

ROTARY CLUB OF RICHMOND

The Tiger Rag

Meeting 2064

27 July 2009

Speaker

Leigh Wallace
The Lord Mayor's Charitable Foundation

Chair

Trevor Pang

Forthcoming:

Date	Meeting	Speaker & Topic	Chair
3 August	2065	Tony Thomas - Burma under the Generals and the Impending Catastrophe	Barbara Woodberry
10 August	2066	Thom Woodroffe - Executive Director Left Right Think-Tank	Brian List
17 August	2067	Ruby Albury - MGC - EST Captain Emma Lewis - MGC - EST Vice-Captain -THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON THE YOUTH OF RICHMOND - Stories from POWERSHIFT, 1 st National Youth Summit on Climate Change	Annie Wysham



Birthdays

Nil

Wedding Anniversaries

Helen & Neale Jackson 1st Aug

Induction Anniversaries

Nil



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



From the President's Laptop

My Fellow Rotarians,

Well done once more to Brian List, supported so ably by his wife Jenny! Last Friday evening's Fellowship Dinner at Cheng Moon Restaurant was a great success! Delicious food, lots of fun & that typical Richmond Rotary fellowship! It was really pleasing to see so many of our members and Friends in attendance.

Next month we have the Heritage Cluster Group's first 'CARVERY & TRIVIA NIGHT'. This will be held at the Fitzroy Town Hall on Friday 28th August, 6.30pm for 7.00pm - at the low cost of \$40.00 per person.

Please note: The evening will be in lieu of our regular Monday 31st Meeting.

I encourage all Members and Friends of Richmond Rotary (FORR) to attend. Please invite your friends & family to participate in this first fundraiser for the 2009/2010 year.

It will be a GREAT evening with GREAT food & some GREAT auction items – all to help the five GREAT Heritage Cluster Clubs raise some much needed money early in the year – includes: Brunswick, Carlton, Collingwood, Fitzroy and Richmond Rotary Clubs.

Our thanks to the City Of Yarra for giving us the subsidised use of the facilities.

Meanwhile if you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary this week please celebrate well!

REMEMBER: The Future Of Rotary Is In YOUR HANDS –

Michael O'Sullivan

President 2009-2010



URGENT REMINDER

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 act 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.



GUEST SPEAKER, BERYL JONES, JULY 21: The Smith Family

By Brian List - Our Tiger Rag 'Recruit Reporter'

Mrs. Beryl Jones is the Manager of Speakers for 'The Smith Family' (TSF) in Melbourne. (She is also the wife of PDG Des Jones and hence she knows a lot about Rotary!) The mission statement of TSF is: *'Together with caring Australians, The Smith Family will unlock opportunities for disadvantaged families to participate more fully in society.'*

The Smith Family is a national charity empowering young people through supporting them in education. Fully trained competent mentors are a vital part of this process. In twenty years some 40,000 students have been successfully supported through the Learning for Life scholarship programs.

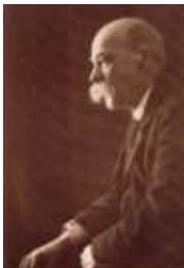
There are presently more than 27,000 disadvantaged students on the TSF Learning for Life scholarship program. Throughout Australia there are 120 Smith Family workers who facilitate and co-ordinate programs for these disadvantaged students through their schools. These scholarships pay a sum of money direct to the disadvantaged family to help with costs such as stationery, text books and uniforms. TSF workers give support with self esteem, self confidence and guided vocational choices.

Personal development programs include student-to-student peer reading tutoring - via the telephone. Other programs involve Homework Clubs and Computer Clubs. Older students have mentors who assist with learning and personal support.

There are more than 770,000 children in Australia who are now living in jobless households. The Smith Family endeavours to assist with these children's problems via programs of literacy, mentoring and 0 - 5 year old reading. In addition they have a special program aimed at improving the Year 12 retention rate of indigenous students. The current problem here is that their retention rate is less than half that of other students at Year 12 level.

