



The Camberwell Bulletin



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AVENUES OF
SERVICE
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GENERATIONS**

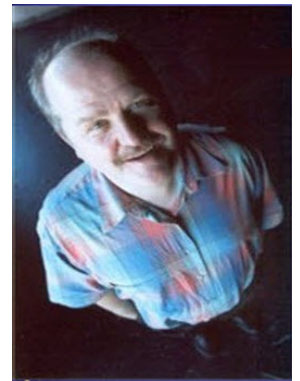
Next Week

Wed 7 Dec

Nigel Lane

**Facebook- "What it is and
when is it dangerous."**

Chair David Atkinson



FUTURE MEETINGS

- Wed 14 Dec Bob Moran 'The Myeloma Foundation- A great Rotary Story' Chair Peter Allen
- Sunday 11 Dec Children's Christmas Party **Time:** 2.00pm – 3.30pm **Cost:** \$21.00 per child + a gift for Santa to distribute **Where:** Billy Lids, 86 Lynch Street Hawthorn
- Sun 18 Dec CHRISTMAS FUNCTION - KEW GOLF CLUB
- Wed 21 Dec NO MEETING

MEETING ROSTER

December: Family of Rotary Month

Desk	Desk	Badge	Bar
Patrick Cunniffe	Geoff Day	Marcus Falay	Nick Pane

IF UNAVAILABLE PLEASE ORGANISE YOUR REPLACEMENT

CAMBERWELL MARKET ROSTER

4 Dec David Baker 11 Dec Geoff Day 18, Dec to 1 Jan Market is closed
8 Jan Patrick Cunniffe 15 Jan Peter Anderson 22 Jan Graeme Hope 29 Jan Peter Mathews

STOP PRESS



FUNNY 'BUNNY SUITS' FOR SUE : Just a reminder on the Bunny Suits for Susan Gray and her February trip to the Vietnam Orphanage. Our local Sue, Sue Hope is coordinating the collection of Bunny Suits (she has specifically mentioned as new BUNNY SUITS and not general baby clothes) and invites delivery to either our December 14 dinner meeting or to the Christmas Lunch on December 18 at Kew Golf Club. Sue's aim is to get hold of 100 Bunny Suits for Sue Gray. Thank you Sue Hope

Club Meets
Wednesdays 6.15 for 6.30
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ANDREW SAYS... "BEWARE OF PHISHING. DON'T GET HOOKED."



Bakers Delight
We're for real.

Are you terrified of your computer? Do you feel out of place and overwhelmed when your friends or co-workers start spouting reams and reams of technical jargon that you will never understand? We'll, last night's Guest Speaker **Andrew Leniart** helped us get over the fear of technical jargon by giving us a glimpse into computers in non geek language, what makes them tick, and what to avoid. He started off by telling us what's in the 'box.' When you open a computer box, there's an array of cables, fans, circuit boards and so on. "They look daunting but really, they're not" Andrew said, using his mouse screen pointer showing the inside of a computer. *(And by the way...a 'mouse' is an advanced input device to make computer errors easier to generate!).* Andrew then moved to the 'beware

bit' of his talk warning us to **Beware of FREE Offers**. Download and install something you are unsure about and you'll probably end up getting a ton of SPAM and possibly other nasties. **Don't Click on Email Attachments** unless you're absolutely sure of its origin. You could be exposing yourself to some kind of infection. **Don't Believe Everything you Read in an Email**. Scammers will use all sorts of tricks to extract money valuable information about you. "The email looks genuine, it looks like the real deal, maybe from a bank...but it's not. This kind of email is sent to hundreds of thousands. It's called Phishing. Just don't get hooked" Andrew exclaimed. He then moved on to recommending **SPAM Filtering Software**, such as Mailwasher which gives the end user total control. Backing Up whatever is important to you is critical he said. Computers do break down, they crash, get attacked by Viruses, Trojans, Malware, Spyware and a whole host of things designed to cause you grief. Andrew said that you can **Back-Up** the entire computer (all your programs, Windows set up and so on) or just copy all your data (documents, pictures etc) to an external source. "As the Internet is riddled with Virus's, Trojans and Malware, using protective tools is essential to protect you from getting infected and bitten. There's the good, the bad and the plain old ugly which is a topic on its own Andrew said. **Andrew finished off with some Q&A** as well as informing us of a specially prepared webpage covering tips, traps, links and recommended software addressed during his presentation to the Club. The address is: <http://www.computerhelpzone.com.au/rotary/> Andrew covered the Do's and Don'ts with distinction and the Club greatly appreciates all his work and preparation.

