

ROTARY CLUB OF RICHMOND

The Tiger Rag

Meeting 2126

31 January 2011

SPEAKER

Dr Glenn Edwards
Artificial heart in sheep
Advances in human heart surgery

CHAIR

Elissa Marriott

Forthcoming:

Date	Meeting	Speaker & Topic	Chair
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
21 February	2129	CLUB FORUM - <i>Our Future directions</i>	Pres Jo

Birthdays

Sue Bolton 31st

Wedding Anniversaries

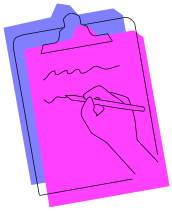
John Nairn / Judy Nettleton 1 Feb

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/current_networker
Rotary International:	http://www.rotary.org



ON THE PRESIDENT'S CLIPBOARD

Greetings Rotarians and Friends -

Last week's guest speaker, illusionist Simon Taylor, was very entertaining and he appeared to have most of us tricked! I was also pleased that John Benger ROMAC Southern Region Director had arranged for ROMAC patient Gregory and his uncle, Paison Vilen and host, Linda Koener, to attend the Club meeting for dinner. Gregory is from Papua New Guinea and is in Melbourne to undergo a number of operations and treatments for his condition, Crouzen's Syndrome. This treatment has allowed Greg to shut his eyes for the first time and he is doing very well. (See report page 3) Greg celebrated his 8th Birthday on Sunday 30th!

We are gearing up to another busy part of the Rotary year with a number of activities planned. The Club will need your continued support to ensure the success of our upcoming events and activities. The benefit to the Club is that our projects are continued and we are able to embrace new and worthy projects such as the Prosthetic Limb Project in Vietnam. I would like to acknowledge the support for this project from Simon Marriott and Motto Fashions. Motto Fashions through their Vietnam connection, were able to raise funds to contribute to the project. It also allows us to respond to disasters such as the current floods which are affecting many communities across Victoria, NSW and Queensland.

The Lunar Dinner will be our major fundraiser for this project and we hope to have great support for this event. Bring along family and friends and enjoy a night of entertainment, fun and fellowship.

I know that this is now almost a weekly plea but I do need further support for the Convent Car parking particularly on the weekend of the 12 and 13th February, **if anyone is able to assist please contact me as soon as possible**. The Friday nights will finish at the end of March and the Club will then be able to review this involvement. Are we asking too much of our members and friends to continue the Friday commitment in 2011-2012?

On Thursday, Kristen, Steven, Tess and Patrick Widdop and I collected Youth Exchange Student, Jordana Sneff, from Melbourne Airport. Jordana arrived in two hours late but we were all very excited to meet her. We are looking forward to introducing Jordana to members at this Monday's meeting. We can all look forward to getting to know Jordana during her stay in Australia and particularly over the next three months whilst she is a guest of our Club.

Until next week –

Jo Cowling
President 2010-2011



JANUARY IS ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH



'Celebrate Rotary Awareness Month by training members on Rotary history, programs, or how to raise awareness of your club's projects among your community. Or, ask members to share a personal story or experience that they have had because of Rotary. Every Rotarian has a Rotary story that can be educational and inspiring. The beginning of a new year is a good opportunity to renew inspiration for the rest of the Rotary year.' *Source: Rotary International News -- 14 January 2011*

http://www.rotary.org/en/members/training/announcements/pages/110113_announce_awareness.aspx



OUR SPECIAL RICHMOND ROTARY VISITOR – GREGORY JACK!

Last week young ROMAC patient, Gregory Jack and his Uncle Paison Vilen from PNG, visited our club together with host family member, Linda Koener – all brought along to

the meeting by John Benger, Southern Director of ROMAC and a Richmond Rotarian (*All pictured with President Jo*).



Gregory has Crouzon's Syndrome which is where the skull bones stop growing but the internal organs, such as the brain, continue to grow. The growing organs seek the 'line of least resistance' and start pushing the eyes out so they bulge and eventually the brain actually protrudes through the eye socket. This engaging, fun-loving and energetic boy from a tiny island east of Papua New Guinea came to the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne to have cranial surgery last December 2010 to treat this rare brain disease. Greg's operation involved making a cut in the skull bones and fitting an apparatus that has a screw which is turned a millimeter a day which expands his skull. (*Pictured below*) The results are already evident and Greg can now close his eyes for the first time in many years. He will undergo a second operation and then be able to lead a normal life.



