



The Weekly Bulletin of the

Rotary Club of Essendon North

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This Week: David Mattiske



Chair: Geoff Woodhead

David's career was spent in the telecommunications industry. His first posting was as an engineer, working in the field. After being awarded a Post-graduate Fellowship in the UK he returned to Australia as a telephone switching engineer, before transferring to work in the Post-Master General's Department Research Laboratories, working on Australia's first computer controlled telephone exchange.

After completing his MBA in 1973, he undertook work as a Financial Analyst. He was then seconded to a short stay with the World Bank, undertaking work in many developing countries. Returning to Australia he worked in Strategic Planning, International Affairs and lastly Community and Consumer Relations.

On retirement he consulted to a number of UN agencies, including the ITU, UNDP, UNESCO, and other agencies including AusAID and the Asian Development Bank in Central Asia. His work for these agencies was mainly in South East and East Asia, the Pacific region and Timor-Leste. It was during this time that he joined Transparency International Australia (TIA) as a Resource Person before becoming a Director of Transparency International Australia (TIA).

He has worked for TI in Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Colombia, and Timor-Leste. He has a strong commitment to researching the linkage between corruption and economic development.

He was a Director of Transparency International – Australia for seven years.

In the spare time he does have, he enjoys sailing, travel Prehistory and European mediaeval history.

Transparency International

Transparency International (TI) fights corruption, especially international corruption. TI was formed 15

years ago by Peter Eigen who was then a World Bank Lawyer. He was exasperated by the lack of interest of the top levels of management of the World Bank in the level of corruption in Kenya, the country in which he was working at the time. He resigned with the resolve to do something about it and with three other likeminded souls formed Transparency International, (TI), with its headquarters in Berlin.

Since then, it has not only survived, but achieved a number of significant milestones, sadly, without eliminating corruption, but making it a much discussed topic throughout the world, and in some countries, quite a dangerous and expensive pursuit. TI currently has 98 Chapters throughout the world, including all OECD countries.

TI does not investigate acts of corruption or pursues prosecution against corrupt politicians civil servants, nor does it rail against corrupt public sector enterprises who bribe their way into business. That is far too dangerous for individuals who have no security protection in a criminal world where billions of dollars are being stolen by corrupt individuals and organisations each year.

What it does do is to engage with constructive critical dialogue with governments to identify the level of corruption, its effect on the lives of citizens, and provide advice on how to address the pernicious effects of corruption

Each year, TI publishes the Corruption Perception Index which measures how business people and country analysts perceive the reputation of Public Servants in various countries. The last survey examined 180 countries.



Philippines Disaster Relief

Club Secretary: Noel Osborne

Bert Mom and wife Ange gave a presentation to our club on the Philippines Disaster Relief efforts being championed by the RC of Brimbank Central. At the conclusion of the presentations President David, on behalf of the RCEN made a donation to the relief efforts of \$1,000. The following is Presidents Bert's response of thanks:

"Hi Noel,

Please convey my appreciation to Pres. David and all the members of your club. I was a bit taken aback by the generous donation towards our efforts in the Philippines. As soon as I have photos I will forward them to you. I will make a donation to the Illongo Association in the name of the Rotary Club of Essendon North at their Mothers Day function. All the money will be used to aid the school on Bayas Island which was flattened."

New Guinea Homecoming

Rhys Maggs

I always had grave reservations about going back, but Lilian was becoming increasingly keen. To return to PNG, that is. It is 40 years since we had left and the desire to revisit the town (Madang) where both our children were born and where we spent 5 years of the more than 9 years in Papua New Guinea was becoming stronger each year.



Bearing in mind my concerns about lawlessness and the problems of Raskol gangs led me to agree to go back only if we could travel by sea with the security of returning to a ship each night limited the opportunities, further restricted by my refusal to travel on a Russian trip (one bad experience in Russia will last me a lifetime) seemed to ensure that the chances of going back we're pretty remote. That was until Lilian found a ship run by APT leaving from Jakarta and ending up in Madang, so I was locked in. What an experience it turned out to be!



The cruise through Indonesia was great. A small ship with about 80 passengers with a fantastic crew that numbered more than the guests made the voyage more than memorable and we were sufficiently small to go to places that had never previously been visited by a cruise ship. Despite concerns about our reception in Indonesia (it was about the time of the telephone taps of the President's wife and the start of turning back the boats) we found we were warmly welcomed by the local people of all religions. I was pleasantly surprised to see how much in harmony were the people of Moslem, Hindu and Christian faiths and the local people, without exception, went out of their way to make us feel at home.

End of part one.

Coming Soon...

- May 7th: Gareth Andrews, "Life Again Foundation", Chair: Max Nicholls
- May 14th: Shane Edwards, "Sleep Help Presentation", Chair: Coral Thompson
- May 21st: MS Annual Dinner
- May 28th: Pete Jensen "Dealing With Depression- An Alternative View", Chair: David Ursic

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to Noel Osborne: John Boundy: April 23rd, Russell Benallack: April 25th, Anne Maggs: April 28th. Happy Anniversary (and special reminders) to Kay and Barry Coleman: April 27th.



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Rotary Club of Essendon North meets every Wednesday at 6.00pm for 6.30pm at Fredricks, Mt. Alexander Road, Essendon. www.home.vicnet.net.au/~rcsesnth/

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