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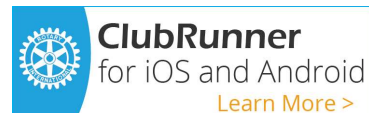
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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is an evening meeting online on Zoom on **Tuesday, 26 March 2024 at 5.30pm.**

The Zoom link can be found below and is also available via the [Club Calendar](#).
[Click here to join the meeting.](#)

If members have guests or know of attending visitors, please share this meeting invite and zoom link with them to join the meeting.

Please be reminded, access to the meeting room will be available from 5:30pm with the official meeting starting at **5:40pm.**

If you would like a more general discussion about attending a Rotary meeting, please contact the club secretary at rotaryclubcentralmelbourne@gmail.com.

FROM THE LAST MEETING

Rotary Central Melbourne face to face meeting - 19 March 2024

Reporter: Peter Duras

Photographer: Roger Thornton

Acting President **Elias Lebbos** gave the acknowledgement to Country and the toast to Rotary International, before welcoming our visiting Italian physiotherapist **Mia Fornasaro** to the Club for the first time.

He also welcomed the representatives from the University of Melbourne and Victoria Police.

The Silk Miller Presentations

Chairman **Doug Robertson** then opened up to what was probably the most comprehensive session on the scope and impact of the Silk Miller Scholarships that the Club has experienced.

For 22 years the Club has presented these scholarships which cover 50% of the cost of a University of Melbourne Graduate Diploma in Adolescent health and Wellbeing.

Ours is a partnership between RCM, the University of Melbourne and Victoria Police. Doug is our current representative.

Dr Ani Wierenga from the University told that us there have been 800 graduates from the multidisciplinary course over the 29 years that it has run. She thanked our club for our long running support and indicated that the partnership is currently being further developed.

Commander Jo Stafford from Victoria Police thanked RCM and the University of Melbourne for their roles in the scholarships, acknowledging that better education within the Force leads to better outcomes for young people. She congratulated the current scholarship holder Steve Turner and helped present his certificate.

Sergeant Steve Turner has been in the Police Force for 14 years. He operates in the Brimbank Melton area. Early on he observed a spike in street robberies, with an average age of offenders being 14-17 years. He became involved in Community Policing and the provision of youth support services. He instituted a youth crime early intervention program which gradually earned support from within the force.

The first contact strategy involves most of the agencies that work in the field, including lawyers, police and youth workers. While it can take up to 15 months for court hearings to take place, Steve's program aims at stepping in within weeks, with the prospect of entering a rapid diversion program.

Data collected over nearly two years indicates some very positive results, and there is the possibility of this strategy being rolled out throughout Victoria. Steve is working on it, and has found the course, though challenging, has been a great help. Answering questions, Steve indicated that the level of family support is a vital element in successfully reconnecting young offenders (or not).

Certificates were then presented to our 2021 and 2022 Silk Miller Scholars.

- **Acting Senior Constable Julie Woods** (2022) has become a Youth Specialist Officer and has put a lot of work into producing a manual for her colleagues on all things involved in interacting effectively with young offenders.
- **Sergeant Ben McWilliam** (2021) from the Latrobe area is pleased that the Silk Miller Scholarships are awarded to Police at a grass roots level. With considerable experience, he believes that further education opens up broader communication channels and encourages academic oversight. The three scholarship recipients thanked the Club for their involvement.

Member Announcements

- **Ignacio Inchausti** introduced our visiting student **Mia Fornasaro** who is here to widen her physiotherapy knowledge. She is a bright young lady who has rapidly settled into the Melbourne environment. She is currently staying with Warwick and his family.
- Ignacio also announced record joint proceeds from Bunnings Port Melbourne and Collingwood sausage sizzles: about \$2,300 from Port Melbourne and about \$1,250 from Collingwood. A fantastic result for our Club projects! Ignacio did point out that we are currently running short on volunteers. If you can possibly help, please contact **Campbell Chambers** or **Neville John**. A special shout out to Mia who did 2 shifts at Port Melbourne!

