

ROTARY CLUB OF RICHMOND

The Tiger Rag

Meeting 2078

16 November 2009

Speaker

“Blow into this please”
The Breathalyser
Des Malcom [PE of RC Tullamarine]

Chair

Tim Baker

Forthcoming:

| Date | Meeting | Speaker & Topic | Chair |
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| 23 November | 2079 | Australian Rotary Health | PDG Judy Nettleton |
| 30 November | 2080 | Rotary Foundation - Chris Don [Rotary Club of Richmond - AGM] | Jean Marc Berthier |
| 7 December | 2081 | Joint Meeting with RC Fitzroy - Venue: Wine Liquidation Centre 58 Queens Road Fitzroy North | Hosted by RC Fitzroy |
| 14 December | 2082 | Christmas Celebration - Salvation Army Band Ensemble - Visit from Santa | TBA |

Birthdays

Janice Kesterton - 20th

Nigel Peck - 20th

Wedding Anniversaries

Isabel & John Birch - 16th

Induction Anniversaries

Barbara Woodberry - 2006

Brian List - 1972

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

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| 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,

Last Monday evening was certainly a very entertaining & delectable event! Not only did we relive some of our childhood memories of Hillier's Chocolates, but we received a very comprehensive presentation of the history of the company, from humble beginnings to the present day production numbers, thanks to our guest speakers, Annamaria & Dean Lapetina. Just to think that Hillier's manufacture 4 million Easter Eggs annually is quite staggering!

I know that all who attended were most impressed with the professionalism of the presentation, together with the chocolate samples provided! It is great to hear from companies who, in days gone by, were well entrenched in Richmond from a manufacturing view & who today, still have their outlet in Church Street so we can continue to have access to their famous products locally & directly from the manufacturer! (See report page 4)

On behalf of our Club I would like to thank Annamaria & Dean Lapetina for their great efforts in sharing their story with our members.

From the subject of chocolates last meeting to 'The Breathalyser' this week! It promises to be another great and informative Rotary evening!

If you are celebrating anything this week, celebrate well, let 'em eat chocolate & remember...

The FUTURE OF ROTARY Is In YOUR HANDS

Michael O'Sullivan
President 2009-2010



NOVEMBER IS ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

Excerpt from 'A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT 9800 FOUNDATION DIRECTOR, CHRIS DON' – *Networker*, Issue 19, 2nd November 2009

...Like Rotary, our Foundation had a very modest beginning. RI President Arch C. Klumph told delegates to his Atlanta Convention that "*It seemed eminently proper that we should accept endowments for the purpose of doing good in the world.*" The response was polite and favourable, yet the fund was slow to materialise. The Rotary Endowment Fund as it was then called, received its first contribution of US\$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City a year later, being the balance of their Convention account. The Rotary Foundation was officially established in 1928 and in the next four years grew to US\$50,000. Upon the death of Paul Harris in 1947, a new era opened as memorial gifts poured in to honour our founder. In 1954 the Fund received its first half million dollars.

Today, annual contributions to our Annual & Permanent Funds exceed US\$200 million in the support of polio eradication, educational and humanitarian work....

NEED TO NOTE –



**November is Rotary Foundation Month*

☞ *Wednesday, 25th November – Annual Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Breakfast – 7.00am for 7.15am start – 9.00am.* RACV Club, 17/501 Bourke St, Melbourne, \$55 per person. Guest Speaker CEO of ‘Our Community’ – Rhonda Galbally AO. Club contact for bookings for RCR’s table: Jean Marc Berthier (*See all info in this Tiger Rag edition*)

☞ *Sunday 29th November – 10.00am-3.00pm* ★ 🎵 🎶 ★ **CHRISTMAS FARE FOR SALE.** Courtesy of Elissa & Simon, to be held at 237 Coppin Street, Richmond. **Entry fee:** Gold coin donation. Nibbles & champagne on offer. Friends & Family all welcome. Contact: Elissa (*See flyer in this Tiger Rag edition*) ★ **CHRISTMAS FARE DONATIONS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** ★

