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30th April 2019

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NEXT MEETING - GUEST SPEAKER

Posted by Bruce HERON

Gabby O'Keefe & Sandra Lee

"The option of a cochlear implant"

The Royal Eye and Ear Cochlear Implant Clinic is the sole cochlear implant program in Victoria since 1982 and also provide support for Tasmania. We are a multidisciplinary team of audiologists, speech pathologist and ear nose and throat surgeons that aim to assist people who have a significant hearing loss in finding suitable options for improving their hearing.

Gabby O'Keefe is a paediatric and adult cochlear implant audiologist & Sandra Lee has a history of hearing aid rehabilitation prior to working with cochlear implants.

OH KOLKATA!

Posted by Peter DURAS



Proudly Presented By Our International Team

Enjoy an evening of celebration with an Indian flavour, designed to raise funds for our project in Kolkata.

SATURDAY MAY 4th

7.30 to 10.30pm

at Sue and Peter's place,

285/100 Kavanagh Street, Southbank.

Cost \$50 pp

Bookings are required - goto;

<https://www.trybooking.com/BBZDO>

or contact Peter Duras 0413 599 121

Funds raised will contribute toward our clubs share of the Kolkata Project, in which we are combining with Rotary Clubs of Calcutta-Victoria, and Sierra Madre, California.

The Kolkata Project will provide an opportunity for under privileged men and women to receive training in basic skills to enable them to find employment -

"a hand up is better than a hand out"

As Peter says, "You'll be sari if you don't attend."



Meeting Responsibilities

Chair
JONES, David

Greeter
GERLINGER, Marjorie

Reporter
SEALE, Alan

Photographer
THORNTON, Roger

Door
CHAMBERS, Campbell

Bulletin Editor
WILLIAMS, Rohan

Social Media
LIM, Daniel

Upcoming Events

[Oh Kolkata!](#)

May 04, 2019
7:30 PM – 10:30 PM

[Board Meeting](#)

May 08, 2019
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

[Royal Talbot Working Bee](#)

ROYAL TALBOT
May 18, 2019
8:30 AM – 1:00 PM

[Board Meeting](#)

Jun 12, 2019
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Speakers

Apr 30, 2019
[Gabby O'Keefe & Sandra Lee](#)
The option of a cochlear implant

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ROYAL TALBOT WORKING BEE



We will once again be involved in a morning of gardening in the magnificent sensory garden attached to the Royal Talbot Acquired Brain Injury Unit.

Saturday 18th May

8.30am and concluding by 1pm.

1 Yarra Blvd, Kew VIC 3101

[Melway 45 A1]

Mid-morning refreshment and a light lunch will be provided.

We will be under the supervision of clinical nurse specialist and horticulturist Steven Wells - 2012 ABC Gardening Australia 'Gardener of the Year' and in 2015 Steven was awarded a prestigious 50th Anniversary Churchill Fellowship to research the development, use and management of therapeutic gardens in healthcare settings.

Members should wear appropriate clothing and if possible bring gardening implements including spades etc. If you don't have gardening implements, don't worry Steven has a supply.

To assist with catering please register by Tuesday 14th May on-line or contact Lynne Webber.

Fine tuning travel directions: Enter Yarra Boulevard from Chandler Highway, opposite Guide Dogs. Hospital Drive is first turn on left, the entrance is signed but partially obscured. There is a boom gate at the top of the drive. Security have been alerted to raise the boom gate on request. When in grounds just follow the ABI signage and park nearby.

VICTORIA POLICE LEGACY'S 2019 CHARITY BREAKFAST

Posted by Elias **LEBBOS**



**VICTORIA POLICE LEGACY
2019 CHARITY BREAKFAST**

Special guest
**The Hon Brendan Nelson AO
Brendan FRACER (FRACER) FRACER**
Director, Australian War Memorial
Dr Brendan Nelson became Director of the Australian War Memorial in 2012. Prior to this, he was the Australian Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg, the European Union and NATO (2009-12). He's served as a medical practitioner in Israel, and as National President of the Australian Medical Association (AMA).
In 2005, Dr Nelson retired as president of the APRA and was elected to the Federal Parliament of Australia. He was the Minister for Education, Science and Training, and in 2008 was appointed Minister for Defence. In 2002 Dr Nelson was elected leader of the Liberal Party, serving as Leader of the Opposition until September 2006.
He was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) in 2012 for his services to the community, the parliament of Australia, leadership and cultural leadership.

Tickets \$95 single - discount price \$900 for a table of 10 (including tax assist)
Date Thursday 6 June 2019 at 7:50
Time 7:30am - 9:15am
Venue Members' Dining Room, MCG
[Click through to book your seat today](#)

trybooking All funds raised will be used to support police families and Victoria Police mental health programs.

For more information or enquiries please contact: Victoria Police Legacy
Elicia McNeil, 0418 981 987 email: info@policelegacyvic.org.au

You may be aware that RCM has been working closely with Victoria Police Legacy to forge a closer working relationship. This relationship builds and strengthens current relationships with VicPol.

