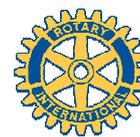




# The Bulletin of The Rotary Club of Richmond



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## Young Friends help survivors of the bushfires



President Nominee Jo Cowling has passed on an email from her son (and FoRCR) Nick, who has been organising some friends to help with bushfire reconstruction. "I thought you might be interested," she says, "To see how we are involving young people in some of the Rotary Projects - I am proud to see that Nick has taken up this initiative."

Below are two emails sent by Nick Cowling which explain what he is organising and the response he is getting. "If any other 'young' ones would like to help out," says Jo, "please contact Nick directly. His email is: [ncowling@mathmarketing.com](mailto:ncowling@mathmarketing.com)"

**From:** Nick Cowling

**Subject:** Helping survivors of the bushfires

Hi All,

Survivors of the Victorian bushfires are now beginning the huge task of rebuilding their lives, and one of the hardest things is knowing where to start. As you may know, my family was affected by the fires, and the work that needs to be done is overwhelming.

Through the Rotary Club of Richmond, I've found an opportunity for myself, and my friends, to roll up their sleeves and lend a hand.

I will be heading to Upper Plenty (just North-West of Whittlesea and Kinglake) to rebuild rural fences on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> of May. As you'd imagine, rural fencing is critical to helping people get

back on their feet. It's also a massive job, and needs our help. Upper Plenty is only about an hour out of town.

Any assistance would be appreciated. If you don't have plans that weekend, let's jump in the cars, spend some money in the local towns and build some fences. Don't worry, I'm no fence-building expert, but I understand with the right guidance, it's not too difficult.

**Please let me know if you'll be available to help ASAP** as I need to notify approximate numbers to organise equipment etc. It'd be much appreciated (by myself and those who need the help), and it'll make a real difference. I reckon we'll have a bit of fun also.

Look forward to hearing from you, and please pass this on with my details to anyone I've forgotten, or anyone else who'd be willing and able to help.

Cheers,

Nick Cowling

### Follow up Email from Nick:

Having an incredible response from the boys. Pretty much everyone on the list has put their hand up, plus some. They're getting very excited to be involved and lend a hand, and it's also a great way to get them involved in Rotary projects.

Cheers, Nick

## *President's Message #35*

I am proud that our Club will host the Southern Districts' Shine On Awards next Sunday – it is sure to be a rewarding experience for the nominees, guests, organisers and our Members, Partners and Friends.

The Shine On Awards are an Australian wide Rotary program designed to celebrate the abilities and achievements of people with disabilities, people who have contributed outstandingly in a voluntary capacity, to the quality of life in the community. Awardees are recognised for not letting their disabilities get in the way in reaching their goals to serve others.

Through commitment in helping others with the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self" nominees are recognised as two separate age group awards, based on common selection criteria, for youth (15-20 years) and adults (21 years+).

Nominees with disabilities are presented with the Shine On Awards in recognition of their outstanding service to the community. Not only must Nominees perform as a shining example to others through their individual achievements in coping with their particular condition but also be actively involved in community service for the benefit of others.

Last Monday Raphaela Oest visited our Club to learn more about what we do at Richmond. Typically we welcomed her with open-arms and the "Embrace of Richmond Fellowship" from the president! Very impressed, Raph immediately agreed to take part in our hosting of the Shine-On Awards by producing the slide-show. It is a credit to her commitment to serve our community. Welcome Aboard Raph!

This time last year I attended the P.E.T.S. (President Elect Training Seminar) in Moama and returned with

enthusiasm and a Club vision for 2008-2009. I am sure our PE Mike O'Sullivan has returned from Ballarat P.E.T.S. at the weekend with even more enthusiasm and vivid vision for moving forward in the Rotary coming year. I look forward to his forthcoming report.

Please remember Thursday is Mock Job Interviews at MGC – a fantastic Club project. It is also Malaria Awareness Day – RAM is a great Rotary International Project.