In closing, Elias thanked all our presenters and Doug Robertson for all his ongoing work with the Scholarships.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Iftar Dinner

The Iftar Dinner is booked for Friday, 5 April at the William Angliss Restaurant. Please RSVP by Friday, 22 March using the instructions found later in the bulletin.

ACCESSING ZOOM LINKS

While Zoom links are provided for upcoming meetings in the bulletins, these can also be accessed by going to the [Club Calendar](#).

Click on the grey box corresponding to the meeting date for access to all meeting details, including the Zoom links as necessary.

2024 IFTAR DINNER

On behalf of both the Rotary Club Central Melbourne and the Australian Intercultural Society, it is with great pleasure that we extend a warm invitation to join us for the Dinner of Friendship - Iftar Dinner.

Supported by a generous community grant provided by the City of Melbourne,

this special event is scheduled to take place at the William Angliss Restaurant on Friday, 5th April 2024.

The Iftar Dinner is a cherished occasion that brings together individuals from diverse backgrounds to celebrate unity, peace, and the spirit of community during the holy month of Ramadan. It is an opportunity for us to share with one another the values of empathy, generosity, and mutual respect that are at the heart of this auspicious period.

The evening promises to be one of meaningful dialogue, cultural exchange, and a shared experience of breaking the fast, reflecting our city's rich tapestry of cultures and traditions.

Details of the event are as follows:

Event: Dinner of Friendship - Iftar Dinner (Free)

Date: Friday, 5th April 2024

Time: 6:00 pm onwards – Start 6:30 pm

Venue: William Angliss Restaurant, 555 La Trobe Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

RSVP: We kindly request your response by 22nd March to info@AIS.org.au



SPECIAL TICKET OFFER | THE LUME MELBOURNE

THE LUME Melbourne will open its latest experience *Leonardo da Vinci – 500 years of Genius* presented by Webuild on Saturday March 16. To celebrate its opening Rotary Central Melbourne has been provided a **limited special offer of a 20% discount** on all single entry tickets to the Lume Melbourne, valid until April 30, 2024.

When booking a ticket, please use the code **ROTARYCMELB**. Further details are contained in the flyer.

THE LUME Melbourne is now regarded as a highlight and must-see in Melbourne's world-renowned arts cultural precinct. This latest experience is highly anticipated as visitors will have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to step inside the world of Leonardo, featuring original drawings and writings from the Codex Atlanticus, penned by the master himself.

This is the first time in history the Codex Atlanticus has been in Australia, underscoring THE LUME Melbourne's commitment to bringing this new extraordinary experience to Australia.

The showcase also features;

- To scale machine inventions brought to life by Italian artisans
- The only exact 360° replica of the Mona Lisa in the world,
- A breathtaking immersive digital art experience featuring Leonardo's artworks plus additional Renaissance art
- Plus Caffé Medici where you can enjoy an Italian inspired culinary menu

The poster features a large, stylized image of the Mona Lisa. The left side shows the full figure of the painting, while the right side is a close-up of her face. In the foreground, the silhouettes of a man and a woman holding hands are visible against the lower part of the painting. At the top, the text 'THE LUME' is prominently displayed in a bold, sans-serif font, with 'MELBOURNE' written in smaller letters below it. A large black semi-circular graphic contains the exhibition title 'Leonardo da Vinci 500 Years of Genius' and the 'webuild' logo. Below this, the text 'SPECIAL TICKET OFFER' is written in bold. The main body of the text describes a partnership with THE LUME Melbourne and a limited special offer for the exhibition. It includes the opening date of March 16, details about the experience, a 20% discount on single entry tickets, and a deadline for booking tickets by March 17, 2024. The offer is valid until April 30, 2024. At the bottom, it directs visitors to the website www.thelume.com and provides a discount code 'ROTARYCMELB' in a white box.

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Opening March 16 – this is your opportunity to be the first to see this highly anticipated new experience including original drawings and writings from the Codex Atlanticus.

20% DISCOUNT
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Tickets must be booked by 17 March 2024
Valid for all sessions until 30 April 2024

Visit www.thelume.com to secure your tickets today using the below code at check out.

ROTARYCMELB

ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

District 9800 has produced 42 peace fellows since the program began in 2002. This is more than any other district in the world – a record of which we can all be proud. We are keen to maintain it.

