



ROTARY CLUB OF HAWTHORN



Meeting 10 November 2009

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Notes From the Meeting

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Apologies (Essential)

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Meetings

Hawthorn Receptions

555 Glenferrie Road

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Tuesdays 12:30pm for

1:00pm (Finish 2.00pm)

Rotary Club of Hawthorn

PO Box 33, Hawthorn 3122

Bulletins etc available from:

<http://groups.google.com/group/hawthorn-rotary/files>

Discussions, correspondence etc available from:

<http://groups.google.com/group/hawthorn-rotary/topics>

Bulletin Confusion?

- There was no bulletin last week, because we did not meet on Cup Day.
- But, last Friday, the President emailed out a Table of Events.
- The bulletin for the meeting on 27 October had no date on its mast-head— The editor regrets and apologises!

People

- It was great to see **Joe Devereux** and **Noel Halford** back amongst us after being on the sick list.
- Best wishes to **Arch Crowe** who is, apparently, currently on that list.

Reminders

Visit the Police Academy Thurs 19 Nov—10.00—2 hour tour

- Names to **Jackie Cook** jackie@priorities.com.au (or 0402 759 924)
- 13 registrations so far—space for 34
- Lunch @ Wheelers Hill Hotel 12.15

Mini Car Rally & Kinglake Family Picnic Sun 15 Nov

- See p2
- Details: **David Pisterman** 0418 345 607 or pisterman41@pacific.net.au

No Lunch Meeting Tues 15 Dec or 29 Dec or 05 Jan

RCH Christmas Party: Evening, Thurs 17 Dec: Contact Gerry Cantwell

Boroondara Christmas Lunch Sun 20 Dec

Kooyong Tennis Parking Wed 13—Sat 16 Jan

President Neil advised us that preparations are well in hand:

- The City of Boroondara has agreed to lease us the field as usual.
- The public will be charged \$10, and corporates will be charged \$8.
- There will be a raffle.
- Ian Warren invites suggestions for suitable raffle prizes.
- Barry Pratt is in charge, in view of Ian Hamilton being away.

Our Annual General Meeting—1.00pm Tues 17 Nov

- See the paperwork emailed by Richard Logan, on Tues afternoon

Selling Christmas Hams etc—See p3

The Forgotten Regiment

Brian Burton

Author of

“The Forgotten Regiment -
The Story of the 2nd Royal Gloucestershire
Hussars, Libya 1941-1942

“Knock Rommel off in 20 minutes”. This, evidently, was the brief for our talk today that Chairman of the Day Bill Troedel put to author Brian Burton.

So we heard from Brian quite a lot about types of tank, and which were good and which were bad. And we heard about battles in Libya in 1941-1942, between the Germans and Italians on one side, and the British and Australians on the other side. And we heard something about the siege of Tobruk. But I’m not going to try to re-tell all that story. You will have to buy the book - \$35 - if you want the details - via bburton3@optusnet.com.au.

Bill Troedel, it transpires, is the printer of Brian Burton’s book – ‘The Forgotten Regiment’ - which was apparently being launched that very day. (However, I have discovered that there is already a reference to it on the following website: http://www.glost.org.uk/Books/Regimental/The_Forgotten_Regiment_-_The_Story_of_the_2nd_Royal_Gloucestershire_Hussars,_Libya_1941-1942_/53/723

And here is what the website says:



“The author is a veteran of the Second World War and served as a tank crew member in the Western Desert with the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars. Larry Birkin of the Royal Gloucestershire Hussars Research Committee writes that this is “a history that complements and in many respects encompasses all contemporary text and rightfully deserves its place on every bookshelf in the county of Gloucestershire and beyond.”

“This book places the Second World War history of 2nd Royal Gloucestershire Hussars properly in its context in the Desert War, focusing in particular upon the actions and battles of Operation Crusader, El Gubi, Sidi Rezegh, Gazala, Fist Alamein and Alam Halfa.”

Of greater interest to me is to consider the extraordinary will and energy of Brian: Evidently he enlisted at age 17. And now, at age 87, he is apparently self-publishing this book.