(Young Greg's parents couldn't accompany him to Australia as they are subsistence farmers and need to keep working to survive and look after his two older brothers.)

John explained: 'Before exposure of patients to Rotary clubs ROMAC ensure the patient and carer are happy to meet people. Usually they jump at the chance as it is fun for them and they are happy in the secure and friendly Rotary environment. Greg is no exception! In fact - the opposite of being embarrassed - he just loves the attention and fuss!'

ROMAC Update:

1. Good news is that 8 month old Abigail has arrived in Australia and will under go surgery in February. Abigail was the patient mentioned at the November 2010 ROMAC night at Richmond Rotary and doubt was expressed then regarding the availability of hospital facilities. Fortunately this was resolved.
2. Also 3 year old Theary arrived on Australia Day. Theary has facial deformities - more later.

(ROMAC: Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children - ROMAC is now in its 20th year of operations. Rotarians volunteer their time and expertise to run this Rotary program that encompasses all the Districts of Australia and New Zealand. Assisted by many eminent Australian surgeons who generously donate their time free for the treatment of our patients,)



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THIS MONDAY'S SPEAKERS CORNER:
Meeting 2126, Monday 31st January 2011



Guest Speaker: Dr Glen Edwards, Dept of Veterinary Science,
University of Melbourne

Topic: Putting An Artificial Heart in Sheep:
A Major Step Forward in Heart Surgery

Chair: Elissa Marriott

Dr. Glenn Edwards is the Head of Surgery and an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Veterinary Science at Melbourne University. His fields of expertise include soft tissue surgery and he is particularly interested in biomaterial research and development (i.e. the development and use of artificial materials that are not rejected by the body), especially associated with the cardiovascular system and urinary tract. This interest has led to a research project in which he is involved with the 'in-vivo evaluation of the biocompatibility and thrombogenicity of the VentrAssist Artificial Heart'. That is, the insertion of an artificial heart device in a sheep to see whether it is rejected and/or causes clots. The VentrAssist is a device permanently implanted to offload a failing heart by taking blood from the heart and distributing oxygenated blood to the body's circulatory system. The implications for human heart surgery are obvious.

Footnote from Program Chair, John Liddell: While as a subject it may seem a shade esoteric for a Rotary meeting, his ex-pupil (and current fan) Elissa Marriott has previously heard him talk about this to a non-technical audience and says that, not only is he very interesting, he can be very funny too. Elissa will be chairing the meeting to introduce Glenn.

If anyone has a geriatric sheep suffering from severe angina, you are invited to bring it along.

*[To ram home a point, baaa none, we won't pull the wool over your eyes at this meeting!
(Maybe the NEXT one!!!) Sub-Ed]*



Chinese New Year is the 3rd Feb. 2011
Guo Nian Hao. Gonxi Facai;
Hokkien Keong hee huat chye

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

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

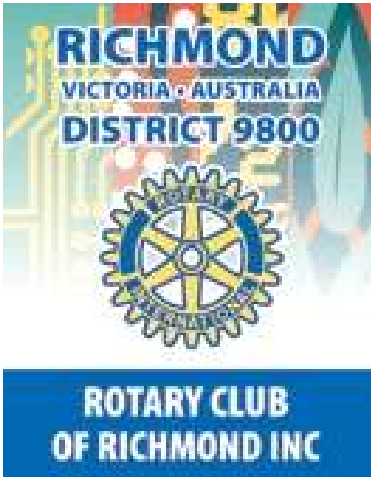
TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 19TH FEBRUARY AT 12.30PM
AT HIS PROPERTY, 'ALLENDALÉ', 124 SUTTON GRANGE ROAD, ELPHINSTONE.

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



**RE: CLUB MEETING, NO 2125, 24th January 2011
Collated by Susie our Super Club Secretary!**

Apologies:

John Nairn, Jean Marc Berthier, Janice Kesterton, Aivars Lode, Brian List, Rob Mactier, Annie Wysham

Make-ups:

ROMAC: John Benger, Janice Peeler

Abbotsford Convent Parking: Nia Holdenson, Jo Cowling, Sue Bolton

Guests: FoRR – Kevin Bolton, Wilma Mylecharane, Sue Roberts, Kirsty, Stephanie & Bryn Dwyer & Ruby, Patrick and Lewis Marriott



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**LAST WEEK'S SPEAKER'S CORNER
Meeting 2125, Monday 24th January, 2011**



Our Guest Speaker: Simon Taylor
His Topic: Illusionist
Meeting Chair: Phil Mylecharane
TR Stand-In Reporter: Kristen Widdop (in holiday-mode!)

