

# ROTARY CLUB OF RICHMOND

## The Tiger Rag

Meeting 2125

24 January 2011

### SPEAKER

Simon Taylor  
Illusionist

### CHAIR

Phil Mylecharane

### Forthcoming:

Date	Meeting	Speaker & Topic	Chair
31 January	2126	Dr Glenn Edwards - Artificial heart in sheep Advances in human heart surgery	Elissa Marriott
7 February	2127	Stephen Mayne - Shareholder activism, corporate responsibility, transparency, new media and politics	Barry Roberts
14 February	2128	Dr Peter Lee - Development of Pressure Cast Techniques in fitting prosthetic limbs & Vietnam field trials	TBA

### Birthdays

*Nil*

### Wedding Anniversaries

*Nil*

### Induction Anniversaries

*Nil*

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

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



# ON THE PRESIDENT'S CLIPBOARD

## Greetings Rotarians and Friends -

The Abbotsford Convent is the most successful fundraising activity we have had in a long time and I appreciate the efforts of Members and Friends who have supported this. Unfortunately I am struggling to fill the roster for both the Friday nights and monthly Sunday market days. If you are able to help now that the summer holidays are coming to an end for many of us, please let me know. I have had friends and family assist on the days I have been rostered and this works very well; so if you are volunteering consider bringing a friend or family member along to help and to share the load!

This week we have also seen the floods now hitting Victoria and I have decided that the proceeds from last weeks Abbotsford Convent car parking will go to this appeal. I have been in contact with the RC Rochester to see if we can provide some financial assistance to this community. You may remember that the Heritage Cluster Clubs provided \$1000 for food vouchers pre-Christmas. Rochester has now been hit by drought, locusts and floods and you will also be aware that both PP Trevor Pang and PP Michael O'Sullivan established a relationship with this community to support them through the tough times. I will continue to liaise with this community to see how we can best support them. As Trevor mentioned in a recent email: 'We should all exercise the "Spirit of Rotary" when we reach out to assist the flood victims of Victoria, NSW, Queensland & Brazil, with unlimited compassion & deep pockets'.

The Club will also provide funds to the flood relief appeals with the monies raised at the **Club meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February when Stephen Mayne is the Guest Speaker**. Stephen is a Walkley Award-winning journalist, self-described shareholder activist, local government councilor, Crikey.com founder, Mayne Report and a political candidate. **I am hoping this will encourage you to attend and to bring FoRR, family and friends as I know he will be an interesting and entertaining guest speaker**. I would envisage that this meeting will be a little longer to allow adequate question time, but for those of you who are required to head off a little earlier, please do and we understand that this is a requirement for some of you.

I was unable to attend last weeks meeting and was delighted that PP Trevor was able to step in and help out. Thank you Trevor and I heard it was a happy and engaging meeting.

Until next week –

**Jo Cowling**  
**President 2010-2011**



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## JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

'Awareness is an important part of The Rotary Foundation's work. It is important that members are aware of The Rotary Foundation Goals 2010-2011: polio eradication; the Future Vision Plan; Every Rotarian, Every Year; and the Permanent Fund', says Rotary International's Foundation Trustee Chair, Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar. 'We must also be aware of the Rotary Centers Major Gifts Initiative in support of our Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution and our USD 200 Million Challenge.'

**Read more in the January 2011 message from the Trustee Chair at:**

<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/RotaryLeadership/TrusteeChair/Pages/ridefault.aspx>



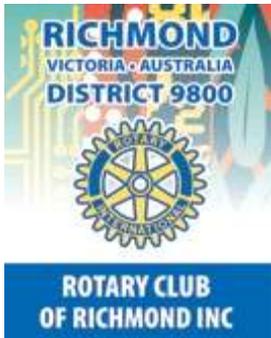


**CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2011 –  
JOIN RICHMOND ROTARY TO HELP CLEAN UP  
BURNLEY PARK!**

*By Annie Wysham, CUA Day RC Richmond Organising  
Committee*

With the encouragement of our Club President, Jo Cowling, last week Rotarians' Annie Wysham and Kristen O'Reilly, along with Chew's daughter Susanna Chan, FoRR, and her friend, 'JJ' Richardson – here from the USA on a tourist visa – met for a productive lunch meeting and fellowship opportunity to discuss Richmond Rotary's involvement in **Clean Up Australia Day to be held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2011.**