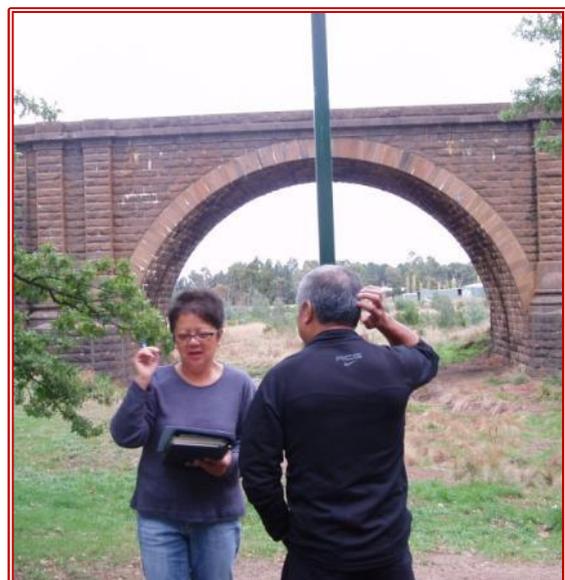
Our Rotarian of the Week is Sue Bolton – our very own Stephanie Alexander lookalike!

Sue always shows true Rotary spirit by a limitless willingness to serve, assist and support in all facet of Club activities. Sue is also the key initiator of Richmond's hosting of the Shine On Awards this Sunday. Hooray for Sue!

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### *Photo Caption Comp.*

President Trevor has a bottle of Kyneton Ridge Shiraz 2005 for the best caption to this picture. Entries by email, fax or snail mail to the Editor by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May please. The President's verdict will be binding.



## ***Last week's speaker: John Ainger***

### ***"Is everyone done? Sold!" The Ainger Story***

Report by Judy

Nettleton. Ainger

Auctions has been in Richmond for over 50 years and John Ainger has spent most of his working life in the family business. His father Ern started Ainger Auctions in the 1940's despite

being told he would never sell antiques in the working class suburb of Richmond, but he persevered, successfully concentrating on antiques and fine art.

John started work in 1969 at an Auction House in Glenhuntly Road for \$21 per week. and received a bonus in boiled lollies. He then went to an antique shop in Collins Street to learn about antiques and how to handle them. Once, while dusting a pair of English Chelsea 1766 china vases, the handle fell off one. He thought he would be sacked but the lady in charge said the owner played golf on Wednesdays and whilst he was away they sent antiques to a restorer to mend any breakages. This one had been broken before and the restorer had done a bodgey job.

Finally, he joined Aingers and still loves his job. He remembers helping out on the Aingers trucks; trying to fold up carpets full of tacks from big houses in Toorak; then changing the wheels with punctured tyres. In the early 70's they collected quite a bit of rubbish. If they were left with old lounge suites they would burn them in their yard - until his father was fined by the Council.

He used to go to do valuations on houses - some good, some bad. Once he was charged by a barking blue heeler. As he struck the dog with a cast iron garden seat the old lady abused him for hurting the dog. He thought that would be the



last he would hear from the old lady but she invited him back to sell a beautiful sideboard worth \$4-\$6,000.

Once, in an old house in Kensington filled with furniture that was worthless, he was "invited" to make a guess

of value by the owner wielding a rifle. The worthless furniture rapidly became valuable, but somehow John never went back to collect it.

On another time, when selling the contents of a country home full of Blenheim Palace artifacts, and owned by a stock and station agent, the owner asked to have a go at selling antiques. John was shocked to see the owner knocking down valuable items for just a few dollars. Many lots sold very quickly before John was able to recover the situation.

At a home in Box Hill, he spotted a chair in Australian Cedar that he thought would be quite valuable. It was quite dilapidated, ripped and torn - and fetched \$38,000.

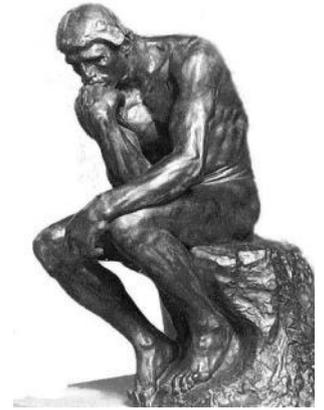
Today there are many well informed customers: people at auctions know the values very well.

John's father Ern was a well loved past president of RC Richmond. The annual Ainger public speaking award for students is a prominent feature in our calendar. Ben Hosking gave an example of Ern's auctioneering talents at fundraising events, when at auction of donated furniture held at Richmond Town Hall, Ern sold everything in sight including the Town Hall Piano.

John finished the night by auctioning a half full bottle of wine to Chris Don for \$17!

