



# The Rotary Club of Richmond

Meeting 2001

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## Today's Meeting

**Topic: On being a Vet**

**Speaker: Dr Jack Ayerbe**  
**Veterinary surgeon, author and media personality**



### Duty Roster

| Meeting           | #2001                       | #2002                         | #2003                    | #2004                        | #2005                    |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Date              | Today                       | 11 February                   | 18 February              | 25 February                  | 3 March                  |
| Time              | 6.30 for 7.00               | 12.30 for 1.00                | 6.30 for 7.00            | 12.30 for 1.00               | 6.30 for 7.00            |
| Chair             | Ben Hosking                 | Sue Bolton                    | Judy Nettleton           | John Benger                  | TBA                      |
| Greeter           | David Langdon               | John Nairn                    | David Langdon            | John Nairn                   | David Langdon            |
| Head Table        | Aivars Lode                 | Aivars Lode                   | Judy Nettleton           | Simon Marriott               | Judy Nettleton           |
| Director's Report | Membership<br>Barry Roberts | Communication<br>John Liddell | Club Life<br>Michael O'S | Foundation<br>Judy Nettleton | Club Admin<br>Lynda vGP  |
| Cashier           | Mark Dwyer<br>Sue Bolton    | Kieran Moore<br>Brian Irving  | Mark Dwyer<br>Sue Bolton | Kieran Moore<br>Brian Irving | Mark Dwyer<br>Sue Bolton |

### Forthcoming Speakers and Topics

11 Feb TBA: The Rotarian behind the Badge  
 18 Feb Chris Trueman: East Timor Education Project  
 25 Feb Colin Macfarlane: Operation Smile  
 3 Mar GSE Students' Presentation

## Celebrations

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Birthdays               | None                                      |
| Partners' Birthdays     | None                                      |
| Wedding Anniversaries   | Simon & Elissa Marriott 8 <sup>th</sup> . |
| Induction Anniversaries | None                                      |

"I like pigs. Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals."

**Sir Winston Churchill (1874 - 1965)**

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## **President's message:**

President Jean Marc was unable to give the editor his message this week.

## **Last week's speaker: David Langdon – The History of Richmond**

David, a member of the Richmond Historical Society (RHS), gave a fascinating illustrated talk on the history of Richmond from its earliest days.

The Wurundjeri people were the first owners of this country, and are still the custodians of its cultural heritage. Since Melbourne's settlement in 1835, the landscape has changed dramatically from pristine bushland to a thriving metropolis. The growth of Richmond has continually evolved from large estates and mansions, to the development of major industries and homes for many of their employees working in the area. Its location provides easy access to water, materials, transport and labour. Many household name companies were based in Richmond; e.g. Skipping Girl, Kiwi Boot Polish, Bryant & May, Peters Ice Cream and of course, Slade



Knitwear. Today, the large factories, warehouses and industrial sites have been transformed into offices, apartments and retail outlets. A far greater emphasis on service industries has replaced much of the manufacturing and production that was here in the past.

The RHS recently facilitated the celebration of Richmond's 150th anniversary on becoming a municipality and has been preparing for the 150th anniversary of Australia's first aerial journey which took place in Cremorne in Richmond in 1858. On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February, with the City of Yarra, the RHS hosted a re-enactment of the first balloon flight in Australia. This included up to seven hot air balloons, a community breakfast, historical display, unveiling of a plaque and a commemorative balloon launch.

## **United Nations Survey**

Last month, a world survey was conducted by the UN. The only question asked was: "Would you please give your honest opinion about solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world." The survey was a huge failure...

- In Africa they didn't know what "food" meant.
- In Eastern Europe they didn't know what "honest" meant.
- In Western Europe they didn't know what "shortage" meant.
- In China they didn't know what "opinion" meant.
- In the Middle East they didn't know what "solution" meant.
- In South America they didn't know what "please" meant, and
- In the USA they didn't know what "the rest of the world" meant.

As the survey was organised in America, they forgot to ask Australia, thinking that we were included in Western Europe...



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## **What's News**

**Results Of ballot for DG Nominating Committee.** The three Past Presidents voted by the clubs of D9800 to be part of the Nominating Committee for selection of the District Governor 2010-11 are:

- PP Chris Don – Rotary Club of Chadstone East Malvern
- PP Cheryl Pisterman – Rotary Club of Glenferrie
- PP Ken Vazquez – Rotary Club of Altona City

District received an excellent response to the call for nominations and would like to thank all Presidents for their support. The successful nominees will be notified of the date and times of the DG 2010-11 interviews shortly.

**RCR East Timor Project.** Exciting news – the board have agreed to sponsor an international project in East Timor. Centered around a kindergarten in Dili, it has great synergy with our Boroondara Kindergarten Project.

