
Incoming Speakers

15th December Sylvie Jonas – Inclusion Melbourne – Chair R.Liebmann

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday December 9th – Board Meeting

Wednesday December 10th – Christmas Party – see details below

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	<u>10.12.08</u>	<u>15.12.08</u>	<u>22.12.08</u>	
House				
Committee	J Morey	G Newton	C Southall	
Duty	G Heeps	C Southall	T McCarthy	
12.00 Midday start				
Bulletin:	P Peters	P Peters	P Peters	P Peters



Bridge Club Roster

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

No Monday Meeting 8.12.08

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. 2342 Wednesday December 10th 2008

Christmas Celebration

6.00 for 6.30 at Paterson's Cakes

Reception: G Heeps

Cashier: J Morey

Previous Meeting

Club Roster

President Peter announced that the current roster is not really working. **Two members must arrive at 6PM** to assist with setting up and running reception for the meetings.

This week: **Geoff Heeps and John Morey**

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

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.

“Three Kick Rule”

A big city lawyer went duck hunting in rural North Cowra. He shot and dropped a bird, but it fell into a farmer's field on the other side of a fence.

As the lawyer climbed over the fence, and elderly farmer drove up on his tractor and asked him what he was doing. The litigator responded, “ I shot a duck and it fell in this field, and now I am going to retrieve it.”

The old farmer replied, “ This is my property, and you are not coming over here.”

The indignant lawyer said, “ I am one of the best trial lawyers in Australia, and if you don't let me get that duck, I'll sue you and take everything you own.

The old farmer smiled and said, “Apparently you don't know how we settle disputes in North Cowra. We settle small disagreements like this with the ‘Three Kick Rule’.”

The lawyer asked, “What is the ‘three kick rule’?”

The farmer replied, “Well, because the dispute occurs on my land, I get to go first. I kick you three times and then you kick me three times and son on back and forth until someone gives up.”

The lawyer quickly thought about the proposed contest and decided that he could easily take the old codger. He agreed to abide by the local custom.

The old farmer slowly climbed down from the tractor and walked up to the attorney. His first kick planted the toe of his heavy steel-toed work boot into the lawyer's groin and dropped him to his knees. His second kick to the midriff sent the lawyer's last meal gushing from his mouth. The lawyer was on all fours when the farmer's third kick to his rear end sent him face first into a fresh cow pie.

Summoning every bit of his will and remaining strength the lawyer very slowly managed to get to his feet. Wiping his face with the arm of his jacket he said, “Okay, you old fart. Now it's my turn.”

The old farmer smiled and said, “Nah, I give up. You can have the duck.”

When you are educated, you'll believe only half of what you hear. When you are intelligent, you know which half.

(Thanks to Ross who sourced the joke!)

Crossroads: memorable moments with Dick Hardham.

Our esteemed member, Dick Hardham recently heard speaker about history of Melbourne.

This prompted Dick to think about memorable moment, particularly with the current turmoil. In Dick's words, "We are at a crossroads – very unreal situation and we don't know what is ahead". But like in many challenging situations, decisions made will determine the outcome.

So what moments have stood out for Richard from 1930 to 2008?

Born in Glen Eira Road, he was a local boy to our club, but lived early childhood in Healesville. Healesville at that time was very much on the outskirts. Dick remembers that many people rode their horses to school and still conducted much transport by horse.

Dick's grandmother took him to the big smoke to witness the celebrations of Melbourne's Centenary in 1934. Dick and his grandmother went to Port Melbourne where much of the British Navy was at anchor. The fleet accompanied the Duke of Gloucester who was the Royal family's representative for the Centenary.

Dick also saw the de Havilland with winners Black and Scott fly over at the end of the MacRobertson Trophy air race from London to Melbourne. The welcoming procession came up Elizabeth Street. Dick remembers looking up at the State Savings Bank building. People were throwing streamers – trying to throw across to other side. A man fell off roof, 'fell like confetti' onto the verandah below. This made a huge impression on Dick – he attributes the experience to his fear of heights.

Follow this link for vision of the Great Air Race:

<http://au.youtube.com/watch?v=wVIRICoBJ0>

The next memory is from January 13, 1939 when the great bushfires swept through Victoria. Dick remembers not being able to see much, but hearing a constant rumbling. When the sun went down the mountains and hills were illuminated as the fire raced from tree to tree.

On 3 Sept 1939 Richard next memory happened during school holidays. The PM announced that there had been no German withdrawal from Poland. As a

result, the British Empire was now at war with Germany – and this of course included Australia.