## ***Diarise NOW! Trivia Night: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May***

A night of fun and frolics: spot prizes, table winners and a really great time. Book a table for 10 and bring your own team or book for a few and join a composite table. Bring a platter of nibbles. Dessert provided. Drinks at the RCR bar. **More details soon.**  
**Where:** Richmond Town Hall **When:** 6.30 for 7.00pm. **Cost:** About the same as a normal Rotary evening: exact price tba.



## ***Shine-on Reminder Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May***

***No meeting on Monday 4th May.***  
 RC Richmond is hosting this year's Shine On Awards, to be held at Hawthorn Receptions on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Helpers are needed: See timetable below.**

We will then have a dinner meeting at the Amora on the Sunday evening,

**1pm We arrive at Hawthorn Receptions, 555 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn**  
 Help with organisation and hosting of nominees and guests.

**2pm – 4pm Shine On Awards Ceremony**

**4pm Afternoon Tea** Help may be required

**6.30 for 7.00pm Richmond Rotary Dinner** at the **Amora:**  
 Speaker: Narissa Mates, Shine On Nominee.

complete with speaker Narissa Mates, a Shine-On nominee and Parkinson's sufferer. Please make a note of the meeting details and come along to support both meetings. Richmond members are needed to help with the hosting at the Reception Centre.

**Due to the restricted time available, the editor regrets there will be no Bulletin at the Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting.**

## ***Ainger Award 20<sup>th</sup> birthday***

The final of the annual Ern Ainger Public Speaking Award will be held at the Amora Hotel Riverwalk on Monday 11 May at 6.30 pm for 7.00pm. This year is the 20th anniversary of the contest. The club is very proud of the Ainger Award as it started as a contest for students in the two secondary schools in Richmond and now takes entries from schools across the Melbourne metropolitan area.

As this is a major club event and one of the highlight's of our year we would like the support of all members, partners and Friends of Rotary. Guests are most welcome and we can guarantee an entertaining evening enjoying the presentations of ten outstanding young speakers. Bring along your children, grand-children or other friends or relations.

Representatives from District and from the Rotary Club of Fitzroy will be there along with the families, teachers and friends of the student finalists.

The cost is \$30.00 which is the same as a normal evening meeting.

Bookings for this night must be made with Ben Hosking either by email [bhosking@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bhosking@bigpond.net.au) or telephone 9499 2280. We require bookings to be made by Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> please.

## ***Thought for the Day***

If a deaf person has to go to court, is it still called a hearing?

## Car Rally Protest erupts into the Bulletin pages

**To:** Trevor Pang  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 21, 2009 4:47 PM  
**Subject:** We was robbed

Trevor,

Regarding the car rally; we were placed in second place, but from the following information you can clearly see we where the outright winners for we answered the question correctly.

When the horse trough was functional in was opposite a grocery store that was operating for 113 years; it is now opposite the bank but it is only a monument to the past. The question asked was 'what building was the water trough in front of' not what the water trough monument was in front of. You can see we were clear winners or at the very least equal winners.

I trust we will get recognition of our win in the rotary Magazine.

all the very best

Graeme Duncan



**From:** Trevor Pang  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 April 2009 5:18 PM  
**To:** John Liddell (Bulletin); Graeme Duncan  
**Subject:** Re: We was robbed

Hi Graeme

Oh - I'll let you dispute this with our Bulletin Editor John Liddell - also the WINNER! I have copied John this email for comment.

Unfortunately I cannot open the attachment so I cannot comment however even if it is so - the President only has limited powers - I'm not God!

Best regards

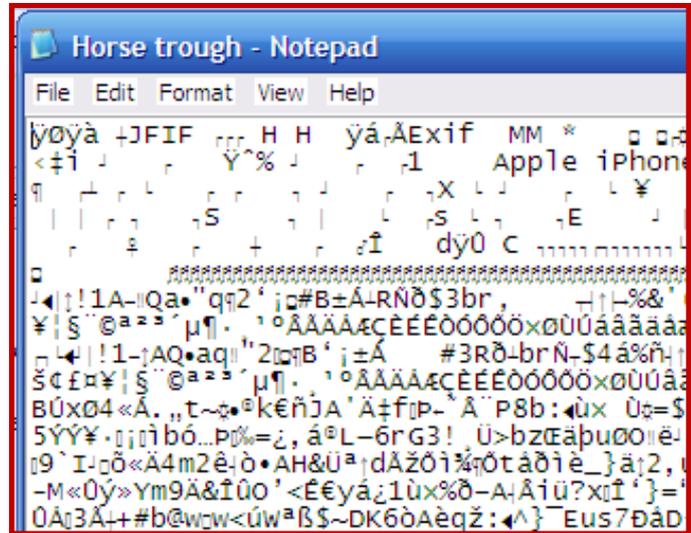
Trevor.



