

# ROTARY CLUB OF RICHMOND

## The Tiger Rag

Meeting 2082

18 January 2010

### Speaker

Commander Rob Taylor AFM  
Executive Manager - Community Education  
Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board (MFB)  
Fire Safety in the Home; People: Sustainability

### Chair

John Liddell

### Forthcoming:

Date	Meeting	Speaker & Topic	Chair
25 January		NO MEETING - Australia Day 26 <sup>th</sup>	
1 February	2083	T B A	T B A
8 February	2084	John Liddell - My Hanging/Gliding Experience	T B A

### Birthdays

*Tim Baker - 1<sup>st</sup>*

*Nia Holdenson - 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*Jenny Crofts - 17<sup>th</sup>*

*Aivars Lode - 18<sup>th</sup>*

*Melissa Carfax-Foster - 22<sup>nd</sup>*

*Sue Bolton - 31<sup>st</sup>*

### Wedding Anniversaries

*Andrea & Andrew Michaelides - 7<sup>th</sup>*

*Ben & Kristine Hosking - 31<sup>st</sup>*

### Induction Anniversaries

*Jean Marc Berthier - 2005*

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

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<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au>

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<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/Networker>

Rotary International:

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## From the President's Laptop

My Fellow Rotarians,

**A very Happy, Healthy & Prosperous New Year to all our Rotarians and Friends for 2010!**



I have been informed that this is the Year of The Tiger! This will surely bring good fortune to our Club over the next 12 months! If not, there are 2 members who will have a lot of explaining to do...namely Chew & Trevor! They are 'experts' on all things relating to matters regarding Chinese good luck & wellbeing - and we are counting on their wisdom!

At the start of all New Years', most of us come up with a resolution for the coming year!  
Our Club Resolution is very simple:

**I WILL ATTEND THE LUNAR NEW YEAR DINNER ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26<sup>th</sup> AT THE DRAGON BOAT RESTAURANT, TO EXPERIENCE CHINESE CULTURE AND HAVE FUN HELPING OUR CLUB RAISE IMPORTANT FUNDS FOR ROTARY'S WORLDWIDE MAJOR PROJECT - POLIO PLUS.**

This is **Richmond Rotary's major fundraiser** for the year & I look forward to all our many Members & Friends being part of this great evening which was so successfully and professionally instigated by PP Trevor last year. **We are limited to seating 200 people.** So far we have several tables booked - Chris Don from the Rotary Foundation has booked a table; Jean Marc Berthier, our RCR Foundation Chair, has booked 2 tables; Annie Wysham one table & your President has a table also. Please communicate with our Fundraising Chair, Elissa Marriott, by email, or on 0448 304 070 to secure your table - or at the very least, secure your 'spot' for the evening.

*For further details, see entry in the NEED TO NOTE, page 11*

**IMPORTANT:** THERE WILL BE NO CLUB MEETING OR TIGER RAG THE FOLLOWING MONDAY, 29TH FEBRUARY.

On behalf of both Sally & myself, we wish everyone the best New Year ever and to follow, a fabulous six months of the remaining Rotary year !

Always remember - **The FUTURE OF ROTARY Is In YOUR HANDS**

**Michael O'Sullivan**  
**President 2009-2010**



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### **JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH**

**Rotary Awareness Month** is the perfect time to refresh our knowledge of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. Building awareness of Rotary strengthens the organization's future and the future of its youth and young adult programs. Informed program participants can inspire and attract new club members or RYLA attendees. With support from the community and local Rotary clubs, there's no limit to what Rotary's New Generations can accomplish! (*RI - New Generations Newsletter, January 2010*)

**ROTARIANS RESPOND TO EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI** *By Ryan Hyland,*  
*Rotary International News -- 13 January 2010*



Rotarians are gearing up to deliver aid to areas of Haiti that was rocked by the powerful earthquake on the 12 January, as a major international relief effort takes shape. Thousands of people are feared dead after the earthquake crumbled government buildings, hospitals, schools, and shantytowns in Haiti. *(Photo courtesy RI District 6910)*

A six-member team of Rotarians from District 5890 (Texas, USA) have reported in safe after landing in Haiti for a humanitarian mission 45 minutes before the quake struck.....ShelterBox has dispatched about 500 containers of supplies to the affected area.

A ShelterBox response team is being mobilized, with two members from the United States and one from the United Kingdom. Also, more than 100 Aquaboxes are being delivered to Haiti to provide safe water.

"Rotarians are working hard and fast to get help to those in Haiti," says Past RI Director Barry Rassin, of Nassau, Bahamas, who has previously coordinated relief efforts in the country. "We're at the same time working on long-term efforts."

