



## Stories

### NEXT WEEK'S SPEAKER: 6 August 2013



#### **Liza McDonald** will be commenting on how to be **MAKING OUR TAXIS BETTER**

The Taxi Services Commission is the new regulator of the taxi industry, taking over from the Victorian Taxi Directorate. The Victorian Government recently announced major reforms for Victoria's taxi industry, following the Taxi Industry Inquiry led by Professor Allan Fels.

The government has claimed that the reforms will create a more flexible, responsive and innovative taxi industry that provides better service and safety for customers. Key changes include improved conditions for drivers, an independent "knowledge" exam for new drivers, a new fare structure, removing restrictions on the number of new taxi licences and encouraging more disability accessible vehicles.

Major industry players have supported some reforms however significant resistance to the proposed reforms has been exhibited by certain industry participants. Liza's presentation will provide some details relating to the background of the reforms as well as outlining where to from here.

Liza McDonald was the Director of Reform Policy and Engagement Strategy within the Taxi Industry Inquiry. She has now taken up the position Director of Industry Reform Implementation within the newly formed Taxi Services Commission. Liza has been at the grass roots of the taxi industry reforms since day one and she has a wealth of knowledge to share on the topic.

### MEETING REPORT FROM 30 JULY 2013

By Alan Seale

There were no visitors to the club this morning.

#### **Announcements and Director's Report**

*Greg Cuthbert* informed us that due to a delay in securing an actor, the play "**The Greatest is Love**" **has been postponed until 20th October 2013**. More information will be coming soon but make sure that you put the date into your diary for this spectacular fundraising event.

*President Doug* advised of a visit by Past World President D. K. Lee on 17th August 2013 – for more details contact President Doug - or see the of interest section!

#### **Sergeant's Session**

Michael Bromby, an avid Hawthorn supporter, asked all seven Bombers supporters to stand and expressed his deepest sympathy for the drubbing handed out by the Hawks last weekend and expressed his heartfelt wish that the team recover in some sort of shape....NOT!!

Michael then went on to present Wagner's Meistersingers of Nuremberg prelude that Wolfgang Jacobs confessed was his favorite - best remembered from a concert given to the Australian nation by Germany in September 1988.

#### **Talk of the Day by Anne Fairhall**



## Upcoming Events

### District Governor's Visit RACV City Club

Aug 13, 2013 at 07:30 AM – 08:45 AM

### Rotary Foundation Multi District Dinner

Moonee Valley Racecourse

Aug 17, 2013 at 07:00 PM – 11:00 PM

### Board Meeting

RACV City Club

Aug 21, 2013 at 06:00 PM – 07:30 PM

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Sep 18, 2013 at 06:00 PM – 07:30 PM

## Speakers

Aug 6, 2013

Liza McDonald

*Making Our Taxis Better*

Aug 13, 2013

District Governor Ross

Butterworth

*Engage Rotary Change Lives*

Nov 5, 2013

NO MEETING THIS WEEK

(Melbourne Cup Holiday)

Nov 12, 2013

NO REGULAR MEETING TODAY

*Paul Harris breakfast tomorrow*

Nov 13, 2013

Chief Justice Chris Maxwell

Dec 17, 2013

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec 24, 2013

NO REGULAR MEETING THIS

WEEK (Christmas Eve)

Dec 31, 2013

NO REGULAR MEETING THIS



The Guest Speaker was Anne Fairhall, well known to many in the Club.

Anne has cared for Geoff who has suffered from steadily worsening dementia over the last 8 years. Anne described how the disease, Fronto Temporal Lobar Degeneration (FTLD) in Geoff's case, developed slowly and that given his high level of native intelligence Geoff was able to compensate for many years before his functionality was seriously impaired and he acknowledged that all was not well.

Some will recall Geoff spoke to the Club well after he had been diagnosed to explain to us what was happening to him.

FTLD is one of several forms of dementia and is less common than Alzheimer's disease which represents about 70% of all dementia cases.

Anne described how the disease profoundly affects the life of both the patient and their family and carers in so many ways, grief at losing touch with a loved one, the indignity, fear of the unknown, the intrusion at home of essential support services, etc.

It is a terminal disease, is irreversible, medications only serving to retard its development or deal with the symptoms. As a carer there are major challenges in learning how to best cope with apparently irrational behaviours whilst maintaining genuine communication with the sufferer. Anne spoke well of several support groups including Carers Victoria, Alzheimer's Victoria, the Health and Aging Service of the City of Melbourne. She has personally taken a strong interest in promoting better understanding of the complexities of a diagnosis of dementia and the complex care needs and is a member of Alzheimer's Australia (Vic) Consumer Advisory Committee.

#### OF INTEREST? VISIT BY THE CHAIR OF ROTARY FOUNDATION, DK LEE

It has been recently advised that RIPP and Chair of The Rotary Foundation DK Lee and Young are visiting Melbourne. A Dinner in their honour has been organized by District 9790, a function at which PRIP and Chair of The Rotary Foundation DK Lee will be the speaker. The purpose of the dinner will be to promote The Rotary Foundation and PP Peter Dunn of the Rotary Club of Strathmore will organise the function. The following arrangements have now been put in place:

**When:** Saturday 17th August

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Where:** Committee Room, Moonee Valley Racecourse

**Cost:** \$60 per person - two course dinner - drinks at bar prices

The function will be preceded by a cocktail party to which Major Donors and current and past Officers of Rotary are invited. Cost \$20 per head - drinks included.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact PDG Peter Gilbert at any time:

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District seeks support for the event.

#### DUTY ROSTER FOR 6 August

<b>Chair</b>	Patrick Barry
<b>Sergeant</b>	Michael Bromby
<b>Greeter</b>	Brian Downie
<b>Reporter</b>	Dick Mitchell
<b>Photographer</b>	Allan Driver
<b>Door</b>	Neil Salvano

#### WEEK (New Years Eve)

Jun 17, 2014

[Police Mentoring Program 2014 Graduation Breakfast](#)

Jun 24, 2014

[NO REGULAR MEETING THIS WEEK](#)

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