

Incoming Speakers

30th March – Michael Colman – Antique Clocks

Forthcoming Events

9th May – Café Internationale – International House Melbourne University

27th May – RC Malvern's 50th Anniversary – Malvern Town Hall – official RC Prahra Meeting

4th July – Christmas in July - Rotary Foundation dinner at Lynne Wilton's – Book with Andrea Walton!

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	<u>30.03.09</u>	<u>06.04.09</u>	<u>14.04.09</u>	<u>20.04.09</u>
House				NIGHT
Committee	J Mahon	P Peters	E Cohen	H Robbins
Duty	P Peters	E Cohen	J Smith	A Walton
	12.30 start; 6.00 Night Meetings			
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Bridge Club Roster (7PM to 8.30PM)

31.03.09 D Hardham; J. Harris

07.04.09 J Harris; P Buxton

14.04.09 P Buxton; J Mahon

21.04.09 J Mahon; P Peters

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Rotary Club of Prahra



Meets Monday

Mt Erica Hotel

Corner High Street and Williams

Prahra

12.45 For 1PM Luncheon

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Prahra Chartered 27th December 1955

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

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Michael Colman – Antique Clocks

12.45 for 1.00 PM – Mt Erica Hotel

Reception: C Southall

Cashier: T McCarthy

Katherine Cocks – Environmental Educational

Officer For the City of Stonnington



Katherine Cocks is the Environmental education officer for Stonnington and made her Rotary speaking debut with us on Monday. She was not mystified by what we do as her dad is a member of the Rotary Club of Canterbury!

For Councils like Stonnington, waste is the way to take environmental action. This is graphically illustration with the vision of Melbournians filling the MCG 4 times every two months with our rubbish!

In Stonnington, we are good, environmentally aware folks – sending 40% of our waste as recycling. This will need to improve, though as we face a State target of 75% recycling in the future.

In Stonnington, 40,000 rubbish bins are provided by the council, and 9,000 green waste bins are provided for a nominal fee (as there are so many apartment dwellers that don't require a green waste bin). However 26% of discarded rubbish is green waste – so that is the area where the biggest strides can be made. And there is the slick new waste transfer station in Tooronga Road where the stuff that doesn't fit can be dropped off – including:

- Green waste
- Cardboard
- Batteries
- Light globes (including the new compact flouresence ones that have some nasty chemicals)
- Oil
- Scrap metal
- Mobile phones (also at Pools, Libraries and Town Halls)

In addition on July 18th the City is undertaking the first **Detox your home** collection – so bring your gas bottles, paint tins, pool chemicals and other nasties to the above-mentioned first-class collection centre – **but you MUST BOOK!**

Aside from an obsession with bins and rubbish, Katherine (who was a primary school teacher) spreads the word amongst school children. There are now many schools that do a 'nude food' day regularly where kids bring lunches without packaging.

Some more tips on recycling:

- Plastic grades from 1 to 7 are acceptable
- Don't put your recycling in plastic bags. The bags confuse the machine – and you get plastic contaminating the paper
- No polystyrene (nasty stuff – BUT classed as a 6 recyclable)
- No paper towels or serviettes – the fibres are too short
- Computers are recyclable – have valuable and dangerous components

Also there are ways for us to 'close the recycling loop' such as buying mulch that is derived from our garden waste.

Katherine made this talk enjoyable and informative – great props; and a great delivery – we all learned a lot.

Club Vision – Christine from RC Essendon North

Christine presented a very interesting approach for Club strategic planning called Club Vision.

The idea of Club Vision is to allow for continuity and consensus when planning beyond the horizon of Rotary's 12 month cycles.

Club Vision challenges us to think of our club in 5 years: what size is the membership? What is the community profile? What is the Club image within District?

Club Vision is a change to take time out – the session runs for about 4 hours on a Saturday, involving a minimum of 10 people who represent a cross-section of the Club.

District provides the Facilitator. The Club has to budget for materials (paper, pens, post its, markers) and refreshments. Each Participant completes a Club Benchmarking survey, and then are surveyed again in 12 months time.

The Clubs who have chosen to participate in Club Vision have increased membership and member satisfaction after taking part in a session. Sounds like a great idea....

Get Well Soon!



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Lewis Woolf has been visited by Fred Rees who says he is looking and feeling well – go Lewis!!!

Always Remember – Rotary rocks!