'KOKODA BRETT' GETS YMCA TRIFECTA

It was a good night for Leading Senior Constable Brett Phillips (Boroondara Police Complex) at the just concluded YMCA 2011 Victorian Awards Night where Brett was awarded the YMCA Victoria Volunteer of the Year Award for Excellence and Achievement. In addition, the Kokoda Youth Challenge Program was awarded the YMCA Program of the Year Award for Victoria. And to top off his accolades, Brett has just been nominated YMCA Australia Volunteer of the Year! (see photo). Our Club congratulates Brett whom we know well through his Kokoda Youth Challenge leadership and his help (together with his 'Challenge' participants) at the Camp Getaway weekend. A fine recipient!



Brett Phillips with YMCA leaders and his Award

FINALLY...It was a pleasure having **Chris Howell** (Geoff Day) and **Michael Li** (Richard Gray) join us again. Welcome back **David Loftus**, just returned from Spain (with a million photos!). We wish **Frank Leigh** and **Don Fotheringham** well and 'good health.' Thank you to our Bunnings BBQ chefs last Friday (you know who you are) for helping us raise \$470.70. We look forward to a big day at Bunnings Hawthorn on Sunday Dec 4. I'm also our 1st volunteer at the **Camberwell Market** on Sunday. Coming soon will be a report from each of our Committees on progress thus far. Much has been achieved by our Club as we approach the half way mark. **Participate and Enjoy your Week in Rotary.**

David Baker (and Margret) ◆◆◆

A REPORT FROM PP BILL PARKER IN DUBAI



Princess has the caption over it, Elite is two buildings to the left with the tapering white columns at the roof top and a crane on the left side.

An insight into Dubai

It is five years since I first came to Dubai, to witness the ongoing dream of turning a desert into a thriving metropolis. The sheik's dream, to provide a sustaining economy after Dubai's oil ran out, built to a master plan devised for him by McKinseys, was a work in progress. In December 2006 the development boom in Dubai was in full swing, the property market- a basic element of the development strategy - was awash with speculation. Apartments and houses sold off the plan in 2006 were changing hands for triple their original purchase price, value was a forgotten objective, profit was the prime motive. Greed had overtaken the planned phoenix.

Dubai in 2006 saw 100's of tower cranes on the skyline in districts spread across sixty kilometres of desert highways in three strands parallel to the Arabian Gulf. From the border with Sharjah to the North to Abu Dhabi in the south, Districts like Sheik Zayed Road Financial Centre, Festival City on the Creek, Burj Area, Business Bay, Jumeirah Village, Motor City, Sports City, Media City, The Palm Jumeirah, Jumeirah Lakes Towers and my area Dubai Marina were buzzing twenty four seven with construction activity.

All projects worked night shifts pouring concrete in temperatures of 30C to 40C, since you could not cast concrete in the 50C+ heat of the day. Every construction commodity was at a premium, margins on construction contracts ranged between 10% and 20%, unheard of in developed markets where 2% to 6% of turnover is regarded as a good result. The traditional cost structure of western markets of 55%

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materials, 45% labour (now skewed further towards labour in economies like Europe, USA and Australia) was turned on its head, with the low cost of labour imported from the subcontinent and other parts of Asia and Africa. The population of the Emirates was effectively tripled by the imported labour and professionals to develop the sheik's dream.

So what happened when the Global Financial Crisis of 2008 took hold on the world financial scene and how did that affect Dubai.

