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CELEBRATING ROTARY YEAR 2010-2011

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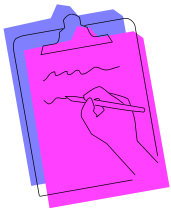
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ON THE PRESIDENT'S CLIPBOARD

Greetings Rotarians and Friends,

- the last one!

What a year it has been and there have been so many highlights!



Where do I begin? I guess at the very beginning... my **Changeover Dinner** at Riversdale Golf Club.

This was truly a night to remember and to enjoy with Members and FoRR, friends and family who were there to say farewell to then President Michael O'Sullivan, 2009-2010, and to welcome me as the incoming President 2010-2011. During the past twelve months I have had so many opportunities to further develop both personally and as a Rotarian.

Other highlights have included the **Club meetings** with Sergeant Annie providing an enthusiastic welcome to us all each week and for her imaginative and witty weekly introduction of President Jo. The weekly editions of **The Tiger Rag** keeping us all well-informed and often entertained. **The Conference** and the **Pre-Conference tour** shared with Members and Friends of our Club and our visit to the Rotary Club of Victor Harbour enroute. Going to the airport to collect Brazilian **Rotary Exchange Student**, Jordana Senff, with the Widdop family - Kristen, Steven, Tess and Patrick. Hosting the **GSE Team from Texas** and hosting John Boul and Rotarian John Dierkson as guests in our home. The support of **District Governor Iven Mackay and Marilyn** and **Assistant Governor Henry Drury and Jane**. The friendships made through the **Heritage Cluster Club meetings** and the Lawn Bowling fundraising event. The **Club's Christmas party** with 120 guests in attendance and having the Louisiana Shakers entertain us. I have enjoyed **Fellowship and Friends of Richmond Rotary** activities, including theatre nights, dinners and visits to gallery's and museums. The fundraising car parking duty at the **Abbotsford Convent** and the fabulous **Lunar New Year Fundraising Dinner** to benefit the Melbourne University **PCAST project research** for prosthetic limbs for landmine victims, an **International project** supported by our Club. The **Slade Literacy Awards**, the **Ainger Public Speaking Award** Heats and Final and the Mock Job Interview program, all involving secondary school students; the annual **Rotary Youth Arts Project (RYAP)** - SnapHop exhibition, performance and dinner and the **Rotary Next Step Program** for RYAP graduates and disadvantaged young people who are starting on their journey to work. Receiving the **Rotary District 9800 award** on behalf of the Club for the **New Generations Trophy** acknowledging 'Richmond Rotary's multiple projects assisting youth and students in the Richmond local and regional area'. The **induction of our new Members** - Liz Bartlett, Les Frampton and Mayor, City of Yarra, Cr. Alison Clarke (Honorary Member). The opportunities I have had to acknowledge **Members, Friends and Sponsors'** contributions to our vibrant, diverse and successful Club. Learning more about **Rotary** and meeting new friends through Rotary

What is ahead for me in Rotary?

Today I become the **Secretary** of the Rotary Club of Richmond; I take on a **District Committee Chair** role, **New Generations – Club Liaison**.

I am very pleased that Kristen Widdop has agreed to join this new committee. I have also joined the **Women in Rotary Committee**, which embraces the benefits to Rotary of recruiting and retaining women members.

The future of Rotary depends on enthusiastic, dynamic and diverse membership.

Jo Cowling
President 2010-2011

Looking back over the Club's 2010-1011 Rotary year –

CELEBRATING IN STYLE AT THE 2010-2011 CLUB CHANGEOVER DINNER!

Our annual 'night of nights' on Monday, 28th June 2010, was a celebration of all that is wonderful about our Club! 90 people attended our 2010 Changeover Dinner held at the newly-renovated, very swish Club rooms at the Riversdale Golf Club. A marvellous menu, fine wines, fantastic fellowship and a great programme made it another night to remember in the Richmond Rotary calendar. The formal hand-over at 9.30pm from President Michael O'Sullivan, 2009-2010, to the 47th President, Jo Cowling, focused us all on the importance of the evening....