☞ *Monday, 30th November – RC RICHMOND’S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – to be held as part of the weekly Club meeting*

**December is Family of Rotary Month*

☞ *Tuesday, 1st December, 6.30pm for 7.00pm. Dinner With Ray Martin – Journalist & TV Personality who will sign & speak about his autobiography, ‘Stories of My Life’.* Royal Sth Yarra Lawn Tennis Club, Williams Rd Nth, Toorak. \$60 PP. Includes pre-dinner drinks. *Bookings: by 24/11/09 to Alan Freedman: alan.l.freedman@bigpond.com 0419 357 864*

☞ *Tuesday, 7th December – Attention all Club Members & Friends – Please give your support to attending the JOINT MEETING WITH RC FITZROY as part of our Heritage Group Cluster ‘Family’.* **Venue:** Wine Liquidation Centre, 58 Queens Parade, Fitzroy North VIC 3068 (03) 9486 (*Further details/bookings or apologies to Pres. Michael*)

☞ Monday, 14th December – LAST CLUB MEETING OF THE YEAR!

6.30pm for 7.00pm at the Amora Hotel ★ 🎵 🎶 ★ **Christmas Dinner Meeting** ★ 🎵 🎶 ★ - **Christmas Carols with the Salvation Army Band ensemble, plus a visit from Santa! Cost: TBA** ★ 🎵 🎶 ★ **Wear a touch of Xmas!** ★ 🎵 🎶 ★ **Please bring along your donations of unwrapped gifts of toys & games. Your friends, families, sponsors & supporters all welcome!** (*Bookings essential thru President Michael*)

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**January is Rotary Awareness Month*

☞ *Monday, 11th January, 2010 - FIRST CLUB MEETING OF THE YEAR!* A BBQ & catchup in the park. Venue & details TBA (*Contact: Pres. Michael*)

**February is World Understanding Month*

☞ *February 2010 – Lunar New Year Dinner Details TBA (Contact: Pres. Michael)*

4th - 7th March, 2010 –

‘Where On Earth, but Perth’. Rotary District 9800 Conference.



Check out Rotary District 9800's latest event listings at ‘News and Events’ & ‘Events Calendar’. Go to:

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/NetworkerOnlineArticles#Grapes>

LAST WEEK'S SPEAKERS': DEAN & ANNAMARIA LAPETINA - The Hillier's Chocolates Story.

By T Rag Reporter, John Liddell

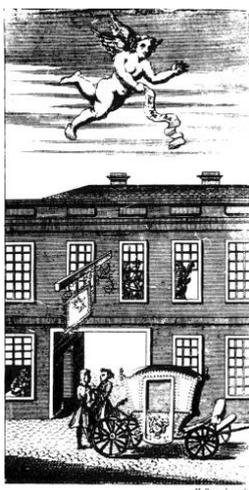
Hillier's

Delectable Chocolates since 1914

The Lapetina family is now the owner behind the familiar Hillier's Chocolates company and Dean and AnnaMaria arrived with a generous load of sample bags and a number of goodies as individual prizes for give-aways during AnnaMaria's talk. Earnest Hillier's vision when he set up the company in the early 20th century, was: "We will make quality chocolate, at a profit if we can, at a loss if we must, but we will make quality chocolate" and although the company has since changed hands, this is still its vision today.