With the support of the City of Yarra, as in 2009, our registered Clean Up site will be Burnley Park and once again Burnley Oval will be the base station for commencing and completing the clean-up activities, followed by a free Rotary BBQ. Various local interest groups, staff and students from the Melbourne Girls College and the Richmond community will be invited to join us in our initiative including some members of the Golden Key International Honour Society – Susanna is the Relations Officer. Posters and media articles are being prepared under the guidance of Susanna for advertising purposes.



**Our 2011 Clean Up sites will be:**

1. **Base Station & C/U Site:** Burnley Oval and surrounding park land.  
*(Mel Map: 2H/9-10. Enter off Park Grove, Richmond)*
2. **C/U Site:** South side of the Burnley Rail Line – Madden Grove
3. **C/U Site:** Boulevard from Monash Freeway to Rail Bridge
4. **C/U Site:** Bike Track from Fenix Café to Rail Bridge

All participants will meet at the playground/BBQ area at Burnley Oval to complete their registration and briefing. The base will provide communication and the necessary support for the participants. Volunteers will be issued with collecting equipment (BYO gardening gloves would be great though). They will be assigned to one of the four selected sites within the vicinity of Burnley Oval, each site to be supported by a Team Leader.

**Registrations:** 8.30am-8.45am **Clean-up:** 9-11, **BBQ:** 11.00am - 12midday, early registrations encouraged.

Contact Kristen O'Reilly: E: [kristen.o'reilly@monash.edu](mailto:kristen.o'reilly@monash.edu) M: 0421 068 611

**Come along with family and friends and support CUA Day 2011 and Richmond Rotary and be part of Australia's largest community-driven environmental event.** You won't be one of a hand full! Last year one in fifty Australians took part - totally 588,000 volunteers! Together, they collected more than one hundred thousand bags of rubbish at 7,073 registered sites across Australia! The latest CUA Day media release can be found here:

<http://www.cleanup.org.au/au/Media/clean-up-australia-day-2011---do-your-bit-for-the-environment.html>



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## WE HAVE A NEW MEMBER! WELCOME LIZ BARTLETT.



Keeping it in the family! At the Richmond Rotary Christmas meeting held on the 20th December 2010 attended by over 120 people President Jo Cowling proudly inducted her sister Liz Bartlett, a long-time Friend of Richmond Rotary, as a member of our Club. President Jo was supported by mentors PDG Judy Nettleton, PP Janice Kesterton and Rotarian Jenny Crofts! Liz's induction was a highlight of the evening (along with the arrival of Santa of course!). Liz's 'off the cuff' acceptance speech acknowledged the work of Rotary across a range of projects, stating: 'that the community at large should be grateful

to Rotary for putting its money where its' mouth is and genuinely Building Communities and Bridging Continents'. Liz said that she decided to join Rotary in mid-November 2010 the night she met Marcel de Jesus, ROMAC heart patient from East Timor at Richmond Rotary and heard John Benger, Southern Director of ROMAC and Ass. Professor Andrew Cochrane, Surgeon, speak about the work of ROMAC and Marcel's case history in particular. Liz Bartlett's classification is Health-Project Management.

Worth noting that President Jo (also a former Friend of Richmond Rotary - FoRR) and Liz also have a brother, Chris, adult children and lots of nephew and nieces! These vibrant Rotarians just love a challenge...2 family members inducted...more to go?



**DISTRICT WEB SITE:** [www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/)

**WEEKLY DISTRICT NETWORKER – E-ZINE, 2010-2011:**  
[http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/current\\_networker](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/current_networker)



### YOUR INVITATION TO THE SECOND SPECIAL 'PEARL DAY' LUNCHEON -

**ROB MACTIER WARMLY INVITES YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TO HIS \*PEARL DAY LUNCHEON –**

TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AT 12.30PM  
AT HIS PROPERTY, 'ALLENDALE', 124 SUTTON GRANGE ROAD, ELPHINSTONE.

