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**SERVICE Above Self**

**REMINDER: No meeting this Thursday, as we have our  
Changeover dinner on this Saturday evening.**

### **SAD NEWS**

Members have probably heard of the passing of Owen Whelan, a member of Brunswick Rotary since 1971.

Of course, many newer members would not have known Owen who has not been an active member for many years and barely saw us after moving to Portsea some years ago.

A very successful business man, Owen was also literally a pillar of society – and of the Church – and will be sorely missed by many. In particular, we send best wishes of Brunswick Rotary and its members to Betty and the extended family.

### **LAURI PENTTILA**

Again, I would like to record in the Bulletin news that Adam has already provided to members via email.

At the time of writing, the latest news was that Lauri was in Intensive Care at Melbourne Private and that he was showing improvement. Visitors are not invited at the moment and flowers are not requested.

### **CHANGE OVER DINNER**

As of Thursday, acceptances were 40.

Adam needs the support of a good attendance and requests immediate notification of numbers.

### **DONATIONS TO FOUNDATION**

Cheryle is finalizing accounts with Foundation and needs to know the names of those members who added a donation to Foundation to their membership subscriptions. She would greatly appreciate your immediate notification.

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

Michael Leahy - SIDS

As our proposed guest speaker unfortunately had to rush home to Pakistan to attend to an ailing wife, we suddenly found ourselves without a guest speaker and Michael filled in on short notice.

Harvey World Travel are sponsors of Red Nose Day (if it is still called that) and Michael is a very appropriate example to have promoting that cause in our area. He gave a very personal talk about his own experiences which were probably unknown to most of us. Twenty eight years ago, Michael and his wife lost a four month old son to SIDS. Michael arrived home from work to find that his son had been immediately taken away and that he had no opportunity to say goodbye. This action was nothing unusual in those days in which stillborn babies were immediately removed and consigned to oblivion.

In those days, similar situations applied with unmarried mothers whose children were immediately removed for adoption.

We are still ignorant of much of the cause of SIDS but know that passive smoking and placing sleeping children on their tummies are dangerous practices. There is now an alarm available for cot blankets that apparently sounds when the child ceases breathing regularly.

## **FORTHCOMING AGENDA**

July 6	Thursday Lunchtime	NO MEETING due to Club Changeover Dinner on 8 July.
July 8	Saturday night	Changeover dinner at Moonee Valley
July 13	Thursday Lunchtime Rebecca Anderson	Teacher in East Timor
July 20	Thursday Lunchtime	Regular Club Meeting: Guest Speaker TBC
July 26	Wednesday	Combined meeting with our "Mother club" – Essendon – to be held at Fredericks Restaurant in Mt Alexander Rd Essendon. We will be looking for a show of numbers this week to ensure Essendon can cater for all of us.
July 27	Thursday Lunchtime	NO MEETING due to combined meeting night prior