### Editor's Reply

In the interest of fairness I felt obliged to examine Graeme's claim. He had attached an image of the trough which he claimed was going to establish beyond doubt the legitimacy of his protest.

Here, dear reader, is a typical extract from the document that Graeme sent to Trevor:



I can vouch that the other 99% of the document looks pretty much the same.

On the basis of this evidence and using editorial prerogative, I can find nothing to support Graeme's claim that a) the water trough has ceased to be a trough and is now purely a monument, or b) that the bank has moved to displace a grocery store. Anyone wishing to check is welcome to a full copy of Graeme's file.

The editor's decision is final and this matter is now closed. So there!

## NEWS FLASH: President Trevor denies he is God

Contrary to popular belief, President Trevor has come out and admitted that he is not omnipotent.

Distraught Rotarians who have had their beliefs trampled by this announcement are invited to join in a class action demanding compensation for emotional damage and disruption to the laws of nature.

# Responsibilities of club membership

Article reprinted from "Rotary Basics", published by Rotary International.

The club is the cornerstone of Rotary, where the most meaningful work is carried out. All effective Rotary clubs are responsible for four key elements: sustaining or increasing their membership base, participating in service projects that benefit their own community and those in other countries, supporting The Rotary Foundation of RI financially and through program participation, and developing leaders capable of serving in Rotary beyond the club level.

What Rotarians get out of Rotary depends largely on what they put into it. Many membership requirements are designed to help members more fully participate in and enjoy their Rotary experience.

**Attendance:** Attending weekly club meetings allows members to enjoy their club's fellowship, enrich their professional and personal knowledge, and meet other business leaders in their community. Many larger communities offer clubs with different meeting times, including early morning, the lunch hour, after work, and evening.



**Rotary friendship working: GSE Team from Nebraska visiting RC Richmond**

If members miss their own club's meeting, they're encouraged to expand their Rotary horizons by attending make-up meetings at any Rotary club in the world — a

practice that guarantees Rotarians a warm welcome in communities around the globe. Find meeting places and times in the *Official Directory* or through the Club Locator at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

In some cases, Rotarians can make up meetings by participating in a club service project or attending a club board meeting or a Rotaract or Interact club meeting. Members can also make up online at one of several Rotary e-clubs.

**Service:** By participating in club service projects, members learn about their club's involvement in local and international projects and can volunteer their time and talents where they are most needed.

**Membership recruitment and retention:** To keep clubs strong, every Rotarian must share the responsibility of bringing new people into Rotary. Even new members can bring guests to meetings or invite them to participate in a service project. The value of Rotary speaks for itself, and the best way to spark the interest of potential members is by letting them experience fellowship and service firsthand.

Keeping members interested in Rotary is another responsibility. Good club fellowship and early involvement in service projects are two of the best ways to sustain the club's membership.

The ideal composition of a Rotary club reflects the community's demographics, including professions, gender, age, and ethnicity. Such diversity enriches every aspect of the club's fellowship and service.

**“Rotary is a completely new angle of friendship, one that's not private and one that's not strictly business.” –  
Susanne Prahl-Landzo,  
Bosnia-Herzegovina**

