

ROTARY CLUB OF RICHMOND

The Tiger Cub Rag



2011 - 2012



Meeting 2149

August 2011

SPEAKER

Merv Ericson

Rotarian Behind the Badge

CHAIR

Jo Cowling

Birthdays

Judy Nettleton – 23 August

Geoff Clarke – 24 August

Rotary Club of Richmond – 24 August

Wedding Anniversaries

Phil & Wilma Mylecharane – 24/8/68

Induction Anniversaries

Geoff Clarke - 1964

Aivars Lode – 1984

Warren Golding - 1979

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

Richmond Rotary website:

www.rotaryrichmond.org.au

District9800 website:

www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au

District E-Zine link:

www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/current_networker

Rotary International website:

www.rotary.org

Conference website:

www.2012melbourne.com.au



ROB'S Blog...

Another great meeting last night and it was lovely to hear Rosie and Celine speak about their experiences at the MUNA Camp at Axedale. It is nice to get great feedback and they seem to really enjoy themselves which is encouraging. I was speaking to Celine's father afterwards and he said that after MUNA she has changed direction in her studies at school so it has had a real impact on her.

I would like to thank Judy and John, Trevor and Maureen, Aivars and Nellya, Janice and Les (Fred Astaire of the dance floor) for attending the 30th Birthday of Australian Rotary Health. I think we had the biggest turn out of any club there and everybody who was anybody came and were lined up to meet Queen Judy and pay their respects to her. A nice touch.

I would like to thank Brian and Jenny for doing such a wonderful job organising the "fellowship dinners" and the hosts who entertained members in their houses. It gave a chance for members to get to know each other a little bit better. I was surprised that my guests had survived and could come to the meeting last night. I must thank them for being so complimentary about Clemmie and Lucy who assisted me as it would not have happened without their help - Thank you.

I had two personal highlights this week being present at Annabel's graduation at Melbourne University to receive her Bachelor of Arts was the best. The second was I ordered a signed copy of a book called "The Image Maker" of photos taken by Bruce Postle over 50 years as a newspaper photographer. He rang and hand delivered the book. Bruce is the most interesting down to earth person you could ever meet and he could be a guest speaker next year. Fingers crossed. Have a good week.

President Rob



Statesman President



Pensive President



Hilarious President

This Week's Speaker

District 9810 Governor Nominee Merv Ericson & Kay



Merv is a Past President of the RC of Richmond (D9800) and a Member of the RC of Monash. He was GSE Team Leader to D1130, Central London, in 2007 and has served on the GSE Committee for close to three years. As Branch Manager of Pinewood Community Bank Branch, Bendigo Bank, Merv is well known to many Rotarians within the District. He will be District Governor in 2013/14, the first year of The Rotary Foundation Future Vision Program.

Last Week's Meeting

Celine & Roisin – MGC's MUNA Delegates for FRANCE



Last Week's Meeting - continued



ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 - 2010 MUNA RESOLUTIONS

HUMAN RIGHTS

1. That all child labour of primary school aged children be deemed illegal and trade bans be imposed on goods that have been produced by such child labour.
2. That it be made mandatory that all females in all member states have the same access to educational and economic opportunities as males.
3. That the traffic in humans be deemed a 'crime' against humanity and thus the United Nations has the right to investigate and prosecute against any alleged offences.
4. That the Australian Government gives full recognition of the dispossession white settlement caused its indigenous population by giving financial compensation to match its National apology.
5. That the Australian government lives up to its treaty obligations and fully recognise the rights of refugees and asylum seekers by ending off shore mandatory detention and granting all dispossessed persons full legal rights and access to the legal system.
6. That international disarmament commences on a worldwide scale with the unilateral nuclear disarmament of the United States, United Kingdom, France, the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation.
7. That the Islamic Republic of Iran ceases all nuclear research and opens all military and scientific facilities to U.N. inspection to verify that all research has ceased.
8. That the United States shows world leadership in the struggle for international peace by renouncing the second amendment of its Constitution – the right to keep and bear arms.
9. That this assembly urges Zimbabwe to immediately return to the rule of law and respect for independence of the judiciary, and put in place a timetable for holding free and fair elections before the end of 2011
10. That this assembly condemns France for their proposal to forbid Muslim women from wearing full faced veils in public.
11. That this assembly acknowledges that every adult has the right to participate in free elections to decide who should govern the country they live in and that countries not agreeing to such rights to its citizens may forego receiving foreign aid from developed countries.
12. That this assembly deplores the use of the internet for illegal and or other questionable purposes and urges all member nations to support the development of more effective censorship controls and policing including the development of international laws enforceable through the International Court of Justice

Last week's "Coming to our Census" item should read

There's still time to complete your eCensus if you've let it slip – go to <http://www.abs.gov.au/census>. The Census Inquiry Service is 1300 338 776.

What is a Rotarian?

A Rotarian is a person who digs wells from which they will never drink.

A person who vaccinates children they will never meet.

A person who restores sight for those they will never see.

A person who builds houses they will never live in.

