

ROTARY CLUB OF RICHMOND

The Tiger Rag

Meeting 2063

20 July 2009

Speaker

*Beryl Jones
The Smith Family*

Chair

Pam Heath

Forthcoming:

Date	Meeting	Speaker & Topic	Chair
27 July	2064	Leigh Wallace - Lord Mayor's Charitable Fund	Trevor Pang
3 August	2065	Tony Thomas - Burma Under the Generals and The Impending Catastrophe	Barbara Woodberry

Birthdays

*Isabel Birch 24th
Elissa Marriott 25th*

Wedding Anniversaries

Michael & Sally O'Sullivan 22th

Induction Anniversaries

Nil



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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



From the President's Laptop

My Fellow Rotarians,

Well the 'Changeover season' has finally finished! Having attended the Heritage Changeovers & the District Changeover, one can only be amazed at how the (now) common 'RICHMOND Hug Of Friendship' is doing the rounds ...even as far as Fitzroy!

At last Monday's Changeover Dinner for the RC of Fitzroy, the incoming President Peter Hille, made reference to Richmond as he 'hugged' & thanked the outgoing President. The one problem is that the clubs copying this often produce the 'BEAR HUG'! Oh well, time will heal all bruises (bruisers!).

The initial two weeks of this year have seen us exposed to two extremely talented speakers; namely Krissy O'Reilly & Gavin Martin. We trust that the high standards are maintained for the rest of the year & I feel confident that John Liddell will certainly make sure that this will happen. Many thanks to Gavin for his informative talk on Monday last. New horizons & new fortunes will be made on his advice! (With a toss of the dice, an astrology chart, 4-leaf clover and a bit o' Irish luck thrown in as well!)

Our first Fellowship Dinner for 2009-2010 is fast approaching - Friday 24th July at 7.00pm, Cheng Moon Restaurant, 661 High Street, Kew East. 4 courses for \$30.00 & BYO Wine only. Remember the restaurant is fully licensed. Please contact Brian list on 9816-9747 to confirm your attendance as bookings are filling fast. We would love to see all our Rotarians attend this initial evening of great fellowship and fun.

On a more sobering note, as of the 1st Of July 2009, it is mandatory to have a 'WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK' (an assessment) as required by the 'WORKING WITH CHILDREN ACT'. If you have forgotten to do so, please consider acting on this as a matter of urgency. The forms are available at your local post office where they can also be processed. There is no charge for the volunteers' card. Nia Holdenson will be more than happy to assist you if you have any difficulties with the form & will even loan out our DVD if that suits your situation better. I am sure all who have not gotten around to doing this will act quickly (to save her chasing you up), as per a major push from Rotary District 9800.

Many more exciting things are planned to happen over the next few weeks & I will be sure to keep you informed as soon as possible. If you have any celebrations this week, celebrate well, don't drink & drive & we look forward to seeing you all next Monday evening.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR MAGNIFICENT SPONSORS AT BIGGIN & SCOTT RICHMOND & HOME HARDWARE RICHMOND. I know you will be really well looked after.

Michael O'Sullivan
President 2009-2010



Guest Speaker, Gavin Martin, July 13: MAKE THE 'GFC YOUR BFG'

By Ross Telfer – Our 'Tiger Rag' Co-opted/Coerced Reporter for the Night

The meeting was pleased to hear from Gavin Martin, principal of 'Cornerstone Wealth' who is a financial and investment advisor.

The underlying theme of Gavin's presentation on the creation and maintenance of wealth was the virtue of maintaining an objective view, particularly when confronted with a significant downturn in either the stock market or the property market.

Gavin focused on the current 'Global Financial Crisis' GFC which has engendered a lot of fear, because even those who are not direct shareholders are affected because so much of their superannuation funds is invested in company shares. Across the board these have more than halved in value over recent months. It is also cold comfort for someone to be told that such are only paper losses if they were planning to retire at this time, or for the marginal borrower; that is someone who has borrowed heavily on their house to buy shares and who is now required to pay back a significant part of such borrowings because the value of their securities has fallen.

