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Rotary Engaged – the 2013 Assembly
 Tabcorp Park
 May 19, 2013 09:15 AM

Tour of RACV Kitchens
 RACV City Club
 May 21, 2013 08:45 AM - 09:45 AM

McAuley House working bee
 McAuley House
 May 25, 2013 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM

RC Echuca Moama Steam Rally
 Jun 08, 2013 - Jun 09, 2013

Dear Member

As reported at recent Club Meetings, The annual Cafe Internationale night at International House is to be held on Saturday 4 May 2013. Full details are included below.

If you intend to attend, please respond to this email by next Tuesday, 30 April. Given existing level of interest, we expect to have a Club table at this popular event.

Regards

Frank O'Brien

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
 THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

With great pleasure, International House and the student community invites you to...

Café Internationale 2013
A night of culture in Paris
La Nuit des Musées

In the city of romance, art and mystery, a group of mismatched travelers, having been convinced by a strange 'tour guide', decide to do some exploration on this special night. Little did they expect to go on a magical adventure through the longest night in Paris! What ensues is a bizarre and thrilling experience, as they find themselves traipsing through oil paintings, having a romantic picnic under the Starry Starry Night and watching with bewilderment as art pieces come alive. Join us and be led by this strange 'tour guide' on this most magical tour through the Night of the Museums.

As is our annual tradition, students from our community will provide an evening of splendid entertainment and fine dining. Our range of acts and performances from this year's students will entertain and amuse, so don't miss out on this wonderful showcase of talents! We hope you will join us for an exceptionally enjoyable evening.

For this year's Café, 30% of the profits will be donated to End Polio Now with the remainder going towards aiding IH student club upgrade facilities and improve the students' wellbeing in IH. This aims to recognize the valuable work this non-for-profit organization has contributed to completely eradicate polio. It is our great pleasure to support their continuous efforts in strengthening the community.

Café Internationale will be held on
 Saturday, 4TH May 2013, at
 International House, 241 Royal Parade, Parkville, VIC 3052
 Dress Code: Black tie or to theme.

Doors will open at 6:30pm for pre-dinner drinks and light entertainment. Dinner and the show will commence at 7:15pm.

Tickets are available at AUD \$80.00/person, inclusive of a three-course meal, free flow of beverages, and a night of memorable encounters and bizarre scenarios.

Kindly RSVP to our Guest and Conference Manager, Frank Hofheins, via phone at (03)9345 7576 or via email at fhofheins@unimelb.edu.au as soon as possible by the 8TH of April 2013 (via the reply form enclosed).

For other enquiries regarding this event, please contact us at ihcafe2013@gmail.com or call our Café Communications Officer, Clifford Lee at (04)5259 9630.

Club Planning Forum
Jun 16, 2013 09:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Police Mentoring Wind up breakfast
RACV City Club
Jun 18, 2013 07:15 AM - 08:45 AM

Changeover Dinner
Athenaeum Club
Jun 28, 2013 07:00 PM - 11:30 PM

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**Club meetings: 7.15 for 7.40 am at the RACV Club
501 Bourke Street, Melbourne**

DUTY ROSTER - 7 MAY 2013

Chairperson	Richard Stone
Sergeant	Micheal Bromby
Greeter	Bruce McBain
Reporter	Doug Robertson
Photographer	Robin Stevens
Door	Kev Walklate
Director Report	Kerstin Steiner

THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER MAY 7



Neil Comrie AO, APM

"Community resilience in the face of disasters"

Neil is the Implementation Monitor for the Bushfires Royal Commission. With his extensive record of service in the emergency services sector and direct involvement in assessing the efficacy of Victoria's response to the Black Saturday fires of 2009 and the floods of 2010/11, Neil has a unique contemporary insight into the key issues associated with emergency management.

Neil Comrie completed a 35-year career with the Victoria and Queensland Police with an eight-year term as Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police (1993 to 2001).

In recognition of his services to policing, Neil was awarded the Australian Police Medal (APM) in 1994 and Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in 2000. He was Victorian of the Year in 2001 for his commitment to community service.

