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NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is a **Zoom meeting on Tuesday 31st January, 2023.** .

The meeting will commence at 7:40am and conclude no later than 8:45.

Members can use this Humanitix link for all future face to face meetings.

<https://events.humanitix.com/rotary-central-melbourne-breakfast-meeting>

Online meetings are scheduled on the last Tuesday of each month. Members can use the following Zoom link to attend these meetings. The password for Zoom meetings will be circulated in a separate email close to the date.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85224950607?pwd=HwoGsyQSAyXY4vCQRFcWLQt04xM9ui.1>

If you would like a more general discussion about attending a Rotary meeting, phone 0455-858-996.

GUEST SPEAKER, TUESDAY 31 JAN 2023

Daniel Williams: An Introduction to Machine Learning

In this talk Daniel will provide an overview of machine learning, a fast-growing and increasingly pervasive branch of artificial intelligence. From financial trading to supermarket checkouts, machine learning techniques have become a powerful and efficient tool for processing, extracting and acting on insights from big datasets. Illustrated with examples from industry and academia, Daniel will address key applications of machine learning, spanning language, vision, reinforcement learning and human-machine interaction.



Daniel is a roboticist with interests encompassing human-machine interaction, control engineering and language technology. His qualifications include a Master of Engineering in Electrical and Electronic Engineering, (Imperial College London, 2019) and a Master of Science in Machine Learning (University College London, 2020). He is currently undertaking doctoral research with the Control and Signal Processing Group at the University of Melbourne, focusing on human interactions with robotic swarms.

MEETING REPORT 24 JAN 2023

Posted by Kevin Love

Visiting Rotarians and other Guests

President Rohan greeted the following people

- **James Waite**, Rotary Chicago
- **Annet Brouwer**, Rotary Rotterdam
- **Richard Da Zhang**, Rotary Shanghai
- **Kerrie Hicks**, past VPLMP mentee
- **Sainab Sheikh**, Rotary North Melbourne (guest speaker)
- **Tomoya Iizuka**, Global Grant Scholar from Japan

Recognition of key milestones

Chair Neil Salvano acknowledged the following milestones that occurred in January

Members' Birthdays (January)

Lady Pastidio, Rohan Williams, Stella Avramopoulos, Cecily Neil, Sonia Dhillon, Kevin Love, Steve Turner and Alison Chan

Spouses' Birthdays (January)

Kuei Akol, Pippa Thornton, Sally Moon, and Suzette Taylor

Wedding Anniversaries (January)

Frank & Pauline O'Brien (53 years), John & Raylee Ilott (48 years), Allan & Athina Driver (41 years) and Luke & Charity Chen (5 years)

Date joined Rotary

David Jones (32 years), Paul Fowler (13 years). Trevor Dymond (6 years) and Ignacio Inchausti (3 years)

Guest speaker PP Sainab Sheikh.

Sainab Sheikh is a driving force for African Australian communities, serving her community for 17 years. She is the founder of the Somali Women's Development Association Inc, a not-for-profit organisation based in Victoria that provides a diverse range of cultural appropriate support services, including settlement programs, capacity-building and community development programs.

Her advocacy extends to other social determinants of health and wellbeing such as mental health support, housing migrants for homelessness, COVID-19 responses, educational support through homework clubs for primary and secondary school children, employment support for jobseekers, emergency food relief, for refugees and migrants of African backgrounds. Sainab also advocates youth justice and provides culturally appropriate solutions for family violence and mental health forums in partnership with Victoria Police, Victorian Government and other key stakeholders.

Sainab has Bachelor degrees in Social Work and in Community Development. She is currently undertaking a Master of International Relations and National Security degree. She is Immediate Past President of Rotary North Melbourne.

Sainab spoke about the work of the Zainab Sheikh Foundation which she founded in 2020. The Foundation works in Somalia on issues such as health care, education, food security and clean water. It has developed partnerships with Rotary North Melbourne, Rotary Brighton North and Rotary Geelong East. Through its work, a hospital has been built and equipped with medical equipment from Donations in Kind. The Royal Beled Hawo Hospital is in Gedo region and has 15 rooms and associated facilities.

There is need though for improved electricity and water supplies. The local power supply is unreliable and thus unsuitable to run some of the medical equipment and water is drawn from the Dawar River and is poor quality and scarce in times of drought (which is occurring at the moment). The partnership is exploring options for self contained power systems and bore water extraction. A Rotary Foundation grant is being explored.

