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Meeting No 4749 in the Club's 98th year

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

DR MARISSA PARROTT, WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND SCIENCE, ZOOS VICTORIA

Described as one of our Superheroes, by Australia's Chief Scientist, Dr Alan Finkel, Marissa completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Melbourne and University of Pretoria, South Africa, and later her PhD from University of Melbourne. Marissa has published 18 papers and is internationally acclaimed for her conservation work on endangered species.

Marissa's post-doctoral research examined assisted reproduction and novel techniques to maximise breeding success in captive breeding colonies of marsupials across Australia. She has more than fifteen years' experience in field work, five years in molecular genetics laboratories, and fifteen years in research and zoo captive breeding programs. Marissa has experience with a variety of wildlife and conservation programs in Australia, Asia, Africa and the Americas. She has a particular interest in the wildlife of South East Asia, having worked with conservation programs in Borneo and Cambodia, where she assisted with capacity building and wildlife research with Zoos Victoria's international partners.

In 2007, Marissa started working at Zoos Victoria on the breeding program for the critically endangered Mountain Pygmy Possum. She joined Zoos Victoria's department of Wildlife Conservation and Science as their Reproductive Biologist in 2009. Marissa now works across Healesville Sanctuary, Werribee Open Range Zoo and Melbourne Zoo to improve sustainable zoo populations, reproductive research, and captive breeding and reintroduction success, particularly in threatened species.

Marissa has recently been named one of National Geographic's Global Wildlife Talents, and this year was showcased as an Australian Science Hero by the Office of the Chief Scientist. She sits on a number of Threatened Species Recovery Teams and has a strong focus on endangered native marsupial, rodent and frog species to aid Zoos Victoria's commitment that no Victorian terrestrial vertebrate species will go extinct.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

13 Jun: Dr Stefan Gruenert, CEO Odyssey House
20 Jun: Vice Presidents' Reporting Day
27 Jun: 2018 Presidents' Changeover - In the Fitzroy Dining Room
04 July: Greg Davies APM, Victims of Crime Commissioner
11 July: Lynley Marshall, CEO Museums Victoria

LAST WEEK'S SPEAKERS

YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARDS 2018

The three Awardees were superb in their sharing of their stories. These were from a professional and academic background but also highlighted the fantastic commitment each of the young women have to volunteering and making a difference to humanity. Bravo Jade, Kimberly and Brigitte!

CLUB NEWS & REMINDERS

NGV ANNUAL 'WINTER HIGHLIGHTS' EVENT

There will be an introductory lecture of the exhibition, followed by a self guided visit of the exhibition.

This once in a lifetime exhibition will provide a unique survey of the Museum's iconic collection. Consisting of approximately 200 key works, arranged chronologically into eight thematic sections, the exhibition will trace the development of art and design from late-nineteenth-century urban and industrial transformation, through to the digital and global present.

This intimate, small-group Rotary experience is an annual highlight of the club.

Date: Friday, 27 July 2018

Time: 5.45 for 6.00 pm start of the Illustrated Introduction at the NGV Clemenger Auditorium

6.45 pm - A self guided visit to the Exhibition

Meeting Place: National Gallery Victoria - Foyer of the Clemenger Auditorium via the NGV North Side Door entry

Cost: \$43.00 per person.

Registration with Payment via Trybooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/VZUG>

RSVP by: 18 July 2018

Contact (on the night): Barbara Yerondais 0419 538 847

Ticket includes: - entrance to the world-class exhibition
- exclusive pre-exhibition presentation and discussion with a professional NGV expert
- entrance to optional post-exhibition entertainment
- fun and fellowship!

[Click here for the flyer](#)

FACEBOOK SUCCESS!

Facebook: Ari Talantis, a new Member and part of the Club Communications Team, has made amazing success of our RCM Facebook page and is congratulated. Statistics from her posting the bios of the Club's 3 Young Achievers has shown we reached 3,000 people with engagement of 1,500 people. The public appear to relish RCM news of young people. [Do you support our Facebook page?](#)

ROTARY CLUB of MELBOURNE MEMBER AWARDS

The following Member Awards will be presented in the forthcoming weeks:

Paul Harris Fellows: James Pullar, Rob Helme, Kerry Kornhauser

Honorary Life Membership: Peter McCall

Forth Bridge: Brian Horwood

Axle: Reg Smith

DISTRICT 9800 AWARD to KERRY

It was great to see District 9800 Changeover lunch yesterday, that Kerry Kornhauser was awarded the Royce Abbey "Champion of Change Award" for 2018. Kerry was applauded for her tireless energy as a driving force and Director of the End Trachoma 2020 and her encouragement for women in Rotary. Congratulations Kerry!

WASHING TRAILER

Photo shows Jade Chan, one of our Young Achiever Awardees 2018 discussing the End Trachoma 2020 Project with Jim Orchard. The Water trailer was a great success showcased in the driveway on Wednesday. Huge thanks to all involved!

