

New Horizons



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This week we had a speaker from our club – Prita Asih. In short, Prita describes herself as a traveller seeking the truth and loves to help others in many ways. Prita gave us an intriguing insight into Indonesia and her studies, which have subsequently brought her to Perth. Indonesia is the fourth most populous country in the world, with over 500 languages, one national language, 43 provinces and 17508 islands - a strikingly ethnically diverse country. Born to Civil Engineers, Prita has not followed in her parents' footsteps, but rather chose to study towards a Bachelor of Biological Science in her hometown, Bandung. Bandung, found in West Java, is well known for its culinary and cheap shopping. Java, some 2-3 hours' drive from Bandung, is the administrative hub of Indonesia. Many Indonesians travel there in search of work and a better quality of life.

Aside from Prita's studies, she was actively involved in a student-run organisation, Nyphea. She also helped to educate young children about science in lower socio economic areas. Prita has also been involved in traditional dancing and 'angklung' music.

During 2008 Prita came to Perth and met prominent neuro-surgeon, Dr Eka Julianta Wahjoepramono – the only successful surgeon to perform brain-stem surgery. From 2008-2012 Prita worked as a research assistant for Dr Eka Julianta Wahjoepramono at Edith Cowan

University, looking at the testosterone effects on Alzheimer's disease. Prita is currently an Honours student at ECU studying Biotechnology. This research involves investigating novel translocator protein specific ligands in enhancing neurosteroid production and lowering amyloid beta in cell cultures. This may assist in finding an alternative to testosterone replacement therapy. After completing this, Prita hopes to begin her PhD.



Prita Asih

Committee Updates

International

- As was mentioned during the meeting last week, RCFB would like to continue with the theme of the Asylum Seekers event. Members discussed potentially running it at other venues, potential other speakers, further Q&A sessions to inform the community further. The feedback from the Asylum Seekers: The Facts event was all very positive and well received by the RCFB and the attendees. The International Committee have also suggested that a similar event be run and be aimed at local businessmen, which may assist with employment Asylum Seekers in the community. for Possibilities to also get other local Rotary Clubs involved. If anyone has further suggestions, please forward on to Kristen or Rajah.
- International carnival this has been deferred for now. Another fundraising idea raised was a cultural concert to be run in collaboration with Harmony Week, March 15-21. Potential venues to be discussed.

End World Polio Day

October 24 is World Polio Day. Rotary Down Under is encouraging all clubs to raise public awareness and fundraise on the day. T-shirts are \$10. It was suggested that if we have a team of 4 or 5 volunteers on Thursday October 24th to raise funds at Claremont Quarter during lunch. If you are interested, please contact Kristen.

Reminder: Dues

If any member has not yet paid Annual Dues, would you please do so as a matter of priority. Fees of \$300 can be paid into the RCFB Westpac Operating Account BSB 036034 A/c No. 304015.

Light & Shade Concert

All members have tickets to sell and a letter to seek sponsorship of an item for the raffle which will be held on the night. One suggestion for getting raffle prizes is to ask stores to match your store credits when getting points from retailers.

Advertising further – free radio, schools, Have a Go News, Facebook.

A 100% sold out concert with a great lot of prizes to be raffled on the night is required to raise necessary funds for the committees to carry out planned projects. The success of this event is in the hands of every member. Please do your share to contribute to the success of the night.

We are fortunate to have two such outstanding and talented performers in Richard Symons (Tenor) and Isabelle Freeman (Soprano). They are some of our top young performers. Rik is an 'old boy' from CCGS and Isabelle is a former student from Penrhos College.

Details

Date: Saturday, 9th November, 2013

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Christ Church Claremont, Cnr Stirling Hwy

& Queenslea Dr. Claremont

Cost: \$25.00 p/p, includes a light supper

Bookings: Tickets from members or on line at

www.trybooking.com/DDMV

Interact Changeover

The Interact Changeover Dinner on Friday, 25th October at the Nedlands Golf Club, Melvista Ave, Nedlands. Time is 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Cost is \$35.00 per person for a two course meal, with bar service available. Guest Speaker for the evening is Chief Scientist Lyn Beazley.

The main course will be Chicken Cacciatore served with herbed penne pasta. There is a vegetarian option, plus, members who do not eat chicken, there is a fish meal available. These have to be pre-arranged so when indicating your attendance, would you also please indicate if a vegetarian or fish option is required.

Please put the date in your dairy and needless to say, it is a 'partners' night. Pre-Payment for the dinner is requested into the Club's Westpac Bank Operating A/c BSB 036034 A/c No. 304 015.

Birthdays

Wishing a very Happy Birthday to Graciela Rhodes for October 3rd.

Program for September/October

| Date | Program | Attendance | Introduction and Thanks |
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| 25 th September | Anne-Sophie Leveston – Guide Dogs | | |
| 10 th October | Board Meeting – O'Hara's 22 Otram St, Churchlands | 5.30pm | |
| 23 rd October | Meeting Cancelled – Interact Dinner Friday 25 th October | | |
| 24 th October | World Polio Day | | |
| Friday 25 th October | Interact Dinner – Nedlands Golf Club | 6.30pm | |

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