Members Announcements

Campbell Chambers asked for volunteers to fill two spots at the Bunnings Barbeque at Port Melbourne on Sunday January 29th. Neville John reminded members that the next BBQ at Collingwood is on February 18th and 3 volunteers are still needed there.

Presidents Announcements

President Rohan informed the club that it had been advised of a very generous bequest from the estate of Charter member, the late Ian Angus OAM.

The Board at its recent meeting also approved membership applications from Grace Davidson, Jo Garretty and Annet Brouwer.

The Rotary Club of Osaka Midosuj-Hommachi will have members attending the RI Conference in May and has been in contact regarding opportunities to catch up over that time.

President Rohan also noted a strong start to the fundraising program for this year.

Presentations

President Rohan was presented with a banner from the Rotary Club of Shanghai by Rotarian Richard Da Zhang; and from the Rotary Club of Rotterdam by Rotarian

Annet Brouwer. Our Global Scholar Tomoya Iizuka also made a presentation.

Next Meeting

The next is an Zoom meeting on Tuesday 31st January. Our guest speaker will be Daniel Williams, who will speak to us about how machine learning is being used and some of the ethical issues this presents.

New Membership Application - Grace Davidson

I am pleased to inform members that Grace Davidson has submitted an application to become a member of Rotary Central Melbourne and that the Board has approved her application. Grace was introduced to Rotary by Rhys Williams after attending a Youth Mental Health First Aid Workshop.

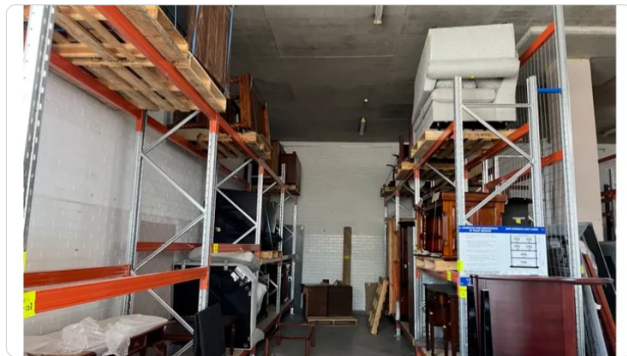
It is proposed that Grace joins the Youth Service Team and be mentored by Rhys Williams.

Do let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

President Rohan

PLEASE HELP US FIT OUR RIMERN WAREHOUSE

Rotary Inner Melbourne Emergency Relief Network (RIMERN) collects donated furniture, appliances & homewares and makes them available to people who have been experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, starting anew as a refugee, having just been released from jail or in need in other ways. We need to buy second hand pallet racking and a walkie stacker, can you chip in some funds to help?



Here's the link: <https://gofund.me/290f98a2>. All donations are fully tax deductible and will make a huge difference to our project! Thank you

RAWCS PROJECT - CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

April 12th 2023 the **15th voluntour for Umoja Orphanage Kenya** departs Australia. Will you be on that flight? This is a project of Rotary Australia World Community Service (Project 51 / 2011-12,) See information in last week's bulletin.

We are after handymen and women or anyone who seeks adventure and a unique experience at a RAWCS project. The tour includes 10 - 11 days volunteering at the Umoja Project, then a 6 day wildlife safari to 3 national parks of Kenya.

Is this for you? Contact us, we'll send you info to help you decide, may be experience of a lifetime. cathy@umojahome

CALLING VOLUNTEERS

UMOJA VOLUNTOUR

A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

12TH APRIL 2023 - MAY 1 2023

OUR 15TH VOLUNTOUR
IS FILLING FAST

LIMITED NUMBERS
AVAILABLE

CONTACT CATHY@UMOJAHOME.COM

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST



DRIVING TO EMPLOYMENT – MENTOR DRIVERS

WomenCAN Australia is launching a new initiative called **Driving to Employment**, and looking for support to help female learner drivers aged 23+ from migrant/refugee backgrounds to learn to drive. We will focus on migrant communities in Maribyrnong and Dandenong/Pakenham regions. We are funded by the Department of Transport to support 50 women to learn to drive, including professional driving instruction, testing fees, etc.



We are seeking Driver Mentors who are willing to support disadvantaged women from migrant communities to gain independence. We will support our Driver Mentors with:

- In-house Driver Mentor Induction to ensure mentors feel confident on the road whenever they meet with a Learner Participant
- Costs of obtaining a police check/driver history check

For more information see our webpage: <https://www.womencanaustralia.org/driving-to-employment>.

