



# ROTARY CLUB OF BOX HILL



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Bill Boyd, the Rotary Foundation Trustees Chairman, shares this message:

“With your help, we have made tremendous progress in the fight to eradicate polio. We are at an historic moment -- less than 1% away from the end of polio forever. In honor of **World Polio Day on 24 October 2011**, we are asking for your help to tell the world about Rotary's achievements and to finish the job. **We would like you to encourage your members to participate in two major online initiatives:** a 2-for-1 donation recognition campaign and a social media push promoting Rotary's global polio eradication efforts.

### **2-for-1 RECOGNITION**

During the week of 24-28 October 2011, **donors will receive 2- for-1 recognition for every online contribution of US\$100 or more** made to PolioPlus on [www.rotary.org/contribute](http://www.rotary.org/contribute). You must be registered with Rotary's **Member Access** prior to making an online contribution. *Member Access* provides Rotarians with online services and other important features - please visit [www.rotary.org/memberaccess](http://www.rotary.org/memberaccess).

**The promotion will begin on 6am, Central Standard Time (CST), on Monday, 24 October, and end at 12 noon sharp (CST), on Friday, 28 October.** Please note that contributions on [www.rotary.org/contribute](http://www.rotary.org/contribute) are in US dollars and 11 other Rotary supported currencies, including AUD. Also, online contributions cannot be made on behalf of another individual, club, or district. We expect to have a high volume of online traffic associated with this promotion. Please allow 4-6 weeks for the promotional recognition to appear on your account and to request recognition materials.

### **"THIS CLOSE" PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

Rally your members and spread the word to friends and family to participate in an exciting online campaign.



To encourage widespread support for the effort to eradicate polio, Rotary has recruited a select group of notables for a “**This Close**” public awareness campaign. These public service announcements emphasize that Rotary is 99 percent toward its goal to eradicate this disease.

You can join the ranks of high-profile participants right now by creating your own “**We're 'This Close' to Ending Polio**” image, sharing with members of your social networks, and encouraging them to do the same by visiting [www.thisclose.net](http://www.thisclose.net).

Together we can celebrate this year's World Polio Day by bringing global attention to Rotary's work to eradicate polio.

**Thank you for your ongoing commitment to Rotary's *End Polio Now* campaign.”**

In honour of **WORLD POLIO DAY** – I would encourage all Rotarians to wear something **ORANGE** to next week's club meeting!

**\*\* STOP PRESS \*\*** I have received word via PP David Tolstrup that our GSE candidate from Victoria Police, **Liz Tarquinio**, successfully completed her District Interview yesterday and will be heading off to Texas in April 2012 as a vital part of the D9810 GSE team. **YEE-HAA!**

Liz will be attending our club meeting tomorrow night, and I am looking forward to offering her our personal congratulations – as now doubt you will too.

“*Reach Within To Embrace Humanity*” – and have a great week in Rotary service!

*Tim Lynn*

PRESIDENT

## Rotary Invocation

For Good Food, good fellowship, and the opportunity of Service through Rotary, we thank you O Lord.

Amen

### LAST MEETING

The meeting was started by Malcolm Webster with the Rotary Grace and Toast.

President Tim Lynn welcomed members to the meeting. He also welcomed guest speaker Peter Adams, and visitor from Warrandyte Donvale Rotary Club Liz Guiver.

Tim also welcomed back Mick Matthews and Ross McPhail from their travels.

### Fund raising for Human Development Foundation, Mercy Centre, Klong Toey, Bangkok – Liz Guiver

PP of Warrandyte Donvale Rotary Club, Liz Guiver visited to give an update and thank our club for its contribution to the effort by the Clubs in the North Clusters (Manningham & Whitehorse Municipal areas) to provide funds for a matching grant project for the Human Development Foundation Mercy Centre in Klong Toey, Bangkok.

The Mercy Centre, which has nearly 20 years of experience in serving the poor with HIV in Thailand, was seeking \$47,500 to pilot a replicable training model workshop to HIV/AIDS organizations working with children in poor communities.

