
Incoming Speakers

Monday 24th November – Annual General Meeting

Forthcoming Events

Monday 24th – Annual General Meeting – Mt Erica Hotel 1PM

Tuesday 2nd – RC Malvern Business Breakfast Chapel Off Chapel

Wednesday December 10th – Christmas Party – see details below

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	<u>24.11.08</u>	<u>01.12.08</u>	<u>08.12.08</u>	<u>15.12.08</u>
House				
Committee	G Heeps	J Smith	J Morey	G Newton
Duty	J Smith	J Morey	G Heeps	C Southall
	12.00 Midday start			
Bulletin:	P Peters	P Peters	P Peters	P Peters



Bridge Club Roster

25.11.08 D Hardham; J. Harris

02.12.08 J. Harris; R. Liebmann

09.12.08 R. Liebmann; J. Mahon

16.12.08 J. Mahon; A. Walton

23.12.08 A. Walton; M. Morrison

30.12.08 M. Morrison; P. Peters

06.01.09 P. Peters; H. Robbins

13.01.09 H. Robbins; D. Rosenberg

20.01.09 D. Rosenberg; J. Smith

Bulletin

Rotary Club of Prahran



Meets Monday
Mt Erica Hotel
Corner High Street and Williams
Prahran
12.45 For 1PM Luncheon

Website: www.rotaryprahran.org

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Prahran Chartered 27th December 1955

President	Peter Schneider
Vice President	Graeme Newton
Secretary	Helen Robbins
Treasurer	John Harris
Bulletin Editor	Pike Peters

No. 2339 Monday November 24th 2008

Mount Erica Hotel

12.45 For 1.00 PM

Reception: G Heeps

Cashier: J Smith

Previous Meeting

Notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Prahran.

Members are hereby notified that the Annual General Meeting will occur on Monday 24th November during our regular Club Meeting.

Club Roster

President Peter announced that the current roster is not really working. **Two members must arrive at midday** to assist with setting up and running reception for the meetings.

This week: **Jim Smith and Geoff Heeps**

Fundraising: Prahran Market Sausage Sizzle on Saturday December 13th
Additional Sausage Opportunities! Council for Carols by Candlelight Dec 12 & 13...

Official thank you!!!! Benalla trip organized by Andrea Walton
Photos forthcoming.

Benalla Country Town Hall Dinners – last three Saturdays in January:
17, 24, 31 – Four to Six for each night – RC Benalla will organize catering & cinema for entertainment.

Jeremy Smith – Senior Archeologist Heritage Victoria

Chairman John Harris introduced Jeremy who is a lifelong friend with Simon Kinsella, John's son-in law. Simon and Jeremy grew up together – Best Man at Simon and Michelle's wedding. One time when Jeremy and Simon were little boys, the two decided to fill Jeremy's father's car with water. Needless to say, this early experimentation in alternate fuels reflected an interest in science and an innate curiosity about the world.

This led Jeremy to receiving an Honors degree in History and a Masters in Archeology

Jeremy's profession has seen him travel and participate in a Syrian dig on 3000 year old Syrian city.

Jeremy is the archeologist who is working on the forgotten cemetery at Pentridge Prison which has recently been in the news.



Ned Kelly

The interest generated by this archeological dig started at the Old Melbourne Gaol where executed inmates were buried in the grounds of the prison as was the practice in all Victorian prisons through the 20th Century. The current saga started at what was the Police Garage in City.

The plot was – acquired by RMIT – landscaping – re-discovered. Originally part of the Melbourne jail hospital – all bodies of executed prisoners, including Ned Kelly were buried there. The site became excess to the gaol's need and in 1929 the site was sold to Police for their garage. Upon selling the area, the bodies were dug up and sent to Pentridge. The original relocation was not delicately done – according to Jeremy there were 'bones everywhere'. Each resting place was marked with the initials of the prisoner buried there.

The 'perhaps most famous Australian' Ned Kelly's body was one that would be relocated in 1929. There was great interest, which included a group of school boys who were waiting for the burial marked 'EK' to be exhumed. When this happened, they souveniered all that they could, including a skull. The school boys, in all likelihood, got it wrong. The bones probably belonged to Ernest Knox. Jeremy mentioned that Ned's head was passed around after his execution like a bit of a trophy by the officials. There are now 3 or 4 skulls that supposedly used to reside on Ned Kelly's body!

A couple of years ago, the Police had no further need, and RMIT purchased the former burial ground. To everyone's surprise a couple of coffins were discovered during landscaping. This prompted the search for the Pentridge burials.

The search began with Prison records, and indeed one was found that shows the burial site at Pentridge. The sites include those grave for individuals, and also 3 mass graves, including one that contains the remains of Ned Kelly.

The commonly held belief was that the Cemetery at Pentridge was a triangular space where prisoners were buried, including Ronald Ryan in 1968 – BUT he was ONLY one in there.

So over 40 other individuals – including Ned Kelly – lots of notoriously famous people were missing.

Records from Prison systems are unusual, as prisons system are very secretive and have a ready labor force. The document that helped Jeremy and his team find the lost cemetery was an aerial photograph from 1955. The very bottom edge of the photo showed at the Eastern end of F Division building. There was a self-contained, un-mowed area surrounded by corrugated iron fences, reflecting the plan found earlier of the burials.

Jeremy and his team started the dig, and rapidly got onto the shapes of coffins. Interestingly the guards used to add quick lime to rapidly decay the bodies. However the soil and quick lime set like a plaster of Paris – preserving the outlines of the bodies very well.



As a result – 95% of the bodies were positively identified. The difficulty is with mass graves, especially for bodies without craniums (including Ned). The law is being changed where remains can be returned to families.

Other News

Rotary Club Christmas Celebration 2008

Wednesday 10th December

Nibbles and Cheer at Paterson's Cakes

Followed by a *Rhapsody* at NICA!



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Forget everything you thought you knew about circus this summer because NICA is redefining it with a bold new show, *Rhapsody*. Stripping back all tradition from the art form and starting again, *Rhapsody* is a raw hour of circus.

A contemporary take on the myth of Narcissus; the boy who fell in love with his own reflection, *Rhapsody* is a dynamic new work that incorporates edge of your seat urban choreography with live multimedia, to an ecstatic sound score. It stretches the physical vocabulary of circus, embracing experimentation, improvisation and risk taking in an attempt to explore a fresh new vision for Australian youth circus and physical theatre.

The production examines society and the role that interactive media such as the internet has in identity formation and social connection. Join us literally in a MySpace and Facebook world, as we engage in 'flying' in and across cyberspace and going 'on-line' into the realms of fantasy and beyond.

Rhapsody will not only take your breath away with the bold physical roles taken on by this year's NICA performers, it will also explore and engage with interactive technologies in a study of social interaction and isolation. This is a world where identity is fluid, where you will never be beautiful, fabulous or famous enough.

Book your spot today with President Peter:

- ❖ Email: info@patersonscakes.com.au
- ❖ Text: 0417 322 617
- ❖ In Person: Monday lunch at Mt Erica!