Any help with the financial cost of this excellent work would be greatly appreciated. Further sponsor details at: www.thesmithfamily.com.au

Beryl Jones assured us that every cent of any donation goes directly to the disadvantaged families. The Smith Family's costs are fully funded by their successful domestic and industrial cloth-wiper business, with its factory in Villawood, NSW.



Who is this man?



Why is this man happy?



What is this man's problem & where is he?

NEXT WEEK IN THE TIGER RAG - The answers

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE (GSE): Already ON at District 9800..... and at RICHMOND Rotary?

By Jean Marc Berthier, RCR Foundation Chair

GSE is one of the most significant programs of our Rotary Foundation:

"Certainly, one of the most visible educational programs of The Rotary Foundation is the Group Study Exchange (GSE) program. Every year the Rotary Foundation provides funds for a Group Study Exchange Team for every Rotary District. Two Districts from different zones are then exchanging their teams in a coordinated manner. The GSE Team comprises a Team Leader (a Rotarian nominated by a Club and then selected by the District GSE Selection Panel) and four Team Members (young men and women who are developing their professional career and could benefit from a five week vocational and cultural visit to another country)." *quote from PDG J. Stuebaker.*

This 2009-2010 year, D9800 has agreed, along with D2203 from SPAIN, to exchange teams (May 2010 the Aussie Team will visit Spain).

D2203 is made up of 66 Rotary Clubs on the South East Mediterranean seaside of Spain: Andalousia with Sevilla, Granada, Cordoba, Cadix, Malaga, Costa del sol... but also Gibraltar, Valencia, Murcia, Alicante...all towns and areas of rich history and bright tourism! **Worth being a Team member, isn't it?**



The Team building plan at D9800 is:
>17 July: Team Leader nominations closed (RC Richmond didn't nominate a candidate)
>**24 July: Team Members' nominations closed:** RC Richmond has 2 potential candidates, MGC teachers',
>**2 August: pre selection Interviews**
>16 August: Team selection.

FUTURE INVOLVEMENT

Rotary Clubs will also be chosen to host the Spanish Team (3 days in the period 26/02 – 12/03), organizing the farewell dinner (26/04) or the welcome home dinner (16/06): The RCR Board to decide their involvement shortly.

Rotary year 2009 - 2010

FOUNDATION at RICHMOND Rotary

An update from Foundation Chair J. M. BERTHIER

In the last Tiger Rag, Pres. Michael highlighted our Club commitment to RI Foundation's major project: **END POLIO NOW.**

However, **our Club is also planning to:**

- finance RI Foundation up to 7,000 A\$, leading to 5 potential Paul Harris Fellowships (**PHF**) this Rotary year,
- have 20 Members or Friends committed in an individual **CENTURION** plan, double the number from last Rotary year (150 A\$ yearly commitment per Centurion),
- **support** all the Foundation programs (GSE, Scholars, etc.) when an appropriate candidate is proposed by a club member.

END POLIO NOW is the special name given by RI to accomplish its **POLIO PLUS**, highly successful and acclaimed humanitarian plan, **by mid 2012.**

Together with the UN, WHO and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, RI Foundation and Rotarians' will make it, if it raises **200 M.USD** (chosen matching challenge when Gates foundation gave 355 M.USD last March at the RI Assembly).

RI has then requested that the 33,000 Rotary Clubs' raise additional monies for RI Foundation within a 3 year plan: an average of 6,000 USD per Club.

RICHMOND Rotary has then planned to raise 10000A\$ during this Rotary year to help END POLIO NOW. These monies would come from our general fundraising (Lunar New Year Dinner) and, if needed and possible, from a dedicated special fundraising initiative.



**Josephine Cowling, President Elect
2010-2011 Rotary Club of Richmond**

**2009-2010 – RCR Board Member &
Membership Chair**



What year and why did you join Richmond Rotary?

I joined the Rotary Club of Richmond in 2006. In my husband Michael's Presidential year we saw the establishment of the Partners' Group, now the Friends of Rotary, and this provided me with opportunities to discover what Rotary had to offer. I wanted to become a volunteer and to explore an avenue of service which supports the community at a local and international level.