As a sad postscript, I can report that my googling provided numerous references to other ‘forgotten regiments’. This seems to show – not surprisingly – that the army bureaucrats who decide that it is expedient for some particular regiment to be dissolved, or amalgamated, do not share the intense loyalties that a regiment can engender amongst its members. Should Brian, perhaps, rename his book, in the interests of accuracy, but at the loss of sentiment, “Yet Another Lost Regiment”?

(By Lawrence Reddaway)

Kinglake Family Picnic Sun 15 Nov

- Meet at Hawthorn Receptions carpark 10.30 & collect map.
- Need a lift? Ask David.
- Drive to Kinglake via interesting route.
- Lunch at lookout—byo (no bbq facilities).
- Guest speaker with update on town & recovery from fire.
- To pub or café to put money into local economy.
- Disperse & drive home.
- Queries: David Pisterman 0418 345 607 or pisterman41@pacific.net.au

Selling Christmas Hams, Cakes etc

- Christmas Sales are our second largest funds earner, so we must all sell, sell, sell!
- We must sell to friends, neighbours, colleagues etc.— maybe through membership of another club, or sports group, or social group.
- Why not ask your accountant, doctor, dentist, lawyer, bank? (But, if they live far away, think about how delivery will happen.)
- Sales can be fun. If people want to buy, you've done them a favour. If not, then no harm done.
- We sell finest quality goods at competitive prices.
- Rotary puddings, cakes and shortbread are sealed in tins to ensure freshness.
- Christmas Sales are a great way to open up a discussion about Rotary, and maybe recruit a new member!
- Order forms will be available at next week's meeting and on the internet during the week.
- Distribution will be on Mon 21 Dec.

(Thanks to Geoff Wright and John Carre-Riddell)

This Week's Meeting:



Thanks to: Bill Troedel (Chair), Chris Hanson (Sergeant), Dennis Shore (Raffle)

Apologies		
D Shore	G Dumayne	I Hamilton
N Patkin	R House	D Moore
M Brenner	G Davey	B Smith
D Corrigan	R Groom	J Gowers
P Stewart	J Higgins	J Weeks
B Walshe	I Pohl	J Janka
	A Crowe	

Make-Ups:

Bernie Walshe (RC Port Melbourne) 19/10, 26/10
Anne Scott (RC Richmond) 19/10

Around The Club

November

The Shadow, understanding that David Pisterman is soliciting sponsorship related to his moustache, advises members to consult Cheryl P before contributing: who knows whether Cheryl prefers the bristles rather than the smooth lip?

Sergeant Swipes at Sartorial Standards

Strewth! On a really hot day, the sergeant fines those in shorts or open necked shirts. Guess that David Rosback had to pay twice! (Good to see you, David.)



Soon, The Shadow fears, we'll be fined for sins as sensible as wearing sandals!

Joe Devereux Identity Crisis?



Joe Devereux was wearing his name badge and a visitor badge. Joe was holding a glass of wine and a glass of water. Will the real Joe please stand up?

To Uzbekistan via Sydney

The Shadow has learned that Jane & Henry Drury have taken time out from preparing their 01 December talk to us on Uzbekistan, and gone to Sydney to look after grandchildren.

Here's a question on notice for them: "Was it harder to struggle with a yak in Uzbekistan, or a grandson in Sydney?"

The Shadow

Housekeeping (If you cannot perform your duty, find a replacement. Or call Norman Hall 0401 100 177)							
Date	Setting Up	Badges	Front Desk	Grace	Raffle	Clearing Up	Sergeant
17 Nov	R. House	G. Wright	R. Bainbridge	S.O'Donoghue	J. Sear	J. Earle	tba
			J. Weeks			I. Warren	
24 Nov	L. Reddaway	V. Burns	J. Weeks	K. Rose	P. Slobom	P. Stewart	tba
			J. Cooke			J. Gowers	

