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NEXT MEETING 7th June

The 'RCM' Meeting on the 7th of May will be a face-to-face meeting at the RACV Club in the CBD.

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

GUEST SPEAKER:

Mawien Ariik: Member of Rotary Central Melbourne

TOPIC: "South Sudan Girls Sanitation and Education Project"

Meeting Responsibilities

Chair
ROBERTSON, Doug

Greeter/Zoom Host
DRIVER, Allan

Reporter
WILLIAMS, Rhys

Photographer
THORNTON, Roger

Door
DYMOND, Trevor

Bulletin Editor
INCHAUSTI, Ignacio

Social Media
LIM, Daniel

Upcoming Events

[Bunnings C'wood Sausage Sizzle](#)

Jun 05, 2022

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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Speakers

Jun 07, 2022 7:40 AM

[Mawien Ariik](#)

South Sudan Girls' Sanitation and Education Project

Jun 14, 2022 7:40 AM

[Fiona Still](#)

Pathway to eliminating viral hepatitis



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Mawien Ariik (known as Ariik) was born in 1989 in the village of Lou Ariik, South Sudan. At the age of 8, he learned that his father (Ariik Dut) had died in the South Sudan war along with millions of others while fighting for the freedom of his people.

This sad loss became Ariik's motivation to continue the legacy of freedom that his father fought for, and to ensure those efforts were not in vain. Ariik created South Sudan Health Matters Inc as a platform for identifying the basic needs of the village and surrounding parts of South Sudan. Needs such as basic healthcare, education, clean water, sanitation, and hygiene. Ariik is married with two children and works in the banking sector.

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FROM THE LAST MEETING - 31st May

Posted by Peter DURAS

ROTARY CENTRAL MELBOURNE – MEETING REPORT 31st May 2022

President Elias welcomed 20 members and our guest speaker to this week's face-to-face meeting. A special welcome went to **Stephen Turner** attending his first meeting as a member.

Chair, **Russell Rolls** proposed a toast to Rotary International.

Member Milestones

Member's Birthdays

Nil

Partner Birthdays

NIL

Wedding Anniversaries

Kevin and Veronica Love 2 June 1979 - 43 years

Date Joined Rotary

Mary Voice 4th June 2001, 21 years

Chairman Russell Rolls then introduced Dr Niamatullah Ibrahimi who spoke brilliantly on the topic: **"Navigating**

the Human Rights and Humanitarian Crises under the Taliban in Afghanistan”.

Dr Ibrahim was born in Afghanistan and from 2002-2005 worked for the International Crisis Group followed by 5 years with the Crisis States Research Centre of the London School of Economics. He is the author of “The Hazards and the Afghanistan State: Rebellion, Exclusion and Struggle for Recognition”. He is also a Lecturer in International Relations at La Trobe University.

After the West’s massive investment of military intervention and economic intervention in an attempt to establish security and a more liberal society in Afghanistan the withdrawal in August 2021 has seen life under the Taliban spiral into human rights, humanitarian and economic crises.

While the world’s attention has been diverted to the Ukraine the situation in Afghanistan has seriously deteriorated. Covid, drought, and the withdrawal of the Western finance and presence have resulted in 97% of the population living in poverty and, often, near starvation. This is the worst material crisis in the world with the possible exception of Ukraine. The International community has almost no avenues open to assist the struggling population of 40 million.

In addition, there is a human rights crisis. After initial optimism on the part of the West, the Taliban have slipped back into extreme policies, issuing a series of decrees pushing women out of society and attempting to “cleanse” the nation of Western influence. Open media, protests, and discussion in all forms has been strongly suppressed. Journalists have been arrested and tortured while many others have left the country. The promised amnesty has been forgotten and mass killings have occurred.

The Taliban is now faced with an even more radical and violent Islamic State group, The Khorasan adding further chaos and instability.

With the Taliban’s loyalties focussed entirely on national and surrounding regions, there is little influence that the international community can bring to bear in order to improve this complex, deteriorating situation. It will take a long-term approach, with human rights and long-term stability essential as the focus of international policies.

