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NEXT MEETING

Guest Speaker: 20th July 2021 [Zoom Meeting]

Dr Jenny Gray



A Decade of Fighting Extinction

Imagine if you were sent to save a species. For years you had been tracking the progress of your species, monitoring increasing threats and observing the slow and steady decline in numbers. With climate change and extreme weather events, like the bushfire of 2019-20, compounding ongoing threats of habitat destruction, pests, pollution and disease, the future for many species is increasingly precarious.

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FROM THE LAST MEETING - 13th July

Posted by Tom CALLANDER

Rotary Central Melbourne

Meeting Responsibilities

Chair
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Speakers

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[Dr Jenny Gray](#)
A Decade of Fighting Extinction

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[Selba-Gondoza Luka](#)
Restoration of UBUNTU, finding the sense of belonging and the positive change model

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[Prof Alex Maritz](#)
Entrepreneurship and self-employment for mature-aged people

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[Sue and John Marriott](#)
The formation of Landcare and the effects of group communication

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[Mandy Watson](#)
Whales on our coast

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Report – (in person) Meeting at RACV Tuesday 13 July 2021

Reporter: Tom Callander
 Chair: Anne King
 President: Elias Lebbos



Our meeting was an in-person meeting at the RACV.

President Elias opened the meeting by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land, the Wurundjeri. Anne King proposed the toast to Rotary International and reflected on one of the past annual themes “Sowing the seeds of love”.

The President welcomed guests, **Professor Maurice Eisenbruch** and **Peter Langoulant**, and made in-person presentations of Club awards/Certificates of Service announced at changeover:

- **Rebecca and Neville John** (supporting the Club Members with almoner work).
- **Alan Seale** (innovative fundraising efforts, furniture making).
- **Paul Fraser** (service to the Club as Secretary last year).

Announcements:

- **Neville Taylor** reported on the Ambulance Victoria leadership mentor program. The 20/21 program has just finished with four mentors within the Club and next Sunday the 21/22 program is to be launched with 17 mentors across thirteen Rotary Clubs.
- **Kevin Love** noted that Bernie Gerlinger had passed away a few weeks ago and the Board was to consider a way of remembering Bernie on a permanent basis – watch this space.

The Club Meeting took the form of a forum with reports from several Committee Directors.

Adele Le Roux (Community Service) outlined the Community Service projects proposed for the year and noting the impetus from last year:

- Youth projects.
- Caprice donations (Peter Duras responsibility).
- Tree of Joy (stopped last year but to be renewed this year).
- Christmas hampers.
- RIMERN, which will need volunteers to assist with collection and sorting out of appliances and blankets.
- Toiletries for distribution to needy families.
- Mental health scholarship.
- Shine on awards.

Cecily Neal (International Service) outlined the following plans:

- South Sudan sanitation and hygiene project, to assist 800 schoolgirls with hygiene packs and education, and training girls as trainers.
- Kolkata skills development project, in West Bengal, to address low literacy rates and dropouts by training up unemployed people to be security guards and house keepers, with real prospects of employment, increasing household income significantly, with work advantages and benefits to the economy.
- Papua New Guinea anaesthetic project, in conjunction with the Australian College of Anaesthetists. This involves one visit per year to Papua New Guinea at Mt Hagen and Lae including to train local doctors and medical staff.
- Building and outfitting library of school in Laos, including a computer room. This will occur in a town with a population of 22,000 people and provide computer access to townspeople as well as students. This will increase productivity and provide better contact and communications.
- Philippines vocation/training project. This is to be in partnership with the local Rotary Club and will focus on aged care training.
- Sister Club projects.
- Donations in kind (DIK).
- Interplast.
- Rotary against malaria.
- Disaster aid.

Warwick Cavell (Vocational Service) outlined what he thinks will be a hectic schedule:

- Ambulance Victoria leadership mentoring program.
- Victoria Police mentoring program (now in its 14th year from 2007).
- International students mentoring program (now looking at 50 students in conjunction with Outlook Life with the start up phase now completed with final presentation next week. This program is intended to connect international students with the local environment including getting them involved in Rotary projects such as Bunnings BBQs.

- Assisting intellectually handicapped persons with finding fully paid jobs (related to NDIS) – adopting a program successfully implemented by Rotary Clubs in Alberta Canada).

David Laurie (Youth Committee) outlined the principal programs:

- Silk Miller Scholarship.
- The Wolfgang & Monika Jacobs award/the Santos Science experience.
- William Angliss Institute Scholarship.
- National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) (applications now open).
- Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA).
- Rotary Youth Leadership award program (RYLA).
- Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPN)

Neville John was then asked to explain some of these Rotary acronyms:

- RYPN is a program available to Year 10 and 11 students who need something to evolve in their lives. It is a two day camp on a weekend at Malmsbury near Kyneton with around 50 participants. The difference in students from the start to the end of the weekend is amazing.
- RYLA is for 18 to 25 year olds and is an advanced leadership course over one week.
- NYSF provides a seven day intensive program focussing on science engineering maths and medicine at either University of Queensland or Australian National University at Canberra involving the National Science Institute. It helps the top students along their career path and shows them the choices available, with networking opportunities.
- MUNA takes place over one weekend and pairs of students are selected from different schools to represent different countries in a model United Nations assembly debate on relevant issues. Their debating skills are of a higher standard.