AnnaMaria started by giving us some chocky facts: For example, chocolate contains high-quality anti-oxidants and chocolate is rich in magnesium and iron. Chocolate makers use 40% of the world's almonds and 20% of the world's peanuts. **Seems that chocolate is a great natural antidepressant!**



She also gave us a few historical (pre-Hilliers') pointers (trivia buffs take note): The first lovers of chocolate were the ancient Aztecs: the word 'chocolate' is derived from their word 'xocolatl', which means bitter water. In 600 A.D. the Mayans established the earliest known cocoa plantations. Christopher Columbus was the first notable European to be introduced to chocolate and he introduced cocoa to Spain. The first European chocolate house was reputedly opened in London in 1657 by a Frenchman (chocolate was considered a beverage) and eating chocolate was introduced in 1674 in the form of rolls and cakes. During the late 1700's mass production of chocolate started and subsequently growth worldwide was driven by greater supply, reduction of excise duties and improvements in transportation and manufacturing. Today, in the worldwide per capita consumption table, the leader is Switzerland at 11.6 kg per head. Australia weighs in at number 12 with 4.5 kg per head!

Ernest Hillier was born in England in the late 19th century. In the early 1900's he moved to San Francisco to learn the soda and confectionery business where he met and married an Australian girl (Magdalen May). Hillier opened up five restaurants (called Golden Gate) but these were destroyed in the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. Broke, Ernest and Magdalen May moved to Sydney where they opened Australia's first soda fountain in The Imperial Skating rink in Sydney in 1911.

In 1914 he opened Australia's first locally made chocolate and soda shop in Pitt St Sydney. The Pitt St store had seating for 600 customers and featured a 42 ft long fountain!



GROUND FLOOR OF MR. ERNEST HILLIER'S LARGE ESTABLISHMENT IN PITT ST., SYDNEY.

He pioneered the use of newspaper advertising for chocolate and was the first to use mail order. Popular products at that time were French nougat, pineapple liqueur, molasses chews, brazilian wafers, chocolate caramels and after-dinner mints. In the next 14 years he opened 6 more stores, a chocolate factory in Surry Hills, an ice cream factory and pastry bakery employing 400 people in Sydney.

Due to the great depression he moved to Melbourne in 1934, and established the famous Collins Street store in the Regent Theatre. His factory was in South Melbourne. Ernest Hillier ran the company until he died in 1967 (he was over 80 years old), and his family sold the business that year. ("They didn't waste any time!" remarked Judy Nettleton.) However, Hillier's remains locally owned, with just its 3rd owner in 95 years.

Today Hillier's has 2 major brands: Hillier's, at the high quality end of the market, and Newman's, a premium value product, acquired in 2000. The Ernest Hillier product range includes an Everyday Range - including the famous "Yard of Chocolate", the Easter range (they make about 40 million eggs each Easter) and their Xmas range, including Stockings, and the mini Xmas Puddings (650,000 per annum!) and Dinner Mints.

AnnaMaria gave us some tips on how to recognise good chocolate: 1) Look for a nice sheen; 2) The chocolate should "snap"; 3) No 'off-white' colour; 4) It should melt in your hands (and your mouth !) and finally, 5) taste delicious!

After several questions, Chair for the day, Sue Bolton, thanked Dean and AnnaMaria for presenting such an interesting talk and for being so generous in giving away so many mouth-watering samples! Everyone present was given a show bag of delectable chocolates to take home! We were like big kids in a chocolate (lolly) shop! (Willy Wonka eat your heart out!)



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[See details on page 13 of Tiger Rag web edition - Ed.]

DISTRICT 9800 CHOSEN AS A FUTURE VISION PILOT DISTRICT



Source: <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/Home>

Rotary Foundation Director Announcement

Chris Don, District Foundation Director announced on 31/05/09 that District 9800 had been included as a pilot district for the Future Vision Pilot. Future Vision will test a new, streamlined Rotary Foundation Grant Structure.

Chris states in his report to the District Leadership team, "Our District has been advised that we have been successful in our application to become a Future Vision District, one of only 100 worldwide. This is a wonderful result, vindicating all our long term & short term efforts to ensure selection".

Learn more about the Future Vision Pilot Project at

<http://www.rotary.org/EN/MEMBER/RUNNINGADISTRICT/FUTUREVISIONPILOTPROGRAM/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

ANNUAL ROTARY FOUNDATION PAUL HARRIS BREAKFAST – Calling all our Paul Harris Fellows'... & Rotarians & Friends!