Wennie van Riet, Project Manager – Driving to Employment
WomenCAN Australia 0401 071 227 <https://womencanaustralia.org>

ROTARY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP - RCM TEAM?

Registrations are open for the International Tennis Fellowship of Rotarians (ITFR) event in the lead up to the Melbourne RI Convention. The tournament is open to all standards and ages, and will be held over 4 days at the iconic Melbourne Park complex, home of the Australian Open.

All proceeds from the tournament are donated to End Polio Now.

Tournament Director, Brenton Whittenbury (Rotary Club of Adelaide):-- We are offering a full range of events including Men's and Ladies singles, Men's and Ladies Doubles and Mixed Doubles in age categories.

There will be an opening night cocktail party on May 22, and the Presentation dinner on May 26, the eve of the convention. **Register before**

January 31 2023, to qualify for the early bird discount.

Any enquiries can go direct to
Brenton at



melbourne2023itfr@rotarymelbourne.org.au or 0434686667. Further information
from RCM, contact Alan Seale.

Call for Volunteers for the RI Melbourne Convention in May 2023



We have the opportunity to volunteer during the RI Melbourne Convention to provide assistance to visitors throughout the Convention to ensure they feel truly welcome in our city.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would be willing to undertake at least one four hour shift, the time, day and location of which you will be able to select yourself. Information for all the shifts will be sent out to registered volunteers closer to the Convention time to enable them to select what they would like to do.

The first step is to register as a volunteer which can be done here:
<https://rotarymelbourne2023.org/volunteer>

If you have any questions or would like further information please contact Michelle Crawford or Rohan Williams.

2023 MELBOURNE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - REGISTRATION GUIDE FOR MEMBERS



2. Make sure that you select the option when you come to pay with your credit card (preferred option) that you **select AUD** from the **dropdown menu**. This will ensure that you do not pay credit card fees, commissions or incur a poor exchange rate. You will be billed at the "Rotary" exchange rate for that month, which will be better than the rate offered by your credit card provider
3. In the circumstance that you do need to cancel your booking it will also ensure that you get the best exchange rate on your refund and avoid other costs
4. If you or your partner or other guest are **under the age of 30**, you can access a really great registration rate of only **US \$125!**
5. Children are welcome too for a very nominal fee

How to register:

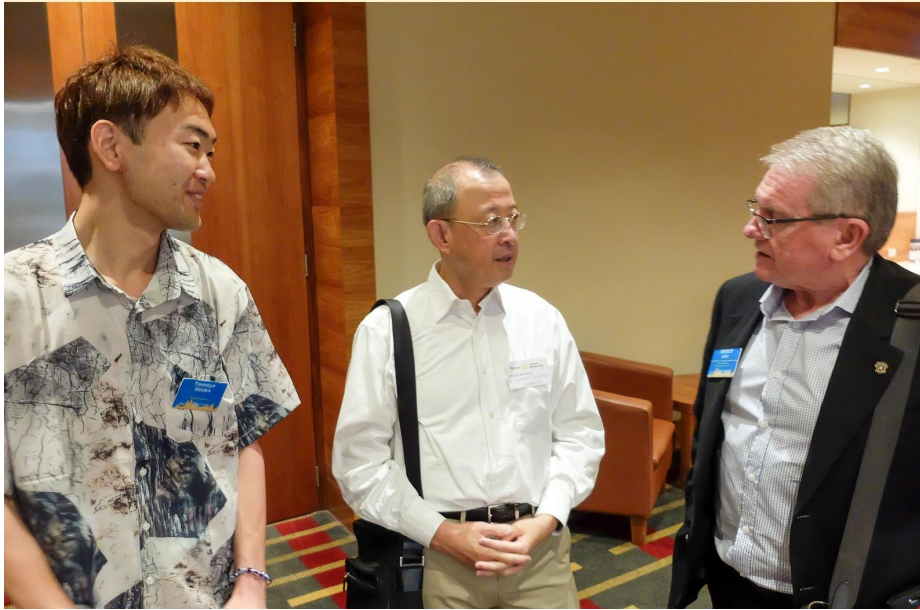
Go to:

<https://convention.rotary.org/en/melbourne/register>

GALLERY



Tamoya, Richard Zhang and Nev1



President Rohan and Chair Neil



Guest speaker Sainab Sheikh



Nev1 and Kerrie Hicks, Pres. Rohan receives gift from Tamoya Iizuka



Richard Zhang, RC Shanghai, with banner Annet Brouwer, RC Rotterdam Mainport, with banner – presentations to Pres. Rohan.