As we have experienced the world over, the banks clamped down on funding and developers who had jumped on the merry-go-round of unending progress payments by purchasers had speculated further and further into landbanks at inflated prices for future projects. The inevitable result was that the developer's source of funds dried up. Purchasers who had lost their jobs or speculators who could no longer flip their purchases to the next greedy person hot for a speculative profit, found their market had dried up. Purchasers defaulted on their progress payments, developers could no longer fund the contractor's progress payments, so projects either stopped or slowed dramatically.

So what happened to Bill, Grocon and Arabian Construction Company (ACC), the main contractor.



Together we have three projects in Dubai marina my home for most for the past five years. When I arrived in December 2006 it was on secondment from Grocon to ACC to project manage the then tallest residential building in the world, Princess Tower at 107 levels and 426metres tall, almost 1.5 times Eureka in Melbourne. ACC is a main contractor, ranked in the top 60 in the world by turnover and arguably the second largest in the Middle East, with operations in Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Egypt UAE, Saudi and recently India and Nigeria. UAE has been the mainstay until now. I transferred to ACC from Grocon at the end of 2009. Grocon in the Middle East supplies the formwork systems for almost all of our tall towers.

Full construction started on Princess in March 2007, with a 34 month programme of construction, extremely rapid by any standards. The client was Tameer and we picked up a second tower for Tameer in August 2007, Elite Residence of 90 levels two doors away with a more realistic 36 months schedule. Another Eureka staff member Dean Corke joined me to build Elite and its construction started in February 2008. We were off and running, like everyone oblivious to the financial storm later in 2008.

By the end of 2008, Princess structure was at level 50 having climbed from 6 basements below ground and Elite had reached level 20, all the following trades were well underway and the projects were at peak expenditure each month spending about 20 to 25 million Dirham per month. GFC struck and payments were delayed month by month until six months arrears called a halt to ACC's leniency with the Developer. Following extensive negotiations, we struck a bargain with Tameer to slow the pace of construction for a year, whilst they rearranged their finances. A fraught period of drip feed funding followed, which has in

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the latter part of 2010 and throughout 2011 been supplemented by the Tameer majority shareholder parent Al Rahji – a Saudi bank – stepping into support the projects to completion.

These projects are now on track to complete in first/second quarter 2012, respectively Princess five years and Elite four years from their start, a far cry from the boom rapid construction schedules. Nevertheless they will be completed and their preeminent position on the Arabian Gulf waterfront overlooking the Palm, means the purchasers will have a valuable property despite market conditions reversing from the dizzy heights of the 2007 sales frenzy.

Our third Marina project the Pentominium is a 122 storey full floor apartment extravaganza, featuring apartments, pricing starting at \$2m and topping out at \$6m each. We commenced construction in August 2009 after the GFC with a bullish view by the developer of the resilience of the high end residential market. Currently stalled at level 30 whilst refunding is in process, even the previously unflinching high end market has been struck with the unavailability of lending to corporations despite their healthy sales.

Grocon has been a stalwart supporter through these projects (and a dozen other towers for ACC) and have supplied the formwork systems to construct these concrete behemoths. They continue to work with ACC hopefully in a full joint venture in Qatar and most recently the newest tallest residential tower in the world, World One project King Tower in Mumbai at 118 storeys will surpass all those currently coming to completion in Dubai.

Since 2008 I have been the Contracts Manager for ACC. At the spearhead of ACC's push into the Indian construction market, I am now a regular commuter to Mumbai and Delhi racking up serious air-miles. My sphere ranges from looking after the three tallest towers in Dubai (other than Burj Khalifa of course) and as a recently been appointed director in India, management of the ACC JV company with Simplex Infrastructure (India's 5th ranked contractor) for the foray into super-highrise and major infrastructure projects in India. As Contracts Manager/JV Director, I am responsible for the Technical, Commercial and Contractual management of the projects reporting to the Dubai Branch Manager/ JV Board of Directors and the Directors of ACC. My role is also one of training the project managers and staff below to take over my role in time. Throughout, I am learning more of the business culture and social structure of the Middle East and latterly the Subcontinent. All in all a rewarding divergence from my earlier work life.