From 2001 to 2006, Neil was Visiting Professor, Faculty of Business and Law at Victoria University. He has undertaken a range of major and sensitive inquiries and reviews for both the Commonwealth and Victorian governments. Most recently, he has undertaken a review of the 2010/11 floods in Victoria and is the independent Monitor of the implementation of the recommendations of the 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission.

He is also the President of the Board of the Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board in Victoria, Chair of the Ministerial Community Advisory Committee on Corrections and a Director of DrinkWise Australia.

TOUR OF RACV KITCHENS OFFERED

Stevie Carew, Executive Sous Chef, RACV Banqueting has arranged to host a behind the scenes visit to the RACV Kitchens immediately following the May 21 Breakfast. The Tour which will last about 60 minutes will cover, food storage, preparation, kitchens, plating and waste disposal. This is an excellent opportunity but numbers are restricted to a maximum of 10 members and partners and will be on basis of first 10 to register. Please let me know on Tuesday or email bruclyn@bigpond.com

POLICE LEADERS MENTORING PROGRAM

The annual breakfast to celebrate the wind-up of this year's program for the Victoria Police Leaders Mentoring Program will be hosted by our Club on **TUESDAY 18th JUNE AT RACV 2nd Floor at 7.15am for 7.30am at cost \$27 each (hot breakfast).**

All Club members including partners and friends are urged to attend and hear the experiences of some of the participants including a representative of the Police Mentorees, Business Mentors, Rotary Mentors and meet Presidents from 21 other Clubs in our District.

Certificates of Appreciation will be presented to all the participants by District Governor, Dennis Shore and Assistant Police Commissioner, Andrew Crisp.

Our members will have enjoyed this particular event from previous years and we expect that about 100 people will be in attendance. Therefore the event is regarded by the RACV as a "booking event" and they require firm numbers prior to the event or will charge for non attendances or extra for those attending but not booked.

Please respond to me by email **before 11th June at latest** if you wish to attend **OR** if you are unable to attend. Alternatively you can register for the event on our Club website. However be firmly aware that if you accept by email or register and do not attend or cancel **AFTER** 12th June then you will be expected to pay. If you do not register but turn up there will be a \$10 surcharge.

We look forward to your support for this special Rotary program. (Note earlier starting time)

Regards,

John MEEHAN meehanjj@bigpond.net.au

Rotary Club of Central Melbourne-Sunrise

MEETING REPORT, APRIL 30



Kay Stevens (left) and newly inducted member Patrick Barry; right: Neville John and newly inducted member John Price.

Reporter: Marjorie Gerlinger

The morning commenced with the Toast to Rotary International by Chair PP Richard Stone.

President Kay then welcomed the guests:

Philip Mayers – RC Melbourne and guest speaker

John Price and partner Cathy Lowy

Patrick Barry

Andrew Comley

Bronwen Stephens – Rotary Club of Melbourne South

After enjoying some fellowship and a hot breakfast President Kay called the meeting to order and inducted Patrick Barry and John Price.

Patrick's classification is Corporate and Safety Law. His mentor is Robin Stevens and he joins the Community Service committee.

John's classification is Materials and Mechanical Engineering. His mentor is Neville John and he joins the International Services committee.

Both new members were given a warm welcome by Club members

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Richard Stone advised that the Police Mentoring program is about to enter its 7th year. The selection process is underway for 20 candidates and one assistant commissioner. First class feedback has been received on the current year's program from mentees, Rotary mentors and business mentors.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT COMMUNITY SERVICE

Royal Talbot Working Bee

Volunteers from RCCMS and RCM totalled 70 volunteer hours on Sunday 21st April upgrading a section of the garden ready for planting in spring.

McAuley House

The garden chairs have been made and delivered. Thanks to our very own Men's Shed of Alan Seale, Roger Thornton and Gerard Hogan.

A working bee is planned for May 25th. Please register now on website or call Robin Stevens.

