

From the President Alick Osborne

The highlight of my week was the International Women's Day breakfast organised by Women in Rotary on Thursday morning.

A great panel, an interesting and thought provoking discussion, with over 1,000 people up early to be challenged and inspired. It was my first time to attend and I was lucky enough to have my daughter Emily and colleague Samantha along with me. Not to mention sharing the table with the girls we sponsored from Sacred Heart College. They made a point of thanking RCEM for inviting them and covering the cost of their breakfast.



Paul & Mischa at the International Women's Day Breakfast.

By all accounts Jason Ball gave a heart-warming and provocative presentation at the Stonnington Cluster meeting on Wednesday night.

Remember that on **Wednesday 13th March** we are in the city with Dean Stewart our Indigenous tour guide. Meeting at **6pm in Enterprize Park** beside the Yarra River just upstream from the Melbourne Aquarium.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED URGENTLY

Tuesdays (school term) 4:30 – 5:15 PM
Phoenix Park, Rob Roy Rd Malvern East

One on one dancing with children with special needs (no prior experience required)
Teaching dance steps
Tea, coffee, clean up
Administration

CONTACT ROSEMARY

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Mini Golf (Maintenance)

Please come along to Hein's toy store (Carnegie Smart Hire 21-25 Coora Road Oakleigh South) on Thursday 14th March at 5:00 pm to dust off the Mini Golf set and give it a happy birthday paint job and general maintenance.

Bunnings BBQ

Saturday 16th March

You know the drill folks. 6-8 volunteers required. Please contact Chris Don.





And Fabulous Silent Auction and Hampers!! We are starting to get some great support from sponsors so please support the people who are supporting us! We are still looking for more goodies for hampers and the Silent Auction – Please contact Paul and Tania with any items you can rustle up!

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Wednesday 13th March Indigenous Walking Tour

This meeting will be a little different – we will be going to meet our speaker and taking a walking tour of significant indigenous sites along the Yarra River.

Dean Stewart is a passionate Wemba Wemba-Wergaia man of Victoria, with over 25 years' experience creating, co-ordinating and conducting Cultural Education, tourism, conservation and interpretation programs.

We will be joining Dean at **Enterprize Park**, just upstream of the Melbourne Aquarium on the Flinders Street (city) side of the Yarra **at 6:00 pm. Cost \$30 per person. Please RSVP "YES" to Alick & Lyle.**



We will meet beside the Aboriginal Art (totem) poles. Guests welcome (but there is a limit of around 35 people). We are looking at dinner locations for those who wish to stay afterwards.



Wednesday 20th March

Preparation for the Family Fun Day / A Taste of France event.

Chair: Chris Don
Welcome: Tania & Hein
Sergeant: Hein

Mock Interviews in the UK

Source: Rotary Great Britain and Ireland website.

Rotary members in Wrexham have been giving their time and expertise for 17 years to help young people take their next, important steps in life.

The Mock Interview Experience, created by Wrexham Erddig Rotary Club, is intended to give pupils more familiarity, practice and confidence in presenting themselves well at upcoming interviews for employment or further education.

Since the project began in its current format in 2002, over 12,000 year 11 pupils have received mock interviews, with Rotary members giving over 2,500 volunteer hours to make the project a valuable one for the young people who take part.

The interviews allow pupils to be tested on their communication, ability to answer questions, presentation skills as well as giving an opportunity to have their CVs critiqued.

Trefor Roberts, a member of the club and Mock Interview Coordinator explained, “The award of a National Lottery Grant in 2002 provided us with the finances to develop the materials: an interviewer’s guide, core questions, pupil assessment form and a Guide to Your Next Interview document. All these ensured a more professional and consistent approach to the process.

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“The Mock Interview Experience is not intended to be job or career specific. The intention is to develop the interviewee’s responses and ability to present themselves in the best light to impress the interviewer.

“Feedback to the interviewee is an important and integral part of the process.”

The project continues to grow, with assistance also coming from members of Wrexham’s three other Rotary clubs as well as Careers Wales.

In fact, it is not unusual to have up to 30 interviewers in a room at once for the three hour sessions.

This success has led to the club winning the Rotary in Great Britain and Ireland Vocational Service Cup for 2018/19, which recognises the outstanding use of occupational skills by Rotary members and clubs for the benefit of others.

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Christopher Wilkinson, Headteacher at one of the participating schools, St Joseph’s Catholic and Anglican High School, commented: “I cannot stress enough the benefit [the pupils] get from the process.

“For some 16-year-olds, the thought of attending an interview can be somewhat overwhelming, whilst others may underestimate the importance of that first meeting when applying for jobs.

“To be able to meet a professional person for the first time in this setting, where their CV, hopes and ambitions are discussed, is invaluable.”

Feedback from pupils has been extremely positive.

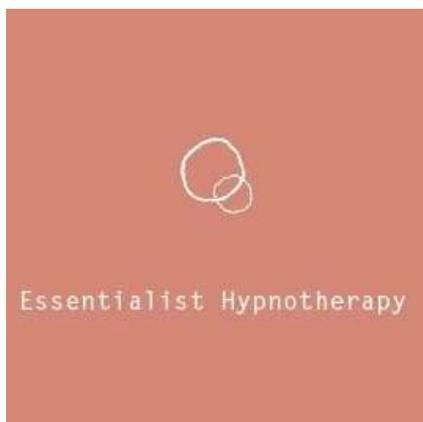
“It was a wonderful experience” explained one participant. “The feedback given really boosted by confidence for future job applications and interviews.”

“The mock interview day made me understand not only how to improve my CV, but also social skills such as eye contact.” said another.

The concept is one which has gathered significant attention around the world with clubs across Great Britain and Ireland and the United States adopting

the Mock Interview Experience in their own communities.

Our Taste of France Sponsors



Footnote: BOOKS – we need good quality second hand books (no text books or encyclopaedias). Contact Rod K for delivery details...0427993492.