

From the President Tania Aisbett



Our guest speaker was the amazing humanitarian Sedtha Long who we know as the founder of Build Your Future Today, our in-country partner for our project in Cambodia.

Sedtha expressed his appreciation on behalf of the villagers in Cambodia for the incredible support that his team receives from Australia including the Rotary Club of Chadstone Eat Malvern.

Programs around education, peace, community development and water/sanitation are the driving needs for villagers. Whilst education is the prime outcome from BFT programs (the future being determined by the education you undertake today) clean water and food are the first needs to be met.

Sedtha said that the three Rotary Clubs in Australia (Paddington in Brisbane, Chadstone East Malvern in Melbourne and Upper Northern Beaches in Sydney) proposal for Rotary funding with a Global Grant will advance village changes by more than ten years for some villages as the funds will allow four villages to be developed together rather than one after one under the BFT four year plan.

Paul Rake reminded the Club that it was Past District Governor Bronwyn Stephens (then as our Assistant Governor) that inspired the club to connect with projects in Cambodia through District's World of Difference program.

Tony James from Rotary Club of Upper Northern Beaches spoke about how he first became involved with BFT including spending six months with his wife Steph working at the BFT Centre in Siem Reap to ensure the bona fides of BFT. He reminded us that it was a doctor from the Rotary Club in Glen Waverley that encouraged Sedtha to start BFT and funded the first three years for a village development.

The Week That Was Bunnings BBQ – Sat 19 Oct

\$647 in takings so after costs that means another \$450 in our fundraising efforts.

Thanks to Frank, Kathryn, Lyle, Amy, Janet, Chris, Alick and Rosemary.



Janet at the hot plate – she reckons she has never cooked anything on a BBQ before!

District 9800 Walk to End Polio



The End Polio Now walkers at Albert Park on Saturday 19th October.



DG Grant warming up the crowd at the start.

RCEM Upcoming Events

The Market – Saturday 9th November



Upcoming Meetings Wednesday 23rd October

RCEM Club Birthday

Social Evening

Guests, Partners and Friends all Welcome!

Two course meal \$35 (pay on arrival).

Soft Drinks \$3.50 (Italian soft drinks \$5)

and beer/wine \$7.00

Honesty system for drink payments.



Date: Wednesday, 23rd October
Time: 6.30pm
Venue: Just Italy Restaurant,
Address: 32 High Street, Glen Iris, 3146
Website: https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0254/7466/2434/files/Glen_Iris.pdf?192
RSVP: Lyle 0408 585 266

Wednesday 30th October



Speaker: Rhonda Harris – Level Crossing Removal Authority.

“We’re removing 75 level crossings – with 30 already gone for good”

Welcome: Sandi & Richard

Chair: Trevor “I love infrastructure” Simpson-Bull.

Sergeant: Mark

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Ending Polio - Progress

Leading Muslim clerics have issued fatwas supporting Pakistan’s polio vaccination program in an effort to end Islamist violence against medical staff and dispel panic that the shots can be fatal.

The Council of Islamic Ideology, which advises politicians on whether laws are compliant with Islam, has declared the polio vaccine to be safe. Videos on social media claiming the vaccine was fatal to children fuelled a series of riots in which a health clinic in Peshawar was set on fire.

Thousands of families have refused treatment and confirmed cases reached the highest since 2014. Islamist militants have murdered four medical workers in the belief that polio teams are Western spies or part of a plot to sterilise the population.

As a result the government turned to the Islamic council for help and clerics issued fatwas throughout the country. One states: “Doctors’ research suggests that these drops and vaccines are useful for the prevention of harmful diseases and this polio vaccine is not dangerous.”

Babar Bin Atta, head of the polio drive, said the council’s intervention was vital to combat disinformation. “People think that polio eradication is a Western program. We have to teach them there is nothing un-Islamic about it,” he said.

Pakistan is one of three countries where polio is prevalent, along with Afghanistan and Nigeria. More than 40 million children have been vaccinated this year, but the virus has been found in sewage samples from several cities. Missteps by the West have also fuelled conspiracy theories. The CIA used a fake vaccination program to help to hunt Osama bin Laden in Pakistan. The next year more than a million more people refused treatment.

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