If those circumstances do not apply, however, it was emphasized that the current situation could be viewed as an opportunity to buy shares, some of which already have moved up in value. Gavin's charts revealed that 79% of the years from 1900 to 2008 showed positive growth. Conversely 21% of those years were negative. Perhaps Gavin's analogy of the 'Big Friendly Giant' (BFG) could be applied in this way. The difficulty that most of us face is our lack of time and training to adequately discern what may be a great investment opportunity and something of high risk. Compounding that problem is the ever changing taxation and superannuation legislation.

With regard to superannuation and retirement planning Gavin touched on Co-contribution (individual/self employed), spouse contribution, super splitting, re-contribution strategy, self-employed contribution, and salary sacrifice. Also to be considered were Centrelink and Pension Benefits, such as pension bonus schemes, overseas pensions, and Senior Australian tax offset. The new asset and income test limits effective from 20/9/2008 are \$550,500 and \$1557.75 pfn and \$873,500 and \$2,602 pfn for a single and couple respectively. Taxable income of less than \$50,000 and \$80,000 for a single and couple respectively gives eligibility for the Commonwealth Seniors Health Card.

Gavin's summary was well received and our appreciation was more than adequately and warmly expressed through the masterful chairmanship of John Benger.

['Big Friendly Giant' (BFG) by Roald Dahl: When orphan Sophie is snatched from her bed by a Giant, she fears that he's going to eat her. But although he carries her far away to Giant Country, the Giant has no intention of harming her. As he explains, in his unique way of talking, "I is the only nice and jumbly Giant in Giant Country! I is THE BIG FRIENDLY GIANT! I is the BFG." The BFG tells Sophie how he mixes up dreams to blow through a trumpet into the rooms of sleeping children. But soon, all the BFG's powers are put to the test as he and Sophie battle to stop the other Giants from tucking into the children of the world. The RAF and even the Queen become involved in the mission. From roalddahl.com - Sub-Ed]

Model United Nations Assembly

By Hannah Beiers and Chloe Sinclair, Melbourne Girls College students.

The thought of being at school at 7.30am on a Saturday morning is not usually the most appealing idea, however for the four Melbourne Girls' College students attending the 2009 Model United Nations Assembly, we knew it was going to be a weekend like no other. Of the four students travelling to the YMCA Lake Dewar Lodge with Richmond Rotary Member, Jean Marc Berthier, we both represented North Korea and the other girls represented Sri Lanka.

All sixty students who attended the conference undertook extensive research into their allocated country, and their role within the United Nations General Assembly. Delegates entered the assembly in the various national costumes, armed with notes, ideas and opinions about the various resolutions to be debated over the subsequent forty-eight hours. Although nervous we were all confident that it was going to be an interesting and insightful weekend.



As representatives of North Korea we had a difficult task ahead, especially in light of recent events; however that challenge proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable experience.

The weekend consisted of numerous debates between nations over the various resolutions we were given. The process began with the delegates from a country proposing the resolution, and after having it 'seconded' by another nation, the debating for and against the resolution would begin. A debate could last over an hour, with intriguing arguments being put forward by all nations. After the debating process was completed, nations would vote in favour or against the resolution. The weekend saw many resolutions passed on varying topics, such as Human Rights, the Environment and Trade & Commerce. Delegates had the ability to propose amendments to these resolutions, and even evict the Secretary General from the assembly in a Motion of Dissent, which, I am afraid to admit, did happen! They were long days of debating, that left everyone very tired, but each day was filled with exciting debate, the opportunity to improve public speaking skills, and learn about international relations and the United Nations. All nations were divided into Blocs, and Bloc meetings occurred throughout the day. These gave nations a chance to discuss resolutions with their allies and also provided time to get to know one another. The weekend was an incredibly interesting two days, and I believe every student benefited from the experience.

The MUNA weekend was nothing short of fantastic! We, and I am sure we speak on behalf of all students who attended, found the two days challenging, exciting and above all enjoyable. From an educational aspect we developed a better understanding of not only our nation North Korea, but of the complicated structure of the UN and the amount of influence it can exert on the world. Through the debates with the various countries on the Assembly we acquired a deeper understanding of view points held by governments and communities around the world. Through this we come to the conclusion that someone's view may not be "better" than ours or "worse", but just "different" – a perspective that is so important if we are to continue to develop a tolerant international community.

