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WELCOME TREVOR

Congratulations Trevor Diamond on becoming the newest member of Central Melbourne Rotary.

Trevor is an Accountant and Business Advisor and will be under the guidance of mentor Doug Robinson for the next 12 months. He has had a career as an accountant with many successful family businesses and is very keen to give back to those who are less fortunate. Welcome to Rotary Trevor.



NEXT MEETING - GUEST SPEAKER

Meeting Responsibilities

31st January

Chair
KING, Anne

Greeter
GERLINGER, Marjorie

Reporter
GARRETT, Roy

Photographer
THORNTON, Roger

Door
GREENWOOD, Herb

Project Report - Community Service
TAYLOR, Neville

Bulletin Editor
SOROS, Rob

Upcoming Events

Board Meeting
RACV City Club
Feb 15, 2017
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

White Night
Feb 18, 2017 6:30 PM –
Feb 19, 2017 6:30 AM

John Peberdy**The challenge for directors of government boards**

2017 is expected to be a busy year for directors of government boards. At the state level there is plenty of action due to the infrastructure boom. Local councils are also extremely active managing property development and social services programs.



A major focus for government boards is to secure the development of good policy that responds to community and government needs. In the financial services sector, the whole question of investment returns is a challenge. Higher volatility and low interest rates will reduce income significantly for financial services businesses.

John Peberdy is chair of the Victorian Managed Insurance Authority. He has extensive experience in the insurance industry. He was CEO of Ansvr Insurance from 1999 to 2010 and served on the Board of the Insurance Council of Australia. His expertise includes strategy and planning, business management, leadership and people management, risk management and general insurance.

Among his current directorship roles, John is the also chair of Stewards Insurance Services Pty Ltd and deputy chair of Christian Super.

GVE LUNCH - 12th FEBRUARY**GROUP VOCATIONAL EXCHANGE WELCOME AND FAREWELL LUNCH - SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY**

Date and time – Sunday 12 February 2017, 12.00 midday to mid-afternoon.

Venue – Boroondara Park Primary School, Almond St, Balwyn North (Melway 46 F1). A leafy setting with plentiful seating, undercover if necessary, and toilets.

Menu – 3 meats, 3 salads, bread and coffee. Barrista coffee and soft drink available for purchase. BYO alcohol.

Cost – \$30.00 per person.

Speeches – of course, but short, sharp and interesting.

Entertainment - probably

>> RSVP - Has now passed, please advise Marjorie GERLINGER ASAP if planning to attend <<

Board Meeting

RACV City Club

Mar 15, 2017

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Speakers

Jan 31, 2017

John Peberdy

The challenge for directors of government boards

Feb 07, 2017

Meryl Karlson

Five myths about the transition to retirement

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Photo: Emily Brown - our sponsored team member presenting at our meeting on 17th January

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GUEST SPEAKER'S PRESENTATION - 24th JANUARY

Posted by Campbell CHAMBERS

Leadership and innovation in social services

Malcolm Shimmins, Director of Strategy & Growth at Uniting Care Lentara

Malcolm started by mentioning that this was his second visit to the Club and gave a big thanks to all who contributed 43 shopping bags of goodies that was distributed to 100 needy families.

2016 –17 will be a year of transition for Lentara UnitingCare as they and 22 other agencies will unite together in order to inspire people, enliven communities and confront injustice.

Lentara undertake a number of important functions including community services, children & family services, asylum seeker services, early learning and social enterprise. Working for the dole, men's shed, no interest loans, parents next and fresh start and just a small number of the initiatives underway.

Any profits generated by the enterprise ventures are redeployed to innovate and facilitate new and current community programs which are at the heart of Lentara's mission.

Malcolm gave a special call out for their cleaning services program, members should consider any one off or more regular projects that could use their services.

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SAVE THE DATE 100 YEAR CELEBRATION - 31st MAY

The District 9800 100 year foundation celebration will be hosted by Southbank Rotary Club and held on Wednesday 31 May.

Please note this date in your diary and stay tuned for more information.

MEETING REPORT 24th JANUARY

Posted by Campbell CHAMBERS

Opening

- The meeting was opened by the Chair, George Mackey, with a toast to Rotary International.
- President Justine welcomed this weeks' visitors:
 - Dee Dymond, partner of our newest Rotarian Trevor Dymond
 - Des Benjamin who is a great friend of the Club
 - Eric Bao, the district nominee for RYPEN; and
 - Malcolm Shimmons our guest speaker from Uniting Care Lentara.

