



The Rotary Club of Richmond

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Today's Meeting

Topic: The education of youth in East Timor.

Speaker: Chris Trueman
Xanana Trust
<http://www.xananatrust.org>



Duty Roster

Meeting	Today	#2003	#2004	#2005	#2005
Date	11 February	18 February	25 February	3 March	10March
Time	12.30 for 1.00	6.30 for 7.00	12.30 for 1.00	6.30 for 7.00	No Meeting
Chair	Judy Nettleton	Sue Bolton	John Benger	TBA	
Greeter	John Nairn	David Langdon	John Nairn	David Langdon	
Head Table	Aivars Lode	Judy Nettleton	Simon Marriott	Judy Nettleton	
Cashier	Kieran Moore Brian Irving	Mark Dwyer Sue Bolton	Kieran Moore Brian Irving	Mark Dwyer Sue Bolton	

Forthcoming Speakers and Topics

18 Feb Past Pres. Merv Ericsson: My experience as GSE team leader in 2007
 25 Feb Colin Macfarlane AO (RC Box Hill): Operation Smile
 3 Mar GSE Students' Presentation
 10 Mar No meeting

No Celebrations this week!

During a visit to the Mental Asylum, a visitor asked the Director what the criterion was which defined whether or not a patient should be institutionalized. "Well," said the Director, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub."

"Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup."

"No." said the Director, "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a room with or without a view?"

Thought for the day:

"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth."
Diogenes Laertius, the biographer of the Greek philosophers, c225 AD



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The President's Message

President Jean Marc Berthier is still overseas.

Last week's speaker: Dr Jack Ayerbe – On being a vet in Ireland

Dr Jack Ayerbe is a vet in Geelong. He is also the Geelong representative of the RSPCA and the talk-back radio vet on 3AW. He recalled two old friends from the past, Lou Witts and Keith Doery, who were RCR members in years gone by.

Propped with an elbow on the lectern and a glass of red in his hand, he entertained the club with a hilarious recounting of his experiences as a young vet. Shortly after graduating in 1969, he traveled to Ireland and set up a practice in the village of Ballina, County Mayo.

In the course of his talk, he kept checking with our resident vet-in-training, Elissa Marriott, seeing whether she was aware of his techniques and medications from the past, whether he was up to date on what is currently being taught in vet school and how far up a cow's bum she had put her arm!

There were too many stories to repeat them all here, but we are now all aware

of the dangers of doing a caesarean on a cow from the wrong side (its intestines fall out) and how to castrate a stallion. On one occasion he was called to look at a cat which "had not been eating", to find that it had been dead for three days. He hadn't the heart to tell the owner, so he took it away and then rang back to say he had had to put it down.

Irish savvy was illustrated by his tale of the farmer who would call into his surgery and ask him to come with him to check out his sick cow. He could never find anything wrong with it but charged two pounds fifty for each visit. He realised what was going on when he discovered the taxi fare from town to this farmer's house was three pounds.

At the end of his talk he offered for sale copies of his book, "To Ballina and Back: An Aussie Vet in Ireland". Barbara Woodberry promptly scored a donated book from him to be auctioned at our next fundraiser.

The pilot and the guide dog

A man was flying from Seattle to San Francisco. Unexpectedly, the plane was diverted to Sacramento along the way. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes.

Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. The man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her guide dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight. He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because

the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, "Kathy, we are going to be in Sacramento for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?" The blind lady replied, "No thanks, but maybe my dog would like to stretch his legs."

Now picture this: All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a guide dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses! People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines! True story!



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Club News



Claire Saxby, our guest speaker at the **Slade** last September, dropped a note to say she thought we'd like to know that not only has she not yet killed her orchid, but the flowers lasted almost until Christmas and there is a new leaf growing! "A triumph," she declared.

The creative spirit is still at work: she has some poems due out in the next two months and three picture books contracted, although none will appear before 2009.