The Annual Rotary Foundation Paul Harris Breakfast will be held on:

Wednesday, 25th November - 7.15 am to 9.00 am

RACV Club,

17/501 Bourke St, Melbourne.



Guest Speaker: CEO of Our Community - Rhonda Galbally AO

Payment of \$55 per person can be by cheque, credit card/s, or cash at the door.

NB: Attendees are encouraged to wear their PHF regalia - medals and/or lapel badges.

This annual breakfast has been held since 1992 and regularly attracts more than 200 Rotarians and guests. Richmond Rotarians will be able to join fellow Rotarians in a District-wide event to support the Rotary Foundation.

The Guest Speaker, Rhonda Galbally AO, has focused her life's work on making a difference for a more equitable society. A CEO for 25 years in the Business, Philanthropic and Government sectors, Rhonda's leadership in finding effective solutions for social, health and economic development culminated in her establishing www.ourcommunity.com.au - a hub of resources, training and advice for community organisations.

RCR's Foundation Chair, Jean Marc Berthier is tentatively booking a table for Richmond Rotary. Everybody welcome. Car pooling available.

For bookings and further information, contact Jean Marc -

Email: jberthie@bigpond.net.au – 0410 508 482

STREET SOCCER VOLUNTEER PROGRAM - GET INVOLVED!

The Big Issue Community Street Soccer Program offers homeless and marginalised people an opportunity to improve their physical and psychological well-being through soccer.

The program uses physical activity, in the form of organised sport, as a catalyst for transforming the lives by reconnecting homeless with the community and providing them with a real sense of purpose and belonging. Most critically, it gives them a great boost in self-esteem and a vision for a brighter future.

To deliver the Street Soccer Program we require the assistance of long-term and event time volunteers. A variety of volunteer positions exist at our weekly soccer training sites around Australia and also in the State Offices and the Head Office in Melbourne.

By becoming a volunteer and supporting the Street Soccer Program you will form part of a team working to promote opportunities for people who are currently homeless and excluded, while gaining a unique and valuable personal experience.

For full details on how you can become part of the Street Soccer Volunteer Program please [click here](#).

Kind Regards,

Cathryn Little

Regional Street Soccer Manager (East Coast) | BIG ISSUE IN AUSTRALIA LIMITED

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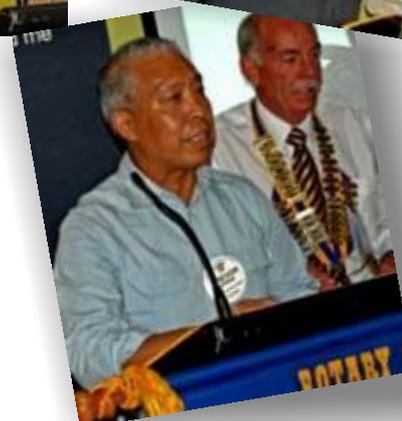
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CHEW'S ChANDID CAMERA captured all that leaning on the lectern at last week's meeting



ShelterBox Visit



While PDG Jim Studebaker and Carol were in UK this September, they travelled to Cornwall to visit ShelterBox founder and CEO Tom Henderson (*pictured with Carol*).

Tom generously showed them around the ShelterBox Headquarters, and invited them to join the Trustees (who had just completed their Trustees meeting) for a sandwich lunch. You may recall that Carol appealed to clubs for a donation to ShelterBox in lieu of any gifts during DG Jim's official club visits last year. Tom Henderson thanked Carol for her initiative, which resulted in more than seven ShelterBoxes being funded.

For anything you want to know in relation to Disaster Relief or Recovery, please check with District Disaster Relief and Recovery Coordinator Garry Gunnell on 0448405709, after hours on 03-54393544 or gunnell1@bigpond.com *Source: Networker, Issue 19, 2nd November 2009*

POSTSCRIPT: The Rotary Club of Richmond has donated 3 ShelterBoxes – 2 were sent to Kenya and one to Burma. The Friends of RR separately purchased a ShelterBox in DG Jim's year that was deployed to Swaziland for emergency housing, and are fundraising to purchase another one.