My membership allowed me to continue the family association with the Rotary Club of Richmond and there were many Members and FOR who motivated me through their actions and commitment to Rotary.

What keeps you committed to Rotary?

Rotary continues to provide me with the inspiration to explore the potential of Rotary. To participate and be committed to club projects within the local and international community.

The friendships that I have made through my involvement with the Rotary. My values are to respect others, to be passionate about what I do and to be optimistic about the future - all of which are closely linked to the values of Rotary.

What was your first-ever Rotary involvement and your memories of it?

I was 12 years old when my father became a member of the Rotary Club of Euroa. We had a number of exchange students stay with us over a number of years and my impression of Rotary was always positive.

What's on your 'wish-list' for your coming Presidential year?

I would like to continue to support and grow current projects and to explore new possibilities. To maintain and develop our connection and involvement with younger members and friends of Rotary. To promote the values of Rotary at every opportunity and remain relevant to our members and all our stakeholders. To raise the Club's profile and to be even more visible in the community. To maintain and grow the enthusiasm and participation in our club projects.

On a personal level I would like to grow my leadership, communication, organisational and team building skills.

What keeps you awake at night?

Thinking about what lies ahead in preparing to be the next President of the Rotary Club of Richmond.

STOP THE PRESSES:

Watch this space next week for all the 'goss' on last Friday's Fellowship Dinner, plus photos, courtesy of **CHEW'S ChANDID CAMERA!**



The Rotary Club of Richmond has pleasure
in inviting you to attend the

Rotary D9800 Heritage Cluster

Trivia Night



to be held on

Friday, 28th August 2009

at

Fitzroy Town Hall

201 Napier Street, Fitzroy (Melway 2C B9)

from 6:30pm – 10:30pm

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- **Trivia Night with Team Prizes**
 - **3-choice carvery and dessert • Cash Bar**
 - **Raffles, Silent Auction and Live Auction Prizes**
 - **Good fun and fellowship • Giveaways**
 - **Funds raised will support local youth projects**
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Cost: \$40 per person

Includes a 2-course spit-roast carvery (three carvery meats with salads,
plus desserts). Cash bar (wine, bottled beer, softdrink) available.

RSVP by Friday 21st August 2009



Please contact : President Michael O'Sullivan

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The Rotary International
2009-10 theme is "The Future of
Rotary Is In Your Hands"

*Rotary District 9800 Heritage Cluster comprises the Rotary Clubs
of Brunswick, Carlton, Collingwood, Fitzroy and Richmond*

INTERNATIONAL NEWS - TIMOR LESTE UPDATE

BUILDING THE TIMOR LESTE EMBASSY, Canberra – A remarkable commitment

This unique project to build an embassy emerged from the enthusiasm of a committed group of Australians to assist the people of one of our poorest neighbouring nations. A group of Australians raised the money required to build a Chancery in Canberra for the people of East Timor and construction was completed in February, 2009. The intent to harness the will and resources of the Australian people to build a symbol of independence for Timor-Leste has now resulted in a completed Chancery building in Deakin, Canberra. The Embassy has been handed over to the Government of Timor Leste as a national gift to the Timor-Leste people from the people of Australia.

The [Rotary Club of Melbourne](#) and Leadership Victoria joined forces in 2002 and established the Australian Timor Leste Embassy Fund, a collaboration of individuals, corporations, government and the philanthropic section in Australia with Timor-Leste leaders and groups in Timor-Leste and Australia.

This remarkable project is the only known gift of an Embassy from the people of one country to another. Seven years in the making and now completed, the Timor-Leste Embassy in Canberra will serve as an historic landmark and a demonstration of the extraordinary commitment of the Australian people and our willingness to walk alongside the Timor-Leste people as they rebuild their nation.

Learn more at - <http://www.easttimorembassy.org.au/#>



The Flag of East Timor -

*Portugues: Bandeira de Timor-Leste
also known as Timor-Leste.*

This flag was officially adopted in 2002.