Warrandyte Donvale RC along with financial support from clubs in our cluster (including our own Box Hill RC) and RC Bangkok (the host club) have now raised amounts totalling \$20,000.

Liz was pleased to announce that, with the benefit of the matching grant multiplier effect with DDF (District Designated Funds) and The Rotary Foundation, the target amount of \$47,500 has now been achieved. An excellent effort for a worthy cause.

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### Update on our Group Study Exchange candidate

Our candidate for Group Study Exchange, Liz Tarquinio (of Box Hill Police) has passed the first round of the selection process, and will shortly pass on to the second round. We wish her luck.

The successful candidates will go to Texas next year.

### Nominating Committee – Welcome to Bruce McKenzie and Rob Bishop

President Tim was pleased to announce that Bruce McKenzie and Rob Bishop have been appointed to the Nominating Committee.

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President Tim then handed the conduct of the meeting to Chairman for the evening, David Tolstrup, who called for Committee Reports and announcements.

### Secretary – Mick Matthews

Mick thanked Robert Leach for standing in with the secretarial duties in his absence.

Mick announced make ups.

He also gave advance notice that our AGM will be on 29<sup>th</sup> November.

### Op Shop – Clem Joyce

Clem Joyce said that profits in September were the lowest for some time, in part due to a number of expenses which were due for payment in that month.

However, the cheque for \$1,800 which he was able to present to President Tim is still a great effort, and was gratefully received.

This brings the total raised since the Op Shop started to \$429,800. Well done, Clem and his team.

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**Guest speaker –**  
**Peter Adams**

**Topic – Islam – A personal perspective**

Peter Adams gave us a fascinating insight into Islam from his personal perspective, as a 34 year convert to the faith.

Peter began by explaining that he has a very Anglo/Celtic background, dating back to the convict settlers, and has father and grand father who have fought for Australia in war, and has a Presbyterian heritage. Peter was also a school mate of our own David Tolstrup.

Peter has a science degree from the University of Melbourne, and he said that despite not being very religious, he always had a notion that there is a guiding force in the Universe.

His conversion to Islam however was initially more because it was a requirement if he was to marry the love of his life, who he met when working in Indonesia in the 1970s, and who is a devout Muslim.

For the first 10 years of his married life, Peter would stand outside the mosque, whilst his wife and children were inside praying.

Then in 2003, he was diagnosed with Lymphoma, and was treated and recovered. Four years ago he had quadruple bypass surgery, which was also successful. In addition to thanking the medical staff, he also wanted to thank God.

Whilst in the recovery room, he made a promise to his wife that he would go to Mecca, and last year the pilgrimage to Mecca took place. (Going on a pilgrimage to Mecca once in your life is one of the pillars of the Islam faith).

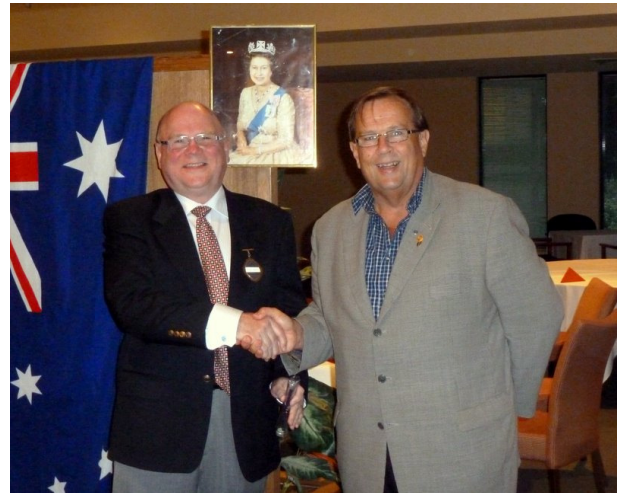
Peter is now a much more religious person. He now attends the mosque every Friday for prayers, and he tries to pray the required five times per day.

Peter outlined for us the 5 pillars of the Islam faith:

- Profess that there is no God other than Allah and that Mohammed is his messenger.
- Pray 5 times per day whilst facing Mecca.
- Fast for the Rahmadden each year.
- Pay poor tax (Zakat) for an amount of at least 2½ % of earnings.
- Perform the pilgrimage to Mecca once in your lifetime.

