



CLUB BULLETIN



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Special points of interest:

- The Presidents Wedding
- Art Stock For Sale
- Rotary Exchange Students from Brazil
- Elections Procedure
- RI President Message

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Next Weeks Meeting

Wednesday Sept 16th

Time: 6.15 for 6.30 pm

Speaker: Mayor Cr. Jack Wegman

Subject: Our City

Chair: Peter Allen

Meeting Rosters

SEPTEMBER

(New Generations Month)

Registration Desk

Les Brown

Pierre Kriegler

Welcomer

Rodger Madigan

OCTOBER

(Vocational Service Month)

Registration Desk

Eric Heyburn

Fabienne Nichola

Welcomer

Colin Gould

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

Future Club Program

Date	Speaker	Subject	Chair
Wed 23rd Sept		Past President's Night	
Wed 30th Sept	Mary Barry	Vic SES & Climate Change	Fabienne Nichola
Wed 7th October	Chris De Fraga	Motoring	Mike Pavey

Club Meets
Wednesdays 6.15 for 6.30
Canterbury Centre, 2 Rochester Road
Canterbury

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From The Honeymoon Humidor

09/09/09 was the 17th anniversary of the day we met, and we thought the perfect opportunity to finally make it legal and tie the knot.

Dennis Coleman the President of the Rotary Club of Camberwell and Anita Bejerano the President of Wizo Victoria along with our four children, family and friends and representatives of both our respective organizations.

We had thought about this for a long time but the time never seemed right, but yesterday was. And the Melbourne Zoo seemed the perfect place.

Initially we had a preferred place under a giant Fig tree in the sunshine, but Melbourne's weather had other ideas

and along with all our guests and two rabbi's we retreated to the warmth of our reception marquee.

Approximately 40 minutes later Anita and I became husband and wife in a traditional Jewish ceremony conducted under a hand made Chuppah (wedding canopy) handed down through generations of Anita's Family.

It was a wonderful day and I feel a very lucky man to have been able to marry the woman I love surrounded by our four children, family and friends we have made over our past 17 years together.

President Dennis

"It was a wonderful day and I feel a very lucky man "

Don Jago's Message

PRESIDENT DENNIS AND MEMBERS.

May I say Thank You for your visits, phone calls and cards sent to me following my recent surgery. All were much appreciated.

With Regards,

Don

From The Membership Committee

CONTACTS WANTED FOR ' FRIENDS OF CAMBERWELL ROTARY '

Your Membership Committee has been asked to start a contact group which we can use as a resource when we need assistance such as at the Art Show and as a possible source of contacts and referrals for future membership promotions .

This group is to be called "Friends of Camberwell Rotary " and will be fostered by a sub-committee of the Membership Committee to be chaired by Neil Hookey.

We all know people who admire the concept of Rotary but who are unable to join for all sorts of reasons . We need you to help us gather a register of these people with the first objective of advising them of our manpower needs for the Art Show in May .

It is intended to contact these people via e-mail .Would you please ask just two of your acquaintances if they would be willing to help us out occasionally to make Boroondara a better place ?

Two contacts from each member would be ample ,and would not place anyone under an obligation more onerous than reading an occasional newsletter Names and e-mail addresses to Neil Hookey ASAP please.

Candidates to Become "Friends of Camberwell Rotary" Required

Last Weeks Meeting

This report on last weeks meeting has been prepared and written by Fabienne Nichola

Past President Neil Hookey filled in for Dennis Coleman who has taken leave of absence attending his own wedding.(see report on page 5)

Neil Hookey introduced guests, visiting Rotarians Rob Beveridge, from Port Sorrell, Tasmania; and Adrian Campbell. Our special guests were two exchange students from Brazil, Michelle and Natalia together with Emanuel Tumino, District Coordinator Rotary International Youth Exchange.

Michael Blood made a special announcement reminding members of the Past Presidents Night on Wednesday 23 September at Kew Heights Sports Club, 395 Barkers Road, Kew 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm. Attendees are reminded to prepay \$35 per person at next week's meeting. Partners are welcome. An RSVP board will be circulated at the next Club meeting.

Neil Hookey reminded members to check the Canterbury website to confirm their availability by next Wednesday for attendance at the Royal Melbourne Show Rotary stall.

Gerry Lavender reported that Don Jago is recovering well following surgery and has praised Box Hill Intensive care staff for their care and attention. He will be seeing his surgeon in four weeks.

