



ROTARY CLUB OF HAWTHORN



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Notes From the Week

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Meetings

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Tuesdays 12:30pm for
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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>

Diary Notes from President Neil :

RELAY FOR LIFE – Cancer Support walk 4pm Sat27-Noon Sun28 March

- John Gardiner Reserve, Auburn Road, Hawthorn
- \$30 for first walker, \$15 for other family members walking.
- Call in & support the walkers (No cost, but Donations OK)
- Fill in a form (download from the website) and give it to Noel Halford.



RCH PRESENTATION NIGHT - Monday 29 March 6.00 - 8.00pm

- Light dinner. Replaces normal lunch meeting on Tuesday 30 March
- This is a “must attend” for members, partners, friends, potential members et al.
- I am seeking a large attendance for this event.
- RCH charitable gifts will be made and members recognised for their special contribution of *SERVICE ABOVE SELF*.
- Contact Neil Roberts 0418 105 587

BOROONDARA PAPER - Thursday 15 April A Cluster Clubs project

- 7am Hot breakfast. Replaces normal lunch meeting on Tues 13 April
- Hawthorn Town Hall.
- Approx \$50 per person. Speaker: Justice Frank Vincent (ret)
- Contact Bernie Walshe 0419 525 145

BUNNINGS BBQ - Sunday 25 April (Anzac Day from noon)

- Neil is looking for someone to co-ordinate this event? (Help available via Neil Roberts.)

COUNTRY VISIT - Sunday 2 May Fellowship BBQ Lunch

- At the beautiful Wandin North home of Judy & David Rosback
- Yes, we will be coordinating some transport! Contact David Pisterman 0447 323 593

RON CARR PRESENTATION EVENING—Pencil in Tues 04 May

BOROONDARA PAPER 2010 THURSDAY 15 APRIL AT 7.00AM HAWTHORN TOWN HALL

ADDRESS BY RETIRED JUSTICE FRANK VINCENT

Cooked Breakfast Provided

Organisation by Hawthorn Rotary Club on behalf of the Yarra Cluster Bookings opening soon – Mark your diaries now!

In Search of a Story

By **Tim Pegler** (Journalist & Author)

Your correspondent, in search of the Muse visited Tim Pegler's website for inspiration and was not disappointed. Tim says:

"If anyone ever tells you that writing a novel is easy then:

- A. they have a very good ghost writer; or
- B. they have a rubbish publisher and therefore poor editors; or
- C. they're a prodigy; or
- D. they're a liar.

A), B), and D) are far more likely than C). The truth is, it isn't easy"

Tim addressed the Club on the theme of "In Search of Story" as that reflects the common thread spun through his career.

Writing as a passion started at age 8 with the story of "Kate Stone's Glasses" told and illustrated by Tim about a little girl who reluctantly having to wear glasses finds that they are magic after all in that she could see what she wanted to see in wearing them. I wish!

Tim's adult career started as a cadet newspaper reporter on the "Sun" reporting "fluffy animal" stories as they were good page fillers on slow news days between the paid advertisements and genuine news. Early in that career, a friend said she had seen him at a railway station but that could not have been possible at the nominated time. The explanation: She had seen his photo byline staring at her from a station rubbish bin. First lesson for a young journo, "yesterday's news is today's garbage".

But that was twenty years ago and Tim is a great believer in the power of a "story" whether in the newspaper, online, in fiction or whatever, having the power to connect us all regardless of colour, creed or cultural background.

It all started after studying creative writing at University which led to newspaper work at a very low

base level but eventually came to reporting on crime and the law courts and then quite deliberately started to focus on social justice issues.

Now at the "Age" one of those issues was a series on the tragic fire at Kew Cottages in which 9 men died and led to an expose of the appalling living conditions that many people with intellectual disabilities were forced to endure. That led to a long overdue overhaul of such institutions.

Also at the "Age" Tim was responsible for covering the national enquiry into Aboriginal children forcibly removed from their families and recounted a very moving story about a particular story that we do not have the space for detail here but try the concept of a foster family insisting that if you drank more milk and scrubbed harder in the bath, your skin will turn white like ours. At the time, Tim cried.

Still at the "Age". One of the editors used to say that "good journalism was about shedding light in dark places" and one of Tim's scariest reporting experiences was an investigation into homelessness in Melbourne and the nasty underbelly of slum landlords ruthless exploitation of the hopeless and helpless. Not nice then and still not nice.

And now, Tim is the author of very successful books for teenagers such as "Game as Ned" where he has intertwined (Tim says "spun") a ripper yarn about the way people with autism and the story of Ned Kelly are connected. Read it, it's not just for teenagers.