To learn more about ShelterBox, go to: www.shelterboxaustralia.com.au/



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**ON
THE
SPOT**

Tony Webb
Rotary Club of Richmond
2009-2010: Editor –The Tiger Rag



What year and why did you join Richmond Rotary?

1998 - Brian List was most persuasive. With a history in Apex, School Council, Little Athletics, Junior Sailing, On Water Safety etc, and family experiences, it was a natural step to be part of our community and it's future - in assisting the less fortunate amongst us.

What keeps you committed to this Rotary Club?

The family of Richmond R C – loyalty to original support and especially the people, Members and Friends of RCR.

What was your very first Rotary project?

Dunno – probably fund raising – this would fit with my interests at that time.

What's been your favourite RCR commitment and why?

The Mock Employment Interviews at Melbourne Girls College. The young ladies are given positive appraisal in a non-challenging environment and from that become more confident in handling future employment situations.

What keeps you awake at night?

2 dogs, 2 birds (with feathers) – & thoughts of retirement on today's super.

VALE: MARGARET PRATT

It is with sadness that we report the recent death of Margaret Pratt on September 13th 2009. Margaret, a previously fit and vibrant young woman, battled grave ill health associated with the sudden onset of Primary Pulmonary Hypertension. In 2006 she became the only person in Australia to undergo three double lung transplants. The first was in 1984, the second in 2002 and the last in 2006. The Margaret Pratt Foundation (Heart & Lung Transplant Trust), a registered charity, was formed by Margaret. It's aim is to encourage, develop and maintain Australia's world class expertise in improving the survival chances of lung and heart transplant recipients, both children and adults alike; particularly the ordeal of transplant rejection. The Friends of Richmond Rotary were proud to support the Foundation with a donation, as well as be represented at a one of their fundraising luncheons at The Boulevard Restaurant, Kew, in July 2004. Margaret was a woman of great hope, dignity and courage who will be sorely missed by so many. Her memory will live on - particularly through the Margaret Pratt Foundation.

Our Club sends sincere condolences to her husband, Tony, and her extended family.

Annie Wysham

'AMELIA' SCREENING

Report by Annie Wysham, The Tiger Rag Sub-Ed.

For some weeks The Tiger Rag Team advertised the screening on November 11th of the movie 'Amelia'. It was to have been a special night as the Rotary Foundation and 20th Century Fox combined forces to help eradicate polio with special screenings of the movie. In the information and accompanying letter we were asked to keep the date free and promised further screening information. Sadly, despite the editorial team's enquiries, this information was never forthcoming. The latest November edition of Rotary Down Under (Issue 47) has just arrived in our letterboxes and page 19 explains what was to have happened with the following:

Simply contact your local cinema, ask them about securing a private group charity screening of Amelia, then on-sell the tickets to family, friends and colleagues. A percentage of the profits from every screening will be donated to the PolioPlus Foundation. You and your peers will be among the first people to see the film before it officially releases in cinemas on 12 November, 2009.

Sadly as a Club we didn't realize that this was to be the format or I'm sure a Club and/or Heritage Cluster screening could have been organized. To our knowledge, Jenny Crofts was one of the few RCR Members who expressed an interest in attending. As she later explained in an email: *Pity about the fund raising for the Foundations polio eradication fundraising - for the first time I had a good sized group of family members and friends willing [to attend], who have all witnessed the physical burden to lives from polio & keen to support this event. Hopefully I can channel their energies in the future.*

Our Richmond Rotary Foundation Chair, Jean Marc Berthier, also made comment that he was unable to find any screening previews in Melbourne; plenty in Sydney... 'despite a few hours on the internet'! Well the concept was great!

Jim Schembri, film critic, in The Age, 12th November, 2009, gave the movie 'Amelia' and the performances a real 'thumbs down'! (He is known to be harsh with his critiques.)

