

ROTARY CLUB OF HAWTHORN



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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

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Bulletins etc available from:
<http://groups.google.com/group/hawthorn-rotary/files>
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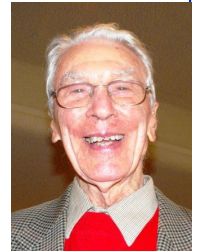
Notes from the meeting

Milestone

This was the first meeting with our new President Meredith Hayes at the helm: Good luck with the remainder of the year!

People

- Welcome back to Henry Drury after visiting several countries
- Best wishes to the following members and anyone else who may be sick: Bruce Smith, Ian Stoney, Russell House and Anne Scott.
- Happy 90th birthday for Archie Crow—enjoy the cake!



Coming Weeks:

- Any apologies for 06 July: to David Owen 0405 382 187 or d.owen@shell.com
- Ngaire Cannon promises us a mystery birthday party in August!
- RCH Quilting Show Fri 24—Sun 26 Sep at Hawthorn Town Hall
- 'Children In Vietnam' Breakfast Tues 27 July—City—0418 573 803

President's Cocktail Party—4-6pm Sun 25 July

- At Meredith & Geoff's house: 4 Myrning Grove, Hawthorn Melway 59H3
- \$10 per head. BYO drinks



Planting Trees in Flowerdale—Approx 10am to 3pm Saturday 10 July

- Another activity to assist in the post-bushfires recovery
- Meet at the Hawthorn Reception car park at 8 am for car pooling or at Flowerdale Pub (3325 Whittlesea Yea Rd) at 10am
- We already have at least 6 volunteers but 10 or more would be better.
- This is comparatively light work and all equipment is provided
 - Morning tea and BBQ lunch provided.
 - Contact the indefatigable Gerald Swinnerton 0425 777 851 geraldswinnerton@lycos.com
 - Bring spouses, family & friends!
 - President Meredith commends this to us all: not least as it will help our 'green' credentials!



Identifying Gang Presence

A talk by
Acting Superintendent Patrick Doyle APM

Detective Acting Superintendent Patrick Boyle APM was our speaker today and his topic was 'Identifying Gang Presence' - the area of special expertise that has gained him an Australian Police Medal and a Churchill Scholarship. You can refer to the Churchill Scholarship website for particulars.

During his 34 years as a police officer, he has mainly worked as a detective in crime squads. His recent work ' ~ to Prevent the Further Entrenchment of Criminal Youth Gangs' has put him in contact with international methods and he has visited the USA, UK, Hong Kong and Cambodia in the course of his current studies. His current Master's Degree research thesis is on identifying youth gang characteristics and their links to gang membership.



Some points that emerged in today's very fast fact-filled tour of gangs in Australia include the unassailable fact that gangs, youth or otherwise, are flourishing in the USA and have come to Australia and the rest of the world via TV etc.

Amongst the facts that emerged were that burglaries in Melbourne are down by 24% but most were not committed by locals making it more difficult to capture the culprits.

There is no agreed standard definition of a 'gang'. To be initiated, one must commit a violent crime - most members become trained to kill and leave no evidence; penalties for youth members are small. Most members come from broken homes and the gang is their 'family'; commitment to the gang gives them an opportunity to improve them-

selves. They gain identity, friendship, authority, family, power, excitement and drugs.

The signs or tags of a gang are signs of trust and territory, so when you wander down one of Melbourne's famous lanes studying the artwork on the walls, you will also be admiring the tags and messages of gang members staking out their claim. Together with their identifying tags are special clothes (uniforms) - some of which have reached cult status with a clientele who have no idea of the gang origin what they are wearing - there are numerous secret acronyms and hand signs used different gangs and some must ingenious anagrams identifying gangs and members. These all reinforce the intimidation, challenge, greeting and recognition elements of gang membership; they may be anti-social but they are also intelligent, committed and ingenious.

An American video presentation highlighted that, in gang behaviour, music was a powerful element. Street gangs may be composed of a very wide age range, from about 12 years old to almost retirement age; overseas (particularly in the USA), people smuggling and drug supply are major elements in gang activities; they are fast growing and found in every city; there are at least 3/4 million members in the USA - perhaps double that number.

The money comes from drug dealing and has become so organised that perhaps 3 different gangs will cooperatively work an area in 8 hour cycles, sharing a variety of skills and resources.