**YOUR FORTHCOMING ROTARY EVENTS**

**For District Events Calendar go to [www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au) (news & events)  
For more detailed information re your Club's upcoming events refer to the Bulletin  
<http://www.rotaryrichmond.org.au/bulletin.php>**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Where/Other Details</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Rotary Magazine Month</b>		
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Mock Job Interviews	12.00 Noon - 5.00pm	<b>Venue:</b> Melbourne Girls' College Yarra Boulevard, Richmond <b>Contact:</b> Tim Baker 0412 568 531
<b>May</b>	<b>Australian Rotary Health Research Month</b>		
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Help needed!</b>	RCR Hosts Shine-On Awards	TBA	Afternoon Tea at Hawthorn Receptions, Glenferrie Road. <b>Contact:</b> Sue Bolton
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Club Meeting (in lieu of 4 <sup>th</sup> May)	6.30pm for 7.00pm	Dinner after Shine-On-Awards <b>Venue:</b> Amora Hotel Riverwalk, 649 Bridge Road, Richmond
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Cafe International 2009	7.00pm	<b>Venue:</b> International House 241 Royal Parade, Parkville <b>Contact:</b> Pres Trevor
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May Help needed!</b>	RCR's Ainger Public Speaking Awards	6.30pm for 7.00pm	<b>Venue:</b> Amora Riverwalk Hotel, Richmond <b>Contact:</b> Ben Hosking on 0437 232 880
<b>Saturday-Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	"City Meets the Country" Tour Campaspe Shire	TBA	Meet the farmers, enjoy country hospitality <b>Contact:</b> President Trevor <b>Hosts:</b> Heritage Cluster & R C Rochester
<b>Saturday-Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	"Working Bee" Re-fencing Upper Plenty	TBA	Black Saturday Relief by the <b>Richmond OXYGENS (Our X &amp; Y GENS)</b> See p1. <b>Contact:</b> Nick Cowling <b>Email:</b> ncowling@mathmarketing.com
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Trivia Night	TBA	<b>Venue:</b> Richmond Town Hall <b>Details:</b> TBA <b>Contact:</b> Judy Nettleton 0402 083 848
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May Help needed!</b>	District Assembly	8.30am - 1.00pm	<b>Venue:</b> Melbourne University - Wilson Hall <b>Contact:</b> PE Mike O'Sullivan 0417 396 432 <b>Hosts:</b> The Heritage Cluster Clubs
<b>June</b>	<b>Rotary Fellowship Month</b>		
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	'Billy Elliot the Musical'	Evening TBA	<b>Contact:</b> Janice ASAP on 0418 171 502. Supporting Aust Rotary Health.
<b>13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	MUNA	TBA	<b>Contact:</b> Nia Holdenson 0403 068 482 <b>Venue:</b> Lake Dewar Lodge YMCA, 339 Garrards Lane, Myrniong <b>Host:</b> Rotary Club of North Melbourne
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Visit to R C Fitzroy (in lieu of club meeting)	6.00pm for 6.30pm	<b>Venue:</b> Fitzroy Bowling & Sports Club 578 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy North <b>Contact:</b> Pres Trevor
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	District Changeover Night	Evening 7.00pm	<b>Venue:</b> Melbourne Park Function Centre <b>Contact:</b> Michael O'Sullivan 0417 396 432 <b>Host:</b> Rotary Club of Hawthorn David Pisterman 0418 345 607
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Club Changeover Night	Evening TBA	<b>Venue:</b> Amora Hotel Riverwalk <b>Contact:</b> PE Mike O'Sullivan 0417 396 432



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## A Musical Journey

**Jane Smith**



### Duty Roster

Meeting	2052	2053	2054	2055	2056
Date	27 April	4 May	11 May	18 May	25 May
Chair	Ben Hosking	(Shine On awards on Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Ben Hosking	tba	tba
Head Table	Barry Roberts		Ross Telfer	Ross Telfer	Barbara Woodberry

### Forthcoming Meetings, Speakers and Topics

<b>4 May has moved to 3 May</b>	No Meeting: Instead we are supporting the Shine-on Award on <b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> , at Hawthorn Receptions followed by an RC Richmond dinner at the Amora. <b>See page 4 for details</b>
<b>11 May</b>	The Ainger Public Speaking Award Finals Night
<b>18 May</b>	tba
<b>25 May</b>	Trivia Night: <b>details on page 4</b>

### Celebrations 27<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May

<b>Members' Birthdays</b>	Ross Telfer 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Partners' Birthdays or Wedding Anniversaries</b>	None
<b>Induction Anniversaries</b>	Sue Bolton 29 <sup>th</sup> (12 years), Dot Brown & Rob Mactier, 2 <sup>nd</sup> (3 years), Ben Hosking 6 <sup>th</sup> (29 years)

### Quote for the week

"Ah, music. A magic beyond all we do here!"

**Joanne K. Rowling**, (1965 - ) British children's author

(*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*, 1997)

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

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