DONATION: \$50 PP TO GO TO CANCER RESEARCH

**\*ROB REQUESTS THAT IN MEMORY OF HIS WIFE, KATE, 'BOTH SEXES SHOULD WEAR PEARLS OR SOMETHING ELSE EQUIVALENT' ON THE DAY**

**RSVP TO ROB - ASAP PLEASE**

☎ 9078 9022 OR 0412 471 023

EMAIL: [rmactier@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rmactier@optusnet.com.au)

**A big Rotary 'thank you of appreciation' to PP Trevor Pang, PP Janice Kesterton and John Benger who all stepped up to the lectern last club meeting 17th January with great aplomb as the stand-in President, Tiger Rag reporter and Acting Sergeant respectively!**

## LAST WEEK'S SPEAKER'S CORNER

### Meeting 2124, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2011



**Our Guest Speaker:** Michael Staindl  
**His Topic:** Zero Carbon Australia Plan  
**Meeting Chair:** Judy Nettleton  
**TR Stand-In Reporter:** Janice Kesterton (with many thanks!)

Michael Staindl was a very interesting and thought-stimulating speaker. He started his talk by asking those in attendance if they believe that there is a problem re climate warming; if they believe it is man produced, or if there is a beginning of interest in this problem. The result in this small group was one third for each. He then discussed the Zero Carbon Australia (ZCA) Plan 2020 and the Beyond Zero Emissions (BZE) Inc., the not-for-profit, volunteer-run climate solutions think-tank. It aims to create a plan to re-power Australia with 100% renewable energy in ten years. Some of the problems regarding the proposals are that there are 'Can't Do' people who believe we *can't* provide base load power using renewable energy and who are not looking beyond 10 years; and who are not realising that we have to be planning for the next 100 years, or even longer! The 'Can Do' Camp *accepts* current climate change evidence and realises what has to be done and when and uses only existing tools.

Michael referred to Professor Mark Jacobson of Stanford University, USA, who has plans to use all renewable energy by 2030 - large wind turbines, solar energy and geo-thermal energy. He stated that there needs to be a renewable mechanism to boil water to give steam to generate to give electricity. 'Batteries are not the solution, but molten Potassium Chloride and Sodium Chloride in storage tanks can store energy for 16 hours, so that solar can give energy for 24 hours. Energy is used by moving from hot to cold tanks.' Solar Thermal Plants would supply 60% of Australia's energy - each module generates 220 mega watts; 19 modules will have a capacity of 3500 megawatts and water is provided as well. There will be 12 plants distributed across Australia. Spain, which is a country like Mildura, (temperature and solar wise), is using Solar Thermal Plants. Wind power can provide another 40% of energy. We would need 6,400 turbines - Germany has 19,000! Another form of energy storage is pumping water up during sunlight hours, and letting it run down in the evening to generate energy. The development of Renewable Energy systems would increase employment with use of Concrete and Steel.

Added comments: America and Australia are the worst polluters in the world. We are being left behind by China with the use of solar energy etc.

Suggested info to source from Google -

\*Australia's Renewable Energy Grid: go to link at <http://www.geni.org/globalenergy/library/energy-issues/australia/index.shtml>

\*Professor Mark Jacobsen: <http://www.stanford.edu/group/efmh/jacobson/>



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**CHRISTMAS MEETING CELEBRATIONS CAPTURED  
BY CHEW'S CHANIDID CAMERA, 20TH DECEMBER 2010**







## BACK TO SCHOOL EXERCISE BOOKS – THIS YEAR'S FIRST DIK PROJECT?

Source: *Networker*, 13<sup>th</sup> December 2010 News & Events

Until the end of January many of the major stores and supermarkets will have exercise books on special. Exercise books are a key component of the Student Kits we send to many countries. This is a very affordable way to help children in need. Please look around and buy some when you see them.

**If you can't see them on display be bold and ask the staff and tell them about another great Rotary Project.**

**Kmart:** 3-26 January - 48 page books - pack of 5 for 10 cents.

**Big W:** 1-30 January - 64 page single books - 5cents each

If you wish to receive the Donations-in-Kind Newsletter regularly, just contact David Dippie at : [solatube@bigpond.com](mailto:solatube@bigpond.com)



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## DEVASTATION IN QUEENSLAND [FLOODS].

