



# The Bulletin of The Rotary Club of Richmond



Meeting 2033

20<sup>th</sup> October 2008

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## **Governor-General to be Patron of ROMAC**

The Governor-General, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, has accepted an invitation from the Board of ROMAC to be the new Patron-In-Chief of the Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children organisation.

Ian Wright, the ROMAC Board Chairman, has received a letter from Philip Hart, the Senior Executive Officer to the Governor-General, confirming her acceptance. This continues the vice-regal connection which ROMAC has had since Sir William Deane's time.



Mr Hart said that the Ms Bryce has asked to be kept informed of the organisation's activities. He did warn however, that due to the many demands on a Governor-General's time, it may not be possible for Ms Bryce to accept all invitations extended to her as Patron. Protocol also requires that the Governor-General's patronage should not be used directly for fund-raising purposes.

Ms Bryce has held a wide range of public and community service positions in the course of her career. These have included:

- Convener of the National Women's Advisory Council
- The first director of the Queensland Women's Information Service

- The women's representative on the National Committee on Discrimination in Employment and Occupation
  - The Queens-land director of the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission
  - Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner
  - The founding chair and chief executive officer of the National Childcare Accreditation Council
  - Principal and chief executive officer of The Women's College, University of Sydney
  - Chair of the National Breast Cancer Advisory Council
- Member of the Australian Women's Cricket Board
- Member of:
  - YWCA,
  - The Australian Children's Television Foundation
  - The Association for the Welfare of Children in Hospital.

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### **Computer problem**

*Asked my 14 YO next door neighbour to help fix a computer problem. He clicked a couple of buttons and all OK. I asked him what the problem was and he said an "I D ten T" type error. No longer talking to him when I realised it said an IDIOT error.*

## President's Message #16

We can be buoyed by our newest members' eagerness to immerse themselves in our Club projects. Sandy and Pam are actively involved in the East Timor project and Lynne is co-planning with Jo to organise our Barefoot Lawn Bowls – a major Club fundraising event. I call on all members and friends to show equal enthusiasm by supporting our fundraising events that will enable us to effectively continue to grow our community projects. At the same time your support will further encourage our new members to deepen their involvement and feel part of the Team. Teamwork will offer the impetus to better achieve our goals. We have had three months of consolidation and soul-searching: as we move into the second quarter of the



Rotary year it is time to ensure all our projects are launched and in motion, we are now at the pointy end of our year. Everyone will be aware that I have deliberately not allocated members to committees so I implore all to become actively involved in at least one project. Contact a Project Chair now and embrace the challenge by asking, "Yes – how can I help?"

Please support your project chairs to realise our project goals.

Our Rotarian of the Week is Lynne Mynott who in her second week of membership is co-organising the Barefoot Lawn Bowls. Bravo Lynne!

Let's continue to dream like Lynne – To Make Dreams Real.

Trevor

## RYAP 2008: Snap-Hop

Have you booked with Tim for the Free Party? If not, why not???

**When:** Friday 7 November 6:15 – 8pm

**Where:** Centre for Contemporary Photography, 404 George Street, Fitzroy (MEL ref: p. 2C, C6)

**The night includes:** Photography Exhibition open from 6:15pm. Official launch and presentation commences at 7pm. Drinks and nibbles provided. Come and support this wonderful program and

have an evening of fun!

**NOTE:** Tim and Jo need **volunteers** to help at the Snap-Hop Party:

Bar duties (1); Picking up and washing glasses during night (2); Pack up (4-5)

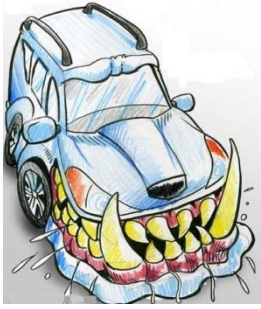
Please contact Jo Cowling on 0438 305 611

**The full flyer for this event, in glorious colour, is on Page 11 of the Website edition of this Bulletin.**

## There's your sign...

Some guy bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he put it on the nature strip and hung a sign on it saying: 'Free to good home. You want it, you take it.' For three days the fridge sat there without even one person

looking twice at it. He eventually decided that people were too untrusting of this deal. It looked too good to be true, so he changed the sign to read: 'Fridge for sale \$50.' The next day someone stole it.