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

CONGRATULATIONS to DAVID INGLIS

David's award was in recognition of his significant contribution to the College and the community, with a focus on his lifetime achievement through his volunteer work with Interplast. David is a Partner at MinterEllison, sharing his expertise in corporate law and passion for philanthropy to help establish Interplast Australia and New Zealand in 1983.

"As a young lawyer with the law firm, Gillotts (now MinterEllison), I was approached by Rotary and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons to advise on legal issues to establish Interplast back in 1982," he said.

Interplast was an initiative of Rotary and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. "It was a challenging initiative involving volunteer plastic and reconstructive surgeons and others with a passion to assist people in need in the South Pacific region." David

has retained that passion for Interplast ever since.

Interplast was launched in 1983 to provide plastic and reconstructive surgery to people with burns scarring, trauma injuries, tumours or congenital deformities, and [training and mentoring programs to local surgical teams in the Asia Pacific region](#).

David became an active Interplast Board Director from 1984, then took on the role of Vice President in 1993 until he took the helm as President in 2010. David held this role for six years, only stepping down recently in 2016.

During David's time with Interplast, the organisation had sent volunteers on 882 programs, performed 24,443 life-changing plastic and reconstructive surgeries and provided 41,854 consultations. In addition to this soaring growth, one of David's greatest achievements was leading Interplast to full accreditation by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

"Interplast is one of the smallest NGOs to receive full accreditation," he said. Full accreditation allows Interplast to access more funding from DFAT's Australian Non-Government Organisation Cooperation Program (ANCP), which plays an essential role in supporting Interplast's capacity building programs in 17 countries across the Asia Pacific region.

When asked what his most memorable moment with Interplast is, David recalls a light plane flight in Fiji in 1986 when the aircraft door flung open mid-flight. While that event stuck in his mind, he said: "I will also always remember witnessing the dedicated and inspirational work undertaken by our volunteer surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals – having participated in team programs to a number of countries – I will never forget the positive impact Interplast makes on lives."

David said Interplast is growing in stature and recognition year on year. "This year, Interplast will provide nearly 90 international programs," he said. "It is to be commended and I congratulate my successor as President, Keith Mutimer, and his team for continuing and growing the depth of work undertaken by Interplast."

"Without the Interplast team including the Board, Chief Executive Officer, Prue Ingram, the office staff, the volunteers and the supporters of Interplast, the organisation would not exist."

David was also awarded the Paul Harris Fellow by the Rotary Club of Melbourne in 2016 for his services to Interplast.

Today, David continues to play an integral role at Interplast as an Honourable Member and generously provides pro bono legal advice to Interplast through his position at international law firm, MinterEllison.

THANK YOU FROM MARION MACLEOD

Close to 2,400 Coastrekkers crossed the Coastrek finish line and the event has raised \$1,654,013 so far this year for the Fred Hollows Foundation and has helped around 1.6 million people. The fundraiser overall has raised over \$20 million for charity. What a very special day we had again this year – the gods were shining!

My wonderful Rotary sponsors for this year were:

- Peter Bearsley
- Caroline Counsel
- Ellen Kittson
- Kerry Kornhauser
- Barbara Yerondais
- Sharann Johnson
- Pamela Brown
- James Pullar
- Rosemary Nixon
- Doug Marshall
- Bob Fels
- Rob Nethercote"

BRAVO MARION CONGRATULATIONS FROM RC MELBOURNE MEMBERS!

MESSAGE FROM PE KEVIN SHEEHAN

Teotihuacan is a vast Mexican archaeological complex northeast of Mexico City. Running down the middle of the site, which was once a flourishing pre-Columbian city, is the Avenue of the Dead. It links the Temple of Quetzalcoatl, the Pyramid of the Moon and the Pyramid of the Sun, the latter two with panoramic views from their summits. Artifacts in the Museum of Teotihuacan Culture, on-site, include pottery and bones.

LAST WEEK'S GUESTS & GREETINGS

Happy Birthday this week to: Ian Ross, Peter Coates.

GUESTS AT LAST MEETING

Guests of the Club: Gill Callister, Cimara Doutre, Jade Chan, Brigette Duckworth, Kimberley Morgan, David & Natasha Chan, Tony Duckworth, Philip Arandjelovic, Helen & David Morgan, Anggia Burchill.

Visiting Australian Rotarians: Ludovic Grosjean (Melbourne City Rotaract).

Guests of Rotarians: Greg Norton, David Barron (Ellen Kittson), Robert Thomson, Andrew Chan, Ryan Saville (Ian Evans), Sally Cane (Malcolm Simpson), Tony Burchill (Rob Helme), Danile Ney-Kemp (David Kram).

On Duty this week: SD, CB, BB, DH, RS, Ken Badenoch (Wine), Cheryl Lacey (Photos).

Have you checked out the Club's website for Upcoming Speakers, Events, News, Notices, Awards, International and Community Projects?

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