More than US\$75,000 has been donated to District 7020 in the Caribbean, according to Past District Governor Dick McCombe. The district will be coordinating much of the Rotarian relief effort through its Haiti Task Force, set up two years ago to administer all financial aid to the nation.

"We were in Haiti 18 months ago, delivering aid after a series of hurricanes left thousands homeless," said Lasse Petersen, general manager for ShelterBox. "We'll now be working closely with our contacts on the ground in the country to make sure we get aid to the people who need it most during the current crisis."

The Rotary Foundation will be establishing a donor advised fund for U.S. Rotarians who want to donate to help with long-term recovery. RI President John Kenny and Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Glenn E. Estess Sr. have sent a joint letter conveying Rotary's condolences to victims of the quake and asking for more information on how Rotarians can help.

**Follow updates on the Haitian earthquake on the RI website.**



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## **BARBEQUED IN THE BARKLY GARDENS – First (informal) Club meeting for 2010...**

*Your On-the-Spot Reporter/Dobber, Annie Wysham, T Rag Sub-Editor*



Seven Richmond Rotary diehards braved the elements on that hot January night last Monday evening (11<sup>th</sup>) and enjoyed a get-together and catch-up. (40° at 6.00pm/37° at 9.00pm.)

Prez Michael and Mrs Prez – Sally; Nia, Ross, Jean Marc and Annie (with a fleeting appearance from Aivars) wiled away over 2½ happy hours. They had the whole park and the facilities all to themselves! *‘Mad dogs and (some) Rotarians go out in the late arvo sun...’*

Sitting around the picnic table, plenty of gossip and ‘inside’ stories were shared...such as:

1. Great news! Jean Marc is now a true-blue, dinky-di Aussie - having been naturalised just prior to flying to France for his father’s funeral. He stated: “I was thinking the OZ pledge will be a sort of magic stick for my accent... didn’t happen!” **(We drank to that!)** *[More info from Jean Marc later on his important milestone. Mind you – this latest’ downunder ocker’ turned up with a fine wine, large crusty baguette and some delicious peacock pâté to share! It just proves that you can’t make a ‘Jean Marc French gourmand’ into a John (Jack) Mark ‘beer ‘n barbie ‘n snaggers’ true-blue OZ traditionalist overnight!]*
2. Seems Sally has considered seeking out a good divorce lawyer as Michael has been suffering a bad back for 2 months now - refusing to seek help! **(We supportively toasted Sally!)**
3. She has now done the long-suffering ‘wifely thing’ and taken matters into her own hands, organising a doctor’s appointment for him, x-rays etc...much grunting and muttering then emanated from you-know-who!! **(We definitely drank to that initiative!)** *[Poor Sally... ‘For better or for WORSE...!’]*
4. Nia is enjoying a well-earned break from her teaching duties and was flying off to spend time with her lovely daughters in Canberra for a few days. She was looking so gorgeously slim, rested and summery...while melting away, drip by drip!
5. Proud Ross has a brand-new grandson and a first grandchild – little William. **(We wet Baby Telfer’s head with great joy and wished him a wonderful (Rotary-inspired) life!)**
6. Big (Grand) Daddy doesn’t know what he wants the little tacker to call him...so we ‘helped’ Ross out with some suggestions! *[No doubt all contributions will be given consideration by Ross if you wish to submit any!]*
7. Annie shared Christmas snippets and the fun she had compiling the poem prepared for the last Christmas meeting at such short notice! (The 2010 Christmas contribution draft is underway!) She also competed with Sally in telling tales of all those magnificent, much-



loved grand-children!

8. Aivars, as usual, gave away nothing...but didn’t really give us the chance to quiz him!

**9. AND AS FOR THE BEST JUICY GOSSIPY BITS...HOT SUMMER NIGHT @!??&! Sorry, just for the ears of the six diehards! (I’ll drink to that!)**



***DON'T WE JUST LOVE A PARTY! 'Tis the season to be jolly, fa la la la la, la la la...Reporter: Annie – the Sub-Ed***

We Richmond Rotarians and Friends of RR just LOVE a chance to get together and celebrate...and the Club's Christmas meeting is always the perfect vehicle!

President Michael O'Sullivan warmly welcomed 81 people on the evening of Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September to the last meeting of 2009. Special mention was made of our guests – ADG Chris Wang and his lovely wife, Janet, along with the many Friends of RR; in particular, Trish Morphett (PP Miles, dec.). Everyone was dressed in their best, looking festive, and many wore 'just a touch of Christmas' as requested! Phil Mylecharane was our stylish and mercurial MC wearing a fabulous red 'cowboy' hat with white feather trim! No doubt that Jenny and Brian List will soon join that famous American, 'hostess with the mostest', Pearl Mesta, as legends in the fellowship field for all *their* organisation of the evening!