We have provided a number of Police Legatees with the opportunity to participate in the Rotary RYPEN program and the club continues to support the Silk Miller Scholarship. The Police Leadership Mentoring program also continues to grow from strength to strength.

This year the Victoria Police Legacy's 2019 Charity Breakfast will be held at the MCG on Thursday 6th June 2019. Funds raised will support initiatives addressing mental health of Victoria Police employees and shared between Victoria Police Legacy and the Victoria Police Provident Fund's Mental Health Fund.

Victoria Police Legacy continues to directly support families who suffer the most tragic consequences of mental health, and this breakfast is an important way to reduce the stigma of suicide and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

I am looking to organize a table in support of this event. If you are interested in joining me, could you please let me know by email by Friday 17th May 2019 so I can make the booking.

SENIORS WINTER MORNING TEA AT PARLIAMENT

Posted by Marjorie **GERLINGER**



**Seniors Winter
Morning Tea
at Parliament**

**\$25.00 pp
with Seniors Card
(normally \$35)**

Winter Morning Tea includes
Croque monsieur
Ham, cheese & mustard sauce toasted sandwich
Tomato, basil & fetta quiche
Carrot & sultana cake, cream cheese icing
& chocolate luscious
Parliament scones, fat rascal, raspberry jam, & double cream
With espresso coffee & tea from the T2 range

Bookings required
E: infocatering@parliament.vic.gov.au
Ph: 03 9651 8944 (Strangers Corridor)
03 9651 8941 (Catering Office)

Valid during July 2019
Monday - Friday (non sitting days)
10am-11.30am

*Parliament is closed on weekends & public holidays

MEETING REPORT 23rd APRIL 2019

Posted by Stuart **CARDELL**

Opening and Toast

Chairperson, Alice Miller opened the meeting & toast to RI and welcomed members & guests, who were:

- Dr John Basarin OAM - Guest Speaker - Rotary Club of Brighton
- Hatice Basarin - Guest - Partner of Guest Speaker
- Balacan Bakto - Guest - Melbourne City Rotaract Club

Announcements

- Warwick – Reminder on Changeover – Friday 28th June at William Angliss Institute.
- Warwick – Reminder Sunday, 26th May is District Assembly, it would be great for all office bearers for next year to attend.
- Elias – The Club is Encouraging a greater relationship with VicPol Legacy. There is Breakfast on 6 June, Guest Speaker is Dr Brendan Nelson, an email will come separately, please let Elias know if you would like to attend.
- Peter - Oh Kolkatal on 4 May - Reminder to those who haven't let Peter know if they are coming.

President's Announcements

- Thank you to directors who shared everything they are doing with their committees this year at the last meeting.
- RI Convention - 2023 Melbourne has been selected as the location. Expecting 20,000 delegates to attend. Running a parallel event for leaders in our community who are not Rotarians, but who are contributing to a better community and ensuring the economic benefit of the convention is distributed to those who need it most in our community. Alan and Neville J have brought this to our club to consider. There is a two half-day workshop to design what this program might look like. Many big names.

Guest Speaker – Dr John Basarin OAM – Friends of Gallipoli

- Bio: Dr John Basarin was born in Istanbul, Turkey. He trained as a chemical engineer and migrated to Australia in 1973. Apart from Melbourne, he has also lived and worked in Norway, the United States, Brazil, Germany and the UK, mainly in the offshore oil & gas business. As the founding Chairman of Friends of Gallipoli, Inc. a not-for-profit organisation, John has been instrumental in providing a unique opportunity to many young students to go to Gallipoli and attend ANZAC Day Dawn and Lone Pine Ceremonies since 2009.
- John went with his father to Gallipoli and was told that this was where the modern nation of Turkey was born and was fascinated to realize that emotionally Australians felt the same.
- John and Hatice have now written four books on Gallipoli and two of them have been printed in Turkish. Their final book is titled "Gallipoli the Invasion" and while provocative, was the most appropriate description.
- John detailed the history that led to the invasion at Gallipoli with the decline of the Ottoman Empire and the rise of the British, French and German Empires and the importance of oil to this situation.
- Landing happened on 36 days later on 25 April 1915. Only 160 Turks were defending and 8,000 ANZACs landed at that time.
- Casualties of 9 months were immense with 250,000 Turks and over 200,000 allied deaths at the battle.
- As an Australian with Turkish heritage John has a unique perspective on this topic and described the strength of the relationship between Australian and Turkey stemming from this encounter as special and an example that should be held up as how friends can be made despite these circumstances.

Raffle Winners

- Malcolm Fielden
- Neville Taylor
- Neville John

GALLERY

Posted by Roger THORNTON

Photos from our Breakfast Meeting



President Neville Taylor



Chair Alice Miller



Guest Speaker John Basarin



Balacan Bektas, Alice Miller, John & Hatice Basarin, Neville Taylor & Alan Seale