Gerry reminded us of the influence of teachers on forming our political views. He illustrated this point by recounting a recent classroom exercise whereby a teacher asked a class of six graders to raise their hands if they were a 'Rudd' fan. All but one, Billy raised their hands. When the teacher asked Billy why he was not a Rudd fan he replied that he is a Liberal. Unsatisfied the teacher asked why. To which Billy replied that both his Mum and Dad were Liberals. The teacher continued the line of questioning and asked Billy what he would be if his Mum was a moron and his Dad an idiot. Billy simply replied that he would then be a Rudd fan.

Peter Allen in his role as Sergeant entertained us his usual style quoting from Bernard Shaw to Oscar Wilde. Peter imposed a substantial number of fines on the basis of all but one AFL Club for their dubious achievements or shortcomings. Unable to resist the temptation, I made the fatal mistake of a counter fine for Hawthorn's fall from grace. Watch this space for future retribution.



Karen Nolan introduced as the Chair for the night. She introduced our guest Speaker Emanuel Tumino who called upon two delightful Brazilian exchange students, Michelle and Natalia to recount their experiences in Australia over the past seven months. One of the highlights of their stay was a trip to Central Australia, climbing Uluru and encountering Aboriginal cultural heritage. Other memorable trips included a skiing trip to Mount Hotham, scuba diving at the Great Barrier Reef and climbing Sydney Harbour Bridge. The girls impressed us with their mastery of the English language, their confidence and eloquence in sharing their impression of life in Australia and how it contrasts with Brazil's. They concluded their address



by expressing their gratitude to their host families, the support from Rotary members and Rotary International for the opportunity for cultural exchange. Finally they acknowledged the virtues of Australian culinary delights such as Tim Tams and Vegemite on toast.

Karen Nolan thanked the two girls for their informative contribution.

Neil Hookey closed the meeting with a final announcement regarding the importance of maintaining a register of 'friends of Rotary'. Members are requested to provide the Club contact details of any past members and associates of the Camberwell Rotary Club.

From The Art Show Committee

The Club owns 4 Winning Paintings that have not been sold at the last Show.

The Art Show Committee has requested that members and Friends perhaps consider the Purchase of these paintings for their own enjoyment. I am sure that a deal could be negotiated. All Paintings are framed.

Contact Graeme Hope to view graemehope@bigpond.com or 9848-1158

Art For
Sale
Make an
Offer



“Having Coffee – Piazza Deisignori, Treviso Italy” by Angelo Quabba.

Won the Silver Award in the 2008 Show –
Asking price \$6,900 (1.2m x 1m)



**“Lt Swanport Bridge”
by Chris White.**

Won the Silver Award in the 2009 Show
Asking price \$6,000 (1.4m x 1.2m)



“The Window” by Fu Hong.

Won the Bronze Award 2009 Show
Asking price \$5,800 (1.2m x 1.2m)

Picture To Come

**“San Sebastian Windows” by
Nicholas Truscott.**

Won an Award in the 2006 Show
Asking price \$2,880 (0.8m x 0.6m)

The Wedding Of The Century by Murray Dance

Wednesday 9th September, 2009 – what an exciting day. During the morning I told my collie dog we could only have a short walk as with Wendy and other Rotarians and their wives, we were off to the Zoo for a wedding between a lion and a tiger. On arrival at the Zoo we proceeded to an air conditioned marquee for drinks and canapés.

In all there were about 180 people present waiting for the lion and the tiger to be let out of their cages, but instead we had the arrival of the bride and groom, Anita and Dennis. It was interesting to see the groom relaxed on a couch with not a care in the world – all that was missing was a cigar. The bride looked beautiful in a white satin gown, and Dennis was very smart in a light gray suit. The bridesmaids wore Royal Blue individual dresses. We guys looked sensational in our yamulkas. It was soon time for the Chuppah. The ceremony is held beneath the Chuppah which dates back to the time of Abraham, being a tent without walls so passers by can be seen and offered assistance if required. Two Rabbi's conducted the service, Rabbi Cohen and Rabbi Risenberg, the latter being a long standing family friend who really was responsible for us all being present today. During the service he told us the story of the courtship. Seventeen years ago, Anita arrived in Melbourne, her luggage having been lost, so she stayed at a backpackers' hostel, where there was a notice on the board requesting help for a family whose eighth child was about to be born. Anita was hired and the Rabbi, whose family it was, decided that as she was a beautiful, intelligent woman, she should look for a husband. So he went to the Matchmaker. Many suitors arrived on the doorstep only to be turned away until the day Dennis arrived. A courtship ensued and a looong romance until today with the celebration of their marriage which we witnessed. At the beginning of the ceremony Anita walked around Dennis four times to indicate she would always be with him and support him and Dennis presented her with a ring to indicate that he was always provide for her. The Rabbi asked Dennis if he had paid for the ring with his own money and if it was valuable. He had and it was. The marriage contract was read and was signed by Dennis and Anita. On completion of the ceremony Dennis stamped on a glass and shattered it. (This is the last time Dennis would put his foot down.)

