



# CLUB BULLETIN



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Special points of interest:

- Enthusiastic About Tibet
- Friday Night School Presentation
- Washing Machine To Zimbabwe
- Win A 5Day Luxury

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Wednesday May 12th

Time: 6.15 pm for 6.30 pm

Art Show Briefing

Caulfield Race Course

Chair: Graeme Hope

Dinner At Tabaret Restaurant 8.00 pm

## Meeting Rosters

### MAY

(Australian Health Research Month)

#### Registration Desk

Richard Stewart

Peter Pratt

#### Welcomer

Karen Nolan

### JUNE

(Rotary Fellowship Month)

#### Registration Desk

Peter Anderson

Chris Carra

#### Welcomer

Bob Heinemann

It is the responsibility of the rostered Member to find a replacement if not able to attend

## Future Club Program

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Chair</u>
Wed 19th May	Ken Dimsey	“Melbourne Golden Mile Heritage Trail	Chair Anne Murphy
Wed 26th May		Art Show at Caulfield Race course	
Wed 2nd June		TGIO Function at Club Rooms	
Wed 9th June		Ross Tor'bey Man Behind the Badge Chair Nick Pane	

**Club Meets**  
Wednesdays 6.15 for 6.30  
Canterbury Centre, 2 Rochester Road  
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## From The Humidor



For all of us in Rotary there is a common trend as to why we joined. It is that a friend or business acquaintance invited us along because they thought we would enjoy ourselves. Why we stay members is varied. It can be that

we enjoy each other's company, we have the opportunity to give back to the community in our own way, or it can be the personal satisfaction that we are making a difference in the lives of people or communities that need just a little help.

There is an old saying that goes, "give a man a fish and he will eat that night, but give him a fishing rod and teach him to fish and he will never go hungry."

In my opinion that is part of Rotary's mission. Not to ease just short term problems but to encourage people to help themselves. If we were only there to help I believe the job would be short lived. We come to our meetings every week for all of the above reasons, but we also come to have fun, and we at Camberwell achieve that goal every week.

We have interesting speakers, who make us laugh, cry and inspire us to do great things. Last week we heard from an outstanding speaker Don Cullen, who had us enthralled with not only his story of Tibet and his many visits but his passion for making a change is not only his life but in the lives of others.

Tuesday evening myself and 5 other Camberwell Rotarians attended a Cocktail party to mark the re opening of the Westpac Bank in Burke Road Camberwell along with the Mayor and other members of various businesses in the area.

Don Jago received a cheque for \$2,600 from Westpac as a donation to Boroondara Cares. This donation was inspired by Warwick Heil's passion for this great cause and a conversation he had with the local bank manager. Also on the night we met a number of potential members who are looking for an opportunity to serve their local community and it was our passion for our club that made them ask if they could come along one night.

Each of us in our own walk of life meet many people who would enjoy the opportunity to be part of Rotary and all we have to do is invite them along. If you are interested in our club staying the strong, vibrant club it is, all you have to do is ask the question "Would you like to join us one evening?" Give them the opportunity given when you were invited.

Have a great week and look forward to seeing you all at the Caulfield Racecourse this Wednesday.

**President Dennis**

"Would you like to join us one evening?"

## Community Service News

Due to the Salvation Army's Door Knock Appeal clashing with our Art Show, Geoff Day announced that at least a couple of members were wishing to donate monies to the Salvation Army Appeal to make up for the loss they will get due to our non participation.

Anyone who wishes to add their contribution should see Geoff

## Last Weeks Meeting

*This comprehensive report of last week's proceedings has been provided by Anne Murphy for which the Editor is grateful*

Several visiting Rotarians were present including international guests from the Province of Sorsogon in the Philippines and members of the RC of Brighton Beach. Roberto Quest the president of the Sorsogon Metro Club took the opportunity to present the Club with a framed certificate of recognition from the local government areas in Sorsogon which benefited from a program which allows environmental access to clean water. Our club through an initiative of its International Committee and a partnership with RC of Brighton Beach and the benefit of an RI matching grant has provided funds to enable this initiative.



Ian Feder provided a report on a cocktail party held at the new Westpac headquarters in Camberwell at which a cheque for \$2500 was presented to fund the Boroondara Cares newsletter. The next function to be held by the Boroondara Cares Committee is a Harness Racing event on May 10<sup>th</sup> which will also be an occasion to feature Farmgate sales from local producers.

