

There will be progressive releases of further features available in the online directory as we progress. This will include direct communication between district committee chairs and club officers to avoid the unnecessary 'congestion' of emails being sent to the club president and secretary.

In a short while we will upload the narrative part of the directory. This will contain 'search' features to enable quick access to information about the District's structure, office bearers and committees.

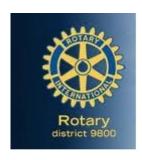
Welcome to the District 9800 online directory - now available on your home computer, laptop, tablet and smart phone.

Kind regards,

Murray Verso."

DID YOU KNOW?





Last year District 9800 entered into a Corporate Partnership with Girl Guides Victoria

For over 100 years "Guides" have been providing fantastic opportunities for girls and women to meet personal challenges, learn team building, develop confidence, self-reliance, leadership skills and make new friends.

We are very pleased to partner with a like-minded organization such as Girl Guides Victoria and would like to take the relationship further on a local level encouraging both Rotary Clubs and Guide Units locally to explore what programme's and activities can be shared to enhance both organisations' service to our communities.

At a State and National level this partnership has already seen Rotary giving financial assistance to further develop Girl Guiding in Myanmar. This assistance is

continuing as Guiding re-establishes itself and Myanmar works towards membership of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

Our Youth Committee is the epicentre for developing this relationship. If you see any opportunity where RCCMS may become involved with a Guide group please contact George Mackey or a member of the Youth committee.