However above all, MUNA broadened our horizons and shifted the focus from our internal “world” that we live in on a day-today basis to our outside world – values that will equip us for whatever future that awaits us.

The weekend would not have been possible was it not for the generous sponsorship of the Richmond Rotary Club and we are both very appreciative of your help in enabling us this opportunity. Of course a big thank you is reserved for our fantastic driver, Jean Marc Berthier who so kindly gave up his Saturday morning sleep-in to drive us to the YMCA at Lake Dewar Lodge. In addition, the weekend would not have been possible without the organization and coordination by the Richmond Rotary Club who did a fantastic job in running a very successful Model United Nations Assembly!



Although we may not have won best debating team, we are proud to say that we came runner-up in the best costume award with our North Korean Military outfits!

Once again, **thank you very much** for allowing us this unique opportunity – it was a truly valuable experience.



*J B : “Oh well, if you lot won’t listen to me
I guess I will talk to myself.
At least I know I will be understood.”*



*“Reports that say that something hasn't happened are always interesting to me,
because as we know, there are known knowns;
there are things we know we know.
We also know there are known unknowns;
that is to say we know there are some things we do not know.
But there are also unknown unknowns
- the ones we do not know we don't know.”*

Donald Rumsfeld - February 2003

STILL PEDDLING FOR ARH & MENTAL HEALTH - Great Australian Bike Ride Update from Roberta Gordon, 15th July, 2009

Stage 7, Darwin to Perth, June 28th to August 13th -

Dear Judy (Nettleton),

Please forward this on to the ADG in our area as too hard for me to do individual clubs and I am the only area representative doing the whole ride...may encourage more clubs to support me now we are into the next financial year...still have to finish to pick up another \$3,000 which just puts me over my goal of \$40,000 which I am thrilled to bits with...hope to catch up with supporting clubs either before Xmas or after depending on new grand child, the lifesaving season...and I need a break too!

9,500kms at Fitzroy Crossing now....just over halfway....already had a preliminary celebration at Pee Wee's in Darwin on Fanny Bay - shouted by a keen supporter of my trip! Actually had my favourite 'mille feuille' or thousand pastries vanilla-type-slice at a patisserie on Cahills Crossing at the Border General Store in Kakadu. So called as it crosses the East Alligator River into Arnhem Land...such a wonderful surprise! Enjoyed a short cruise on the Fitzroy River at Geki Gorge this morning with its fresh water crocs sunning themselves in luxury on the stunning limestone river-worn cliffs or sandy banks. Bit like the Mediterranean in parts as seen in pictures...never been to Europe! The General Store burnt down two days before we arrived, so luckily the supply van arrived and the local service station has taken the supplies and the queue was almost out the door.

Finally got onto a computer and resized a pic out of my camera. On our day off here as we combined a couple of days riding 150kms each day to create more days off - as each day is a new camp site and some are a bit primitive...just a patch of grass and dirt just off the road. I'm over the red dust and can't believe how dirty the laundry water gets. Have to rinse twice!



Love it when we get an eco toilet with a tank of water and shade....luxury!!...which seems to be happening at a few roadside stops. So necessary with the literally thousands of people; and not just nomads going north...all ages! Met several young families in their buses, home- schooling and using School of the Air. You wouldn't believe the luxury vans and rigs that fill the caravan parks and toot as they go past. And the road trains...100 tons on wheels flying down the road. The gusts of air moving us riders across the road ...nice when going the same way as almost pulls us along ..great up the surprisingly many hills out here!

Victoria River stunning and Boab trees and termite mounds continually fascinate me as each one so different. Love the changing roadside desert gardens. Ngumpan Cliffs were stunning and a burnt orange, with Grande Canyon shapes. I didn't realise how hilly it is out here around Warmun to Turkey Creek.

There is also a turkey bush which the locals crush and rub on insect bites. Rather a pretty mauve bush which seems out of place in the dry with the gum trees. Came down with a tummy bug so struggled the last four days with only my protein electrolyte drink, as off food; but much better today with no riding. Other wise feeling good in the legs. My new revolutionary adamo seat picked up in Darwin has helped but taking a little while to wear in....my abdomen thanks me!!