Don Jago reported on his visit to Chicago as District representative to the RI Council on legislation. 527 delegates representing 127 countries trawled through 219 pieces of legislation in five and half days with the assistance of battery of interpreters translating into languages. The two most notable resolutions passed allow for recognition of E-clubs - 1 per district, but that only one attendance per month can be recognised at an E-club and the recognition of New Generations as the fifth avenue of service.

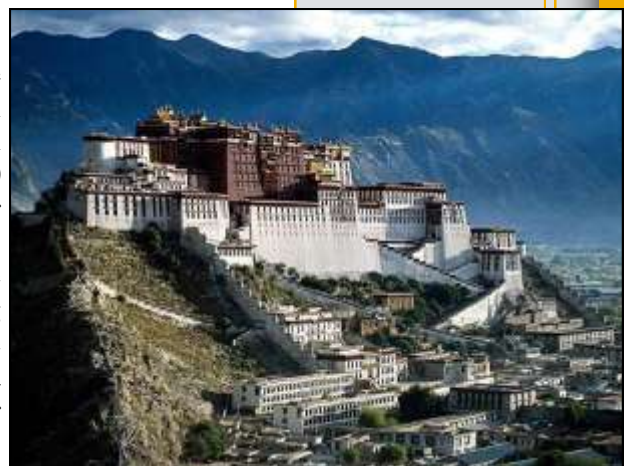
Pres/elect Rob Davies reminded Rotarians of the District Assembly to be held on Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup> at Melbourne Grammar School hosted by the RC of Brighton. Registration is at 8am and it is due to conclude at 1pm.

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Don Cullen a Rotarian of four years standing in the RC of Brighton North literally came to Rotary through his own individual philanthropic activities. A former senior executive with Brumbys Bread, Don over 47 years ago became interested in Tibet. This interest fuelled virtually a lifelong sporting, cultural and eventually strong financial commitment to the well being of the citizens of the country.

A potted history of the country was presented with references to Tibet being often referred to as 'the roof of the world' with much of its territory being over 14,000 feet above sea level, its disputed status, current population of 6 million, 4 million of whom are Han and Hui Chinese and 2 million ethnic Tibetans. Tibet throughout history has existed in various times as a separate sovereign entity, a multitude of states or ruled by the Chinese.

The capital is Lhasa. There have been 16 Dalai Lamas and the Tibetans run most things in the country. A British expedition led by Lieutenant Younghusband in 1903/04 led to a treaty with the British but also that 30,000 troops slaughtered around 20,000 of the population to achieve their goal of creating a buffer between Russia and India. An interesting sidebar to this story is that the invading troops utilised Indian porters to measure the distance covered by the invading forces by laying measuring sticks 6 foot long till they reached Potala Palace in Lhasa where they laid siege unaware that the occupants were utilising a system of underground tunnels to ensure their survival for over three months.



**Potala Palace—Lhasa**

## Last Week's Meeting Contd

Lieutenant Younghusband himself underwent a religious experience, resigned his commission and went back to India studied Buddhism for 14 years and led an expedition to base camp on Mount Everest (21,000'). A second expedition failed in 1922, a third attempt reached Camp 5 and saw George Mallory and Sandy Irvine part from fellow climbers at the beginning of the final ascent from Camp 5. They perished on the mountain. It would be 30 years from the first attempt till Sir Edmund Hilary and Sherpa Tensing Norgay reached the top.

Over 350 climbers' remains are left on the mountain as a result of failed attempts at the climb. Don Cullen himself commenced high altitude trekking in the region above the tree line. He has been on Mount Kailash in western Tibet at 20,000'. Mt Kailash is considered a sacred place by five of the regions major religions. A trek around the mountain takes three days.



Mount Kailash

Don's inherent interest in the history, geography and culture has led to a deep recognition of the need for significant support to be garnered for the communities of Tibet and he has dedicated the latter part of his life to identifying linkages that have facilitated major initiatives that are able to bypass systems of bribery that swallow aid dollars.

His initial foray into support identified blockages both here and in Tibet and a poor recognition together with cynicism as to the support required. As an individual Don recognised that he would require other support in Australia and a chance invitation to address, at very short notice, the RC of Brighton North led to his Rotary involvement.

This was post initial contact with a cultural organization where Tibetans with extraneous roots were living in Canada. This provided the first hesitant steps to what is now a massive support throughout the country. The first step was an artisan's store in Lhasa, a clinic where five doctors a day treat 280 people together with free medicine provision, plus 5 other medical clinics.