## ***Am I a Good Bloke? Mark Dwyer drives back.***

I am a good bloke. I know I am. I do all that a modern day father and husband is expected to do, including doing the dishes, washing clothes, picking up toys and taking the children to all their activities on the weekend. I sort the recycling into the rubbish bins and even installed a water tank five years ago. I am a member of one of the greatest organisations in the world, ROTARY, that does amazing things all over this tiny planet we call earth. The only thing that could be considered as a slight wrong against the law was a speeding ticket for doing 65 km/hr in a 60 km/hr zone, the only fine in the last ten years.

You are probably wondering what all that self analysis is coming from. Well as far as the general public, media and even the government is concurred, I am an environment terrorist, a bad tempered aggressive loud mouth bogan.

Yes, I am an owner and driver of a HUGE GAS GUSSLING FOUR WHEEL DRIVE. The 4WD I drive has taken me to places such as the Simpson Desert, Victorian High Country, Central Australia, Cape York and The Kimberley. Yes, I actually use the 4WD for its intended use. Only two years ago, it allowed me to access a property in Cape York to help repair a cattle station house that was to be handed back to a local indigenous family through the work I do with Rotary.

This 4WD has allowed me to help people and I thought I was trying to do the right thing for the environment by driving a vehicle that drinks only 11 l/100km. That's right; I drive a big 4WD that consumes less fuel than your average medium size six cylinder family car.

Most people in the suburbs drive large 4WDs for the seven seat capacity and people ask why don't they buy a people

mover? Well most of the people movers are large vehicles that have as much weight as a 4WD and are only available with a petrol six cylinder engine that drinks fuel.

Do not think I am defending all 4WDs: I agree that all large petrol engine 4WDs should not be allowed. As all large petrol engine cars should not be allowed either. Come to think of it, should petrol engine cars be allowed at all? The new turbo diesel engines are getting down to 4.5 l/100kms for some cars, so it is hard to justify a petrol engine that at the best can only get down to 7 l/100km. Some argue that diesel engines don't have the acceleration that a petrol engine can give. So it takes an extra 3 seconds to get to the 60kph limit that covers most of the suburbs! Use this extra time to check that you have not gone over the limit, as I did, in a six cylinder loan car, when my 4WD was in for service.

The other argument for a big petrol engine car is for towing, but as we now know a diesel engine of half the size will give the same towing capacity. Why do you think all the trucks on the road have diesel engines?

If we wish to be environmentally friendly, we should drive diesel-electric cars and get our fuel consumption down to around 2 to 3 l/100km.

The only problem with the ideas I have just put forward is that the car industry in Australia would be out of business because all we manufacture are large cars that have large six and eight cylinder petrol engines and what Australian politician or media outlet would endorse the closure of a major manufacturing industry in Australia.

So I just have to put up with the people out there thinking I'm an environmental terrorist but hopefully you might understand that I am really a good bloke.

## Next Ambassadorial scholar due in March.

Janice Kesterton has confirmed that our next Ambassadorial Scholar will be arriving early in March and staying for three months. She is Dr Rajeshwari Ganesh, a 30 y.o. paediatrician, from Mumbai, India. Her sponsor club is RC Mumbai Ghatkopar, in District 3140. While here, her Host Counsellor will be Janice Kesterton.



*Ambassadorial Scholar  
Dr Rajeshwari Ganesh*

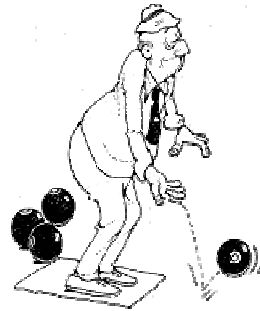
In her profile, Rajeshwari writes: "I work in the field of developmental and behavioural paediatrics which caters to the problems some children face during the course of their development.

I am coming to Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne, a care centre which caters to about 5000 children with special needs annually. The department of developmental medicine is the department where I will pursue a three month visiting fellowship. My aim in this endeavour is to study the various specialty clinics which function under the department of developmental medicine. The diagnosis and intervention protocols needed for care of such children will be my main aim of study. I also seek to study about the infrastructure required to set up similar clinics in India.