Passing this on to Jenny next day, she replied: *Thanks, obviously something went wrong with the Rotary communications out there somewhere. Clearly others not up to Richmond's high standards! Sounds like it isn't a great movie and we have saved our time and money and no real drama.*

Post-'Amelia' - as the Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation, supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world, Richmond Rotary Members and Friends and family might like to still choose to support Rotary Foundations' polio eradication initiatives so the fine work can go on, movie screenings or not! All donations are tax-deductible.

DONOR INFORMATION:

www.rotary.org.au

OR

RI Foundation South Pacific and Philippines Office, McNamara Centre, Level 2, 100 George Street, Parramatta, NSW 2150, Australia



Further Foundation enquiries to Jean Marc.



RICHMOND ROTARY CLUB



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SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER

3.00pm-5.00pm

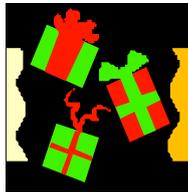
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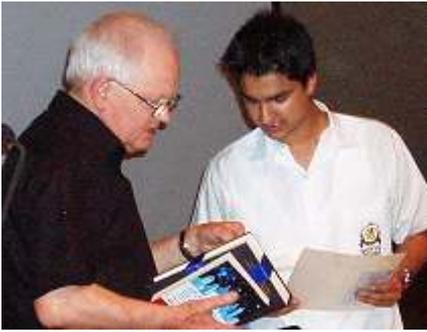
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NEW SLADE SECOND PRIZE WINNER AWARDED HIS PRIZES



On Monday last week, John Liddell, Chair of the Slade Literary Award Committee, had the pleasure of presenting Sam Dimopoulos, a year 10 Balwyn High School student, his prize for coming second in the Slade Literary Award this year. His entry was a short poem entitled “Quest for Freedom”.

The presentation was made at Balwyn High to Sam in front of a hot theatrical of his Year 10 colleagues, who managed to give him a great round of applause in spite of the air conditioning having failed! This belated presentation was necessary because of the disqualification of the original winner and the subsequent upgrading of the next two best entries.

Quest for Freedom

*One man’s dream can turn the world upside down
Overcome with power, the need to lead,
The promise of freedom gave him the crown
Later did we realise, he’d made us bleed
He invaded our country, homes and lives
Took many away, never to return
Murdered our loved ones with guns, bombs and knives
To leave survivors, a city to burn
Stricken with anguish, the pain of our loss
We stand together, united as one
Brought together by grief, we look across
To our nation’s flag, swaying in the sun
From that day on, we reside by our choice
That all those remaining, possess one voice.*

Sam’s prizes comprised a cheque for \$150, books worth \$60, plus the autographed copy of Slade speaker David Metzenthén’s book, *Jarvis 24*, and a commemorative certificate.

The Slade Literary Award is sponsored by Mark Slade of The Slade Group, in memory of his uncle, the late Rotarian Henry Slade.

KINDY BOX ITEMS - CAN YOU HELP?

Request from Barbara Woodberry, RCR International Chair

**Another shipment will be going soon to Timor.
Could you help with the following items?**

- stuffed toys
- A4 folders
- little cars
- tennis balls
- shopping bags
- knitting wool
- wooden cotton reels



CAMBODIA & VIETNAM 14 DAY HUMANITARIAN TOUR



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Eyes Wide Open, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Melbourne South, has developed an engaging 14 day humanitarian tour to Cambodia & Vietnam with volunteer work planned at six Rotary projects.

Based on your individual skills, whatever they may be, you will be making a meaningful contribution to orphanages, schools, hospitals and a centre for disabled children. Everyone can teach English as a minimum! The trip will also include cultural visits to ancient wonders like Angkor Wat and sobering historical sites such as the Killing Fields in Phnom Penh. For more details of the itinerary:

<http://www.eyeswideopen.org.au/ewocalendar?eventId=62068&EventViewMode=EventDetails>.