Announcements

- Neil Salvano is looking for volunteers to assist on White Night for Saturday 18th February. There are two shifts available, the 6pm to midnight and midnight to dawn. The Club receives a \$1,000 donation from the event plus anything raised on the evening.
- Marjorie Gerlinger reminded us all of The Rotary Foundation (TRF), from its inauspicious beginnings to now being rated in the top ten charities worldwide. Within District 9800 there are 122 Paul Harris Society members of which 7 are from Central Melbourne. There are plenty of ways to contribute including personal time, EREY, Paul Harris Society, benefactors and Bequests as well as the Arch Klumph Society. Remember that any donations to TRF are tax deductible.
- Tony Thomas was kind enough to whet our appetite about his discussion on Trachoma.
- Roger Thornton was also pleased to advise via Bill Latham than the 4 fans have now been successfully installed at the Fitzroy's Women's Centre
- Alan Driver has been in contact with Trish & Dick Mitchell. Dick is now at home undergoing rehabilitation and passes his thanks on to the Club for their well wishes.
- Roy Garrett gave an update on Nonh, please check last week's Bulletin for more detail. Unfortunately the airline could not extend the booking for Nonh and his father so new flights have been organised and Roy will give more

details when possible on the final costs and how we can help out.

- Des Benjamin passed on some information regarding lockers for the homeless and would be happy to provide more information to anyone who is interested.
- George Mackay introduced Eric Bao who was the district representative for RYPEN. Eric thanked Rotary for the opportunity to attend the camp and he enjoyed the emphasis on Leadership, Teamwork and creating new friends. Eric believes the new skills he acquired will be very beneficial in the future. Thanks Eric!
- President Justine inducted Trevor Diamond as the newest member of Central Melbourne Rotary; Trevor is an Accountant and Business Advisor and will be under the guidance of mentor Doug Robinson for the next 12 months.
- Trevor thanked Neville for his persistence in getting him to this point and is looking forward to contributing to Rotary International. He has had a career as an accountant with many successful family businesses and is very keen to give back to those who are less fortunate. Welcome Trevor to Rotary.

Trachoma

- Trachoma is a blindness-causing disease of poverty and squalor but is preventable and easily cured early. It is concentrated in NT and the infection is caused by repeated inflammation to the eye – runny noses and lack of hygiene the basic cause.
- Prevention and cure via the SAFE guidelines; Surgery, Antibiotics, Facial Cleanliness & Environmental Improvements.
- There have been a number of terrific videos produced that are aimed to educate communities and demonstrate how to solve for Trachoma.
- There is a drive underway to eliminate Trachoma by 2020, repeating the success of the Polio campaign.
- How Rotary will Help:
 1. A trachoma champion in each District in Australia to coordinate their clubs.
 2. A NFP company Nourish Our Communities Ltd., set up for tax deductible donations. K&L Gates law and William Buck Accts pro bono.
 3. A skilled optometrist and public health expert Lien Trinh already hired on three year contract funded largely by a philanthropy trust.
 4. Facial health kits – soaps, flannels, toothpaste etc, \$10
 5. Financing commercial sized washing machines and infrastructure for them – eg mobile trailers set up at football matches, or installations at existing health clinics. Clean towels for old!
 6. Financing upgrades to the four sub-standard

swimming pools there.

7. Big corporates backing "Change Australia"
cardboard and plastic money boxes for small
change

- This is an exciting project for 9800, in addition to eliminating Trachoma there are other long term health payoffs. Rotary will develop a high profile and professionally run exercise – go 9800!

Guest Speaker

Please see separate item.

Closure

President Justine closed the meeting by reflecting on the recent events on Melbourne and encouraging others to pay their respects as they see appropriate. Thanks to all the guests, and our guest speaker.

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GALLERY



Newest member Trevor with wife Dee at induction



The magic moment - President Justine inducting Trevor Dymond



District nominee for RYPEN, Eric Bao, thanking Rotary



Thank you Peter, Herb, Rob & Cecily (& Yanpu - not photographed) for putting on a fantastic CNY celebration

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