A new orphanage is being built with the support of a wealthy Chinese businessman from Chengdu. Four other orphanages, school facilities education programs (70% of Tibetans are illiterate), Books clothing and hot meals are provided too. Woodworking skills are taught, sewing skills and other handcrafts. Composting toilets have been introduced as toilets facilities are practically non-existent in Tibet. Tractor and motor cycle repair skills have been taught allowing many people to become self sufficient.

One of the major projects is the establishment of greenhouses, constructed with stone walls to withstand the cold, and plastic roofing. This has reduced the growing period from ten to four months and is providing a fresh meal for children on a daily basis. Prostitutes who have been taught handcrafts to supply the artisan store now have an alternative income source. All this is achieved without Government aid, with support from RAWCS and the driving force of our guest speaker Don Cullen.

It was evident when Ana our international exchange student, who had been invited to give an unscheduled talk, that this should be held over to a date when appropriate time allocation and justice can be given to her presentation and questioning..

## Camp Getaway

Andy Spry has indicated that there is further interest in having another Working Bee at Camp Getaway in the Spring.

Further information will be given later when suitable dates are known.

## Art Show News

### **ONLY 17 DAYS TO GO**

#### **RAFFLE TICKETS.**

Richard Stewart wishes to remind members and friends that he would welcome the return of as many raffle ticket stubs and cheques as possible to me at next week's Art Show preview

#### **INCREASE ART SHOW AWARENESS –ACTION BY CLUB MEMBERS**

Club members and friends have been sent an invitation that they are encouraged to forward to those on their Contact lists to promote awareness of the Art Show and our move to The Caulfield Racecourse

If we all invite ten friends or acquaintances to the preview night and/or show, potentially another 700 plus patrons to enjoy The “Camberwell” experience

#### **BRIEFING NIGHT –WED 12 MAY AT CAULFIELD RACE COURSE**

The Briefing night is to be held next week, by the Art Show Committee, on the arrangements and procedures for the Art Show.

The briefing night will be a normal Club meeting held at the Caulfield Racecourse between 6.30 -7.15 followed by Dinner in the Tabaret from 8.00pm

Partners and friends who are assisting at the Art Show are very welcome.

The Briefing notes and slides will be circulated to all after the Briefing Night.



## From The Secretary

### **CLUB DIRECTORY UPDATE**

To date, 22 members have not confirmed their respective entries for the 2010 - 2011 Club Directory.

**DEADLINE** for notifications is **Monday 10th May**. If members have not confirmed their entries, it will be assumed that your current entry is correct.

## Speakers Request

Ross Tor'Bey and David Loftus will be looking after the speakers program for the next Rotary year.

They are asking members for suggestions for speakers who may be of interest to members. There have been complaints in the past so here is members' chance to put in their suggestions.

Please provide names and contact details to Ross or David and they will do all the necessary following up.



## International Service News



Machine Being Installed

The International Committee have assisted Chidamoyo Hospital in North Western Zimbabwe by contributing money to purchase an industrial washing machine that replaced stone sinks. Our contribution was \$6,000. The total cost was apparently UK£9,800

Prior to the machine all of the soiled linen of this 85 bed hospital, which sees over 300 patients a day, was washed by hand.

The machine arrived in October last and is working well and is a boon to the Hospital.

Delivery was not without incident. The machine was bought in Johannesburg and delivered to Harare. After it cleared customs etc, the hospital sent it's biggest truck from Chidamoyo to collect it, but it didn't fit. A bigger truck was hired. When it finally arrived everyone was so excited--even the doctor (in green scrubs) went to help unload! The picture shows Chidamoyo's human forklift - 10 men, carrying the machine into the laundry after a wall had been knocked out to accommodate it.



New Washing Machine and Ironing Machine

The Committee is intending to support the hospital in other projects later



Childrens Ward Which is Planned to be Extended 100%

## Dictionaries To The Friday Night School



The Vocational and New Generations Committees have donated Dictionaries to the Friday Night School run by PHF Margaret Gurry.

An appeal for any pre-school toys, jigsaws or puzzles that can be utilised to help develop fine motor skills and preschooler education material books etc that can be donated to The Friday Night School.