We all proceeded to tables decorated with white Singapore orchids for the Kiddush. There was dancing, singing, and lots of eating of the delicious food – enough for an army.

As it was a wedding, of course there were speeches – from Dennis, the four children and Anita. It is obvious that the matchmaker did a fantastic job seventeen years ago. Their two children and Dennis's two from a previous marriage are all one happy family. It was a wonderful surprise for Anita that two of her brothers arrived from Israel this morning for the wedding. Dennis had a very hard time keeping that secret.

We were entertained by a floor show – which involved audience participation – the last and funniest was one of our own – guess who? His initials are B.C.

All in attendance had a most enjoyable afternoon and we wish Dennis and Anita many more wonderful years together.



Forth Coming Events

**The Past President's Night
is now starting earlier. 6.30pm for 7.00pm
(Which may mean it will finish earlier?)**



**Wednesday 23 September. Kew Heights Sports Club.
397 Barkers Road, Kew. Now starting 6.30 for 7pm.
MEMBERS, PARTNERS, FRIENDS WELCOME!
Only \$35 p/p all incl. Pre payment please. Board circulated at Meeting
(Further enquiries to your Fellowship Committee)**

Note:

**Prepayment of
the \$35 p/p is
Required Next
Week**

Royal Melbourne Show Volunteer—Details

To those members and friends who have volunteered for working at the Royal Melbourne Show are requested to go to the Rotary Club of Canterbury's Web Page www.canterburyrotary.org to look up their rostered times.

Past President Neil Hookey is coordinating our Club's involvement



FORMAL NOTICE—Election Of Club Officers

Under the Club's Rules, Constitution and ByLaws – Notice is hereby given to members: that the Club's annual election process is about to commence.

The first step in the process is the Election of two [2] floor members to join the **Nominating Committee**.

The two elected floor members will join the President, President Elect and the Vice President. The Committee will put forward candidate's names for President [2011 – 2012], Secretary [2010-2011], Treasurer [2010-2011] and Fund Raising Chairman [2010-2011].

Nominations for the Nominating Committee are **now open**. [Nomination forms available from the Secretary.]

Nominations close **Tuesday 22nd September 2009.**

An Election, if required **Wednesday 23rd September 2009**

Nominating Committee meets: **7th October 2009**

Note: Any Club member has the right to nominate for a particular position by completing a Nomination Form and lodging it with the Secretary by **Tuesday, 17th November, 2009.**

If an election is required, it will take place on **Wednesday 18th November 2009.**

The **Annual General Meeting** of the Club will be held at the Club rooms at **7pm on Wednesday, 25th November, 2009,** commencing at 7pm.

[All nomination forms must be lodged with the Secretary prior to the respective closing dates].

Richard Gray, SECRETARY.

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Last Meeting's Guests, Apologies, Etc



Guests

Adrian Campbell—Andy Spry
Rob Beveridge—Neil Hookey
Michelle Felisberco—Speaker
Natalie Sabat—Speaker

Visiting Rotarians:

Emmanuel Tumino RC Footscray

Apologies:

David Baker, Chris Carra, Bern Connell, Patrick Cunniffe, Murray Dance, Leslie Daniels-King, Rob Davies, Geoff Day, Marcus Falay, Gary Goldsmith, Colin Gould, Richard Gray, Geoff Heath, Warwick Heil, Don Jago, Tim Landsberg, Frank Leigh, Alan Lorenzini, John Maxwell, Michael Mullins, Malcolm Munro, John Phillips, Joseph Orlando, Jeevan Vasimalla

Make Ups:

Marcus Falay—RC Rowville

Raffle Winner

David Loftus

Farewell

All those going to Bendigo for weekend

Welcome Back

Michael Neumann from France



Birthdays, Anniversaries, Etc.

Birthdays

Chris Carra 14th September

Wedding Anniversaries

Michael & Sue Mullins 9th Sept
Patrick & Val Cunniffe 11th Sept

Club Anniversaries

Mark Hassed 14th Sept 7Yrs

Quote of The Week

“ We ought to think that we are one of the leaves of a tree, and the tree is all humanity. We cannot live without the others, without a tree.”

Almoners Report

Don Jago continues to recover from his triple by-pass operation. He is at home and is walking around the block a couple of times a day.
(See message From Don Inside)

Directory Changes

None