Source: *RD 9800 Networker* 2011/26 21<sup>st</sup> January 2011



**Disaster Aid Australia**, together with its international partners - Canada, USA, UK & Ireland - have offered to assist in any way we can. Although our charter is to provide humanitarian aid in developing countries, we cannot stand by without making that offer.

Disaster Aid Australia General Manager, Jenni Heenan, said, “We have been in contact with the Queensland government authorities offering support and aid in the form of tents and also the expertise of our Disaster Aid Response Team members. Our teams recently returned from flood devastated Pakistan and are on standby to assist should the authorities make a request.”

Today, Disaster Aid Australia also contacted the Victorian authorities to offer assistance to those in Western Victoria who have been evacuated from their homes due to floods. “They know we are here if needed,” said Jenni Heenan.

To read more go to [http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/networker\\_026\\_devastation\\_in\\_queensland](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/networker_026_devastation_in_queensland)

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## 'REACH WITHIN TO EMBRACE HUMANITY' IS 2011-2012 RI THEME.

By *Joseph Derr*, *Rotary International News*, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2011



**RI President-elect Kalyan Banerjee announces the 2011-12 RI theme during the International Assembly in San Diego, California. RI President-elect Kalyan Banerjee will ask Rotarians to Reach Within to Embrace Humanity during the 2011-12 Rotary year.**

Banerjee unveiled the RI theme during the opening plenary session of the 2011 International Assembly, a training event for incoming district governors.

He urged participants to harness their inner resolve and strength to achieve success in Rotary.

To read the complete article go to:

[http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/110117\\_IA11\\_theme.aspx](http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/110117_IA11_theme.aspx)

## **THIS MONDAY'S SPEAKERS CORNER:** **Meeting 2125, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2011**



**Guest Speaker:** Simon Taylor, Illusionist  
**Topic:** "So how did you know that?"  
**Chair:** Phil Mylecharane

**This Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January we are having an evening with a difference!**

Award-winning entertainer Simon Taylor's mission is to create and share engaging entertainment, so come along and be prepared to be amazed and bamboozled! Simon has a broad background in stand-up comedy, magic, theatre, improvisation and psychology studies – well what illusionist isn't an expert in tricks of the mind? He will draw on his experiences to create a novel and entertaining Rotary meeting completely unlike anything we normally do.

Not just a pure entertainer, Simon is a former psychology student and is regularly sought after by science groups and academics for his understanding of the psychology of illusion. He also tours internationally with his comic show about the mind. Simon was the 'Winner Best Close-Up Illusionist' at the Adelaide Magic Convention in 2009.

**Bring your partners and friends for an evening of fun and puzzlement!**

**ALSO KEEP UPDATED WITH THE RCR CALENDAR ON THE CLUB  
WEB SITE - thanks to the Keeper of the Calendar – PPTrevor Pang -  
[www.rotaryrichmond.org.au](http://www.rotaryrichmond.org.au) Click on 'Events Calendar' below the header, then  
'Calendar'**



**STEPHEN MAYNE,  
Guest Speaker, Rotary Club of Richmond**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2011, 6.30pm for 7.00pm,  
Amora Riverwalk Hotel  
649 Bridge Road, Richmond. Cost: \$35 pp**

Stephen Mayne is a Walkley Award-winning journalist, self-described shareholder activist, local government councillor, Crikey.com founder, Mayne Report and political candidate. He is an interesting and entertaining speaker and this is a great chance to hear him, with an opportunity to ask questions.

Stephen will talk about the issues he is known for: shareholder activism, corporate responsibility, transparency, new media and politics, rather than specific policies or the recent state campaign.

