

Bulletin

Rotary Club of Prahran



Meets Monday
Mt Erica Hotel
Corner High Street and Williams Road
Prahran
12.45 For 1PM Luncheon 6.30 for 7.00 Second Monday of Month
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Prahran Chartered 27th December 1955

President	Graeme Newton
Vice President	Peter Angwin
Secretary	Helen Robbins
Treasurer	John Harris
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Previous Meeting:

Guest Speaker:	International Relocations Sue Stirling
Guests	Lana Newton, Fred Rees, Glenn Gidman, James Sullivan
Apologies	Lewis Woolfe, Doug Crittenden, Claude Ullin, Ross Liebmann
Make Ups	John Harris – Malvern, Pike Peters – District Leadership Team Mtg

Mt.
Erica



Sauvignon Blanc

750ml

13.5% Alc/Vol 8.3 standard drinks
Preservative 220 added
Mt Erica Hotel
Cnr High St & Williams Rd
Prahran Victoria 3181

**No. 2367 – Monday 13th July 2009
Night Meeting**

6.30PM for a 7.00 PM Start

Reception
Cashier:

C Southall
D Rosenberg



6th July 2009
Speaker - Sue Stirling
Chairman - Chris Southall

International Real Estate Relocations

Imagine....

That you are 40 years old with 3 kids (1 in high school, 1 in primary, 1 not yet school age).

You have a newly renovated house in Brighton. You are busy climbing the corporate ladder, and then you get relocated around the world.

Sue is on receiving end. Many people arrived thinking that Melbourne was the end of the world. Now with Google, people come armed with knowledge that makes overcoming misconceptions much easier.

There are some key considerations: Kids? Private Schooling? Most are looking for Coeducation, and an International Baccalaureate offering for senior schools.

- Upon Arrival Sue arranges short term accommodation
- School interviews – they will choose – then you look for accommodation near school
- Many Europeans want to live by the beach – Brighton is popular
 - Often their rental budgets are too low – so you show houses to fit the budget – then they decide they don't like Melbourne
- Challenges for first week: everything wrong:
 - Weather, house is wrong (why wooden window frames – in Germany they are metal?!) A variety of negatives come with the cultural difference. Most Europeans don't like carpet
 - Carry on about bathrooms – worry about mould growing; expect that their house must be SPOTLESS. When they leave in 3 or 4 years later – sometimes you have a mess. One example – brand new apartment – the tenants didn't clean the shower in 2 years...
- Role is placating, assuring them that all is OK and they will be very comfortable.
 - One couple arrived from Germany – 32 weeks pregnant – had to arrange for a public hospital – Royal Melbourne Hospital – one doctor on duty was a professor – put her in touch with private



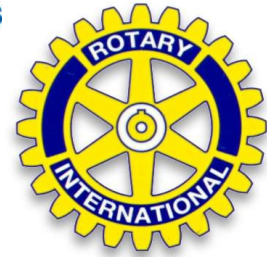
Lana Newton & Sue Stirling.

gynecologist – had great care with the birth. She was used to working – but at home with baby. Son vowed after two years he would come back to Melbourne.

- Sometimes there is a language problem – their English is as strong as our French, German or Spanish – using sign language, etc...
 - Met some interesting people – have often had orphans at Christmas lunch. Best friends for a while – they offer to cook a meal (then they make friends and forget they know you!).
 - By end of 3-4 years – kids are settled, lots have friends through schools or hobbies – they have realized that Melbourne is one of the best places in the world to live – there is a trauma in packing up to move not necessarily home.

Sue has found that the challenge of relocation helps to forge family as a unit... out of adversity the husband and wife work together.

- Funny things: heading for Halloween (the family initially didn't settle) – where do I get a pumpkin – happened to see one in Albert Park – bought it and dropped it in...
- 13 year old son and 10 year old daughter – hadn't told children the kids were moving – son picked up a call someone asked 'how do you feel about moving to Australia?' – kid threw phone at father.
 - About 6 families who have become Australians (mostly Brits). One woman moved with a 2 year old and 2 month old – shared a lot of feelings – sometimes isolated as a result of leaving their home countries.



Sue is usually contracted by a company. There are still a lot of big companies that don't offer the service.

- French company – very mean with a rental allowance of only \$700/week; some others typically \$2000/week
- Moving around the wife is often isolated – Sue sees this as a problem (particularly when people do it on their own). A good start
- Once a month have a morning tea for the 'trailing spouse'...

For the 2009/2010 Rotary Year
Night Meetings will be held on the following dates
So please update your diaries, iphones & Blackberries!

2090

13th July

10th August

21st September with the DG attending

12th October

9th November

14th December Doug's 50th year in Rotary

2010

8th February (2010)

12th April

10th May

2010 ROTARY SUBSCRIPTION IS DUE!

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Incoming Speakers

13th July - Jason Sprague – Collecting Natural History

Forthcoming Events

For District News, please go to: www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au

Bridge Club Roster:

<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>
	4 Hal Levy
14 Pike Peters	11 Helen Robbins
21 Eric Cohen	18 Andrea Walton
28 Geoff Heeps	25 Jim Smith

	<u>13.07.09 Night</u>	<u>20.07.09</u>	<u>27.07.09</u>	<u>03.08.09</u>	<u>10.08.09 Night</u>
House	C Southall	H Robbins	T McCarthy	J Mahon	P Angwin
Committee	D Rosenberg	P Peters	J Mahon	P Angwin	A Walton
Duty	J Mahon	J Smith	P Schneider	J Plowright	J Morey
Bulletin:	S Smith	P Peters	P Peters	P Peters	P Peters

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