We're off to East Timor! The committee decided it would like to tackle the water tanks and storage shed as the first construction project at the kindergarten in Dili. Now to raise the money! Try your hand at Lawn bowls, or just come along to cheer your favourite team or watch **Crackerjack**, the lawn bowling movie. Then enjoy fellowship with a barbeque dinner followed by entertainment. Tickets from Barbara. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT! If you can't join us then you might like to sponsor a team by making a donation. Please contact Barbara Woodberry for details.



"Kids Day Out:" The new POP? Elissa Marriott reports that the POP committee is proposing to the board to make the following changes:

- POP now called Kids Day Out or KDO. Full title will be something like "Richmond Rotary Club's Kids Day Out"
- Change date to Sunday May 25th
- Change venue to Collingwood Town Hall

The committee has limited the event so that there are more 'free' attractions for children; their biggest volunteer request will be for food handling and won't require as many people as POP. Elissa will put together more information as they continue to iron out details. She hopes the new date doesn't interfere with any other events, so if anyone is aware of a clash please let her know.

Help save the whales: Neale Jackson is retired these days and we don't see him often at meetings, but



the current publicity about the activities of the Japanese whaling fleet has stirred him to action. Neale recently circulated an email, which is copied below for those who may not have seen it:

"Hello All,

I do not normally subscribe to these email canvassing facilities and I apologise if you regard this as spam, but....

Recent news items cover Japan's continued plan to take 1000 whales this year "for scientific research", most, if not all, outside Japan's territorial waters. Thus, it becomes an international issue.

"www.whalesrevenge.com" is trying to get a million people to sign a petition to stop whaling.

If you agree, could tell as many people as you can about this website... that would be a great help.

Thanks for your support and remember to sign the petition at www.whalesrevenge.com.

Cheers. Neale Jackson"



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GSE Welcome Dinner

The Rotary Club of Glen Eira presents with the Beachside Cluster a dinner to officially welcome the Group Study Exchange Team from Rotary District 5650 (Iowa and Nebraska, USA) to Rotary District 9800. The dinner will be held on Tuesday, 26 February (6.30pm for 7.00pm) at the Terminus Room, Milano's Hotel, 4 The Esplanade, Brighton beach. Please RSVP by Tuesday, 19 February to Adrian Nelson at adrian@nelsonbros.com.au. Or on 0411 550 708. Cost is \$35 per head.

The Rotary Wine Appreciation Fellowship (RWF), – District 9800 Chapter – Motto: "Nel Vino c'è l'Amicizia e l'Ispirazione"

You are invited to celebrate the 103rd birthday of Rotary this coming 23rd February 2008 by enjoying the company of other Rotarians in our District whilst raising some monies for an important Rotary project

We plan to indulge your senses with fine food and with an impressive assortment of Chardonnays, Pinot Noir, Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon

There is also a tasty menu on offer, but if you want something simple there are

wood fired pizzas. While chatting with your fellow Rotarians, you can enjoy the captivating scenery of the Oaklands Valley and, for those who like watching planes, there is a good view of their approach to the Tullamarine airport.

The **Cost** - a joining fee of \$20. The meal and wine will be at your own expense. **Where** --Wildwood Wineries – St Johns Road, Melways map 177 E1. **When**--- Saturday 23rd February 2008, 12.30 p.m. till finish.

Confirm your interest by contacting Leon Lewi, Tel 9336 2033 or 9333 1441

Conference Program. For those going to the Conference, the detailed program is in Networker Issue 27 (4th Feb). Knowing what a bunch of old rockers our members are, your editor



thought you'd like to know that the theme for the gala dinner on Saturday evening is 1950's Rock & Roll: Elvis Presley & Roy Orbison. Dress is casual – jeans, runners, blue suede shoes, t-shirts, colourful dresses. Appropriate 1950's gear will be available for hire if required. OK, who's still got the drainpipe jeans in the wardrobe?

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
4 th May	Sunday	2 separate sessions – morning and afternoon TBA	(Subject to board approval) Richmond Rotary's 'KIDS DAY OUT' – Featuring 'Wags the Dog' courtesy of Esprit. Collingwood Town Hall. Entertainment & stage performance fun for kids. Further details: Elissa Marriott: 9429 6033

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>