"Well done – a great team effort during the first half of my Rotary year and for this special meeting." President Michael warmly stated to Jenny and Brian, later going on to thank all his many helpers on the night.

5 talented members of the Salvation Army Youth Band, under the leadership of Hon. Member, Warren Golding (our Christmas meeting Music Master)' played up a storm of traditional music. They then accompanied us all as Warren led the carol singing and encouraged us to join in with gusto – '*fa la la la la, la la la!*' (I didn't need encouraging! Just love giving full voice to these traditional songs of praise! Just ask the poor people sitting at my table each year! Sub-Ed.)

There were all the traditional decorations, fine wines and a delicious festive meal that we tucked into with relish! Christmas crackers with lousy jokes that we always read out and laugh at each year; completed by a visit from that favourite old gentleman...SANTA!

He'd even brought along 3 of his little elves who looked a lot like gorgeous Ruby Marriott, Patrick Marriott and the Lists' lovely granddaughter, Katie.

They didn't give out gifts – they **collected** them! A wonderful and generous array of magnificent new toys and games were donated by everyone. President Michael then presented them to the Salvation Army team, along with a cheque for \$1,000 to go towards helping those in our community in need of assistance at this time of year. Now that's the joy of the spirit of Christmas in action!



Annie Wysham recited her adaptation of an old Christmas favourite, now to be known as '*Twas the Rotary Night Before Christmas!*' (Copy: pages 4 & 5, Tiger Rag, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2009), incorporating a mention of active Club Members and Friends. It went down a treat too! There was the usual Rotary raffle with fabulous endless surprise prizes gathered and/or donated by those dedicated ladies, Sally O'Sullivan and Nellya Lode. FoRR, Jill McIntyre of Bridge Road Florists, Richmond, once again generously donated 2 magnificent pot plants. The raffle raised \$350 to go towards our Club's many worthwhile community projects' coffers!

***Christmas comes but once a year and with it comes good hearts, good friends, good cheer!***

**SEE CHEW'S CHaNDID CAMERA PIX ON PAGES 6 & 7**





## FROM YOUR RI PRESIDENT – JOHN KENNY January 2010

My fellow Rotarians:



January is the month the Romans associated with their two-headed god Janus: one head looking backward to the year that has just passed, and the other looking forward to the year ahead. In Rotary, January is the halfway point of our year of service, and it is also a time for us all to look at both the past and the future. It is the time of year to take stock, to review the goals that we have set for ourselves, and to evaluate how well we have fulfilled those expectations.

It is a time to look honestly at our progress and our challenges and to consider the steps we will need to take to complete our planned service successfully. I am sure there is much you can be proud of achieving in the last six months. In my travels, I have already seen how much Rotarians can accomplish when they are determined to do so. You have helped bring safe, pure water to those who lacked it, provided food and shelter to those who needed it, and assisted in the education of those who could not read or write. You have promoted the ideal of service within a context of fellowship, friendship, and high ethical standards.

Rotarians are able to make changes that will shape the course not only of the months, but of the years and decades that lie ahead. This is our privilege. It is also our duty as Rotarians – as caring members of society who are in the fortunate position of being able to help those living in conditions we can barely imagine.

So there is much to be done these next months. Do not waste a moment of that most precious commodity: time.

**We are all volunteers serving in a volunteer organization. None of us was compelled to become a Rotarian; each of us chose, and was chosen, to become a member. Every year, every day, each of us chooses to continue the task we have begun, and to continue to put Service Above Self. It is not always the easy path, but I know it is the right one.**

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the Rotary service you have given, the service you are giving, and the service I know you will continue to give in the future.

*The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.*

**John Kenny  
President, Rotary International**



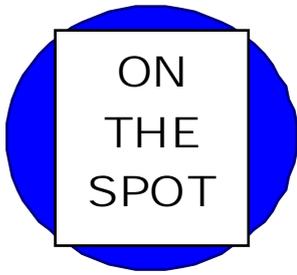
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***Nia Holdenson (Paul Harris Fellow)  
Rotary Club of Richmond  
2009-2010: Director Second Year;  
Protection Officer;  
New Generations Chair;  
Club Stalwart/Best Friend***



***What year and why did you join Richmond Rotary?***

I joined RCR in November, 2001, as I was approached by Sue Bolton, via school [Melbourne Girls College], and thought I would love to be a member of a service organisation. Warren Golding interviewed me and I felt I would never be able to live up to the expectations of a Rotarian! On my induction, Janice was the first person to come up and welcome me to the Club. At that time there were only 5 female members.