Part of a community's answer to this gang culture is to talk about it, be honest and not cover-up. Your scribe gained the sense that our members were breathless and over whelmed when Pat completed his address. He left us with a lot to contemplate.

(By Richard Bainbridge)

Police Graduation—Friday 25 June

Ian Macfarlane reports:

President Meredith & I attended the Victorian Police Awards Ceremony: Swearing In Ceremony & Marching Out Parade as special guests of Inspector Gill Wilson [Ian's 2009-10 police mentee—Ed].

This was a most impressive occasion. Due to the inclement weather the ceremony occurred in the main auditorium chapel which was packed with family, friends and the media.

The presentation was a regimented program with 43 cadets, of whom 17 were females, from squads 1 & 2 marching to their seats. The cadets were sworn in and then presented individually to the Chief Commissioner Simon Overland.

All this pageantry was accompanied with marching, salutes, drum rolls and the band playing. Simon Overland addressed the Cadets referring to recent dramatic incidents and strongly encouraged families to support their Police Graduates throughout their career in the Police Force.

The cadets graduated from their intensive 23 week course as Constables assigned as from Monday to Police Stations around Melbourne.

It will be of interest to some apart from me that Simon is a passionate Hawks supporter!



This Week's Meeting:

Attendance: 36 Members + 1 Guest = 37 Total
Guest Speaker: Patrick Boyle (Victoria Police)
Guests of Members: Nil
Visiting Rotarians: Nil
Other Guests: Nil
Thanks to: Brian Reid (Chair), Chris Hanson (Sergeant), Simon O'Donoghue (Raffle Donor)
Congratulations to Dennis Shore (Raffle winner)

Apologies	BURNS Vic GROOM Richard HAMILTON Ian	McINNES Noel ROBERTS Neil SCOTT OAM Anne
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Makeups
R. Groom (Second Bite 26/06, RC Glenferrie 29/06)

Around The Club

Presidential Learning Curve!

Is it the Truth? Coming from our highly-esteemed new **President Meredith**, and because it has an oh-so-real ring of truth about it, *The Shadow* will readily, and sympathetically accept it as The Truth: She was not wearing her historic chain of office at her first meeting as President because she forgot to bring it from home!

Where's The Pig?

Has the re-shuffle at the top of our esteemed club's hierarchy allowed an emerging club personality to get forgotten? Where was **the pig** this week? Is **the pig** sulking because he (or she?) has not yet been officially named? Is this an issue to be resolved by our new (female) **President Meredith**? Or by our new (female) **Prime Minister Julia**? When will the powerful women of our country show leadership on high priority matters?

Football Ain't Football

Being Sergeant is never an easy gig—especially when *The Shadow* is waiting to carp from the sidelines of journalistic anonymity!

Chris Hanson had dutifully played on the theme of the World Cup (yes, that's football, formerly known in Australia as soccer), and did well at calling it football. But then—shame, shame—using the now-politically-incorrect terminology 'moving on to football', our beloved sergeant leaned on Australian Rules football to extract more money from us.

The Shadow

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
06 July	Philip Slobom	Jill Weeks	Philip Slobom	Colin Crawford	Joan Janka	John Higgins
			Geoffrey Davey			tba
13 July	tba	tba	tba	tba	tba	tba
			tba			tba

Forthcoming Speakers					
Date	Topic		Speaker	Organisation	Chair
July 06	Prostate Health and Continence Health		David Schmidt	Prostate Cancer Founda-	Kevin Rose
Ah—this sounds self explanatory and, sadly, very relevant to our membership average age group!					
July 13	From University to Media		Waleed Aly	Lawyer & Journalist	Richard
Waleed Aly is a lecturer in politics at Monash University, where he also works within the Global Terrorism Research Centre. A former commercial lawyer, Waleed is also a regular on ABC radio in Melbourne. His first book <i>People Like Us: how arrogance is dividing Islam and the West</i> was shortlisted for Best Newcomer in the Australian Book Industry Awards.					
July 20	Club Forum		All Directors		President Meredith
Planning the year ahead for our club.					
July 27	tba		Ken McNamara	Rotary Club of Hawthorn & VCAT panel member	
Aug 03	tba				
Aug 10	tba				

Leave of Absence
Noel Halford 16 May—04 July

Second Bite Roster			
July	04	Geoff Dumayne	Ian Stoney
July	11	Noel Halford	Philip Slobom
July	18	Bill Troedel	Dennis Shore
July	25	Kevin Rose	David Owen