It was really funny a few days before the WA border when we realised we had to eat all our apples ...which we ate stewed and then we ate apple crumble for two nights and also honey and bananas... *so* banana-ed out! Also learnt that three capfuls of dettol will kill 15 cane toads in a plastic bag and that you need to put cane toads in the fridge first, then the freezer, or their hibernation mode kicks in if freezer used only! Must be the initial shock that does it!



We get another day off in Derby then Broome (home billet and a real bed) and a chance to sight-see. Hope this finds you all well,

Yours in cycling for Mental Health Around Oz - Roberta Gordon.



The Great Australian Bike Ride is a nine stage ride around the country that began in Melbourne on the 21st March and will end there on October 10th. Melbourne is the birthplace of Australian Rotary Health. The ride will raise awareness of, and support for, mental illness and is co-ordinated by Australian Rotary Health. Roberta Gordon is a 60 year old retired teacher/librarian. There are now only 10 riders on this six and a half weeks stage to Perth. Roberta is sponsored by Richmond Rotary and is still seeking your sponsorship or a donation to Australian Rotary Health. We continue to wish her well with this courageous ride. Further fascinating details about the GABR, Roberta and donating can be found at www.greataustralianbikeride.org.au



...This year we hope you will continue to give your full support to our wonderful organisation and in particular, to our new World President, John Kenny, and his focus on Water and Sanitation, Health and Hunger and Literacy. Also, we hope you will take up the challenge to support our Foundation, the Rotary Foundation, as it pushes forward, with the help of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, to rid the world of the polio virus.

I want to extend a big 'thank you' to all the Presidents and the 'Clan of 2009-10'. To all incoming officers and members of District 9800, I wish you good luck for the new Rotary year ... we really appreciate your support! Please remember our theme for 2009-10 as you go about your Rotary endeavours:

The future of Rotary is in your Hands



- DG Colin Muir (Excerpt from District Governor's Weekly Message - Networker, Issue 2, 6th July 2009)

Ask The Local Librarian...

By Annie Wysham – Sub. Editor & Press Relations

Recently I stood in the queue at the City of Yarra's Richmond Library, sited at 415 Church Street, Richmond. I wasn't borrowing some books. I was waiting to speak to the Librarian on duty at the reception desk. My turn at last!

Introducing myself, I stated that I was from the Rotary Club of Richmond, responsible for the Club's Press Relations. I said that I wanted to enquire about the possibility of permanently displaying and distributing information about the Club, its activities, projects and future fundraisers, via their library community noticeboards, in-house communications etc.

The Librarian-On-Duty name place on the desk read: LYNN. "Before I answer your queries," she brightly stated, "I want to say... **'thank you Richmond Rotary!'** Thank you for all you do for our school, Yarra Primary School! **We love Richmond Rotary!**" Well that stopped me in my tracks mid-spiel!

After more pleasantries, Lynn said that *'of course the Richmond Library would love to help the Club at any time with their communication flyers and information posters'*.

Seems they have two community information display boards we can access; plus Lynn offered to send any future information leaflets/flyers in the Council despatch bag to all the other four libraries within the City of Yarra as well, if we request it. Great news in particular for the Membership team, Fellowship and Fundraising Committees' and Project Chairs, amongst others.

It's true! When out and about in Richmond *'connecting with community'* you certainly meet the nicest people, while being reminded that our Club and it's welcomed, local endeavours, are seen as an integral part of Richmond...as they have been for almost 45 years!

Now that deserves a 'Richmond Rotary total-embrace' for us all! Go for it!



We do more hugs than any other Rotary Clubs

AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH: A major community service program

A donation of \$500 has been forwarded to Australian Rotary Health (ARH) by the Rotary Club of Richmond in Krissy O'Reilly's name. As recipient of the inaugural 'President's New Member Award', presented at the recent Club Changeover Night, the donation was part of the acknowledgement of this award and her achievements. The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund is a multi-district project of Rotary in Australia and is supported by most clubs and Rotarians. The Fund has made available more than \$10 million in medical/health research in Australia. All donations are tax deductible. In 2000 the ARH began its current emphasis on Mental Illness Research and Awareness. As part of this activity, research grants of more than \$1 million each year have been awarded and a community awareness program, supported by the Commonwealth Government, has seen more than 400 community forums on mental health held by Rotary clubs.