The future for the moment is in India and the rest of MENA and Africa, as Dubai and the UAE consolidate their economic position and construction reverts to a normal pattern of organic growth, rather than forced progress. For me, a work in progress also. ◆◆◆

We look forward to welcoming Bill back to Camberwell for a visit or for his permanent return



A copy of the presentation celebrating Bill's Presidential year 2005/6.

ROTARY PARTNERS WITH MERCY SHIPS

Rotarians will help improve the delivery of vital health care services to West Africa through a new strategic partnership between The Rotary Foundation and the global charity **Mercy Ships**.



Through the partnership, the Foundation will offer packaged global grants for Rotary clubs and districts to assemble vocational training teams of medical professionals. These teams will perform or assist in life-changing surgeries. The Rotarian volunteers will also work to enhance the skills of local health care professionals. The initial projects will take place in West Africa, the area of operations for the charity's 16,500-ton state-of-the-art hospital ship, *Africa Mercy*, now based in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

"This strategic partnership with Mercy Ships enables Rotary to work with a globally recognized leader in the delivery of vital medical and surgical care to the world's most vulnerable populations," says Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair William B. Boyd. "It allows Rotary club members to directly contribute their valuable expertise and skills within the framework of a proven and highly successful health care program."

Each year, more than 1,200 surgeons, dentists, nurses, health care trainers, teachers, cooks, seamen, engineers, or agriculturalists volunteer their time and skills

Founded in 1978, Mercy Ships uses its hospital ships to deliver free, world-class health care and assistance in capacity building and sustainable development to developing countries. The charity has worked in more than 70 countries, performing services that have had an impact on more than 2.9 million people. Each year, more than 1,200 surgeons, dentists, nurses, health care trainers, teachers, cooks, seamen, engineers, or agriculturalists volunteer their time and skills.

"Mercy Ships is honored to be chosen by The Rotary Foundation as a strategic partner for disease prevention and treatment," says Don Stephens, president and founder of the charity. "The scope of Rotary's service to humanity is truly monumental, and it is my belief that the synergy of our organizations working together will be an even greater force to increase health care delivery systems in West Africa."

Previous projects

Rotarians have a record of working with Mercy Ships, carrying out projects in several countries. The Rotary clubs of Jacksonville, Florida, USA, and Tema, Accra, Ghana, helped equip the *Africa Mercy* in 2007 to provide medical aid in Ghana. Jacksonville Rotarians also partnered with the Rotary Club of Monrovia, Liberia, to support eye and facial surgeries for more than 1,200 patients in Monrovia from 2008 to 2011. Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland named Mercy Ships its Charity of Choice in 2005-06. Rotary Foundation Global Grants support large, international projects with sustainable, high-impact outcomes in Rotary's [areas of focus](#). Packaged global grants developed by the Foundation and Mercy Ships will directly support the disease prevention and treatment area of focus. Because the administrative work of designing the project and finding a partnering organization has already been done, Rotary clubs and districts can focus on identifying beneficiaries, providing technical expertise or direct service, and publicizing the effort.

One hundred districts are participating in the Future Vision pilot, a three-year test of the Foundation's streamlined grant structure, which began 1 July 2010. All districts will begin using the model on 1 July 2013. ◆◆◆

CHRIST CHURCH EARTHQUAKE

Dear David and Rotary Club of Camberwell Rotarians,

I am writing to thank you for your generous donation of \$5,000 to us here at Youthline in Christchurch.

Following a very tough start to the year, it is heartening to receive support such as this. It is only with donations such as your own that we have been able to re-establish ourselves and continue the important work of supporting those most vulnerable at the moment. While it has been a difficult time for us as an organisation, with the loss of our building along with all of our equipment, furniture, IT equipment, files and belongings, it has also been a difficult time for the young people who we support. We continue to assist them as they come to terms with a very changed city, with changes to school locations and times, loss of friends and family, loss of homes and the added fear of aftershocks.