Donations can be given to Karen Nolan or Anne Murphy

### Friday Night School Limited

ABN 67 137 526 495

2 May 2010

Mr Don Jago  
The Rotary Club of Camberwell Inc.  
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Dear Don,

Thank you very much for organizing the donation of the dictionaries for our mother's group and some of the younger children who attend Friday Night School. Your ladies, Ann Murphy, Sue Loftus and Karen Nolan, presented the books with style and the recipients were very appreciative. I attach a photo as a memento of the occasion.

Rhonda Korda who is setting up our mother's and pre-school reading group collected some of the dictionaries. This is the first donation of books to this group and Rhonda left that evening a very happy lady.

I hope you will be able to visit one Friday evening in the not too distant future.

We are all so very grateful for your Club's continued generosity and support. It is because of this we have been able to extend our programs and increase the number we help.

Kind regards

Margaret Gurry  
Coordinator of the Friday Night School



You choose which luxury hotel you want to stay at from Peppers Resorts and Spas in Palm Cove, Kingscliff and Port Stephens.

## *Win three luxury holidays*

**You could soon be enjoying a five night luxury Peppers Resort holiday plus \$1,000!**

When your Rotary club donates \$1,000 or more to ROMAC you will have an unprecedented not one, not two but three opportunities to enjoy three luxury 'Peppers' holidays for five nights each, including breakfast, plus \$1,000 towards your transport for each holiday!

Relax by the pool sipping a cool cocktail, explore a World Heritage Rainforest, the Great Barrier Reef, go golfing and fishing, play tennis and be pampered at the spa. Then savour a delectable culinary restaurant experience whilst watching the sun slowly disappear.

You'll enjoy this even more knowing that your club has helped ROMAC, run by volunteer Rotarians just like you, restore dignity to the lives of disadvantaged children, some with life threatening medical conditions. These children are from humble backgrounds and live in remote areas. Some are shunned by their village, a few resort to begging and too many would have died. A fortunate few will be saved thanks to caring Rotarians just like you.

Unfortunately, we have no shortage of patients, but we do need money to continue our humanitarian work. And whilst we bring these children here from overseas, it's comforting to know that the money you donate stays in our country.

Your club's generosity and support of this Rotary program could well result in you and a friend enjoying one, maybe two or even three of the best luxury holidays you've ever had.

On behalf of our 'forgotten' children and their families, thank you for your support.

The newly formed Rotary Club of Melbourne Park invites you to their official charter evening. With the help of some dedicated and experienced Rotarians, a group of around 25 young people (21-35 years old), have been working towards creating a Rotary Club that caters specifically to their needs. The group would be delighted to have your support on the 26th as they are officially inducted.



The venue for the night is the brand new AAMI Park (pictured above), located within the Olympic Park complex. Official proceedings will be complemented by a two course meal. The evening promises to be a milestone in the district, and will be a unique opportunity to view Rotary from a whole new perspective.

When: Wednesday 26th May, 7pm for a 7.30pm start

Tickets: \$65 per head (purchase tickets [here](#))

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**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

Gary Goldsmith      5th May  
John Maxwell        10th May

**Wedding Anniversaries**

Gary & Gabrielle Goldsmith    8th May  
Frank & Barbara Leigh        8th May

**Club Anniversaries**

John Maxwell        7th May    2 Yrs



**Last Meeting's Guests, Apologies, Etc**

**Members and Guests**

Matt Ingerty Don Fotheringham  
Ruth Carlos-Martinez- - Dennis Coleman  
Jonathon Grigg- Don Jago  
Ana Flavia—Exchange Student  
Cecey—Fellow Exchange Student

**Visiting Rotarians:**

Don Cullen—RC Brighton North—Speaker

ADG Phillip Rowell—RC Brighton North  
Don McCallum—RC Brighton North  
Roberto Quest—RC of Sorsogon Metro

**Apologies:**

Geoff Angus, Murray Dance, Lesley Daniels-King, Ian Farmer, Gary Goldsmith, Colin Gould, Mark Hassed, Geoff Heath, Graeme Hope, Frank Leigh, David Loftus, Jim O'Hara, Joseph Orlando, Andy Spry, Jo-Anne Tamlyn, Jeevan Vasimalla

**Make Ups:**

Don Jago—COL

**Raffle Winner**

Anne Murray

**Welcome Back**

None

**Farewell**

Pierre Kreigler—Europe  
Geoff Angus



Quote of The Week  
**“None This Week”**

(Anon)

**Almoners Report**

Jo-Anne Tamlyn has had appendicitis and has had an operation to remove her appendix. She was in the Epworth, but should be home recuperating by now.

**Directory Changes**

None