.....President Jo invited her Club Leadership Team for 2010-2011 to stand as she introduced them all one by one. In closing she stated, "I would like to finish tonight with a powerful statement – **We are ordinary people brought together through Rotary to accomplish extraordinary things.**"



IT WAS GREAT HOSTING A ROTARY EXCHANGE STUDENT, JORDANA SENFFS FROM BRAZIL, JANUARY TO MAY, 2011 – Her Richmond 'host family' were the wonderful Widdop Family

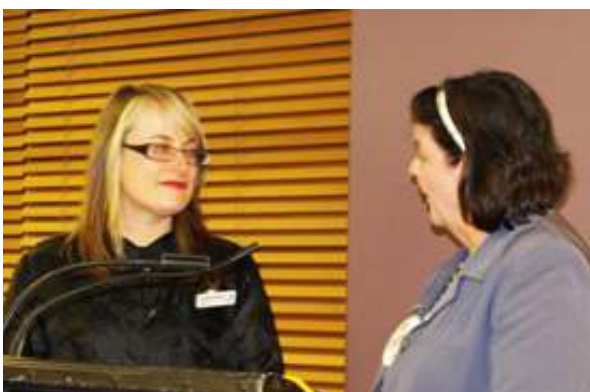
WE WELCOMED NEW MEMBERS -



Liz Bartlett

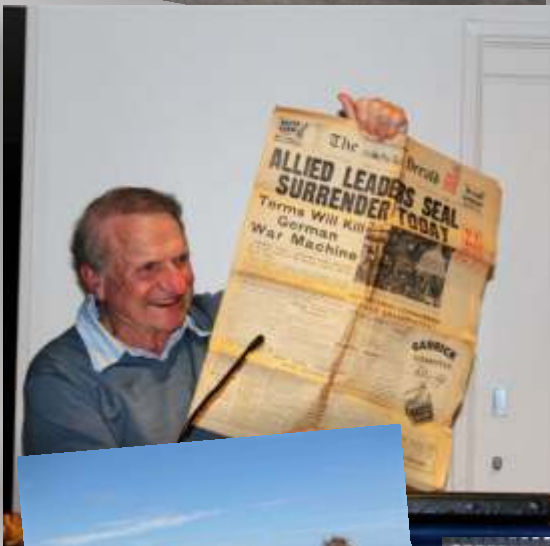
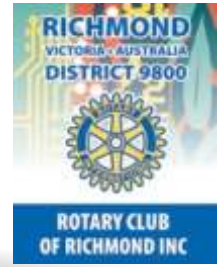


Les Frampton



**City of Yarra,
Mayor, Cr Alison Clarke (Hon. Member)**

'CHEW'S CHANDID CAMERA' CAPTURED RICHMOND ROTARY IN 2010-2011...



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HOWDY!

THE TEXAS GSE TEAM VISITED US FROM ROTARY DISTRICT 5840 (NEAR SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, USA).

We all had a rootin', tootin', hell of a good time hosting them for 6 busy fun-filled days! They arrived in Rotary District 9800 mid-March for a period of one month, experiencing vocational and cultural activities related to their employment. They also enjoyed the sights and sounds of Melbourne and Victoria. The Rotary Club of Echuca/Moama were their hosts immediately post-conference and Bendigo feted them in this final week of the visit with a farewell dinner. Rotarian John Dierkson, from the RC New Braunfels, Texas, was their Team Leader.



Y'ALL COME ON BACK!





SHARING SERGEANT ANNIE'S WEEKLY MEETING INTRO'S FOR PRESIDENT JO, 2010-2011 –

✓ Meeting 2103, 26 July 2010 - Victoria Police Museum, World Trade Centre - *(All the members with clean records turned up – the rest must have kept a wide berth in case they were recognized by our hosts in blue!)* 'She's wanted by the Feds, she's wanted by the Vic Police & she's always wanted by us! Please rattle your handcuffs & give a warm welcome to the 'witness box', our very own contact with the under & (over) world, President Jo 'Queen Bea' Cowling! *HERE'S JOOO!*

✓ Meeting 2109, 6 September, 2010 – 18th Slade Literary Awards - ...it now literally gives me great pleasure to welcome, the novel, unscripted, heroine of 'many a tall-tale with a happy-ever-after ending', that non-fictional character - President Josephine 'J.K.' Cowling. *HERE'S JOOO!*