My aims thus are to increase my knowledge of developmental disabilities in children and also emulate some of the protocols and infrastructure in India."

RC Richmond is looking forward to being her host club and to welcoming her to a number of our meetings while she is here.

## "Bare Foot Lawn Bowling and BBQ"



This, our **major fundraising event for 2008**, will be held at the Hawthorn Bowling Club, the ideal setting to enjoy a great afternoon of fun with friends and family.

All money raised from this event assists the club to support the very worthwhile projects it is committed to both here and overseas.

**When:** Sunday 23rd Nov. 3pm to 8pm

**Where:** Hawthorn Bowling Club, 1 Wood Street, Hawthorn. Melways 2H K6

**Cost:** \$35pp (includes game and BBQ)

Drinks available at bar prices.

"Michael the Balloonologist" will be there to entertain the children and adults.

**Bookings:** Jo Cowling:  
0438 305 611 or  
josephinecowling1@hotmail.com

Numbers will be limited so don't miss out – book early!!!!!! See flier on p9 of web Bulletin.



## Variety Club Christmas Party.

**Second reminder:** As you know, it's on again at The Melbourne Convention Exhibition Centre on Thurs. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed and the day will start at 8.30 till 2.30 (approx).

Volunteer application forms need to be filled out and submitted to Variety by Friday 28th November 2008.

Information: Contact Mike O'Sullivan  
0417 396 432



It's always been a busy day but very rewarding. Come along and find out.

## ***GSE Nominee selected***

Joanna Stackhouse, a teacher from Melbourne Girl's College, has been selected as the Richmond Rotary Club's nominee for the forthcoming GSE team selection. Two teams are being selected for 2009 and the selection process for the outbound D9800 team



leaders/members to Sweden and Turkey will be completed by 7th December. Joanna is hoping to be selected for the Turkey-bound team, but "either would be great." Joanna is pictured here introducing herself to the club at last week's meeting.

## ***Timor Leste news***

*Report from Barbara Woodberry.* Jean Marc and Barbara attended a talk last week by Jill Jollife, (pictured) the award winning journalist who was in Timor at



the time of the Balibo Five murders. She reported on those deaths and since then has continued her involvement with Timor. She published books on this incident and was one of those responsible for keeping the story alive. She currently runs a project in Timor Leste recording the stories of the political prisoners during the Indonesian occupation of 1975 - 99. Some of these stories are recorded on video.

As with all such projects she operates on a shoestring budget, constantly having to beg for money with no long-term security for the project.

**I am delighted to report** that thanks to Dawn Watson and her '**Computers**

**for Kids and Community'** program I've been able to secure three computers and possibly a printer which are being shipped to Dili to their project office (in the old Dili gaol) through Bill Dagg at DIK. These computers have Microsoft software pre-loaded.

Dawn is one of Rotary's many legends. You will meet her again at the upcoming 'Shine-On Awards': Yet another example of Rotary 'making dreams real'.

## ***Last Week's Speaker: Anne Baker: Tales from the Tombstones***



Anne Baker works as a volunteer guide in the Melbourne General Cemetery (MGC). The MGC was first opened in 1853 with some 40 acres of land, designed to be more like a park. It was closed in 1904 due to lack of space, and reopened in the 1970s when more land was added. The total number of burials there is over 150,000, and some estimates go close to a million.

Anne told us about Maximillian Ludwig Kreitmeyer, the anatomical modeller, who used part of the MGC for his museum of anatomical models, considered so risky that tours were segregated by gender. Max was Frank Thring's grandfather.

The most popular grave is that of Frederick Baker, who was a handsome opera singer. He died on stage at the Princes Theatre while singing the part of Mephistopheles and is now reputed to be the famous ghost at that theatre.

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## ***Vietnamese Community raises \$23,000 for ROMAC***

On Sunday 12th October, the Vietnamese community ran a fund raiser for ROMAC and raised nearly \$23,000. RC Richmond was represented by Janice Peeler and John Benger. The highlight of the evening was Kim Nguyen with surgeon Tony Holmes. Kim, who returned home to Vietnam last Tuesday, has been treated successfully and is shown below presenting Caroline Holmes (wife of Tony Holmes) with a gift.