As a Rotarian, you might consider this trip:

- As an engaging way to introduce a **family member**, son/daughter, grandchild or friend to Rotary. The trip will give non-Rotarians an unforgettable insight into the life changing work Rotary is already doing AND participants will get to contribute their own time and skills at each project. Nothing is more rewarding than helping communities in need of our assistance and care.
- To offer to a **worthy recipient** within your community. Your Club may consider sponsoring this person to attend as a reward for good community service.
- To see for **yourself** what Rotary is doing in this region of the world. It's a safe, organised and comfortable way to see the world AND make a difference.

Bookings must be received by **30 November 2009**. To book, email - eyeswideopen.rotary@gmail.com or book online at -

<http://www.eyeswideopen.org.au/ewocalendar?eventId=62068&EventViewMode=EventDetails>

It would be great if you could let your fellow Rotarians know about this trip by publishing information in your bulletin.

To see what the EWO team did in Nepal, visit: www.eyeswideopen.org.au/NepalSep2009Blog or members of the team would be happy to speak at your Club about the trip.

Enquiries can be directed to Lena at eyeswideopen.rotary@gmail.com or 0417 013 614.

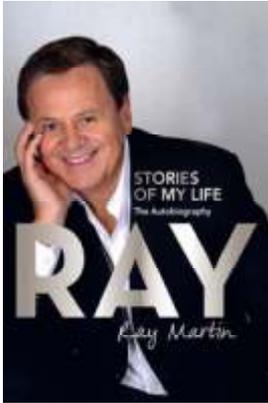
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The Rotary Club of Toorak Inc.

invites you to A Major Literary Event
Dinner with journalist and television personality

Ray Martin

who will sign and speak about his autobiography
‘Stories Of My Life - The Autobiography’

Tuesday, 1 December 2009
6.30pm for 7.00pm

Royal South Yarra Lawn Tennis Club
Williams Road North, Toorak Vic

\$60.00 per person
Pre-drinks provided
Additional drinks at bar prices
RSVP : 24/11/09
Enquiries : Alan Freedman
0419 357 864
alan.l.freedman@bigpond.com
fax : 9509-7935

Ray Martin needs no introduction. As the face of the *Midday Show*, *A Current Affair*, *60 Minutes* and *Carols by Candlelight*, he is instantly recognisable. Indeed, after forty-five years on our television screens many people feel that they have come to know him. But not many people know the real story behind Ray’s rise to stardom. His was an impoverished childhood; his world as far away from Hollywood and movie stars and the bright lights as is possible to imagine. Before he had even got to high school, Ray had lived in thirteen different places, in three Australian states, mostly in the bush. His father was a violent, drinking man who would lash out at his wife and children, ultimately forcing Ray’s mother to uproot the family across to the other side of Australia to escape him. Far from being crushed by his difficult childhood, though, Ray drew strength from his remarkable mother and sisters, and developed an irrepressible sense of humour. Here, now, in his own words, is the long-awaited, warts-and-all autobiography of Ray Martin: his exceptional career, his happy marriage to Dianne, and his lasting love affair with the people of Australia. Funny, thought-provoking and inspiring, this is the most compelling autobiography you will read this year. The man who has interviewed everyone – from Lauren Bacall to Jennifer Lopez; from Robert Redford to Elton John; from train robber Ronnie Biggs to British royalty, and even cricketing royalty Don Bradman – is finally telling his own story.

BOOKING FORM

Post to : The Rotary Club of Toorak Inc. c/- Alan Freedman, PO Box 42, Toorak Vic 3142

I/We would like to attend the dinner with Ray Martin, on Tuesday 1 December 2009

I would like to book a table for 10 or 12 **OR** 1 would like to bring _____ guests

I enclose a cheque for \$ _____ made payable to ‘The Rotary Club of Toorak Inc.’

Name : _____ Phone # : _____

Address : _____ Postcode : _____

Names of guests : _____