Simon was very entertaining – he was more of an entertainer than a guest speaker.

‘How did he do that?’ were the murmurings heard amongst the tables as he amazed us with his mind reading tricks. Simon’s blend of humour and magic kept us all thoroughly entertained. He was able to accurately guess the cards people had chosen and with help from the audience was able to pick the correct number from a telephone book. He even knew that Kirsty (Mark Dwyer's wife) was thinking about Brad Pitt! *[Don't stress Mark! I have it first-hand that youz was all foiled folks by this dastardly devil!! – Sub-Ed.]*

He didn't really talk much about himself except that he studied psychology and is interested in the psychology of illusion. John Benger brought along a little boy, a ROMAC patient, with his father and carer who recently had an operation on his skull. Elissa brought her three children along and Mark Dwyer brought his family along.



[‘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’ – Source: Simon’s Bio notes for The Tiger Rag, 17th January, 2011 - Sub-Ed]

EXCERPT FROM THE 'DG's WEEKLY MESSAGE': WHAT'S THE BEST JOB IN ROTARY?



Source: *Networker* 2011/26 January 21

Membership of a Rotary Club, wearing the Rotary pin, to us all is something special in its own right. However - what's the best job in Rotary? Ask that question to any Rotarian and you are likely to get a different answer each time. Then ask that same Rotarian that same question some years later, and you may well get a different answer. Rotarians are able to take on different roles each year if they wish to do so. Could one of these possibly be the best job in Rotary:

CLUB PRESIDENT: a sign that your fellow club members have selected you and have faith in you to lead your club for 12 months.

COMMITTEE MEMBER: be it in a Club or on District, you are adding ideas and contributing to the outcome of a project, idea or task.

GSE: team member or leader, with the opportunity to spend 5 weeks living, learning and experiencing a different culture.

RAWCS: involvement in any International Service activity.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR: the privilege of leading your District, the Presidents, Clubs, Leadership Team and Rotarians to help achieve plans and objectives and promote the RI Theme .

CLUB BULLETIN EDITOR: a position in the club that requires constant information sourcing and publishing/distributing to members. As a bulletin editor or even editor of our District Networker, a week comes around very fast.

DISTRICT DIRECTOR: in a position to encourage Club Directors/Chairs in whatever the Avenue of Service may be. An opportunity exists to implement new projects across the District.

CLUB SERGEANT: controlling the conduct of meetings, holding fine sessions, able to be serious/funny in the same meeting, the challenge of variety and interest each meeting.

RIP: President of Rotary International..... you have reached the top! The choice of RI Theme for the year is yours, and all Rotarians look to your direction and leadership.

CLUB PROGRAM CHAIR/DIRECTOR: Adding the balance of Rotary/non Rotary speakers, local business people and the various topics of the guest speakers at your club.

Or could it be.....?

The answer to the question "What's the best job in Rotary" is of course... **ALL OF THE ABOVE and many others...**

Iven Mackay

District Governor



DISTRICT WEB SITE: www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/

WEEKLY DISTRICT NETWORKER – E-ZINE, 2010-2011:
http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/current_networker



The photos taken at the 1st meeting of the year held at the home of President Jo and Michael Cowling, 10th January, will be featured in the Tiger Rag of the 7th February 2011.

THE RICHMOND ROTARY ROUNDUP WILL RETURN TO THE TIGER RAG FROM NEXT WEEK - WITH ALL THE CLUB UPDATES, 'GOSS' AND TO-INS AND FRO-INGS!



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

**Monday 7th 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 - 0418 171 502

Payment on the night

FROM THE BOLTONS' HOLIDAY DIARY, *Summer -January 2011.*

With thanks to Rotarian Sue Bolton & Kevin Bolton, FoRR

What a difference a week makes.

On January 10th four of us set out for Renmark, South Australia. Next day we were to board a houseboat – 'Liba-Liba 16' for 8 days. We have done this before, and this time we were especially excited as we knew the river would be up from the rains late last year. We headed for Mildura along the Calder Highway and stopped for lunch at Charlton. Lunch at the bakery, some bottled water from the supermarket and a comfort break at the Travelers' Rest facilities. Charlton looked a picture on this bright sunny day. Along the nature strips, traffic islands and pedestrian refuges a variety of flowering plants looked wonderful. Little did we know!