***What keeps you committed to Rotary itself?***

I enjoy the meetings, the friendships I have made and the projects; especially those that students can attend. I love the fact that you can attend any Rotary Club meeting in any country in the world, which I have done on a number of occasions.

***What was your very first Rotary project?***

The first Rotary project I was involved in was the horse ride for the handicapped, (Riding for the Disabled) which I think was over Easter, 2002. It was great fun, but an amazing amount of work. RCR were responsible for setting up and clearing the catering (and serving, if my memory is correct). Also, some members organised the corralling, water and feed for the horses, etc. We stayed in a B&B, but some members took caravans and their own horses. What an introduction!

***What's been your favourite RCR commitment and why?***

My favourite RCR commitment has been with ROMAC [Rotary Oceanic Medical Aid for Children] and the heart patients at the RCH, which I participated in a few years ago. I have enjoyed meeting the patient's carers and looking after them at Punt Hill Apartments. I have loved working with a number of clubs, seeing the improvement in the patient's health and sending them home as different and healthy children. I also enjoyed it when our Club hosted the RYPEN camp at Camp Weekaway last year. Even though it was lots of work, everyone pulled together and it ended up such a lot of fun; at times it was almost like a party! It's always good to see our RCR Rotarians in a different setting. John Benger learnt how to make potato salad there... and now it's his signature dish!

***What keeps you awake at night?***

I'd love to say reading or late night TV, but no - work worries! Too much work to do and not enough time to do it all well.

*[Club Stalwart/Best Friend: Nia is the epitome of the saying, 'Ask a busy person' for that extra effort/involvement' - and she gives it! A 'best friend of RCR' indeed! You can see she was a beautiful baby; you can see she was a beautiful child! Sub-Ed]*





**G'DAY ALL! PLEASE CONGRATULATE JEAN MARC BERTHIER ON BECOMING AN AUSSIE, AUSSIE, AUSSIE, OI, OI, OI!**

**YOU LITTLE BEWDY! BONZA! RIPPER! BUY 'IM A COLDY!**

IN NOVEMBER 2009 HE WAS NATURALISED AT A CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY HELD AT THE HAWTHORN TOWN HALL. HIS PARTNER, FLORA, WAS THERE TO SUPPORT HIM. (Pictured)



**SORRY MATE THAT WE MISSED THE CHANCE TO KANGAROO-HOP DOWN THE TRACK TO HEAR YOUR SWEARIN' IN AND FLY THE AUSSIE FLAG FOR YOU. LOVED TO 'AVE SHARED A CONGRATULATORY PARTY PIE, OR A LAMINGTON AND A CUPPA ON THE BIG DAY!**

AUSTRALIA IS LUCKY TO HAVE YOU AS 'THEIRS' NOW...AND YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO ROW HERE IN THE BOWELS OF A BOAT LIKE MANY OF OUR FOREBEARS DID!

*PS: Jean Marc - good ol' Orstralian slang delivered with your French accent, while flickin' away the friggin' flies, will be a BBQ stopper...*



**ALMONER'S REPORT: FROM SICK BAY –**  
*Our Club Almoner is Janice Kesterton (the Doc)*

**Firstly, news of Past Richmond Rotarians who'd love a phone call from old RCR mates!**

**\* PP Merv Ericson:** Following surgery for 3 brain aneurysms, he's home, very tired, but will not be back at work for some months. His carer, wife Kaye, is now getting over the flu!

**\* PP Graham Leggo:** Went into hospital Christmas Eve for an arterio-cervical disectomy (following his fall from a ladder some time ago)! On the mend, but sick of following orders!

**\* Charter Member, PP Geoff Clark:** Post-Christmas Geoff had a heart attack & was taken to Monash Medical. The good news: he's now home and well; Wife Joan has back problems.

**Plus**

**\* President Michael O'Sullivan:** He's done a disc in his back – so, please – hold the usual weekly back-slapping until he heals! (Wife Sally is being driven to the demon drink by it!!)