A person who knows real happiness, which as Albert Schweitzer said, "*can only be found by serving others*".

A Rotarian is a person who Educates children they will never know.

A person who Plants Trees they will never sit under.

A person who feeds hungry people, regardless of colour, race or politics.

**From the Rotary Club of Templestowe Newsletter May 25 2011 (unsourced)*

+ *An addition by Annie Wysham*

A Rotarian is a person who extends the hand of friendship to a stranger.

RCR'S MELBOURNE-YARRA LEADER NEWS ITEM

Hi Secretary Jo

Please share this email with our many Members and Friends.

As the Club's Marketing/PR Chair I submitted an article to the Melbourne-Yarra Leader Newspaper for consideration in the Local News category titled:

'RICHMOND CLUB INDUCTS NEW PRESIDENT'.

The article and the photo have been accepted and can now be viewed at:

melbourne-leader.whereilive.com.au/your-news/story/richmond-club-inducts-new-president/

Cheers from Annie (the Censusive Member!)

Download President Rob's Induction Speech on our website:
www.rotaryrichmond.org/President%20Rob's%20Vision.pdf



Fixing The Holes in Our Buckets

We heard about the reality of membership from District Membership Director Murray Verso. Murray presented the hard facts of Rotary membership - yes we are attracting new members, but we're also losing members through a process of attrition – be that retirement, ill health and death, resignations or otherwise. It's these "holes in the bucket" that we need to fix to lift membership numbers. So how do we do it?

Coming to Richmond Monday 3 October 2011

Murray encouraged the audience to challenge ourselves to think about the attractiveness of our Clubs. What do people think of Rotary? What attracts them to Rotary? What puts them off Rotary? What vibrant new initiatives can we create to bring people in? How will our plans reflect strategies drawn from our understanding of these questions?

Murray further compelled us to think about how we can innovate and move with the times to become more relevant and embrace new technologies like social media which can help attract more Rotarians.

DG Keith-Networker 12/08/11

UPCOMING EVENTS				
Date	Day			Chairperson
22-Aug	Monday	Merv Ericson - DGE D9810	<i>Richmond's 47th Birthday</i>	Jo Cowling
25-Aug	Thursday	"Love Never Dies"		Brian & Jenny List
29-Aug	Monday		<i>Social Event</i>	
5-Sep	Monday	Claire Kelly	<i>Mental Health First Aid</i>	Judy Nettleton
12-Sep	Monday	Slade Literary Awards		Melissa Carfax-Foster
19-Sep	Monday	DG Keith Ryall	<i>District Governor Visit</i>	Rob Mactier
26-Sep	Monday	Barry Roberts	<i>Rotarian Behind the Badge</i>	
3-Oct	Monday	Murray Verso	<i>Rotary Membership</i>	
10-Oct	Monday	John McMorrow	<i>Rotarian Behind the Badge</i>	
13-Oct	Thursday	"Bouzy Rouge" Restaurant Bar	Fellowship	www.bouzyrouge.com.au
17-Oct	Monday	NO MEETING		
20-Oct	Thursday	RYAP Exhibition & Celebration	Exhibition & Dinner	Tim Baker
24-Oct	Monday	Cup Carnival with R C Fitzroy		
		Club Meeting		

To all Rotarians

You may have seen the open letter to the Australian Prime Minister in the August RDU. I would urge you to follow up that opportunity by writing to our Prime Minister and your local Member of Parliament to indicate your wish for our Government to donate funds to finish the job of eradicating polio.

I would also encourage you to register your response on a website that our partners at the Global Poverty Program have initiated at www.theendofpolio.com This electronic vote will supplement the letters we send and get the message to our politicians in a polite and organised manner. I may say that a written letter is always more effective than an email as it carries a more personal touch.

The main letter is on page 35 of the August RDU and can also be obtained at www.rotarydownunder.com.au

I have attached a copy of that letter as amended for the specific dollar amount request and, if you wish to amend the letter further to suit your own style, then may I offer this possible alternative or addition:

As three of the four remaining countries with endemic polio are in the Commonwealth, I would ask that Australia, as the current chair of CHOGM, takes the lead on this issue. The World Health Organisation's Chris Maher, while on a recent fundraising trip to Australia, noted this fact and commented that "it's a good platform to raise the issue" and that Australia could play an important advocacy role.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to inform our leaders of the importance of this project and that we join with the World Health Organisation, The Global Poverty Program and the Gates Foundation to finally eradicate polio. The funding gap is the biggest barrier to completing this great Rotary initiative. We need Government funds to do the work and your letter will help.

The addresses of our PM is:

Julia Gillard MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
Canberra, ACT 2600

Finally, this is a very personal choice by each Rotarian and please feel free to amend any letter you send as you see fit, but please spend a little time writing as this is a great opportunity to let our leaders know how we feel on this issue.

Bernie Rodgers (Zone Challenge Coordinator)

Soooo...CUTE !



The 3 x Generations of Chan

Proud Grandparents, Parents, Aunties - & future Rotarian!