The operations Kim went through were incredible. A flap of skin was cut from the forehead but left attached above the nose so it was still alive. It was then twisted and brought down to form the skin for the nose. The bone in her nose was constructed from bone from a rib. At the same time the surgeon altered her skull so her eyes were the correct distance apart. The lump on her head was actually her brain protruding: It had to be moved back so it was in her skull before the skull could be closed.

Incredible!

## ***Last Week's Speaker: Anne Baker (cont from p5)***

Emily Mather's tomb warns of the danger of marrying in haste. In 1891 she arrived in Melbourne, was married to Fred Deeming and, on Christmas Eve that year, was found buried under the hearth stone of her house. Under the hearth of Deeming's earlier house in England, police found the bodies of his previous wife and four children. Rumour has it that he was Jack the Ripper as there were no more Ripper murders after he was hanged.

Other "residents" include: Sir Samuel Gillott, MP, the first Lord Mayor of Melbourne and who featured as "Soapy Sam" in the 1950 novel "Power without Glory", written by Frank Hardy; Sir Redmond Barry, the "hanging judge" who sentenced Ned Kelly to death and died himself only 12 days after Ned; and Walter Lindrum, whose tombstone is shaped like a billiard table, complete with cue and balls.



**Above:** Kim before the operation.

**Right:** Kim (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) presents Caroline Holmes with a gift.



**YOUR FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

For District Events Calendar go to [www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au) (news & events)  
For more detailed information re upcoming events refer to our Bulletin

Xmas Fare orders – Jo Cowling

- D9800 Conference Launceston Tasmania 12-14<sup>th</sup> March 2009

**CURRENT LISTINGS - 2008**

Date	Event	Time	Where/Other Details
<a href="http://www.rotaryrichmond.org.au/bulletin.php">http://www.rotaryrichmond.org.au/bulletin.php</a>			
<b>October</b>	<b>Vocational Services</b>		
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Rotary Club of Richmond Raffle - Fundraising Committee</b>	Donations for this gratefully accepted	Please contact: Jo Cowling josephinecowling1@hotmail.com
<b>Commences Oct</b>	<b>Rotary Club of Prahran</b>  <b>Weekly Bridge Club light supper</b>	7.30pm Tuesday	St Johns Toorak \$10 donation – proceeds to Breast Cancer Research Contact: Pike Peters 0414 426 090
<b>November</b>	<b>Foundation</b>		
Timor Leste Kindy Box Packing Day	<b>Join the committee helping pack Kindy Boxes for the Timor Leste Project</b>	TBC	<b>Contact: Barbara Woodberry</b> <b>skills@mgdsventures.com</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>RYAP – Exhibition &amp; Mocktails</b> , followed by a fellowship dinner	6pm to 8pm Dinner to follow	<b>Bookings:</b> Tim Baker – 0412 568 531
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Visit to the Police Academy FoRCR Event	10am to 1.15pm	<b>\$20 pp</b> <b>Police Academy</b> <b>Waverly Rd, Glen Waverly</b> <b>Bookings:</b> Jenny List & Sue Roberts
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	"Lawn Bowling" Fundraising Event Great Family & Friends Day	3pm – 8pm	Hawthorn Lawn Bowling Club Bookings: Jo Cowling 0438 305 611 josephinecowling1@hotmail.com
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Paul Harris Breakfast	TBA	RACV City Club, Melbourne
<b>December</b>	<b>Family of Rotary</b>		
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Royce Abbey Inaugural Dinner	TBC	<b>More details to follow</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec to 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Homeless World Cup Week	TBC	<b>Contact:</b> Pres. Trevor Pang - details to follow
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Family of Rotary Werribee Mansion	TBC	<b>Trevor Pang</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	RYLA Camp		<b>Jo Cowling and Nia Holdenson</b>

**Please remember to put event dates in your calendars, particularly with Christmas fast approaching!**

**NOTE:** All social events & activities email to Rotarian, Jo Cowling: E: [josephinecowling1@hotmail.com](mailto:josephinecowling1@hotmail.com)  
Press Relations items/articles &/or assistance with same to Annie Wysham E: [annie.c.w@bigpond.com](mailto:annie.c.w@bigpond.com)