Forthcoming Speakers

Date	Topic	Speaker	Organisation	Chair
Nov 17	Womens Alliance Centre—Zanskar	Tamara Cannon	Founder & CEO, Lille Fro Foundation	Richard Groome
The Lille Fro Foundation works closely with local leaders to help develop long term solutions in education, social services, healthcare, infrastructure based on solar and sustainable solutions, and micro-financing. A future centre will provide for handicrafts, a small guest house, and computer & vocational training.				
Nov 24	Whither Melbourne's Water?	Alan Seale	Melbourne West Water	Ian Stoney
Alan Seale is the Chairman of City West Water. Alan will talk primarily about what the metropolitan water industry has been doing and is planning to do about the water supply to Melbourne in both the short and long term. Alan says, 'There are several popular misunderstandings about the industry that deserve a response.'				
Dec 01	Uzbekistan Unzipped!	Henry & Jane Drury	RC Hawthorn	tba
Listen to Henry speak of his and Jane's recent visit to Uzbekistan (on the Silk Road). Was the metro in the capital, Tashkent, really designed as a nuclear shelter?, Is Plov (a hearty one-pot rice dish cooked in lamb fat with onions and carrots) now a staple in the Drury household? Find out 7 things you didn't know about Uzbekistan.				
Dec 08	Friedreich Ataxia Awareness	Ross Rice & Ian Lawrence	RC Brighton North	tba
Friedreich Ataxia is a genetic neurological degenerative condition caused by an inherited altered gene leading to a gradual and irreversible damage affecting the brain, spinal cord, heart and muscles. Through a d9800 project, RC Brighton North aims to raise awareness of this seriously life-shortening disease, and to raise funds for research and testing.				
Dec 15	Designing Vehicles in Australia	Doug Findlay	(Recently) Ford Australia	Ian Pohl
Doug Findlay spent 40 years working in the Design Studios of Ford Australia and has seen many changes in technology. Discussion on the current design processes, techniques used, along with photos of design functions, will assist in telling the story of concept to reality.				
Dec 22	Christmas Message	Rev D Pargeter	Uniting Church	tba

Leave of Absence

Geoffrey Davey 08/112009—01/12/2009

Second Bite Roster

Nov	14	David Rush	Norman Hall
Nov	21	Geoff Dumayne	Ian Stoney
Nov	28	Richard Groom	Philip Slobom
Dec	05	Bill Troedel	Ian Hamilton

Leave of Absence—procedure

It has been accepted practice at RCH in recent years that it is unnecessary for members to apply for LOA for periods of 3 weeks and less. Members' absence of more than 3 weeks should be the subject of an LOA application to the Board (well) in advance of the actual absence so that the Board can consider the request and respond to it.

LOA does not absolve members from the attendance requirements. Members are encouraged to make up at local clubs overseas or interstate during their absence. Simply advising the secretary that LOA is requested is not sufficient. Another alternative is the make up with Rotary's e-club one. You can check this out at <http://www.rotaryclubone.org/>

It is suggested that the best way to find out the details of other clubs' meeting place and day is to visit www.rotary.org and click on Club Locator on the Home Page. This should be done (preferably) prior to departure

(By Richard Groom—attendance officer)

Please Commit to the Roster!

Bill Troedel is currently in charge of preparing the roster for submission to myself as Club Services Director. Bill uses his best endeavours to allocate people to the various duties based on the information given to him at the beginning of the club year and factoring in changes in circumstance that arise during the year. It is a difficult balancing act, and Bill should be thanked for his efforts in preparing the roster.

The smooth running of the club requires the assistance of all able members from time to time, and hence most members are included on the roster in some capacity. There are many acceptable reasons for being excluded from duties on the Roster. So, if you are unable to perform a certain duty for the club then please ensure that Bill is fully informed for when he next updates the roster.

The roster is usually published in the club bulletin a couple of weeks in advance to ensure that those involved are aware of their upcoming duty. I normally try to email everyone involved by the Friday preceding the meeting, merely as a courtesy reminder. (And I also try to phone those who do not have an email address.) Recently the club has averaged at least 2 out of 8 being unable to perform their duties each week. Often I am given an apology [even as late as the Monday] although increasingly we do not find out until the actual luncheon when people do not attend. It is incumbent upon each member to either turn up to perform their role or to secure a replacement to cover them if they are an apology for a meeting and then to advise the club [by emailing me] of the change. When people do not cover their roster duty it places extra burden on other members.

Over coming weeks, in the bulletin, I intend to provide Role profiles to assist members in performing their duty. Some of the instructions may seem a bit basic however it is important to ensure that everyone is aware of the role expectations. The first topic will be Badge Board and Welcoming.

(By Norman Hall)