✓ Meeting 2110, 13 September, 2010 - Guest speaker - the legendary Pete Smith of Channel 9: In September, 1956, when black & white Television was launched in Australia, our esteemed Club President was but a babe in arms!...She would have been tucked up in bed when Graham Kennedy's IMT was on the box. When GTV-9 hosted the longest live television broadcast of the Apollo moon landing, she was a teenager! To all of us she's now a STAR in her own right; so please give a TV-host style welcome to our Club's 'Starr of the Century', wearing her Reg Grundy's – President Jo 'Kylie' Cowling. *HERE'S JOOO!*

✓ Meeting 2116, 25 October, 2010 – Our 'Mock Racing Night': Introducing the No 1 starter in the Richmond Rotary field. She's got horses in the blood (a couple of old nags actually), She's long been boxed-in with that 'off the rails' colt from the Cowling stables, 'East Malvern Michael'. She's a 'sure bet' and this filly's rarin' to go! ...As she comes out of the mounting yard via the Members' marquee & the feedbox, put your hands together for that popular perennial pacer, wearing the family racing colours, 'Black with a touch of Black', the Cowling Stables' finest filly; prancing President, Jo 'Make Me A Diva' Cowling! *(Rising fast from her seat, she's racing to the lecturn! HERE'S JOOO!*

✓ Meeting 2126, 31 January, 2011 - Guest speakers' topic: 'Artificial heart in sheep'. ...she can be rather 'sheepish' and does have a big heart (nothing artificial about it); she'd never fleece you & knows how to ram home a point at Rotary Board meetings. ...Her favourite song is the Beach Boys - 'BAA BAA, BAA Barbara Anne' and her favourite Rotarian is BAArray Roberts. Here she comes at a trot, looking like a 1st prize winner...our own blue-ribbon 'Little Bo-Peep', President Josephine Lamb-Ling (formerly COW-Ling!) *HERE'S JOOO!*

✓ Meeting 2129, 21 February, 2011, Club Forum: ...Her only connection to the Romans is that she enjoys a Caesar salad, never uses Brutus force to get across her opinions & hasn't displayed any signs of being a little dictator! So welcome to the Forum to 'Caesar the moment', President Josephine Julia Caesar-Cowling! *HERE'S JOOO*

✓ Meeting 2130, 7 March, 2011 – Texan GSE Team visit: You've heard of the Lone Pine, Lone Mountain & the Lone Ranger. She's our own Lone Rotary Ranger, riding the Rotary Range in a fiery BMW, with the speed of light; a cloud of dust! Leading the fight for Rotary & law & order in the Club. This Lone Rotary Ranger now rides again! As she gallops up to the lecturn with a hearty 'Hi-Ho Silver', give a rousing Rotary round of applause for our Richmond Rotary President, our very own 'Lone Star', Josephine 'Texas' Cowling! *(That makes me 'Tonto', faithful friend!) HERE'S JOOO!*



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THE SUB-EDITOR'S ALLOWED TO GET 'SOPPY' FOR THE LAST TIME...

By Annie Wysham, The Tiger Rag Sub-Editor

As The Tiger Rag Sub-Editor for the past 2 years from the day I was inducted as a Member of the RC Richmond, I have enjoyed this fulfilling and challenging weekly role. It has taken me on a Rotary-inspired, positive, enthusiastic, learning curve and helped me to realize that writing is fun and 'creative writing and reporting are for me'! Being a part of The Tiger Rag Team has value-added to the experience. Tony Webb-the-Ed/Ed-the-Webb has been a great influence and motivator. Our editorial double-act came under pressure many a time with the need to get the 'T R' into print and on the web each week; but it never dented our appreciation of the role each played to create this 'mini-masterpiece' (as we always viewed it)! John Griffith and Chew Chan were the other half of the valued creative team, providing enhanced photos that recorded a wealth of Rotary and Club/Friends' activities. 'Chew's Chandid Camera' pics are now legendary...and so is he! THANK YOU from this Sub-Ed. to all our special and guest reporters and contributors, including sponsors, supporters and friends of The Tiger Rag. THANK YOU to Kristen Widdop and family who collected the copies from the printer, TDC3 Richmond, each week and delivered them to our Club meetings. Little things mean a lot. **Our** Tiger Rag will be no more – we now welcome and look forward to the next 'Tiger' generation - The Tiger **Cub** Rag and RC Richmond Facebook.



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