Changes to the selection process this year mean that it is quite likely that candidates may contact your Rotary Club out of the blue. This is because they

are now being asked to contact a local club to learn about Rotary and to seek guidance and mentoring during the application process.

If this happens, I urge you to contact me so that I, or someone from the district selection committee, can guide your club and the applicant through the process. Applications close on May 15.

Thank you for your support.

Yours in Rotary Service
PDG Murray Verso

The
Rotary
Foundation



Each year, Rotary offers 130 fellowships for fully funded training in peace building and conflict resolution at seven university-based Peace Centres.

APPLICATIONS TO DISTRICT 9800 CLOSE ON 15 MAY 2024

On-line applications for peace fellowships require District endorsement. District 9800 has recruited and mentored more successful Rotary Peace Fellow applicants than any other district, worldwide.

Do you have?

- A strong commitment to peace building in your profession
- Excellent leadership skills
- Proficiency in English
- A bachelor's degree and five years of relevant work experience [Professional Certificate]
- A bachelor's degree, plus three years of relevant work experience [Master's Degree]

Why become a Rotary Peace Fellow?

Rotary Peace Fellows become leaders and catalysts for peace and conflict resolution. Typically, they work in national governments, NGOs, the military, media, law enforcement, peace education, international organisations such as Red Cross, the UN and World Bank, and grass roots community organisations. This is a signature program for Rotary International.

How to apply?

- All Rotary Peace Fellows are selected through a competitive worldwide process.
- Speak to a Rotarian you know.
- or contact a Rotary club.
- Review the process online via the QR code or www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships



What is a Rotary Peace Fellowship?

A two-year Master's Degree:

Students from diverse backgrounds and professional experience undertake programs varying in length from 15 to 24 months and include two to three months of applied field experience designed by the peace fellow. The fully funded post graduate study is at an internationally recognised Peace Centre in England, Japan, Sweden, or USA.

Professional Development Certificate:

Designed for mid-career professionals in fields of peace and conflict resolution to study in Uganda or Turkey. Applicants must have connection with Africa or the Middle East. The Certificate program includes:

- Preliminary online course
- 10-week on-site course
- Field studies
- A social change initiative
- One-week on-site capstone seminar

What does a Rotary Peace Fellowship cover?

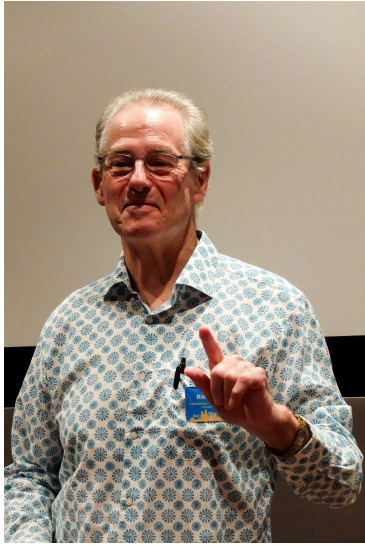
- Tuition and fees
- Room and board
- Round-trip transportation
- Field study expenses
- Health insurance

For Further Information contact:

- **Murray Verso:** E. verson@netspace.net.au T. 0417 595 217
- **Bob Fels:** E. robertmfels@gmail.com T. 03 9417 6550 or
- **Tania Miletic,** Peace Fellow Alumnus: E. taniamiletic@yahoo.com T. 0437 272 287)

PLEASE SHARE THIS FLYER WITH ANYONE WHO MAY BE A SUITABLE APPLICANT.

GALLERY



Chair Doug Robertson



Acting President Elias Lebbos



Commander Jo Stafford



Sergeant Steve Turner



Dr Ani Wierenga



Sergeant Turner receiving his Silk Miller Scholarship award



Dr Wierenga presents a graduation certificate to Acting Senior Constable Julie Woods



Dr Wierenga presents a graduation certificate to Sergeant Ben McWilliam



Dr Wierenga, Sergeant McWilliam and Acting Senior Constable Woods



Herb Greenwood, Mia
Fornasaro and Annet
Brouwer