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Meets at: London Tavern, 414 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield

We Meet at 6.30pm for 6.45pm each Tuesday evening

June is Fellowship Month

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Robert Graziano addresses annual business persons breakfast *By Garry Fabian*

June 19th is Sauntering Day

“To those who label the Australian motor manufacturing industry as a dinosaur, let me tell them it is anything but pre-historic” Mr Richard Graziano, CEO of Ford Australia, told a Rotary Business Breakfast meeting this week.

Australia is one of only 13 countries worldwide, that has the capability and infrastructure to provide manufacturing, development and research to produce motor cars. Looking at the future of the local manufacturing industry over the next five years, he sees the overall market demand growing, and the challenge for it is to make innovation a key to its future.

“If we allow manufacturing in this country to be lost, it will never come back” he said. “Ford Australia currently has 125 patents pending for new and advanced technological developments, which will continue to strengthen future design breakthroughs”.

Turning to the argument put forward in some quarters that government should not support the local industry with subsidies, he pointed out that Australian government subsidy was quite modest when compared many other countries with car industries. “In Australia it is \$17 per head of population, compared with the US at

\$32 per capita and \$230 in Sweden”

Areas of innovation in new fuel sources, technology in achieving 75% recyclable materials in cars, developing new technologies and manufacturing processes are all part of the vision of new horizons for the local industry.

Turning to Ford related specifics, he pointed to the new Ranger, designed in Australia for manufacture in Thailand, the first commercial vehicle to attain 5 Star NCAP rating, and the all new model Territory which will be released in 2014 to span to 2017 another element in the company’s commitment to the future.

“It must be acknowledged that Australia is one of the most competitive markets, with some 62 brands and 320 model variants, compared with the much larger US market with 32 brands, trying to attract the consumer. But working smarter will continue to make the Australia market, not only challenging, but one that will continue to be an important element on the local manufacturing horizon”, he concluded.

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Garry Fabian

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Speaker	Richard and Chris Underwood	Ean McDowell	Change over night
Topic	The development of elite athletes	'The Wonthaggi Desalination Plant	
Chair	G Oscar	J Strong	
Toast to Club	G Fabian	J Hill	
Toast to Australia	K Langfelder	D Hueberger	
Meeting	Board		
Cashier	I Marks	K Langfelder	

THE ROTARY FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

LOCAL ROTARY CLUBS MEETING TIMES & VENUES

Brighton North:

Wednesday 6:30pm
Royal Brighton Yacht Club,
253 Esplanade,
Brighton

Caulfield:

Thursday 12:30pm for 12:45pm
GlassHouse
1 Station St
Caulfield

Brighton:

Thursday 6:00pm for 6:30pm
Royal Brighton Yacht Club,
253 Esplanade,
Brighton

Brighton Beach:

Tuesday 6:15pm for 6:45pm
Millanos Hotel,
4 The Esplanade,
Brighton Beach

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Images from the Business Persons Breakfast



Forthcoming Events

July 3 Change over night PN Mark Preston takes over the job

Appointments for 2011/2012

President:	Garry Fabian
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