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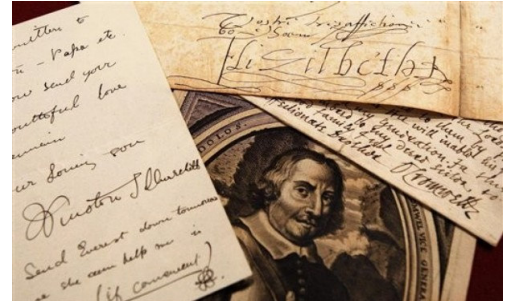
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Topic: **Living Letters**

MC: **Ben Hosking**



## Duty Roster

Meeting	2032	2033		2034	2035
Date	Monday 20 October	Monday 29 October	Monday 3 November	Monday 10 November	Monday 17 November
Chair	Mike O'Sullivan	Judy Nettleton	Cup Day weekend: No meeting	David Bibby	tba
Head Table	Janice Kesterton	Janice Kesterton		David Langdon	David Langdon

## Forthcoming Meetings, Speakers and Topics

27 October	A musical life: Nehama Patkin
3 November	Cup Day weekend: No Meeting
10 November	Oliver Beadle, Psychologist
17 November	tba

## Celebrations

Members' Birthdays	Judy Morton 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Partners' Birthdays, Wedding and Induction Anniversaries	None

## Quotation of the Week

"There are certain people whom one feels almost inclined to urge to hurry up and die so that their letters can be published." **Christopher Morley** (1890-1957) *US Actor, Columnist, Editor, Essayist, Novelist, Papermaker, Playwright, Poet*

## ROTARY DISTRICT 9800, R.I. & OTHER ROTARY LINKS

Richmond Rotary website: <http://www.rotaryrichmond.org.au>  
 District 9800 Home Page: <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au>  
 District E-Zine: <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/Networker>  
 Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org>

**Rotary Club of Richmond  
Fundraising Event for 2008**



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Hawthorn  
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**Cost**

**\$35pp (includes a game and BBQ)  
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The Hawthorn Bowling Club provides the ideal setting to enjoy a great afternoon of fun with friends and family. The club room is decorated by historical memorabilia and photographs, honour boards and has a special ambience. Michael the Balloonologist will entertain the children and adults.

**Bookings: Jo Cowling: 0438 305 611 or josephinecowling1@hotmail.com  
Numbers are limited so don't miss out – BOOK NOW**

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Name.....Phone.....Email.....

Number of Tickets..... X **\$35.00** per ticket    **TOTAL \$**.....

Cheques payable to *Rotary Club of Richmond Inc*     Credit Cards - Mastercard & Visa

Cardholder.....Number.....Expiry Date.....

**Prepayment required. In case of inclement weather limited indoor activities will be available.**

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# UNION ROAD TRADERS ASSOCIATION

Invites you to attend the

*RoCan*

**BLACK TIE DINNER**

Supporting

**Ovarian Cancer Research**



## HAPPY RECEPTIONS

199—203 Union Road Ascot Vale

**Friday 14th November 7pm**

**\$85 p/head all Inclusive**

### BOOKING CONTACTS

ABBEY — 9370 2770 or [simplystunnin@bigpond.com.au](mailto:simplystunnin@bigpond.com.au)

YVONNE — or [yvonne.moon@bigpond.com](mailto:yvonne.moon@bigpond.com)

HELEN — 9375 4343 or [ent6205a@interfloraflorist.com.au](mailto:ent6205a@interfloraflorist.com.au)

# SNAP-HOP A ROTARY YOUTH ARTS PROJECT 2008



CELEBRATING YOUNG  
PEOPLE'S LIVES AND IDEAS  
THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY,  
DANCE AND MULTIMEDIA.

**FREE!**

Friday 7 November 6:15 – 8pm  
@ Centre for Contemporary Photography  
404 George Street, Fitzroy  
(MEL ref: p. 2C, C6)

**THE NIGHT INCLUDES**

Photography Exhibition open from 6:15pm.  
Official launch and presentation from young  
dancers, photographers and organizers  
at 7pm. Drinks and nibbles provided.  
For friends, family, local community  
and supporters of the program.

Exhibition runs until Thursday 20 Nov.  
Opening hours: Wed - Sat 11am – 6pm.

INFO 0409 137 598