President Elias then spoke about a number of matters including:

- The benefits of Rotary focusing on “Early Intervention” programs for community benefit such as the programs noted in our international service including school upgrades, sanitation and toilets and, more locally, working with William Angliss Institute training up indigenous students. He displayed a PowerPoint on Early Intervention and its success factors. [Note from the editor: PowerPoint content is included in the Gallery]
- Elias noted that whilst we have done a lot during the lockdown confinement over the past 18 months there was a lot to do over the next 12 months.
- Elias noted our proposed sister club with the Rotary Club of Cork (Ireland) which may advance further in September.
- Elias noted that at the District Changeover lunch, Peter Duras accepted on behalf of Caprice Australia a recognition award.
- On 5 August 2021, three Rotary Clubs will meet with the Hosier Lane group – RSVP by 29 July 2021.
- Committee membership is under review and if any member wants to change committees please let Elias know.
- The next Board meeting is on Wednesday 21 July 2021 and there is a standing invitation for any member to attend.

Milestone Announcements

Member Birthdays

Campbell Chambers 16th July
Bruce Heron 18th July

Partner Birthdays

Anju Chawla, Rajesh Chawla's partner 17th July

Wedding Anniversaries

Koren Harvey and David Batty 13th July 8 years

Date Joined Rotary

John Hinrichs 13 July 2005 16 years

Next week's guest speaker will be Dr. Jenny Gray to speak about fighting extinction (animal species).

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION: HELP BUILD A BETTER ROTARY

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Workshops

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MEMORABLE

Posted by David JONES

A memory from six years ago:

"Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Central Melbourne Sunrise [now Rotary Central Melbourne] on receiving a 2014-15 Significant Achievement Award from Rotary International. A district governor may nominate only one eligible club from his or her district for the award which recognises a club project that has addressed a significant problem or need in the local community and involved the club's members in personal rather than monetary service.

The Award given to RCCMS acknowledges the club's exceptional Community Village program." <http://www.rotaryclubcentralmelbourne.org.au/Page/community-village>



Receiving the award from DG Murray Verso are Neil Salvano, the late Richard Stone OAM and Alan Seale.

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE: NEXT PROGRAM

The Rotary Leadership Institute

The Rotary Leadership Institute Program presents a wonderful opportunity for experienced Rotarians, new members and indeed people interested in finding out more about Rotary to take some time to experience the history, current and new initiatives related to this great organisation we call Rotary.

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GARDEN DESIGNFEST 2021

Posted by Anne KING



Garden DesignFest is back in 2021.

The event will take place over two weekends in November

This is a major fundraising event for our club and calls on many of members to volunteer.

Closer to November details of our involvement will be decided, in conjunction with our fellow clubs.

For more information please use this link: www.gardendesignfest.com.au.

Our contacts are Roger Thornton and Anne King.

Garden DesignFest 2021 - A Rotary event showcasing the work of professional garden designers.

Managed by the Rotary Clubs of Kew, Brighton North and Central Melbourne.

CLUB FUND RAISING - How You Can Help

Posted by Rob HINES

Voluntary contributions

To everyone that has made or intends to make a donation towards club projects, thank you!

If you are in a position to make a donation or even a series of weekly donations please arrange to transfer those funds directly to the club bank account with the reference "Donation".

Bank Account Details:

BSB 033-000: Account number: 791085

Thank you for your support!

GALLERY



RCM President - Elias
Lebbos



Director, Community Service - Adèle Le Roux



Director, International Service - Cecily Neil



Director, Vocational Service - Warwick Cavell



Director, Youth Service - David Laurie



President Elias Lebbos with Rebecca & Neville (aka "Nev1") John

Early Intervention

- Decades of research in Australia and internationally have demonstrated the benefits of early interventions for children, families and communities.
- Early intervention has been shown to achieve, at relatively modest cost, changes to prevent harms that are very expensive to remediate.
- The lifelong harms associated with child abuse and neglect, problems in school, and early behaviour problems include adult criminality and loss of life.
- Because these harms are so expensive to individuals, families and society, any intervention which reduces the incidence of child abuse, or facilitates better school attainment, will represent a net benefit, especially as prevention services are relatively inexpensive.
- Research demonstrates that, to be effective, early intervention programs must be long term, evidence based and comprehensive.

Early Intervention – Success factors

- More intensive programs are more successful than less intensive programs
- Programs that have clear goals, and multiple components and means to reach those goals, are more effective than those without a specific focus
- Service systems should be sufficiently resourced to be flexible and capable of change
- Partnerships and collaboration between agencies and between service types require resources to set up and maintain, but these costs are low relative to the benefits that can be delivered.

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SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