Next day we 'old hands' boarded 'Liba-Liba 16'. We could already see that the river was very high and much wider than on our last visit. It was flowing at a very fast rate with lots of debris passing very quickly. Travelling downstream from Renmark was not an option as we could not fit under the Paringa Bridge; and Lock 5 (between Renmark and Berri) would not let any one through. We didn't care, we love upstream more! The scenery is spectacular.

On Wednesday the radio was full of the rainfall expected next day. Renmark was expecting about 90mm. We tied up and stayed put for that day. The rainfall was stunning – about 100mm. We played scrabble. Friday the rain was over and we enjoyed another 5 days on the river.

Ctd on P 8...

.....from P 7

We passed through Lock 6. Quite a different experience from 2009! Then the lock was raised about 4 metres to enable us to continue up stream. This time it was less than 15cm, and on our return we just sailed over the top of the spillway! Of course we had been hearing about the dreadful floods throughout Victoria and realized that returning home on the Calder Highway might not be an option! The Vic Roads information line was wonderful. They were patient with us and guided us home, avoiding closed roads. Although we only travelled about 40kms more, it took us nearly 12 hours to drive home. Many of the roads had water over them, and were very badly broken up.



From Mildura we headed towards Ouyen and then were diverted to Manangatang, Sealake and Birchip. At Donald we stopped for petrol. Donald had had time to clean up though the water had been over 30cm throughout the town. The hand-painted signs to the evacuation centre were still in place. The



woman at the petrol station was very cheery - although she had had to clean out a foot of water from her premises and all her doors were bulging and shredding! I did not think to ask her what had happened to all the cars in the adjoining showroom! From there we travelled on the Borong Highway to Charlton. We did not miss the town and what a sad sight it was. The bakery and supermarket trashed. All the kerbside gardens washed away. A huge log had come to lie in the middle of the Travelers' Rest garden. Peoples' possessions stacked outside houses and businesses. Fences clogged with vegetation and moved metres. Houses sagging. It was enough to make you cry. But.... the pub was going to open that night serving hot meals, and the toilets in the Travelers' Rest were cleaned and fully operational. Amazing!

We rejoined the Calder and headed for home. There were plenty of reminders that great forces had been at work. Trees down, fences gone, mud and silt everywhere and there were great tracts of water along the roads, in the paddocks and in peoples' gardens. I was caught off guard as we came through Bridgewater. Once again houses and businesses were surrounded by possessions that had been pulled from them. It is such a sad sight, and I was not expecting it here, so found it doubly moving.



We cruised into Melbourne and were counting our blessings as we flopped into our wonderfully dry house with two very attentive puss cats. Here's hoping that Rotary District 9800 has some projects soon to help out all of these flood-affected people. They need it.

JUST IMAGINE WHAT GOOD ROTARY COULD DO WITH THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY...

PRIZE MONEY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN OPEN 2011 - MEN'S & WOMEN'S SINGLES -

1st Round	\$20,000
2nd Round	\$32,000
3rd Round	\$54,500
4th Round	\$93,000
Quarter finalist	\$210,000
Semi finalist	\$420,000
Runners-up	\$1,100,000
Winners	\$2,200,000

NEED TO NOTE – 2011

Monday 7th February – PARTNERS & VISITORS NIGHT! A must-attend event!

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.

Saturday, 19th February – Rob Mactier's 2nd '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

Monday 21st February – 2nd Club Forum – Reports & Updates. Contact: Pres. Jo

Monday 28th February – NO MEETING (In lieu of the 5th March function)

Saturday, 5th 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

Monday 14th March – Labour Day, NO MEETING

Tuesday 15th 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 yu' all!. Contact/bookings with your rootin' tootin': President Jo!

Wednesday 16th March – 2nd Heritage Cluster Bowls Night, Fitzroy Bowls Club

Saturday 19th March – Wine & Chocolate Fundraiser at Sandy's. (See Annie W)

Monday 28th March – NO MEETING – Pre District Conference

Monday 28th – Thursday 31st 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

Tuesday 4th 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, 6th May – RC Rochester's 'Pie N Port' night & RCR's weekend away (Jo C.)

Thurs 12th May – Mock Job Interviews, MGC, Richmond. Contact: Tim Baker

Mon 16th May – Thurs 19th May (inclusive) – Ainger Award HEATS (Ben Hosking)

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

Monday 30th May – Ainger Public Speaking Award FINALS Amora Hotel (Ben H.)

FIRST RCR Board Meeting for 2011:

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

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

JOHN LIDDELL SENT THIS TO THE TIGER RAG - JUST FOR A LAUGH!