KINDY BOX PROJECT: Exercise books to Timor-Leste

Update by Barbara Woodberry, RCR International Chair

The last 1200 exercise books have left for a primary school associated with one of our Kindergartens, bringing the total contributed to over 8,000. What a wonderful use of our silver coins at Christmas time. Thank you to everyone and a special thank you to those who ran a 'piggy bank'!

Shipment to Timor-

The first part of Kindy Box D (Handwriting) has been shipped to Timor this week. Thanks especially to Marg Looker – FORR - who is the 'Teacher Advisor' to the project.

With Marg's help we were able to design a number of resources which the teachers can copy.

The book, 'Busy Babies' (Balaada Oan), was included in the shipment. The author, Jeanette Rowe, donated 100 copies to the project and our volunteers did the labelling.



RI PRESIDENT 2009-10 URGES ROTARIANS TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE



By Arnold R. Grahl, Rotary International News -- 13 July 2009

RI President John Kenny addresses the Rotary Club of Chicago as one of his first official acts.

Photo courtesy David Phelps/Rotary Club of Chicago

Rotary International President John Kenny urged Rotarians to take steps toward making the world a better place during a visit to the Rotary Club of Chicago on 7 July. Kenny addressed members of the Chicago club, the birthplace of Rotary, as one of his first official acts, a long-standing tradition for incoming RI presidents. Noting that the world faces immense challenges, he quoted the Chinese philosopher Lao-tzu, who said, "The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step."

"We know how to take that step," Kenny said. "We will take that step through our Rotary emphases. We will take it through projects in water, health and hunger, and literacy; through club and district projects; and with the help of our Rotary Foundation."

During the luncheon, which served to install club officers and recognize Paul Harris Fellows and other donors, Kenny reiterated his conviction that individual Rotarians will play the biggest role in the future of the organization.

"The future of Rotary is, to a great extent, in the hands of our incoming officers, who will have so much new responsibility in the year ahead," said Kenny, a member of the Rotary Club of Grangemouth, Scotland. "It is in the hands of outgoing officers ... who will continue to serve as a guide and resource for others. And it is, most of all, in the hands of every member of every single Rotary club."

"I have said before that I believe it is time to give Rotary back to the Rotarians," he added. "I believe very strongly in the autonomy of each Rotary club, and in the power of the individual Rotarian to make a difference."

Kenny's message and the 2009-10 RI theme, *The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands*, resonated with attendees.

"The theme is an appropriate one. It recognizes, as John said, that every Rotarian has a responsibility to help Rotary grow," said Angelo Loumbas, 2009-10 president of the Chicago club.

Robert Knuepfer Jr., a Chicago club member and governor-elect of District 6450, said the theme reflects the history and legacy of Rotary. "The founders took business and professional leaders from the community to give service back to the community," he said. "The outcome has always been in the hands of individuals and not the organization."

"I think it's wonderful; he is right on target," added John Spitkovsky, a member of the club since 2000.

Jorge Aguilar, who was inducted as president of the Rotaract Club of Chicago, said the emphasis on the future is important to his club. "In Rotaract, we see ourselves as the next generation. We need to get the word out and set up great service projects, and we will be successful."

Kenny also reminded the Chicago club of the deep connections between Rotary and Scotland. Paul Harris's wife, Jean Thomson, hailed from Edinburgh. Harris named their first home after a road in Edinburgh, and Jean returned to the city after Harris's death. To learn more about Paul Harris's early history, visit [Rotary History and Archives](#) or the [Harris timeline at the Rotary Global History Fellowship](#).

BOROONDARA KINDERGARTEN PROJECT - GIVING VULNERABLE RICHMOND CHILDREN A FLYING START...with the support of Richmond Rotary.

Report by Annie Wysham: Sub Ed.