Peter explained parallels between Islam and Christianity beliefs. Muslims believe in the Old Testament and much of the New Testament of the Christian Bible. Muslims also believe in the Old Testament prophets and in Jesus (as the second most important prophet), however they consider Muhammad to be the most important prophet.

Peter finished by giving us the meaning of the word Muslim: “Surrender to God”



**David Tolstrup thanks his old school mate Peter for his enlightening talk.**

**SERGEANT'S SESSION – ROBERT LEACH**

Former Sergeant Robert Leach stood in for Geoff Iles in his absence. Robert showed that he had not lost his touch, and conducted an entertaining and lucrative fines session.

On this occasion, Robert changed from wearing AFL scarf to rugby cap and would have then worn a Bathurst driver's cap if he had one, as he instigated fines against fans of all these sports!

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## IMPORTANT EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

**Club Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Members are invited to submit upcoming events of interest for inclusion in this segment of the bulletin.




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### ATTENDANCE

Total Attendance:	30
Members:	28
Partners:	
Visitors:	2- Liz Guiver, Peter Adams
Apologies:	11 - John Booth, Alison Booth, Joshua Cheng, Steve Dardamanis, Geoff Iles, Colin Johnson, Ron Khor, Greg Paine, Geoff Weeks, Paul Wheelton, Charlie Xu
Leave of Absence:	2 - Ray Riehm, Timothy Winter
Make ups:	Peter Cummins (3) Tom Thorpe, Trevor Donegan, Colin Johnson, Lloyd Cranwell
<b>Weekly raffle winner:</b>	Peter Cummins

If members have items of interest they would like to contribute to the bulletin, please email to Bulletin Editor Rob Fenton by Friday for inclusion in the following week's bulletin.

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## An Afternoon at The Proms 2011

All your Proms favourites will be there, including:  
Elgar's stirring "Pomp and Circumstance"  
The regal "Rule Britannia"  
And who could forget "British Sea Songs"

And featuring:  
"The Battle of Trafalgar"  
Narrated by Peter Northwood


Guest artists:  
The Monash Symphonic Winds  
Jordie Howell (Soprano)  
Richard Thomas (Baritone)

Music Direction by:  
Michael Thompson and Ingrid Martin

2pm Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2011  
Robert Blackwood Hall  
Monash University  
Wellington Road, Clayton  
Adults \$25 Concession (and under 18) \$20

"If you can't get to the Royal Albert Hall Proms in London, then  
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## Rotary Club of Box Hill

### CLUB PROGRAMME

Date	Topic	Speaker	Chair
October			
18 <sup>th</sup>	MP for Box Hill Attorney General	Robert Clark	Ray McLeod-Dryden
25 <sup>th</sup>	Heritage of Whitehorse	Julie Jones	Lloyd Cranwell
November			
1 <sup>st</sup>	CUP DAY – No Meeting		
8 <sup>th</sup>	Trivia Night		Melissa Mardjetko
15 <sup>th</sup>	No meeting at Golf Club Replaced by Cluster Activity		
16 <sup>th</sup>	Cluster Dinner - Doncaster		

### CLUB DUTY ROSTER

Date	Cash Desk (1)	Cash Desk (2)	Greeter	Grace / Toast
October				
18 <sup>th</sup>	Patricia Kiang	Tom Thorpe	Lyndon Smith	Joe Mardjetko
25 <sup>th</sup>	Joshua Cheng	Charlie Xu	Kath Binns	Greg Paine
November				
1 <sup>st</sup>	Cup Day – No Meeting			
8 <sup>th</sup>	Lyndon Smith	Ross McPhail	Clive Nicholson	Peter Cummins
15 <sup>th</sup>	No meeting at Golf Club			
16 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting at Doncaster			

\* **PLEASE NOTE:** If you are unable to fulfill any of the allocated duties, it is your responsibility to arrange a “swap” with another person listed.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Date	Member	Event
October		
19 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Mardjetko Robert Leach	Member’s Birthday Induction Anniversary

