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NEXT MEETING

Next meeting would be face-to-face meeting at the RACV Club in the CBD on 14 February 2023. If you would like to visit our meeting, please book directly through Humanitix by close of business on Monday, 13 February 2023. If you would like a more general discussion about attending a Rotary meeting, phone 0455-858-996.

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. This link will be published in the bulletin every week going forward.

<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. For security reasons, the password for the Zoom meetings will be circulated in a separate email closer to the date of the next online meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85224950607?pwd=HwoGsyQSAyXY4vCQRFcWLQt04xM9ui.1>

GUEST SPEAKER, TUESDAY 14TH FEB 2023



Dr Tania Miletic: Security Through Peacebuilding

Tania will share reflections as an alumna of the Rotary Peace Fellowship program, now over 20 years since she was in the inaugural class. At a time of extraordinary global turbulence and uncertainty, the peacebuilding field and its

partners must work harder than ever to ensure foundations on which to build more effective, sustainable solutions to increasingly complex conflicts and crisis. Unprecedented times often call for unprecedented measures. Based on extensive research and applied experience, her talk will focus on peacebuilding efforts in the region. Tania will share some of the ways that public and non-government diplomacy and better integrating conflict prevention and peacebuilding strategy can support efforts for greater peace. The vision and activities of the newly established Initiative for Peacebuilding at the University of Melbourne will also be discussed.

Tania is the Assistant Director of the University of Melbourne's [Initiative for Peacebuilding](#). She is committed to working collaboratively to influence positive change through research, policy development and support to peacebuilders across a range of contexts and settings in her local Australian context, South East Asia and China. She is also Faculty on the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies' Applied Conflict Transformation Studies PhD program, a unique hybrid academic-practitioner program throughout Asia.

She holds a Masters in Public Administration (Rotary Peace Fellowship 2002-2004) from ICU, Tokyo and a PhD in Political Science from UQ.

Tania has maintained strong links with Rotary, such as co-hosting the R100 Conference 'The Future of Peace Leadership' and sitting on various peacebuilding committees. Tania was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow Recognition in 2014, Paul Harris Fellow Recognition (Sapphire) in 2021 and received the Robert M Fels Peace Award (2022) by D9800.

She loves to cook and believes in the power of sharing food and stories to nourish understanding and connection. She is the founder and Director of [Peace-Meal Peacebuilding Initiatives](#).

FROM THE LAST MEETING

ROTARY CENTRAL MELBOURNE – FEBRUARY 7, 2023

Chair: Rohan Williams

Reporter: Russell Rolls

Rohan proposed a Toast to Rotary International, the great organisation that brings us together.

Visitors

Annet Brouwer Rotary Club of Rotterdam
Richard Zhang Rotary Club of Shanghai

Kerrie Hicks
Patricia Poynton

Induction

Grace Davidson was inducted as a Member with the Classification of "Education". Grace was introduced to RCM by Rhys Williams and will join the Youth Services Committee.

Avenues of Service Reports

There was no Guest Speaker this week, each Chair gave a brief update on Committee activities.

International – Cecily Neil

Key Projects

Clean water, family toilets in Cambodia. In conjunction with World of Difference and other Rotary Districts. Some 350 units will be installed over two phases. School library in Laos. Currently on hold, probably a 2024 activity. Sanitary products for South Sudan schoolgirls. 800 kits are already in South Sudan, will provide hygiene training for schoolgirls and will assist in keeping girls in school. Skyhydrants in the Philippines. Provides clean water for villagers. Sister Club Echuca-Moama. A donation was provided to assist with flood relief.

Community Service – Michelle Crawford

Key Projects

RYMERN – Members are invited to volunteer for February 25 activities. Also, Members are encouraged to donate modern household items to RYMERN. Children's clothing items to the value of \$30,000 were donated by Caprice. These items were passed on to a range of charities in time for Xmas. Lift the Lid – Rotary support for mental health. The "Tree of Joy", Xmas giving in conjunction with TAL. 70 gifts were attached to the Tree and were passed to Steps Outreach and Lantara for their Xmas activities with needy families. Also, some \$1,500 was donated, this amount being matched by a donation from TAL. 80 hampers were donated by Members at our Xmas Meeting. These hampers were passed to Steps Outreach and Lantara. It is hoped that Austin Health will shortly permit a return to Royal Talbert where RCM has a long association with maintain the peaceful garden setting for residents. The Committee is assessing opportunities for involvement in family violence prevention projects.

Vocational Service – Ignacio Inchausti

Key Projects

The long-established Police Mentoring project continues most successfully. The Ambulance Service Mentoring project is currently in abeyance with a review being undertaken by the Service as to its benefits. The International Student Mentoring project will commence in March with a focus on Indian students. The New Generations Service Exchange continues under the leadership of Warwick Cavell. Outgoing participants will visit Germany with the exchange currently focussing on music.

Youth Services – Rhys Williams

Key Projects

RYLA - The RYLA camp facilitates teamwork, communication and motivation exercises and helps develop leadership skills in young people. RYPEN - RYPEN is a Youth Service program for 15 to 17 year old students,

from schools across District 9800. Students attend a weekend camp designed to develop their potential through a mixture of lecture style sessions and adventure-based learning. It aims to communicate a series of ideas, problems and social experiences that will assist them in forming their own values and moral standards.

MUNA – (Model United Nations Assembly), which simulates the workings of the UN Assembly by having teams of two senior students from each of a number of schools represent a particular UN country in debates on matters of world political and social concern.

RCM has forged a strong partnership with Victorian Police Legacy. It is expected that up to 30 legatees will visit Cambodia later this year to participate in humanitarian projects.

6 young people have been supported through the Bernie Gerlinger Scholarship programme.

Fundraising – Campbell Chambers

A good year so far, it is expected that some \$70,000 will be raised in the year-ending June 30

Thanks for the efforts of Roger Thornton and the volunteers, some \$26,000 was raised through the Garden Design Fest.

The Port Melbourne and Collingwood Bunnings sausage sizzles are critical to the Club's fundraising activities. All Members are invited to volunteer a couple of hours each month on a Saturday to assist.

Club Service – Suvam Ganguli

Suvam was an apology for the Meeting, the Club Service Report will be published in the "Bulletin".

Announcements

John Ilott has updated the Club history, reflecting activities over the past 35 years. This history is now available on the Club website via "About the Club" and "35 Years of Rotary".

Neville John advised that there are sufficient volunteers for the Collingwood sausage sizzle on February 18. The Club has been allocated one sausage sizzle per month at Collingwood – contact Neville if you are able to volunteer.

The Meeting closed at 8-50am

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - JO GARRETTY

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I am pleased to inform members that Jo Garretty has submitted an application to become a member of Rotary Central Melbourne and that the Board has approved her application.

Jo was introduced to Rotary Central Melbourne by Maureen Jackson.

It is proposed that Jo joins the International Service Team and be mentored by Neville John.

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

RAWCS PROJECT - CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

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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

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
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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



Pres. Rohan with Grace Davidson & mentor Rhys Williams



New member Grace Davidson



Cecily Neil



Michelle Crawford



Ignacio Inchausti



Rhys Williams



Campbell Chambers



Campbell Chambers & Roger Thornton



Grace Davidson mug shot

