



The Rotary Club of Richmond

Meeting 2011

28th April 2008

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Today's Meeting

Topic: **RoCan – Rotarians
against Ovarian
Cancer**

Speaker: **Yvonne Moon AO
Founder, RoCan**



Duty Roster

Meeting	#2011	#2012	#2013	#2014	#2015
Date	28 April	5 May	12 May	19 May	26 May
Time	12.30 for 1.00	6.30 for 7.00	6.30 for 7.00	6.30 for 7.00	12.30 for 1.00
Chair	Judy Nettleton	Chew Chan	Ben Hosking	John Liddell	TBA
Greeter	Barry Roberts	Barry Roberts	Miles Schofield	Miles Schofield	Jenny Crofts
Head Table	Trevor Pang	Barbara Woodberry	Barbara Woodberry	Barbara Woodberry	Tim Baker
Cashier	Kieran Moore Brian Irving	Mark Dwyer Sue Bolton	Mark Dwyer Sue Bolton	Mark Dwyer Sue Bolton	Kieran Moore Brian Irving

Forthcoming Speakers and Topics

5 May	Gabriela Byrne: My Passionate Affair (Problem Gambling)
12 May	AINGER Public Speaking Competition
19 May	ROMAC: John Benger
26 May	TBA

Celebrations: last week and next week

Birthdays, Partners' Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries	None
Induction Anniversaries	Sue Bolton 28 th (11 years), Dot Brown, Rob Mactier, Phillip Van Gaalen-Prentice and Kay Wennagel , all on 1 st May (2 years), Colin Looker 2 nd (20 years)

Quote for the day: "Each individual woman's body demands to be accepted on its own terms." **Gloria Steinem (1934 -)**, *US Feminist and Journalist*

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President's Message

I guess you had all a very good ANZAC day.

So did I, in France, witnessing a TV report on the Aussies-Kiwis celebration in the former northern battlefields.

In the Malaysian Airlines plane flying me back home via KL, I am surrounded by a lot of young Aussies, Members of a "souvenir team": generations X, Y, Z don't forget too!

It is difficult to write a sound, actual message for the Club when you were away during a key week end like you had last week down under at Richmond.

However, I am made to understand that "crackerjack" bowls was a resounding success, meeting Barbara's target of

\$8000, superb event, wonderful weather, incredible support from the Community, but low attendance from the Club Members.

Last meeting was also the last opportunity to give back your "meeting survey" inputs...32 members did it.

The Committee will meet this coming Saturday 3rd to review the results, survey and forum, and to propose the Board any possible and necessary follow up.

I'll land at Tulla this Monday early morning and will be please to join you back for our lunch meeting...with a refreshed French accent!

See you then.

JMB

Last Week's Speaker: John Turner, CEO WhiteLion

WhiteLion was established in 1999 in recognition that young people in the Youth Justice System experience isolation, lack of connection to the community and limited access to the opportunities that are in abundance in our society. John Turner explained how Whitelion empowers and inspires young people through positive relationships, opportunities and connections to develop a sense of self worth and hope for their future.

Children in the juvenile justice system are kids under 18 who have been locked up for minor crimes. The problem is that when they turn 18, they go into the adult system where they are to all intents beyond help. WhiteLion aims to provide friendship, support, access to a job and mentoring to help them get a grip on their lives. John's crew are often working with kids who cannot live at home because of abusive parents and who come from families that have all

been unemployed. Alcohol and drugs are common features of their lives.

The WhiteLion service costs \$10,000 p.a. per child: To keep a young person in a lock-up costs \$200,000 p.a. The re-offending rate for the juvenile justice system is 60%. If WhiteLion can keep a child on a mentoring scheme for a year, their re-offending rate averages a mere 6%.

About 30% of locked up kids are employable and WhiteLion works with sponsors to find companies that will give them a go, for example: McDonalds and the ANZ. He recalled confiding to the CEO of ANZ that one of the youngsters being employed at the bank had been the getaway car driver in a bank robbery.

John concluded his talk by inviting RCR members to support the forthcoming WhiteLion Bail Out Evening. (See description on page 3)



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Club News

ROMAC's Tongan visitors. Lu'isa aged 7, her mother Lu'isa Leao, and the Reverend Iki from the Tonga Church, visited our club last week. Lu'isa was a charming little girl, due to go into surgery during the last week.

Father Iki helps the Tongans in translation, counselling, coordination and supports with transport as required, - a real "man Friday." for the ROMAC organisation. He has been fundraising to provide for the emergency rebuilding of a home for severely disadvantaged children, very recently burnt down.

John Benger asked us to help with some donations and numbers of members obliged. John had warned Father Iki that RRC gives generously to many causes and he (John) did not want to ask RRC members for a major effort, but the dollars given were appreciated. Most of the kids in the burnt down accommodation are severely disadvantaged (blind, sick, deformed) and have been abandoned. In John's words: "A great cause."

Whitelion Bail Out 2008: Whitelion CEO John Turner invites YOU to make a REAL DIFFERENCE in the life of a young person by getting involved in WHITELION BAIL OUT 2008.

