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Dear CV,

Thanks so much for opening our eyes to the simple ways of making a difference. See Bulletin as follows.



CV Prakash

**Report from Last Week (April 1st) by Roving Reporter Geoff Limmer**

President Greg welcomed our Guest Speaker as well as all present.

Garry Randall reported that there were 90 tickets remaining for the Police concert and he would appreciate some assistance from club members in selling raffle tickets.

President Greg and Geoff Limmer reported on the Hobart Conference.

There were 9 members from our club and a great time was had by all.

The keynote speakers were of a high calibre, and there were great opportunities to meet and exchange information from members within the District.

Bernie Millane reported that he had arranged a Tour of the County Court for 9.30am on Wednesday 15 April. Those interested should contact Bernie ASAP.

Tony Stokes circulated some hand crafted "Thank you Cards" from the Strathbogie Primary School expressing appreciation for the Christmas Hampers delivered to the School just prior to Christmas.

Ralston Wood reported that he had received a letter from Lawrence Gerry advising that his Community in Papua New Guinea has raised \$3000 for the Victorian Bushfire Appeal.

Our Guest Speaker was C V Prakash who spoke about an extraordinary project that has the potential to eliminate World Hunger.

The Project is aimed at "Feeding the World's Poor" by growing food with Hydroponics.

In India there are 50 million people who are hungry.

C V believes that Simplified Hydroponics provides an opportunity to solve the Hunger Problem in a cost effective way.

A 20 square metre Hydroponic Garden will provide 2 kilograms of Vegetables daily which can feed 6 – 8 people daily.

C V 's project is environmentally sound and does not utilise any chemicals or pesticides.

Garlic spray is used to control pests, and used empty Coke bottles are painted black and filled with sand. These devices absorb the hot sun during the day and disperse the heat during the night which maintains a warmth area throughout the evening.

C V claimed that it took 3 days to train the locals in establishing a Hydroponic Garden.

It costs \$200AU to establish a 20 square metre garden.

The Project seems so simple and cost effective and one wonders why this type of activity has not been trialled years ago.

One wonders whether our club, and perhaps others should join together to fund the establishment of a number of these gardens which provide sustenance to the world's poor and needy.

**CV Prakash presented one of the most visionary projects imaginable - feeding 50 Million desperately hungry Indian Families for just \$US150 per family (Mum Dad and 4 kids) for 12 months. If ever there was a project that would excite Rotary Club's world wide this must be it. An answer to world hunger, what a vision. Thanks for sharing it with us CV. See examples of lettuces, Cauliflowers and Tomatoes grown in just 10 weeks since the 'Pet Bharo' Simplified Hydroponics project in Bangalore was launched on 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2009.**

[www.petbharoproject.com](http://www.petbharoproject.com) is the website for more details.