Announcements

- **Neville John** invited everyone to be part of the fundraising **Taste of Africa** night at Cecily’s on 11th June. Starting at 6 pm the event’s modest cost of \$50 will help fund the Club’s African project. Book early through Try booking as participation is limited to 50.
- This Sunday’s Bunnings Sausage Sizzle will be a special event with Frank O’Brien making his last appearance there in a major role. Well done Frank and Pauline.
- **Rob Hines** drew his most successful raffle yet, raising \$1350. The winners were David Jones, Anne King, and Russell Rolls. Thanks to everyone who took part. These proceeds will Go to the Bernie Gerlinger Foundation.
- **Rohan Williams** reminded us that the RI Convention will be a highlight in May 2023, and that early bird discounts

are currently available, but be quick.

President's announcements and close

Elias, in light of the Club having to forward substantial fees to Rotary International for each member registered at the end of the financial year, asked that members planning to transfer to another Club or who are considering leaving Rotary bring their situation to the attention of the President or Board by mid-June 2022, please.

Elias again invites you to the **RCM Changeover Dinner on Friday 1st July 2022**

Next week's meeting will again be face to face with our own **Mawien Ariik** speaking on our “ **South Sudan Girls Sanitation and Education Project**” Please book ASAP with Try Booking

A TASTE OF AFRICA

Posted by Ariik ARIIK

You are cordially invited to 'A Taste of Africa', a lively evening of African food, music and cultural immersion! This is an International Services fund-raiser for the South Sudan Health Matters (SSHM) Project: South Sudan Girls Sanitation and Education Project! RCM is supporting this project initiated by Mawien Ariik, RCM member and SSHM founder. Ariik will present on the project at our meeting on 7 June at the RACV Club.

Date: Saturday 11 June 2022

Place: Cecily Neil's home - Unit 1801, 1 Freshwater Place, Southbank

Time: From 6 pm

Cost: \$50 per person

Inclusions: A variety of African food (South Sudanese and other; meat and vegetarian) provided by Kuei and Mawien Ariik; drinks (wine, beer soft drinks); auction items; African items for sale

Bookings (via

TryBooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BZTJQ>) close on 10 June 2022. There will be a limit of 50 attendees so get in early!

You can also find out more about The Lighthouse project. In South Sudan's remote Lou Ariik Village, it is a common experience for girls to miss school during menstruation and, because of poor sanitation and hygiene, infection rates are higher than they should be. Most schools are also 'under the trees' schools.

This project will distribute 800 re-usable menstrual hygiene kits with a carefully designed education program. The principal intended outcome is to improve girls' school retention and educational performance. In broader terms, the project is designed to empower girls, address traditional cultural mores sensitively, and reduce infection rates. Your contribution is going to a great cause!

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE



RI 2023 MELBOURNE CONVENTION

|  | INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 27-31 MAY 2023 MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA | | | | |
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NGSE IS STARTING AGAIN - HOSTS NEEDED!

Posted by Alan SEALE

After a two-year COVID imposed break we are resuming where we left off with the **New Generations Service Exchange** program. You might remember Lotta Rink, the talented young Bassoonist who had to go home early thanks to the pandemic.

Nevertheless, in July this year two young Australian opera singers, Louise Keast and Michael Dimovski, will be heading off to Bavaria where they will be hosted by German Rotary families for around 6 weeks. They will be participating in the Bayreuth Young Artist's Festival, attending master classes, and in Michael's case, performing at the D1950 District Conference.

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GARDEN DESIGNFEST - ROARING BACK TO LIFE

Posted by Roger THORNTON



Garden
designfest.

Garden DesignFest 2022 is only a few months away

- Have you blocked out the dates in your calendars?
 - November 12-13: Melbourne metro & Mornington Peninsula**
 - November 19-20: Regional Victoria**
- Can you **identify potential advertisers** for A5 full colour garden booklet?
 - Full page: \$1000; half page: \$500
 - Tell Roger Thornton

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



Guest Speaker - Dr. Niamatullah Ibrahim





Chair - Russell Rolls



President - Elias Lebbos