Another on the way is "Five Parts Dead" which will be published in August and is a contemporary story of a teenager who survives a car accident in which three mates die. "Recent events suggest this is a story that needs to be told often and loudly".

Tim also works in online media as a film reviewer, website editor (Health and Fitness) and freelance writer.

An altogether enjoyable and informative address.

(By Henry Drury)



‘Christmas’ Cakes & Puddings at \$15 Bargain Price

To get your hands on cakes or puddings at a \$15 bargain price:

- Order from Geoff Wright (9817 3542
geoffwright@bigpond.com)
- Pay when you arrive next Tuesday & Collect immediately

Ron Carr Business Enterprise Awards—Coming 04 May?

- Please send the names of potential Boroondara entrants to Jacky Cook: Jackie@priorities.com.au

Would you like to utilise your computer skills?

- You could so easily become a stand-by editor of this bulletin!

Would you like to enhance your computer skills?

- I could help you to learn sufficient so that you could produce the occasional edition of this bulletin!

Yes, we need a couple more stand-by editors!

Who was it who volunteered to help with writing up the speakers? Please approach me again!

Lawrence Reddaway—editor



Photos of Kinglake De-fencing : Please email all your photos to **Gerald Swinnerton:** geraldswinnerton@lycos.com

This Week’s Meeting:

Attendance: 44 Members + 2 Guests = 46 Total

Guest Speaker: Tim Pegler (Journalist & author)

Guests of Members: Meg McFarlane (John Higgins)

Visiting Rotarians: nil

Other Guests: nil

Thanks to: Noel Halford (Chair), David Corrigan (Sergeant), Kevin Rose (Raffle Donor)

Congratulations to raffle winner: Norman Hall

Apologies

BENNET Sandy

BURNS Vic

CANTWELL Gerry

CURLIS Sean

LOGAN Richard

McINNES Noel

O’BEIRNE Jim

PATKIN Nehama

ROSE Kevin

SEAR Jonathan

SMITH Bruce

Make-Ups: Henry Drury: Jan 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 & 27 - live-in NYSF Uncle & Aunt (Jane) at Canberra ANU. Feb 9 Spanish GSE Welcome Dinner. Feb 14: PETS and AG’s elect Luncheon at IH.

Around

The

Club

Gerry Cantwell—now only joint boss?

The Cantwell Property website says “we have recently joined forces with Jeffrey Wilson Real Estate in Richmond and South Yarra, along with the Little Property Group to create a unique team of property professionals focussed on delivering superior service and new ways of thinking”.

The Shadow, for ever a cynic, reckons this sounds like a bit of a sell out, resulting in Gerry no longer being the undisputed boss. Indeed, The Shadow understands that ‘Little’ is none other than Paul Little of Toll Holdings, so does Gerry now report to Paul Little, rather than to his wife Kathleen? Yes, Gerry and/or Kathleen do have the right of reply!

Whatever. Good luck, Gerry.

Dress Standards—The Shadow’s Campaign Makes Progress!

Two members were heard to comment that, as soon as they get home after Rotary lunch, the first thing they do is change into shorts. The Shadow urges them to come out of the anonymity closet and join his campaign for practical, comfortable clothing standards.

Get well soon, Vic & Bruce!

Vic Burns and Bruce Smith were, uncharacteristically, absent this week: We hope that you are well again for next week.

Graceful Volunteering: Salute Bill Troedel

The President had not finished calling for a volunteer to say grace, before Bill (the reliable) Troedel seized upon the role—thanks Bill.

The Shadow

National Youth Science Forum—An Insight from the Inside

The NYSF is an Australia-wide Rotary program for our brightest science students, with personality and that are about to enter Year 12. It is sponsored by the Australian National University, CSIRO, CSL, Exxon Mobil, Cochlear and the Australian Government just to name a few of the participating organizations providing the bulk of the necessary funding. Rotary Clubs also contribute financially as do the families of the students (but on a comparatively modest scale).

Its purpose is to nurture the interest in the sciences by exposing the students to a broad cross section of the various disciplines and to make them consider not just the science but also the possible applications and the political and ethical considerations that may follow the science. Think gene modification, for instance.

There were other tutorials and practical exercises on topics such as public speaking, body language and lifestyle considerations that affect all us as people. And at the end of the day, there were career counselors present to help channel some of the excitement raised in the students into perhaps, more focused ongoing study.

In January 2010 the program was held over three separate live-in (two at the ANU at Canberra and one at the University of WA) 14 day seminars for a total of 432 students that were selected by Rotary through the Club and District committees.

District 9800 was allocated 24 places out of the 432 and happily to say that of the four students finally selected and put forward to District by the RC Hawthorn for ultimate selection, three were accepted and attended.

Owing to budgetary limitations, we kept Vlado Kujovic from Hawthorn Secondary as our sponsored student while the others were taken up for sponsorship by the RC Balwyn.