NEED TO NOTE –

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2010 TO EVERYONE!**

*\*January is Rotary Awareness Month*

**IMPORTANT: NO CLUB MEETING/ NO TIGER RAG ON MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JAN.**

☞ *Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> January- The Australian Unity Great Australia Day Swim - 1.2km Open Water Swim, from Middle Brighton Pier.* All proceeds to Brighton Rotary Club's children orientated charities – includes Variety & BayCISS. More details: Peter Gray on 0419507950 or peteragrey@gmail.com www.greataustraliadayswim.com.au (See Networker, Dec 14<sup>th</sup>)

*\*February is World Understanding Month*

☞ *Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> February- Welcome Dinner for GSE Team from Spain. 6.30pm for 7.00pm at Milano's Hotel, Brighton Beach.* Cost: \$40 ph. Contact: Keiran Crombie 0419 252 814 Bookings essential. Limited seating. (See enclosed flyer for more details)

☞ *Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February – Early Birds' Cocktail Party for Conference delegates at Lexus of Blackburn Showrooms.* Early bird registration prizes drawn. (See D9800 'Networker' 14<sup>th</sup> December – News & events for all extra details)



**Our 'Year of the Tiger' Lunar New Year Dinner-  
A must attend event!**

☞ *Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010 – OUR MAJOR FUNDRAISER FOR RI FOUNDATION'S POLIO PLUS PROJECT. Lunar New Year Dinner at the Dragon Boat Restaurant on the Yarra, Crowne Plaza Melbourne. 6.30pm for 7.00pm.* Friends welcome. **Book tables now.** The Traditional Chinese Lion Dance returns! More details to follow. **DONATIONS OF PRIZES FOR RAFFLE REQUIRED** (Contact/bookings: Elissa Marriott 0448 304 070)

**IMPORTANT: NO CLUB MEETING/ NO TIGER RAG NEXT MONDAY 29TH FEB.**

*\*March is Rotary World Literacy Month*

☞ *Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March is Clean Up Australia Day - Involves all available Club Members & Friends.* Richmond Rotary Club's project: Burnley Oval & Gardens. Sign-in at Burnley Gardens, Richmond (Mel map 2H/9-10) for clean-up: 8.45am-9.00am, then BBQ – 11.00am onwards. Contact: Annie Wysham, 0419 100 287 or Phil Mylecharane, 0449 752 711

**4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 – 'Where On Earth, but Perth'. Rotary District 9800 Conference.**

*\*April is Rotary Magazine Month*

☞ *Thurs 29 April, Week 3 Term 2 - MGC Mock Job Interview Day* (Contact: Tim Baker)

*\*May is Australian Rotary Health Research Month*

☞ *Friday, 7 May, 2010 – FoRR's visit to the historic property, 'Beleura', Mornington – Tour of the House & Garden, M/Tea & Lunch. DON'T MISS THIS TREAT!* (Jenny List)

☞ *May, 2010 - RCR's 'Ainger Public Speaking Awards'* (Contact: Ben Hosking)

*\*June is Rotary Fellowship Month*

☞ *Monday, ? June, 2010 - RCR Presidents' Changeover Night. Date/Venue TBA by PE Jo*



A dinner to officially welcome the  
**Group Study Exchange Team**  
**from Rotary District 2203**  
**SPAIN**

to Rotary District 9800  
 Tuesday 9th February  
 6.30pm for 7.00pm

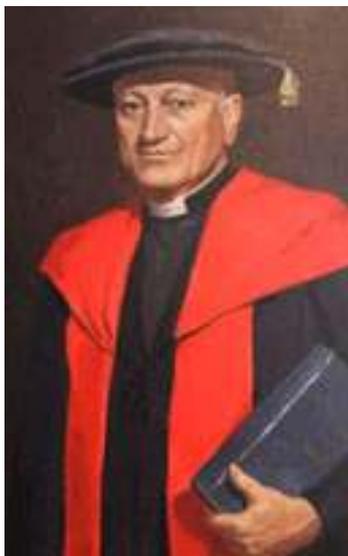
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**VALE – BROTHER FRANCIS McCARTHY**

It is with sadness that we report the recent death of Christian Brother, Frank McCarthy on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010.



As Rotarian John Griffith stated: 'He was a well-loved teacher and former Principal who followed the Ainger Awards. I liked him, as everyone did. A good man.'

He was still teaching at St Kevin's College, Toorak, until Term 3 of 2009 at the age of 88 years and was the oldest registered working teacher in Australia. Literature, art, debating and rugby were his particular passions. He often accompanied St Kevin's students and their parents to the Richmond Rotary Club's Ainger Public Speaking Award Heats and on to the Finals; he could also be seen encouraging the boys during the 'breaks'.

On the evening of Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2010, at 7.45pm, a memorial service to celebrate the life of Bro. McCarthy will be held in Smith Hall, St Kevin's College, Moonga Road, Toorak.

Our Club sends sincere condolences to his family, the Christian Brothers Community and the Principal, Staff and Community of St Kevin's College where he spent decades on the teaching staff.