It has been a privilege to have interacted with Christchurch's young people and to be inspired by their strength and resilience. On behalf of all staff, volunteers and those young people we reach in the community, please accept my sincere thanks for your support and for helping us to help young people in need.

Kind Regards Tina Mackey Youthline South Island◆◆◆



TEN THINGS YOU MAY NOT KNOW ABOUT DEMENTIA

There is a common misconception that dementia is a normal part of ageing, but this is not the case. Unless you have a loved one who suffers from the disease, you may not have a true understanding of the facts behind dementia.

269,000 Australians are currently diagnosed with dementia, with this number expected to grow to 981,000 by 2050.

Around 1,500 new diagnoses of dementia are made each week, with this expected to grow to 7,400 each week by 2050.

Dementia is fatal and is the third leading cause of death in Australia behind heart disease and stroke and yet there is no cure.

By 2029 Australia faces a shortage of 150,000 carers for those suffering from dementia.

If the worldwide costs of dementia (US\$604 billion in 2010) represented a country's economy, it would be the 18th largest economy in the world.

If it were not for family members caring for those with dementia, it would cost \$5.5 billion per annum to fund paid carers.

In less than 50 years from now, spending on dementia will be 11 per cent of the entire health and aged care residential sector, outstripping the funding of any other health condition

Dementia is the single greatest cause of disability in Australia for those aged 65 years and older, with one in four people over the age of 85 diagnosed with the disease.

Although uncommon, people in their 30s, 40s and 50s can have dementia. This is known as younger onset dementia and currently, there are about 16,000 sufferers under the age of 65.

Funding for those with younger onset dementia is limited and sufferers find it difficult to access age appropriate services, or have proper and regular assessment. This often results in them being shifted between disability services and aged care services without their actual needs being addressed. ◆◆◆



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LAST MEETING DETAILS

Guests of Members

Sharyn Day Chris Howell Greg Watson Jodie Spry
Judy Lear Margret Baker

Visiting Rotarians:

Apologies:

Carra Dance De Carro Duxbury
Feder Fotheringham Leigh Satharajah
Lorenzini Murphy Nichola Orlando
Paragreen Pratt Coleman Neumann
Phillips Daniels King Stewart

SERVANTS CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA

11am. Fri. 16 th. Dec.

Kew Rooming House

We need approx 6 members of the Club to attend

No work involved . Contact Adrian Campbell

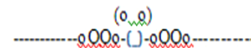


Aub McLaren is about to join the "Grey Nomads" and he sent me this picture of his new road outfit. I don't see the TriStar emblem ???

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The gossip of the future may not be a backbiting, nosy, tongue-wagging two-faced but a megabyte, random-access, digital interface." [R. Zeh]

This weeks Poser: By moving one of the following digits, make the equation correct. $62 - 63 = 1$



Last Week Poser : A boat has a ladder that has six rungs. Each rung is one foot apart. The bottom rung is one foot from the water. The tide rises at 12 inches every 15 minutes. High tide peaks in one hour. When the tide is at its highest, how many rungs are under water?????

NONE (The boat is floating on water, so as the tide rises , so does the ladder.)

Almoners Notes :

Dear friends this morning I have been advised that I must have radical surgery on Thursday 8th December, as the malignant tumour is on the move. I shall be in

Monash Hospital for a 7 – 10 days. In brief the growth has entered my bladder muscle, which must be removed, forthwith. I am advised that it does not appear to have moved any further. I am in good spirit – positive – and accept what must be done.

Such is life. Frank Leigh

Birthdays

David Baker Dec 1
Tim Landsberg Dec 3
Aubrey McLaren Dec 3
Leena Vasimalla Dec 5
Anne Murphy Dec 7

Club Anniversaries

Peter Anderson Dec 5 21 years

Wedding Anniversaries

Sasi, & Roshani Santharajah Dec 1
Andy & Jody Spry Dec 2
Peter & Judy Pratt Dec 4