**MONEY RAISED ON THIS EVENING WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE VICTORIA  
AND QUEENSLAND FLOOD RELIEF APPEALS**

**'I do hope you can join us in hearing Stephen speak and also help us to raise necessary funds for  
our fellow Australians in Victoria and Queensland who currently need our urgent assistance.'**  
*President Jo Cowling, Rotary Club of Richmond 2010-2011*

**RSVP for catering by Wednesday 2nd February to:.**

Janice Kesterton - [janicedk@bigpond.net.au](mailto:janicedk@bigpond.net.au) - 0418 171 502

**Payment on the night**

# NEED TO NOTE – 2011

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 **Monday 7th February – Guest Speaker: Stephen Mayne of the Mayne Report & founder of Crikey.com.** We'll welcome Stephen Mayne to the Richmond Rotary Club when he will be talking to our Club, not about specific policies or the recent state campaign, but rather the issues he is known for: shareholder activism, corporate responsibility, transparency, new media and politics. **To be advertised widely so we encourage early bookings.** (See details page 7)  
Contact Janice Kesterton at email: [janicedk@bigpond.net.au](mailto:janicedk@bigpond.net.au).

 **Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> February – Rob Mactier's 2<sup>nd</sup> 'Pearl Day' lunch at his property at Elphinstone.** You are requested to wear your pearls in memory of his late wife Kate. (See details page 4)  
RSVP to Rob at email: [rmactier@optusnet.com.au](mailto:rmactier@optusnet.com.au)

 **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> Club Forum**

 **Monday 28th February – NO MEETING**

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 **Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2011 – Fabulous Lunar New Year Dinner 2011 - Year of the Rabbit.**  
To be held at the Golden Dragon Palace, 363 Manningham Road, Lower Templestowe - approx 15 minutes by car from the Amora Hotel. It seats 200! An easy-to-access venue with plenty of on-site parking! EARLY BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED! Contact/enquiries/donations/ideas to PP Trevor please.

 **Sunday 6th March – CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY** – Richmond Rotary Club's registered clean-up site is Burnley Oval/Burnley Park, Richmond. (Mel Map: H 11/H 12) Further details TBA. **VOLUNTEERS OF ALL AGES NEEDED FOR THIS GREAT COMMUNITY EFFORT** –  
Contact: Krissy O'Reilly. Email: [kristen.o'reilly@monash.edu](mailto:kristen.o'reilly@monash.edu)

 **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Labour Day, NO MEETING**

 **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – TEXAS GSE TEAM IS COMING TO TOWN – WELCOME DINNER!**  
7pm for 7:30pm start, Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn, Cost is \$74 per person including two course meal, wine, beer and soft drinks. RCR are making up a Club table for you' all!. Contact/bookings with your rootin' tootin': President Jo!

 **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> Heritage Cluster Bowls Night, Fitzroy Bowls Club**

 **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Wine & Chocolate Fundraiser at Sandy's.** (See Annie W)

 **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March – NO MEETING – Pre District Conference**

 **Monday 28th – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Pre-conference Tour to Adelaide** (See Janice)

 **Thursday pm, 31st Mar-Sun 3rd April: Rotary District 9800 Conference to be held at the Adelaide Convention Centre.** RCR's super-women-conference-contacts: Janice K/Dot B.  
Want to be a last-minute entry? See further Conference details at

[http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/major\\_events\\_rotary\\_district\\_9800\\_conference\\_adelaide\\_2011](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/major_events_rotary_district_9800_conference_adelaide_2011)

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 **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May - FORR Visit to the Lyon House museum in Kew, 1.30pm – 2.45pm,** (limit of 25 people), followed by afternoon tea at the List's home nearby. (Contact: Jenny L)  
**Check it out at** <http://lyonhousemuseum.com.au/>

 **Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May – RC Rochester's 'Pie N Port' night & RCR's weekend away** (Jo C.)

 **Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> May – Mock Job Interviews, MGC, Richmond.** Contact: Tim Baker

 **Mon 16<sup>th</sup> May – Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> May (inclusive) – Ainger Award HEATS** (Ben Hosking)

 **Friday, 20th May – ARH's 'HAT DAY' fundraiser for mental health research** (Judy)

 **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Ainger Public Speaking Award FINALS** Amora Hotel (Ben H.)

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## **FIRST RCR Board Meeting for 2011:**

 **THURSDAY: 17<sup>th</sup> February – 6.00pm, Amora Hotel, Richmond.** (Apols to Sue B)

**THEN: 17<sup>th</sup> March/21<sup>st</sup> April/19<sup>th</sup> May/16<sup>th</sup> June** (Joint/final meeting for 2010-2011)