The NYSF has a small permanent staff based at the ANU whose expenses are met by contributions from the above-mentioned corporates but a huge percentage of the work and day-to-day running of the program is done by volunteer ex-NYSFers who are about to study or are studying various branches of the sciences at Universities around Australia. These people are affectionately known as “staffies”.

An integral part of the program is the involvement of Rotary “Uncles and Aunts” who live-in with the students and staffies at a residential college at the Universities for a period of five days and that means over the two weeks, there are three Rotary couples. Their role is to observe, help administer and be totally immersed in what the students are doing over that time to get a better understanding of the program, and its aims, and then to spread the word back home, so to speak.

Jane and I were privileged to be the aunt and uncle at the ANU from Friday 22 Jan through to Wednesday 27 and shared student accommodation with 145 students and 22 staffies and came away totally convinced that the future of this country is in very good hands.

We attended fascinating workshops on bio-ethics and climate change moderated by respected scientists in the disciplines; were involved in a 2 hour long Q and A live-to-air video hook-up with one of the principal physicists at CERN; visited a wind farm guided by the chief executive of Origin in charge of renewable energies and so on – the list is extensive and impressive.

The days were long and very full with most sessions starting at 8.00 am with the last ones finishing at 8.00 or 9.00 pm. The level of maturity and complexity of some of the questions from the students and the apparent quick understanding of the answers and concepts demonstrated to a large extent that Rotary (together with the schools on which we rely for supply) is doing a good job in the selection of these students.

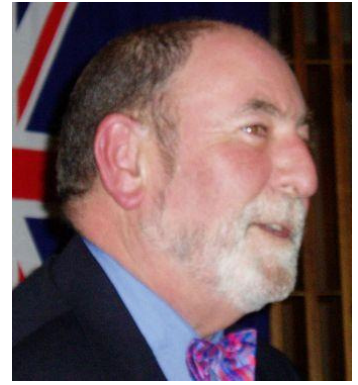


Another pleasing aspect was the self-confidence of these young people in the friendly way they interacted with each other individually and in group sessions, the session leaders and with Jane and me as we felt immediately adopted as one of them as equals, not remote old Rotarians.

Vlado will visit the Club a little later into the school year to give a brief overview of his experience and what he has gained from the program but our observation is that he, while always bright, is a much more mature person for the experience and has benefited greatly which augurs well for the future.

And that is what it is all about and I am certain that we as a Club will continue to give this program our full support.

(By Henry Drury)



Housekeeping						
(If you cannot perform your duty, please find a replacement. Or call Norman Hall 0401 100 177)						
Date	Setting Up	Badges	Front Desk	Grace	Raffle	Clearing Up
23 Feb	G. Wright	J. Devereux	K. McNamara	D. Rush	G. Davey	P. Stewart
			N. McInnes			D. Corrigan
02 March	Philip Slobom	David Owen	K. McNamara	Geoffrey Wright	Joe Devereux	Terry Perree
			N. McInnes			Gerry Cantwell

Forthcoming Speakers					
Date	Topic	Speaker	Organisation	Chair	
Feb 23	The Vehicle Design Process in the Australian Automotive Industry	Doug Findlay	Recently-retired Ford Special Events & Product	Ian Stoney	
For example, will the Ford Falcon still be made in Australia next year?					
March 02	Nuclear Power for Generating Electricity	Sander Vandeth	Retired Chief Engineer, Orica	Ian Warren	
Sander will provide a quick insight into the world of nuclear power for generating electricity including the extent of nuclear power generation, how a reactor works, radioactivity, waste management, and safety (including a brief look at Chernobyl and Three Mile Island accidents.)					
March 09	My Fencing Experiences	Gerald Swinnerton	Club Member & Fencer Extraordinaire	Richard Bainbridge	
Gerald doesn't need any introduction: Hear the story, see the photographs of Rotary in Action					
March 16	Two Australian Leaders: 'Weary' Dunlop and Ken Myer	Sue Ebury	Author	Jonathan Sear	
Sue Ebury is the author of 'Weary, The Life of Sir Edward Weary Dunlop' and 'The Many Lives of Kenneth Myer'					
March 23	Member Behind The Badge	Colin Crawford	Club Member	Chris Hanson	
'Member Behind the Badge' talks are always highlights of the year—not to be missed!					
March 30	No Meeting (Dinner on Monday evening)				
Enjoy your own, different, Tuesday lunch time!					

Leave of Absence		Second Bite Roster			
		Feb	20	Geoff Dumayne	Ian Stoney
		Feb	27	Noel Halford	Philip Slobom
		Mar	06	Bill Troedel	Dennis Shore
		Mar	13	Richard Groom	David Rush