President Barack Obama is visiting a Glasgow hospital.

He enters a ward full of patients with no obvious sign of injury or illness,

He greets one.

The patient replies:

*Fair fa your honest sonsie face,
Great chieftain o the puddin race,
Aboon them a ye tak yer place,
Painch, tripe or thairm,
As langs my airm.*

Obama is confused, so he just grins and moves on to the next patient.

The next patient responds:

*Some hae meat an canna eat,
And some wad eat that want it,
But we hae meat an we can eat,
So let the Lord be thankit.*

Even more confused, and his grin now rictus-like, the President moves onto the next patient, who immediately begins to chant:

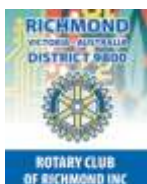
*Wee sleekit, cowerin, timorous beasty,
O the panic in thy breasty,
Thou needna start awa sae hastie,
Wi bickering brattle*

Now seriously troubled, Obama turns to the accompanying doctor and asks, 'Is this a psychiatric ward?'

'No,' replies the doctor, 'this is the serious Burns unit.'

It was Robbie Burns Day on Tuesday 25th January 2011. Robert Burns was born on January 25th, 1759, in Alloway, Scotland. At the age of 37, he died from rheumatic heart disease, which he had suffered from since he was a child. Robbie was the oldest of seven children born to a struggling farmer and his wife. Some of Robbie Burns' most famous songs include Auld Lang Syne (the song people sing at New Years), Ye Banks and Breaes of Bonnie Doon and My Love's Like a Red, Red Rose. His first book of poems was published in 1788

A big Rotary 'thank you of appreciation' to PP Mark Dwyer and Rotarians Kristen Widdop and Phil Mylecharane who were all willing replacements at the last Club meeting as the Acting Sergeant, Tiger Rag reporter/scribe and replacement Chair of the night respectively!



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL MY FRIENDS WHO WERE BORN
IN THE

1940's, 50's and 60's !

First, we survived being born to mothers who drank while they carried us and lived in houses made of asbestos.

They took aspirin, ate blue cheese, raw egg products, loads of bacon and processed meat, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes or cervical cancer..

Then after that trauma, our baby cots were covered with bright coloured lead-based paints

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets or shoes, not to mention, the risks we took hitchhiking.

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags.

We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle...

Take away food was limited to fish and chips, no pizza shops, McDonalds , KFC, Subway or Nandos.

Even though all the shops closed at 6.00pm and didn't open on the weekends, somehow we didn't starve to death!

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.

We could collect old drink bottles and cash them in at the corner store and buy Toffees, Gobstoppers, Bubble Gum and some bangers to blow up frogs with.

We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank soft drinks with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because.....

WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!!

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.

No one was able to reach us all day. And we were O.K.

We would spend hours building our go-carts out of old prams and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. We built tree houses and dens and played in river beds with matchbox cars.

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo Wii , X-boxes, no video games at all, no 999 channels on SKY , no video/dvd films,

no mobile phones, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat rooms.....WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them!

We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no Lawsuits from these accidents.

Ctd on P 12...

.....from P 11

We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.

You could only buy Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns at Easter time....

We were given air guns and catapults for our 10th birthdays,

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them!

Mum didn't have to go to work to help dad make ends meet!

RUGBY and CRICKET had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment. Imagine that!! Getting into the team was based on

MERIT

Our teachers used to hit us with canes and gym shoes and bully's *always* ruled the playground at school.

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of.

They actually sided with the law!

Our parents didn't invent stupid names for their kids like 'Kiora' and 'Blade' and 'Ridge' and 'Vanilla'

**We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned
HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL !**

And YOU are one of them!

CONGRATULATIONS!

You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids, before the lawyers and the government regulated our lives for our own good.

And while you are at it, forward it to your kids so they will know how brave their parents were.

PS -The big type is because your eyes are not too good at your age anymore

BOOKINGS ARE NOW OPEN



**Nehama Patkin Memorial Concert
Celebrate the life and musical legacy of Nehama Patkin OAM**

Compere - **Peter Couchman**

Performers include - **Suzanne Johnston, Rebecca Chambers, Tony Gould, Peter Hurley, Louisa Breen, Vocal Folds 4...** and many more!

SUNDAY, 6 MARCH, 2011 2:30 – 4:00pm

ROBERT BLACKWOOD HALL, Monash University, Clayton