YOU HAVE BEEN SUMMONSED TO STEP INTO THE SHOES OF A YOUNG PERSON THAT HAS BEEN DISCONNECTED FROM OUR COMMUNITY DUE TO ABUSE AND NEGLECT, DRUG ADDICTION AND POVERTY.

These young people have often had horrific life experiences with a `cycle of

discouragement' that is very hard to break.



Bail Out fundraisers, known as inmates, will be summonsed to step behind bars and into the shoes of a young person that has been disconnected from our community. Inmates have one cell, one phone and a target of one thousand dollars to Bail Out and include some of the most powerful members of the

business world.

The event will take place in the City Watch House at the Old Melbourne Gaol on Friday 30th May 2008.

Get involved:

- REGISTER as an inmate and Bail Out
- SPONSOR an inmate
- Attend the Gaol House Rock COCKTAIL PARTY
- Make a DONATION

For full details, go to their website at: www.whitelion.org.au

Friends plan Kouture Knitwear Parade and Morning Tea

Our next friends' function is on Thursday June 12, at 10.30am at the home of Sue and Barry Roberts, at 7 Florida Street, Mt. Waverley.

Eight Kouture Group ladies will parade their garments, and you may buy or order to size, if anything takes your fancy. 10% of any sales will go to our Charity. Tickets \$20 from Sue Roberts 9802 3757 or Jenny List 9816 9747

Please come and bring your friends.



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Crackerjack was a Cracker. Barbara

Woodberry reports: The recent lawn bowling fundraiser held at Richmond Union Bowls was a sell-out and a great success – financially, socially and as a profile-raising exercise. The total raised was approximately \$7,500.

The players and their coaches had a fun time trying their hand on the rinks whilst being serenaded by a great bush band. After nibbles and drinks about 145 people adjourned to the club house for an expansive dinner donated and catered for by a Richmond hospitality school (an extremely generous gesture).

The Honorary Consul General spoke movingly, motivating many to become even more involved!

And finally, we were indeed blessed with superb weather and very generous sponsors and guests! Watch this space for news of the re-run!

Thanks to all Rotarians who assisted on the day – particularly Sally and Michael O’Sullivan who organised the kitchen and barby and helped so much beforehand. Also thanks to those who donated cakes, spoke encouragingly and provided sponsorships.

WHEN	SOCIAL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES
26 th - 27 th April - Saturday/Sunday. Times TBA	National 'Fix Up Australia' Weekend – Joint Initiative of Rotary Clubs Australia-wide and Mitre 10 Stores. For further details and FUA project information, contact Barbara Woodberry, 0413 057 079
28, 29,30 th April & 1 st May Mon to Thurs. Arrive 7.00pm	Heats for the RCR's Ainger Public Speaking Award at NHP, 42-67 River Street, Richmond. Contact Ben Hosking: 0437 232 880
1 st May - Thursday 12.00pm to 5.00pm	RCR & Melb Girls College - Mock Job Interviews, 'Lyceum', MGC, Yarra Blvd, Richmond – Tim Baker 0412 568 531 / bakert@ozemail.com.au
3 rd May - Saturday Pre-Dinner Drinks: 6.30pm Dinner & Cabaret: 7.00pm	Annual, Café International, Dinner , International House, 241 Royal Parade, Parkville. \$75 pp (Tables of 10pax) RSVP by 27 April to Daniel Higgins: Tel: 9345 7576 or Email: ludmilla@unimelb.edu.au
12 th May – Monday 6.30pm for 7.00pm	Annual Ainger Public Speaking Award , Amora Hotel, River Street Richmond. Ten students, all heat placegetters, compete to win this valuable award. Call Ben Hosking to confirm attendance: 0437 232 880. Close 9.15 pm approx.
21 st May - Wednesday 7.00pm for 7.30pm	Welcome Back Dinner for District 9800's GSE Team – Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, 489 Glenferrie Road, Kooyong. Cost: \$50 per head. 3-course dinner. Bookings: Michelle Bennett 0412 636 264
25 th May - Sunday 2 separate sessions: 10.00am and 1.00pm	Richmond Rotary's 'Kids Day Out' – Featuring 'Wags the Dog' courtesy of Esprit. Collingwood Town Hall. Entertainment, stage performance fun and food – suitable for toddlers to 8 year olds. HELP NEEDED! Call Elissa Marriott: 9429 6033 or secretary@rotaryrichmond.org.au
29 th June – Sunday 11.30am	District 9800 Changeover - Lunch at Leonda by the Yarra, Wallen Road, Hawthorn

Finally:

“He was a dreamer, a thinker, a speculative philosopher...or, as his wife would have it, an idiot.”

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

- Richmond Rotary website: www.rotaryrichmond.org.au
- District 9800 Home page: www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au
- District E-Zine: www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/Networker
- DG's weekly message: <http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/DistrictGovernor#DGMessage>
- Rotary International: www.rotary.org
- RI President's Monthly Message
<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/RotaryLeadership/RIPresident/Pages/Messages.aspx>