The Rotary Club of Richmond are proud to support Boroondara Kindergarten and at our last Club meeting a cheque for \$4,000 was presented to Denise Rundle, Co-Ordinator, by President Michael O'Sullivan. Children who have been receiving discounted fees due to Rotary sponsorship of \$4,000 include children of newly arrived families of Sudanese backgrounds, Sri Lankan and Vietnamese backgrounds, Turkish, Eritrean backgrounds; as well as a low-income, single parent family of Anglo-Australian background. This money goes towards fee sponsorship assistance for terms 1 & 2, 2009 - supporting 13 children overall for 10 weeks. No child has received a 100% subsidy. Total cost per week is \$229 and the total cost to Boroondara Kindergarten for Terms 1 & 2 (ten weeks each) is \$4,580. Rotarian Barbara Woodberry is the Club contact.

In thanking President Michael and the Rotary Club of Richmond, Denise also presented a written report on behalf of the Committee of Management at Boroondara Kindergarten Inc- Report of the Project for the Rotary Years 2006/2007; 2007/2008; 2008 - which included the following statements:

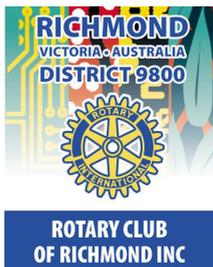
'When we look back on the past three years at the support of Boroondara Kindergarten by the Rotary Club of Richmond, it is quite breathtaking to see the positive impact this support has had. When our committee approached Rotary back in 2006 for support with our renovation, we never envisaged the extent to which this support would stretch.'

...'Rotary's idea of offering sponsorship for these fees has opened up this program to the very children and families that we want and need to engage. This has allowed strong relationships to be built that has seen an improvement in children's regular attendance at kindergarten and school, as well as opportunities for these families to be linked up to other services such as community health, financial counselling and interpreting services. This initiative has allowed us to establish a second three year old kindergarten group, as well as filling up the existing group which we often struggled to maintain with low enrolments. We have been able to give our staff additional hours of employment and have managed to maintain the employment of two experienced staff as a result. This sponsorship started in the second half of Jean Marc's year, corresponding to the school year, and continued through Trevor's year.'

'The plaque in our foyer says, "Boroondara Kindergarten Project - giving vulnerable Richmond children a flying start". And this is certainly true - by Boroondara Kindergarten being able to add-value to our hub renovation with the support of Rotary Club of Richmond, we can offer more children and their families the vital educational support at this crucial stage of learning.'

...So thank you Rotary for three great years of support that has lead to greater sustainability of our centre. The Boroondara Kindergarten community are very grateful

Let's Celebrate!



The Rotary Club of Richmond is 45!

When: Monday 24th August
Where: The Amora Riverwalk Hotel,
649 Bridge Road, Richmond
Time: 6.30 for 7.00 pm
Cost: \$30

We will celebrate our sapphire anniversary by:

Wearing blue (at least something), listening to Blues Music, eating blue food, consuming blue drinks, telling 'blue' jokes (maybe), and winning blue raffle prizes.

A special invitation goes out to all members and friends of the Rotary Club of Richmond, past and present, to help make this a great occasion.

RSVP to Sue Bolton, 9571 9613, or sbolton@globaldial.com by 17th August, 2009

The Birth of the Rotary Club of Richmond – Did you know our Club was established by Charter on August 24th, 1964, under the auspices of the Melbourne Rotary Club?

☞ NEED TO NOTE –

**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)

☞ **NEW** *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 SAPPHIRE CLUB NIGHT...** *Monday 24th August, 6.30pm for 7.00pm - 45th Charter Anniversary Meeting RC Richmond* – Amora Riverwalk Hotel, Richmond Donations of **BLUE prizes** required for raffle on the night (Donate/bookings: Sue Bolton)

☞ *Friday 28th August at 6.30pm for 7.00pm – Heritage Cluster Carvery & Trivia Night Fundraiser* – 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)



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)

Contact
Jenny List
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A lion a bear and a pig are sitting around discussing how great they are.

The lion snarls, 'When I roar the whole jungle shakes!'

The bear growls, 'When I roar the whole forest trembles!'

'So what!' snorts the pig. 'All I have to do is *SNEEZE* and the whole world fits itself!
(OK. OK. We tidied it up for you! Ed. Team)