Know Your Numbers

This is being run on the 14th and 15th May in the Foyer of the RACV Club. 10.30am to 2.30pm. It is a requirement that a medical professional be on hand while tests are done and two of our partners have volunteered to fulfil this role. Another six volunteers are required each day. Please register now on website or call Richard Bowen

Hotham Mission Asylum Seekers Bicycle Project

Through our association with Victoria Police the Club has been able to assist Hotham Mission to contact the appropriate people for advise on setting up a Road Safety Training program for their bicycle project.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Kay asked members if they were able to assist on May 6th and 7th to pack 90 beds being donated by Caulfield Hospital into two 40ft containers to contact Laurie Fisher 0428 550 574, dik.vic.rotary@gmail.com

SERGEANT

Sergeant Michael announced that he hoped we had a full house next week as a video will be made to send our best wishes to the Rotary Club of Osaka Midosuji Hommachi on their charter night,. This Club is being formed by a merger of RC Osaka Hommachi and RC Osaka Midosuji.

SPEAKER



Philip Mayers

Make A Wish Foundation

Philip started by saying that this organisation has been close to his heart for the past 15 years. The children he has come in contact with have changed his life in so many ways. He carries a star given to him by the Foundation in the Philippines and wears a silver ring given to him by the Foundation in Israel. These symbols are a constant reminder of how the Foundation changes lives.

The mission of the Make A Wish Foundation *is to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.*

The Foundation was formed in America in 1980. How it started was that in the spring of 1980, 7-year-old Christopher James Greicius was being treated for [leukemia](#). He had always wanted to be a police officer. U.S. Customs Officer Tommy Austin befriended Chris and worked with officers at the Arizona Department of Public Safety to plan an experience to lift his spirits. Chris spent the day as a police officer, rode in a police helicopter, received a custom-tailored police uniform, and was sworn in as the first honorary DPS patrolman in state history. Chris passed away soon after, but his wish became inspiration for the world's largest wish-granting organisation.

The International division now serves children in 47 countries on five continents through its 36 affiliates

Australia has 57 branches, 40 staff, 1,300 volunteers and grants 8,000 wishes per year.

There are 300,000 wishes granted around the world each year. That means one wish is granted every 23 minutes.

Wishes are granted to children between the ages of 3 – 18 years with a life threatening medical condition.

Although this covers a range of illnesses approximately 60% of children who are granted wishes have some form of cancer. To be granted a wish proof must be provided by means of a medical certificate from the specialist doctor.

There are four types of wishes:

I want to be

I want to see

I want to have

I want to meet

The most common wishes are computers, cubby houses and trips to the Gold Coast.

Make-A-Wish Australia raises money to grant wishes in a variety of ways including:

Cause-related marketing

Sponsorship

Annual appeals

Marketing campaigns

Direct Donations

A considerable amount of funds are also raised by volunteers who conduct everything from sausage sizzles and trivia nights to major gala balls. All funds raised in Australia are used for the wishes of Australian children.

The Australian Foundations is run by a Board of up to nine Directors. Currently there are seven. All the Board positions are filled on skills-based criteria.

It is impossible to put the passion of Philip's presentation into these notes but the following study results helps to better understand what a wish can mean to a child.

[Proof of wish power](#)

We are all aware of the astounding ability of wishes to put smiles on the faces of children with life-threatening medical conditions, but international research has confirmed a wish can bring these courageous children and their families so much more.

The study discovered that Make-A-Wish wishes have a significant impact on the physical, mental and emotional health and wellbeing of children with life-threatening medical conditions:

- 97% of families surveyed said there was a noticeable improvement in their child's mental and emotional health following the granting of a wish
- 75% of children experienced an improvement in their physical health, involving increased strength and willingness to overcome their condition

It was also found that children whose wishes are granted experience positive outcomes that enrich their quality of life:

- 95% of parents agreed that the wish provided their child with an opportunity for a 'normal life' experience, improved quality of life and a shift in focus away from the illness

Wishes were also proven to have a positive influence on the parents and siblings of wish children:

- 98% of parents surveyed said the wish offered them hope and positive forward thinking
- 100% agreed the wish gave them happy memories that would last forever
- 92% of parents affirmed a reduction in anxiety and fear among the wish child's siblings
- 93% of parents felt an increased sense of empowerment and improved ability to cope with the medical condition and situation

This compelling research is evidence of just how powerful a wish can be and how a wish's energy and positivity can make a life-changing difference.