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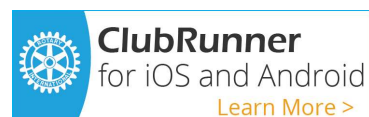
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NEXT MEETING

This is face to face meeting at the RACV Club on **Tuesday, 19 March 2024**. The meeting room will take place in the Theatrette on the Chancery Level of the RACV Club.

The meeting will commence at **7:40am** and conclude no later than **8:30am**. Members and guests are invited to stay for coffee or breakfast in the club Bistro following the meeting.

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

GUEST SPEAKER - SERGEANT STEVE TURNER



Sergeant Steve Turner, Leading Senior Constable Julie Woods and Sergeant Ben McWilliam - the Silk Miller Scholarship

Sergeant Turner is the 2024 Silk Miller Scholarship awardee. He will speak on his innovative current role and how he anticipates the course will assist him. Commander Jo Stafford of Victoria Police will present his award.

Steve has spent the last 14 years working in the western suburbs of Melbourne, observing the revolving door of young people in and out of police custody. It has led him to look at what police do, and what can be done differently for better outcomes.

For the last 7 years he has been developing YCEIP (Youth Crime Early Intervention Project) Co-Led with WestJustice and other stakeholders. This project moved to implementation in 2022 and has achieved some very promising results. He oversees all young people in custody – looking for the drivers to crime, and what can be done to stop the young person coming back into police contact. This includes reviewing the young person's police history, the incident they were arrested for, support service referral and liaising with other services.

Steve completed the Cert IV in Adolescent Health & Wellbeing in 2021 which had a direct influence on his work. He now feels very privileged to have received the Silk Miller Award which is now allowing him to complete year 2 of the graduate diploma.

Also speaking are our two most recent graduates - Leading Senior Constable Julie Woods and Sergeant Ben McWilliam - who will receive their graduation certificates from Dr Ani Wierenga from University of Melbourne. We will hear from Julie and Ben, who will outline the impact their studies have had, and are having, on their very difficult work.

Rotary Central Melbourne instigated the Silk Miller Scholarship in 2000. It is named in memory of two slain Victoria Police Officers, Sergeant Gary Silk and Senior Constable Rodney Miller. Scholarships funded by the Club have now been awarded to 23 police officers. Our Club became involved when Rotary's focus on health included the issues of youth suicide prevention and youth mental illness. The Club pays 50% of the individual's course fee and the recipient funds the other 50% personally. This may help explain the commitment and passion these officers have for their roles in improving outcomes for adolescents.

FROM THE LAST MEETING

Rotary Central Melbourne online meeting - 12 March 2024

Reporter: Mary Voice

In spite of artificial un-intelligent gremlins creating havoc with our zoom link, some 16-20 intrepid Rotarians managed to overcome the connection problems and enjoy a most interesting and informative online meeting. We connected with our guest speaker and toasted Rotary International, prior to Malcolm giving a lovely introduction to Nikki Firmin from DV Safe Phone.

Nikki Firmin: Safe phones, save lives!

Nikki explained how in April 2020, the CEO and Founder of DV Safe Phone, Ashton Wood, realised that mobile phones, often a lifeline for victims, become casualties in cases of domestic violence, leaving survivors isolated and vulnerable during emergencies (these phones often get deliberately broken, lost or stolen). Driven by this understanding, DV Safe Phone (www.dvsafephone.org) was founded with a mission to repurpose unused mobile phones (from people's drawers, garages, etc) and place them into the hands of domestic violence survivors.

As an example, during Covid-19 lockdowns, many Domestic Violence (DV) victims could not escape, and so a safe, unobtrusive, basic-emergency phone was potentially a lifesaver.

DV Safe Phone distribute a safe phone kit which includes a working mobile phone (carefully re-cleaned, wiped clean digitally (assurance to donors on this matter)). They have already given out 7500 kits. Note that they provide them to front line agencies and services trained to offer specialised domestic and family violence support. They have launched a H.A.L.T. map on the website, whereby you can search for an authorised agency via this nationwide H.A.L.T Map.

Unused phones can be donated using the donate phone button on their website or there are lots of drop off locations mentioned on their website. Nikki noted that Rotary and Safe Phones have similar core values and they have already partnered with Rotary in some locations.

During questions, we were advised that phones of 4G and above are accepted, but noting it is a phone to use as a call for help, the very latest phones are not wanted since they may be stolen for resale. Our club is looking at ways to collect old phones simply and easily.

In final reports and closing of the meeting, President Michelle thanked us all for persisting in connecting to the meeting this morning. She reminded us of the IFTAR dinner on Friday the 5th of April and that the Strategy Day notes will be posted to members shortly. The club's meeting structure has been reviewed and confirmed for the near future.

Michelle's closing reflection was from John Harrigan: "Happiness held is the seed, happiness shared is the flower".

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Strategy Day

Meeting notes from the day were distributed by email earlier this week. The day proved very productive, highlighting many opportunities to future strengthen the club.

Many thanks to Warwick Cavell for his guidance and leadership over the day held in September and more recently.

Following an initial review by the Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) at their meeting on 6th March, the next step is for the Board to review the Strategic Plan on a page, and agree on short term priorities.

Meeting Trial Review

The recent member survey saw 42 respondents (68%) provide insight into their experiences of the Meeting Trial.

RCM Board will review recommendations made by SAG at the next Board meeting on Wednesday 20th March, and a decision with regard to the way forward will be communicated with members by the end of the month.

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. The text is overlaid on a dark, semi-circular shape in the center.

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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
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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?

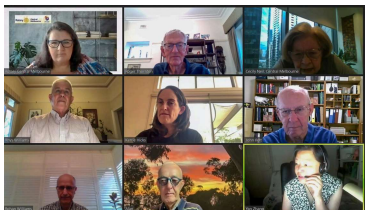
- Tuition and fees
- Room and board
- Round-trip transportation
- Field study expenses
- Health insurance

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

GALLERY



Early arrivals



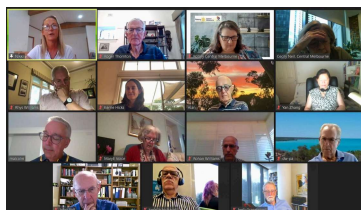
Meeting chair Malcolm
Fielden



Guest speaker Nikki Firmin



Mary and friend



Full complement