Richard went back to school beginning of term. His teacher explained that lots of things you have now you won't be able to buy. The paper quality in you books will decline

The next crossroads that Dick remembers is when the Japanese bombed the US Navy at Pearl Harbor. In Australia it was Sunday December 7th. At that point Dick's teacher declared that the war will end for us in victory. It was felt that the allies couldn't lose with the US on their side.

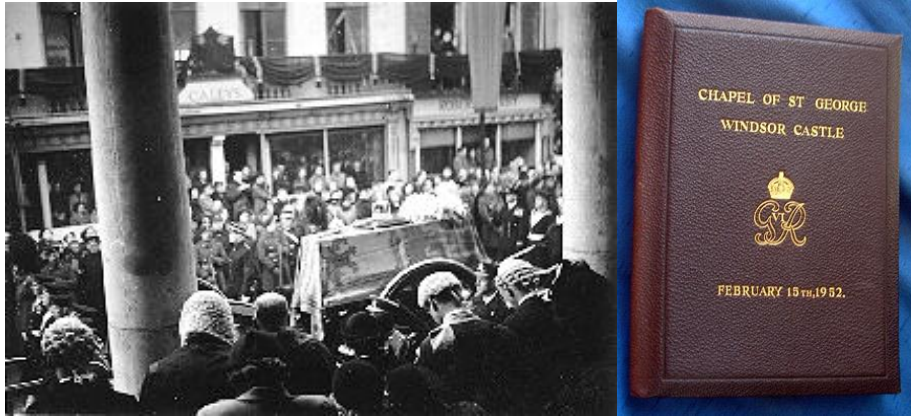
Dick went to University High School. He remembers that the US Marines took over Royal Melbourne Hospital. Taking the tram from East Melbourne Dick saw the headline announcing the dropping of the Atomic bomb. This was an opinion for which we shouldn't apologize. The allies would have sustained 2 Million casualties if the bomb wasn't used.

A friend of Dick's was headed to Nagasaki, and upon arriving surmised that the allies would have had to destroyed Japan to win war. Glad we took that turn in that particular crossroads.



In 1952 Dick was in London studying dentistry. He stopped at Buckingham palace to see the King returning from airport, where he had been seeing Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh off to South Africa on their honeymoon. Dick thought he looked terribly ill. The King died two days later. Witnessing the King became a crossroads for Dick. He decided to stay as he thought the Royal funeral would be worth seeing.

He waited 3 hours until 1 AM in Victoria Hall amazing. The Hall was Candlelit and in the centre a bier with coffin scepter, orb and crown. The coffin was draped in the Royal Standard. Dick says it was a scent that couldn't be reproduced in Hollywood.



He extended his stay for the Coronation, and met Joan through friends. This was a personal and incredible crossroads. One thing led to another. He remembers staying with Joan in her flat in South Kensington (spent the night, even though they were not engaged). On the morning of the Coronation the headlines announced that Everest had been climbed. They had delayed the announcement for the coronation – perfect stage management!

The great Crossroad for Melbourne came in 1956 with the Olympics. Dick and Joan came back in 1954. Joan remarks that the place was so parochial, inward looking that without the change brought by the Olympics she wouldn't have liked to live here.



On drama that occurred was that the Hungarian Team defected to Australia en masse as a result of the Russian invasion. They were only part of a lot of new arrivals from Southern Europe. And the cooking took off and restaurants were established, and this city changed forever.

In 1963 when in Toronto the hospital closed because JFK had been assassinated in Dallas. Dick and Joan were deeply affected and watch the drama unfolding on the TV with their 4 kids. They actually saw Lee Harvey Oswald being shot on TV by Jack Ruby – incredible.



Dick missed the Cuban Missile crisis (1962) in North America. Although not there he saw the aftermath. On a driving holiday they followed the fallout shelter signs to Great Smoky Mountains from Washington DC.

The next incredible moment was the Moon landing 1969. During the broadcast he had a patient, but he didn't do his teeth, they sat together and watched TV instead. Later Dick met Neil Armstrong.

The current crossroads (aside from our financial uncertainty) is the World wide web and international communications which has changed the world by stealth...



Other News

Rotary Club Christmas
Celebration 2008

Wednesday 10th December
Nibbles and Cheer at
Paterson's Cakes
Followed by a *Rhapsody* at
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- ❖ Text: 0417 322 617
- ❖ In Person: Monday lunch at Mt Erica!