One part of the project involves 'building and volunteering' - an outdoor community meeting hall, water tanks, shed, garden and play ground. This will be undertaken in conjunction with other clubs.

The second part is a long term commitment to kindergarten education in East Timor using 'our' kindergarten' as the conduit. It will involve supplying essentials such as crayons, chalk and pencils; and educational toys such as building blocks, jigsaws and puppets.

We will also be commissioning blackboards and easels from local (Dili) small tradesmen, endeavouring to put part of the money we raise into the local community. One other aspect will be a commitment to the education of local girls as kindy teachers.

The exact nature of this on-going project will evolve as we set up communication channels with local personnel and they tell us more about what they need. This will probably require an exploratory trip to Dili. Barbara Woodberry and Jill Forsyth (RC of Kew) are jointly managing this project.

This is a project for EVERYONE in the club. A committee is being formed – if you are interested in any aspect of this project please let Barbara know.

**East Timor Project needs your help.** Join in on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Richmond Union Bowling Club, 2 Gleadall Street, Richmond.

Enjoy two hours of competition with your own coach, then partake in the Bar-b-que Dinner which includes dessert and tea/coffee in the price. Soft drinks, beer and wine sold at the bar. Entertainment, with Band & Dancing included.

Tickets \$45 - Make up your own team of four or eight! (or let us include you in one of ours) or join us as a supporter, tickets \$40.

"Crackerjack", the movie, will be screened during the afternoon.

This event is supporting our Club's East Timor Kindergarten Project (Dili). We will be building an outdoor meeting space in the grounds along with water tanks, permaculture garden, storage shed & playground. Also upgrading the kindergarten's equipment & providing funds to assist with the cost of training kindergarten teachers.

### **Did you Know -**

There are no words in the English language that rhyme with **orange, month, silver** or **purple**?



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## Calling All Conference Early Bird Registrants!

The Early Bird draw/cocktail party for all Early Bird registrations is planned for Tuesday, 13 February



subject to Gian Rooney's availability to host the event. The Draw/Cocktail party will be held at the Lexus of Blackburn Showrooms, 146 Whitehorse Road, Blackburn from 7.00pm to 8.30 pm.

Lexus of Blackburn - the major sponsor of the 76th District Conference of District 9800 Inc - are proud to be associated again with the Rotary Conference at Shepparton after the success of the 2007 event. The Early Bird prize sponsored by Lexus of Blackburn is a perfect weekend away. The package includes one night's accommodation at the beautiful Lindenderry at Red Hill boutique hotel and vineyard, nestled amongst 30 acres of gardens and vines and includes a bottle of Lindenderry Estate wine, three course dinner and full breakfast. To take you to your destination in style, select from one of the Lexus Hybrid vehicles as your transport for the weekend. Thank you Lexus of Blackburn.

A formal invitation will be posted to Early Bird registrants confirming details in the

first week of February. Thank you to all the Early Bird registrants, your early registration for the Conference was very much appreciated by the Conference Organizing Committee.

## Rotary Southern Districts Shine On Awards

Nominations for the Rotary Southern Districts 'Shine On Awards' close on **25 February 2008**.

If you have any queries or you just need another copy of the Rotary Shine On Guidelines and Nomination Form, email [DawnWatson@yahoo.com](mailto:DawnWatson@yahoo.com) or call Dawn on 9337 4710.

## Tee-Off With RC Altona City!

RC Altona City's Sixth Annual Charity Golf Day for Very Special Kids and other local and international Rotary projects is commencing at 12.30pm on **Friday, 29 February 2008**



(entries in before 14 February). There will also be a presentation

dinner and plenty of great prizes. All the details, including the entry form, are available on the District website (<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/EventsCalendar>) or you can call Ivan Board (9749 3808 or 0422 389 102) or Charlie Montebello (9398 4047 or 0412 257 723).

## Forthcoming Events:

| DATE      | DAY    | TIME                    | SOCIAL EVENT/ACTIVITY  |
|-----------|--------|-------------------------|--|
| 2nd March | Sunday | 2.45pm for 3.00pm start | 'Crackerjack' RCR East Timor Kindergarten Project Fundraiser – Bowling, BBQ, a Band & the Movie! Richmond Bowling Club, 2 Gleadall St, Richmond. Tickets: Barbara Woodberry 0413 057 879 |

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

Richmond Rotary website:

[www.rotaryrichmond.org.au](http://www.rotaryrichmond.org.au)

District 9800 Home page:

[www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au)

District E-Zine:

[www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/Networker](http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/Networker)

DG's weekly message:

<http://www.rotarydistrict9800.org.au/Members/DistrictGovernor#DGMessage>

Rotary International:

[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

RI President's Monthly Message

[www.rotary.org/aboutrotary/president/wilkinson/index.html](http://www.rotary.org/aboutrotary/president/wilkinson/index.html)