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### Incoming Speakers

15<sup>th</sup> December Sylvie Jonas – Inclusion Melbourne – Chair R.Liebmann

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### Forthcoming Events

**No Meetings on Monday December 29<sup>th</sup> and Monday January 5**

Next regularly scheduled meeting **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 12 2009**

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	<u>12.01.09</u>	<u>19.01.09</u>	<u>02.02.09</u>	
House				
Committee	T McCarthy	C Panoussi	G Newton	
Duty	C Panoussi	G Newton	R Liebmann	
	<b>12.00 Midday start</b>			
Bulletin:	TBA	TBA	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](http://www.rotaryprahran.org)

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

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**No. 2343 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2008**

**Rotary Quiz**

**12.45 for 1.00 PM – Mt Erica Hotel**

Reception: C Southall

Cashier: T McCarthy

## 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: **Chris Southall and Tom McCarthy**

Congratulations to John Plowright for donating a Hothouse to the Tibet Project.

Well done to President Peter for such a memorable Christmas Party!

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.

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## **Inclusion Melbourne.**

Sylvie Jonas – Community Development Manager

Established 60 years ago as Gawith Villa, Inclusion Melbourne is an organization committed to people with disability in Melbourne.

Gawith Villa changed its name in September at the AGM. The new name *Inclusion Melbourne* is thought to better reflected the aims of the organization.

We all enjoyed hearing from some of the people who work with Inclusion Melbourne and the people who benefit from the service in an excellent 10 minute long video.

Some of the great stories include:

- Jeremy who has a great passion of the Melbourne Football Club. Inclusion Melbourne arranged for his membership and then investigated ways for Jeremy to get involved. He joined the cheer squad and helps to make the banner. In his own words, he 'just wants to see Melbourne in the top 8'
- Dora did work placements at Dimmey's and now has a paid position at the store. Note: Dora received a Shine on Award from our Club.
- Francis has two passions: airplanes and gardening. Inclusion Melbourne found him a placement at Point Cook Air Force Museum. He is now very confident and goes every week to tend the gardens.

- Kael has a passion for movie. He now works in a cinema. He looks forward to coming to work and has made genuine friends.
- Cheryl loves animals and has found her true calling caring for animals for an elderly lady, she has gained a really close relationship and sense of self through this contact.
- Deb and Lee-Anne have become close through Inclusion Melbourne's program *Circle of Friends*. This program develops a group of people who care about people with special needs.

We then learned from Sylvie about the learning activities, gym, horseriding, numeracy and literacy programs run by Inclusion Melbourne. Inclusion Melbourne also runs accredited, nationally recognized programs in Literacy and Numeracy.

Through their programs people also learn social skills – great improvements in their skills with the courses. A great example is Dawn, who goes dancing each week in Prahran.

Another innovative program is called *Leisure Buddies*. Through these contacts the clients of Inclusion Melbourne undertake regularly scheduled activities such as excersizing, have a meal of just hang out with people of similar ages with similar interests.

Inclusion Melbourne has 150 volunteers. This includes 85 active volunteers who are involved in activities at least once a week. This is a huge commitment but the organization keeps their volunteer's engaged.

Part of Sylvie's job is to increase the profile of Inclusion Melbourne. They are busy establishing new contacts with business, and have developed a large contact list.

The recruitment of volunteers sees Inclusion Melbourne using innovative strategies including internet postings on seek.com.au, University websites and local papers.

In summary, Inclusion Melbourne does an incredible job of providing individualized support through their support coordinator and with the help of these volunteers.

**Wishing everyone a safe and happy Holiday break! See you all on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January.**