Other Activities of ARH:

Scholarships for Indigenous Australians -

This program assists Indigenous Australians who are undertaking a health related university course.

Funding Partners Program -

The Funding Partners program helps to provide funds for medical research in areas other than mental illness - chosen by a Rotary club or Rotary district.

Bowel Scan -

The highly successful bowel scan program is promoted by the ARH

Rural Health Scholarships -

Scholarships can be awarded to medical students who are completing a rural placement as part of their under-graduate medical training.

Rural Health Grants -

Funds are made available to research projects that have the potential to restore or promote the health of Australians living in rural and/or remote areas.

Mental Health Services: Research Grants -

To assist local service providers to have their service evaluated.

Mental Health Awareness in Primary Schools -

Kids Matter will increase support and assistance for students at risk of experiencing mental health problems.

Transport Industry: Mental Health Survey -

Evaluating the costs and benefits of pro-active physical and emotional health screening and treatment for employees in the transport industry.

Australian Rotary Health proudly continues to be a major community service program of the Rotary Clubs of Australia.

Interested to know more? Go to: <http://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au/>

Your Richmond Rotary ARH contact: Judy Nettleton



Where were you 40 years ago on this historic day?

On July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong and Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the Moon, while Michael Collins orbited above. The Apollo 11 mission was the first manned mission to land on the Moon on the 16th July, 1969. The mission fulfilled President John F. Kennedy's goal of reaching the moon by the end of the 1960s.



**Mark Dwyer, Past President 1997-1998
Rotary Club of Richmond
2009 - 2010: Vice President/Vocations**



What year and why did you join Richmond Rotary?

November 1992. My wife's uncle, Allan Macvean, was a member of the Rotary Club of Richmond and as I lived and worked in Richmond, he thought it would be good for me to give back to the community that I lived and worked in.

What keeps you committed to Rotary?

The people in the Club and the projects the Club does.

What was your first Rotary project?

Fundraising Chair! Yes, after only eight months as a member I was the Chairperson for fundraising and was instructed at the first Board meeting that the Club didn't have any money... and what was my committee going to do to rectify this problem?! Talk about being thrown in at the deep end! What a great year that was!

What's been your favourite RCR commitment and why?

Constructing a building for RAM (Rotarians Against Malaria) in the Solomon Islands. Meeting the locals and being with fellow members on this project was amazing! The Cape York Project came a close second for the same reasons.

What keeps you awake at night?

Working out how to spend more time on projects like the Solomon Islands - and how to get to see more of our magical country!

OUR NEXT 'CLUB FELLOWSHIP DINNER'

Friday July 24, 2009 at 7.00pm
at the

CHENG MOON RESTAURANT
(Malaysian & Cantonese Cuisine)

661 High Street, East Kew
Upstairs, above Bendigo Bank
(Mel Map: 45 H4)

Join with your fellow Club Members & Friends –
simply enjoy each other's company, whilst finishing the month on a high note 🎵

4 courses for \$30

BYO wine & fully licensed

🎵 RSVP: Brian List

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☞ NEED TO NOTE –

☞ **Friday 24th July at 7.00pm – Club Fellowship Dinner** at Cheng Moon Restaurant, 661 High Street, East Kew. *4 courses for \$30 BYO & fully licensed (**Bookings: Brian List**)

***July is Rotary Changeover Month**

☞ **Tuesday 28th July at 5.30pm – 7.00pm - MGC Sustainability Collective meeting** at MGC, Yarra Boulevard, Richmond, in Information Centre. Enter via front reception. (RSVP to Annie Wysham or Andrew Vance, Enviro Programs Co-ord. E: avance@mgc.vic.edu.au. - see flyer)

