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Meeting No 4745 in the Club's 98th year

THIS WEEK'S SPEAKER

MATTHEW WARREN, CEO - AUSTRALIAN ENERGY COUNCIL

Matthew Warren was appointed as the inaugural Chief Executive of the Australian Energy Council in December 2015. Prior to this he led the Energy Supply Association of Australia (esaa) from 2012 to pursue the deregulation of energy markets, the development of comprehensive, efficient and durable national climate and energy policy, and to manage the aggressive transformation facing the sector.

Prior to joining the esaa, Matthew held the position of Chief Executive of the Clean Energy Council, where he made a significant contribution to Australian policy debate on the role of renewable energy in meeting the challenges of reducing emissions.

Matthew has also worked as an advocate for the mining and food industries, and has advised both governments and industry on environmental policy. In addition, over the years he has worked as a journalist, most recently as the environment writer for *The Australian* newspaper. Matthew was a trainee in the Environment Directorate of the European Commission.

Matthew holds a Bachelor of Economics with Honours from the University of Adelaide.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

16 May: Husna Pasha, Businesswoman & Media Personality

23 May: End Trachoma by 2020 Peter Rogers & Lien Trinh

30 May: Young Achievers Award

06 Jun: Dr Marissa Parrott, Zoos Victoria

LAST WEEK'S SPEAKER

MIKE HIRST, MD, BENDIGO & ADELAIDE BANK

Thank you to Austen for providing this ever so eloquent synopsis. "Mike's career has covered a time of significant evolution in banking and finance, and he eloquently incorporated the background and impact of the 2008 Global Financial Crisis, the licensing of foreign Banks and the issues leading to the findings of the current Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry, all happening during his term as Managing Director.

Notwithstanding the recent discovery by "The Hayne Commission" of unacceptable behaviour by the Banks, he conveyed it was important to recognise the strengths of our banking system which have served us well, referring to the strong capital position of Australian Banks which contributed to our survival of the Global Financial Crisis; Australian banks are among the best capitalised in the world.

He talked about the complexity of the finance industry with its varied component parts, which is not necessarily understood. This included the rate of change in work place structures, technology and permanent, part-time and casual employment. All these posed challenges in training and development of personnel also. He highlighted the servicing of big business and postulated the need for more focus on servicing small-to-medium-sized businesses given their importance and extent in the business community. Lending to both small and big business needs to take place in a way that permits economies and societies to grow in a stable and sustainable way.

With reference to Banks and the "social contract", Mike presented that the focus needs to move back from the continuous drive for greater profits to the customer and the community, and questioned the high levels of executive remuneration. Banks need to meet standards which benefit society – there are certain behavioural standards that the community has a right to expect.

The address drew some searching questions which reflected the interest generated by the presentation."

EVENTS & REMINDERS

PLANT A MILLION TREES INITIATIVE

<https://lovepeaceharmony.org/plant-million-partner-with-us/>

<https://www.esrag.org/getting-started>

There are several "planting" days at various locations in the next months with currently 4 confirmed dates and locations with these organisations:

1. Sunday 13 May, **Merri Creek Community** Planting day 10am to 12pm, **Brunswick East**
2. Sunday 24 June, **Darebin Parklands** Planting day, **Darebin**, 1pm to 3pm
3. Sunday 29 July, **Planet Ark** National Tree Day 10am to 12pm, **Box Hill**
4. Monday 30 July, **National Tree Planting Day** in **Reservoir** 10am to 12pm

They are hoping Melbourne can assist and work together to let volunteers know how to get involved in this initiative.

For information please email: see_enen@hotmail.com or contact En-EnSee on 0420 224 873.

They are very grateful to be involved in helping the Earth through this global action and look forward to contributing towards it in any way they can.

WINE FUNDRAISER

"Members who participated will this year not only be enjoying a selection of first class wines. They have also made generous contributions towards the Club's work in the spirit of the festive season.

Special thanks to members who supported the wine offer. Many thanks also Trevor Hill, without whom our deal with Rob Dolan wines would not have been possible and Bob Glindemann, who, with supporting volunteers enabled us to utilise the DIK Van for deliveries and in turn donate \$891 to DIK in recognition of this service.

With the approval of the RCM Board, we will continue trying new and more convenient wine offers to raise funds and support the Club's work. We look forward to your continuing support." *Reg Smith - Wine Fundraising Team Member*

DISASTER AID INVITATION AND UPDATE

[DAA_News_Update_AUTUMN_2018_Conference_Invitation.pdf](#)

Attached is the Registration Form. Note this event is limited to 70 places. [Disaster Aid Conference 18 Reg Form.doc](#)

DISTRICT 9800 CHANGEOVER: SUNDAY 3 JUNE!

Mark wrote: "This year the District Changeover is celebrating our District and all we have achieved together – Rotarians and Clubs, with assistance and support from the District Leadership Team. There will be fun, special projects and Rotarians honoured.

Entertainment by our own sensational "Barking Dogs" with Sue Foley. Dress to impress but don't feel you need to be uncomfortable, AND bring your dancing shoes.

In true Rotary style, there will be funding opportunities for two projects of \$1,000 each. Submit a short, informal project plan, register a table of 10 before May 18th. Be ready to claim the prize and announce the project to all our District Rotary friends. Maybe you will gain support from other Clubs and possibly receive a Foundation District Grant."

Bookings can be made at: www.trybooking.com/367423

INTER CLUB VISIT

PRESIDENT MARY at RC CENTRAL MELBOURNE

RC Central Melbourne

Date & Time: Tue 22 May, 7.15am for 7.40am - 8.45am

Venue: RACV Club 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Guest Speaker: Mary Barry, CEO, Our Watch

Cost: \$31 light breakfast included

Enquiries and bookings: John Peberdy 0417 943 524

LAST WEEK'S GUESTS & GREETINGS

Happy Birthday this week and last: Max Hardman ("O"), Peter Habersberger, Peter Fenwick, David Jones, Graeme Kelly, Jenny Taing, Stewart Stribling.

GUESTS AT LAST MEETING

Guests of the Club: Mike Hirst (Speaker).

Visiting Australian Rotarians: Campbell Chambers, Suvam Ganguli (Central Melbourne).

Guests of Members: Tony Robinson (Quin Scalzo), Janet Wang, Betty Chen (Chris Wang), Stuart Marshall (Doug Marshall), Kate Rubins, Wanda Dopierala, Andrew Chan, Cameron Francis (Ian Evans), Clifton Warren (Keith Callinan).

On Duty this week: DH, PB, CB, BB, CH, Norman Taralrud-Bay (Wine), Kevin Sheehan (Photos).

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