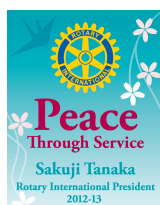




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### Guest Speakers - August 7 - Tony Thomas


#### The Democratic Reforms in Burma – How and Why?

Tony has been lecturing on Burma for several years and addressed 50 Rotary and Probus clubs, including RCCMS. In the past to the surprise of observers, the military regime has released near 1000 prisoners, legitimized the National League for Democracy as an opponent, and relaxed all restrictions on the NLD's leader Aung San Suu Kyi. The most sanctions while Burma's ex-military President Thein Sein has set about fixing the mess created by 60 years of autocratic governance.


Tony will explain this situation, using copious film clips to take us directly to the heart of the situation.

Photo: Suu Kyi receives an honorary doctorate in civil law at Oxford, June 2012


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**Duty Roster 7th August 2012**  
Posted by David JONES on Aug 05, 2012  
**Note:** Duty people are expected to be on duty at RACV at **7am** as many guests start at time.

Please note; if unable to attend please arrange to swap your role with another me

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### **Bulletin Survey - Your Opinion Matters**

Posted by David JONES on Aug 05, 2012

Members have contributed some excellent thoughts in the survey - as at Friday morning received.

This leaves 35 opinions yet to be heard. If you have not responded yet please click the

It takes five minutes to register your view. We would appreciate your response by 6th A

### **Meeting Report, Tuesday 31st July 2012**

Posted by Richard MITCHELL on Aug 05, 2012

#### **Meeting Opening**

Tom Callander was Chair for today's meeting and he welcomed our two visitors: Olivier Latorre, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and our Guest Speaker today; and Olivier's Counsellor Robert Head (Rotary Club of North Balwyn).

#### **Director's Report**

David Jones gave the Club Service Director's Report. Please see article below for further

#### **President's Announcements**

President Kay Stevens advised that the Police Mentoring Scheme was launched with a Wednesday 25th July. The Police Commissioner Ken Lay and District Governor Nomin attended, along with the police participants and course mentors. The guest speaker was of Independence Australia, an organisation helping disabled persons in the community.

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

Michael Bromby continued on the musical theme. He asked members to identify the singer born Steven Demetre Georgiou. After a number of guesses, Michael then added that he was from Islam, although more widely known as Cat Stevens. Bruce McBain has selected the song for the Rotary music collection and gave a brief biography of the singer's life and how it fits into the historical context to the various political changes over the past 40 years.

#### **Guest Speaker**

Olivier Latorre is an engineering graduate student from Arts et Metiers Paristech, one of the French graduate schools of engineering. He is studying at the University of Melbourne for 3 years to complete a Professional Masters of Engineering in Mechatronics and electronics. His home city is Nantes on the Loire River and it has trams like those in Paris. Jules Verne was born there and there is a fascinating museum dedicated to the writer. In the UK, it was heavily involved in the slave trade and this is reflected in the quality of its architecture. The buildings are well preserved as it was not a site of hostilities in the Second World War, but it was the site of the Normandy landings.

Olivier's talk centred on robotics and prostheses. The first known use of prosthetics was in the 1st Century BC where a wooden toe had been discovered. In the Roman Empire, wooden limbs had been used. In the 16th Century, the first operative prosthesis had been discovered. Great advances have been made in the US Army post 1945 and the first myoelectric arm was created in 1965.

Leg amputees were assisted by the 'C-Leg' manufactured by Otto Bock at the cost of \$7 (about 10 times average annual wages at the time). Ankle and knee sensors send mes for speed and acceleration through a microprocessor. There are also two hydraulic circ and flexion. The robotic arm has now been developed with up to 25 joint motions while arm has 30 joint motions. It has come to the stage that the wearer only needs to think v wants to do and the prosthetic arm will act accordingly. The cost of these arms at prese million.



*Guest speaker: Olivier Latorre*

### Director's Report - Club Administration

Posted by David JONES on Aug 05, 2012

David advised that the current issue receiving the committee's attention is 'Communicat

In particular;

#### **The Weekly Bulletin**

A survey of members' wishes was launched today with a request for response by 6th Au is primarily concerned with content and usefulness of the bulletin although there is provi to comment on any other aspect if they wish.

Through the ClubRunner system the style of the bulletin has been changed in the past r changes will be considered in light of members responses.

#### **Other communication channels**

**Social media:** In addition to an attractive bulletin and web pages a committee is also lc club's requirements for communication to external businesses/people. A Facebook pag existence on a Beta basis for a few months.

**Guest Speaker:** In response to a Horizon's suggestion a separate weekly e-mail has be members advising details of the forthcoming guest speaker. David noted that this inform available in the bulletin and on the web page. David held a straw poll on this matter with that:

- all members were aware of the new 'guest speaker' weekly advice
- several members noted that the 'guest speaker' email had been welc
- one or two members thought the 'guest speaker' email was superfluo

After the meeting a member reported on behalf of their table that they too thought the 'g email was over the top.