***August is Membership Month**

☞ **Sunday 2nd August at 5.00pm – Royal Philharmonic Concert**, Melb Town Hall, Swanston St, City, followed by optional meal, upstairs at Young & Jackson's Hotel at your expense (FoRR - Jenny List - see flyer)

☞ **NOW Sunday 9th August, arrive 8.30am – start at 9.00am – OXYGens' Tree Planting in the Sugarloaf Catchment**, Glenaroura-Broadford area – **Volunteers needed - REGISTER ASAP** with Krissy O'Reilly. (For further details contact Krissy on 0421 068 611)

☞ **Saturday 15th August from 9.00am - 3.30pm – Membership & Marketing Seminar** – Cato Hall, Wesley College, 577 St Kilda Rd, Melbourne. Light lunch provided. RSVP: Loryn Clark, District Membership Dir. E: membership@rotarydistrict9800.org or 9682 3333 / 0418 390 334

☞ **SPECIAL CLUB NIGHT...Monday 24th August, 6.30pm for 7.00pm - 45th Charter Anniversary Meeting RC Richmond** – Amora Riverwalk Hotel, Richmond (Michael O'Sullivan)
☞ **Friday 28th August at 6.30pm for 7.00pm – Heritage Cluster Carvery & Trivia Night** – Fitzroy Town Hall *\$40 per person (Replaces RCR meeting for 31/8/09) (Michael O'Sullivan)

***September is New Generations Month**

☞ **Monday 14th September, 6.30pm for 7.00pm – RCR Slade Awards**, Amora Riverwalk Hotel (John Liddell)

☞ **Sat & Sun 19th & 20th September, 10.00am -5.00pm daily - Fun in Retirement Expo & Garden Show**, Boroondara Sports Complex, Belmore Rd, Balwyn. **RCR volunteers needed for the roster to help man (person) the Club display** (Jo Cowling/Janice Kesterton)

☞ **Friday 25th September at 7.00pm – Club Fellowship Dinner - Details TBA**

***October is Vocational Services Month**

☞ **SPECIAL CLUB MEETING...Monday 5th October, 6.30pm for 7.00pm: 4 Steps For Life – CPR Program & Demonstration**, Amora Riverwalk Hotel (Melissa Carfax-Foster/Dave Jackson)

☞ **Sunday 18th October from 11.00am-5.00pm – FoRR's 'Day On The Hill', Lake Cooper Estate Corop (near Rochester)**. Drive/take bus from Melb Sunday or stay o/n Sat (Jenny List)

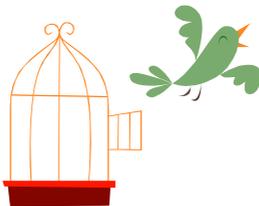
☞ **Monday 26th October, 6.30pm for 7.00pm – Mock Racing Night - Details TBA**

February is World Understanding Month

☞ **February 2010 –Lunar New Year Dinner** (Michael O'Sullivan)



“Come to the edge.”
“We can’t. We’re afraid.”
“Come to the edge.”
“We can’t. We will fall.”
“Come to the edge.”



And they came.
And he pushed them.
And they flew.

Guillaume Apollinaire, 1880-1918
French Poet, Philosopher

FRIENDS OF RICHMOND ROTARY

Our next event will be to hear

THE ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA & CHOIR

“An Evening with Mister Handel”



at the
Melbourne Town Hall
on

SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST

commencing at
5.00 pm

Followed by an optional meal - upstairs at Young & Jacksons Hotel - at your expense.

(1 Swanston Street, City)

Program

*A concert for all lovers of the great George Frederik Handel (1685–1759).
Featuring some of his most virtuosic & unforgettable arias, choruses & instrumental works.*

Soloists: *Sara Masliver* *Soprano*
 Tobias Cole *Countertenor*
 Jonathan Bradley *Organ and harpsichord*
Conductor: *Andrew Wailes*

Concert Tickets

\$40 per person

(Early bookings appreciated)

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HOW WAS I OUT?

The ball had hit the batsman on the arm and yet he was still given out.

As he passed the umpire he asked, “How was I out?”

“Why don’t you look in the paper tomorrow!” replied the umpire smugly.

“Why don’t YOU look”, said the batsman. “I’m the **Editor!**”