



The Rotary Club of Richmond

Meeting 2003

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Today's Meeting

Topic: My experience as a GSE team leader.

Speaker: P.P. Merv Ericsson



Duty Roster

Meeting	Today	#2004	#2005	#2006	#2005
Date	18 February	25 February	3 March	10 March	17 March
Time	6.30 for 7.00	12.30 for 1.00	6.30 for 7.00	No Meeting	6.30 for 7.00
Chair	Sue Bolton	John Benger	Judy Nettleton		Brian List
Greeter	David Langdon	John Nairn	David Langdon		John Nairn
Head Table	Judy Nettleton	Simon Marriott	Judy Nettleton		Judy Nettleton
Cashier	Mark Dwyer Sue Bolton	Kieran Moore Brian Irving	Mark Dwyer Sue Bolton		Mark Dwyer Sue Bolton

Forthcoming Speakers and Topics

25 Feb Colin Macfarlane AO (RC Box Hill): Operation Smile
 3 Mar GSE Students' Presentation
 10 Mar Labour Day - No meeting
 17 Mar What we did in Shepparton: Conference attendees' "Show and Tell"

Celebrations

Birthdays	Phillip van Gaalen-Prentice 24 th
Partners' Birthdays	None
Wedding Anniversaries	Janice Peeler & John Garland 18 th
Induction Anniversaries	None

Thought for the day:

When you travel, remember that a foreign country is not designed to make you comfortable. It is designed to make its own people comfortable. **Clifton Fadiman (1904 - 1999)** *US author, editor, & radio host*



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The President's Message

(Editor's Note: This is JMB's message intended for last week, which arrived too late for publication.)

Dear Rotarians, I am writing from my teens' school table at my old father's place. My brothers and sisters, coming from all around the world, had yesterday the chance wishing him all the best for a new year...if we were closer we should then decide feasting his birthday twice a year?

I have met with two Rotary Clubs' Presi-dents recently: one in Italy, one in France. Both clubs are facing manage-ment changes, refocusing meetings and actions, as we are trying to do.

Although they are two clubs in small towns, where driving distances and time have no impact on Members wishing to attend every meeting, they

Last week's speaker: Chris Trueman, The Xanana Trust

Chris is the Chief Executive & Director of the Xanana Vocational Education Trust, a self sustaining vocational educational system intended to meet the needs of the people of East Timor. Chris is the Honorary Representative for Dili Institute of Technology (DIT) in Victoria and has coordinated substantial aid for DIT. He has wide prior industry experience in manufacturing, marketing, human resources and computing and is a charter member of RC Southbank.

He commenced full time voluntary work in East Timor in Oct 02, and was the inaugural in-country volunteer representative for Rotary Australia World Community Service Ltd. This work ultimately led to the launch of the



were facing the same attendance problems as us! They are tentatively addressing it in two very different ways: the Italians are meeting fortnightly now, the French have only one dinner-conference and three "finger food" statutory meetings each month. If there is a fifth possible meeting, they don't call for it but they call for a fellowship lunch on the preceding Sunday, the "Spanish Auberge", where each member brings something to be eaten by other members.

Being far away, I don't have any details on how our Groups are progressing our own "re focus" proposals, I am sure we can find our very own RC Richmond way like these two clubs did.

See you next week, I'll be back for our 18 Feb dinner.

Trust in July 2005 by the Patrons, His Excellency Xanana Gusmão, then President - now Prime Minister - of Timor-Leste and the Honourable Sir William Deane in the presence of Premier Steve Bracks.

The day of his talk was the day of the assassination attempt on President Horta and Prime Minister Gusmão. Chris had spoken personally with Steve Bracks that day and he spoke movingly about Xanana Gusmão, with whom he is well acquainted. For part of his talk he therefore focussed on the current political situation in East Timor.

Chris was familiar with the kindergarten project being managed by Barbara Woodberry and spoke enthusiastically in its favour.



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Club News

Almoner's report: Almoner Janice reports that she, Sue Roberts and Christine Embury, visited Ailsa Wilson. Ailsa is recovering from surgery to treat cancer of the jaw. Janice says Ailsa is doing very well, although she has concerns with her appearance and with her difficulty in enunciating words. She is currently waiting to have teeth implanted. She is, however, well enough to have cooked a nice tea for her visitors.

Janice also reports that Bet Ellison is now in full-time care and John spends every day visiting her.

Mock Job Interviews. Tim Baker is looking for 24 interviewers for the 2008 round of mock job interviews for MGC Year 10 students, helping



them learn how to apply successfully for a job.

The interviews will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 1st May 2008 at MGC. There is a 30 minute briefing session for interviewers on Wed 23rd April at 5.30pm.

Interviewers may be Rotarians, Friends of Rotary or other business acquaintances. Of the 200 students in Year 10, we will interview 84 for one of 15 diverse jobs. This activity is part of a subject that explores the nature of work. It helps a student start to think about formulating a career direction that suits their interests.

The 24 interviewers will be in 12 teams each of two people. Each team will interview seven students. The interview session will last for 25 minutes, about 15 minutes to interview and 10 minutes for the feed back.

Feedback from previous years suggests that the program is highly valued by the interviewees. They found the interviewers to be "just great", "awesome", "supportive," who "asked good questions and gave useful feedback". Overall they really enjoyed the experience as it was not at all threatening.

Please contact Tim Baker if you would like to be an interviewer.

Boroondara Kindergarten: Richmond RC almost in the News! We 'nearly' received a mention in last week's Sunday Herald Sun. It ran an article on the number of three-year olds starting kinder this year - its importance, cost and shortage of places. A reporter rang the kindy and spoke to Denise who, since being recognised as Australian kindy teacher of the year, has given the kindy has a higher profile - especially for disadvantaged issues.

We received a near-mention: "Charities, including a *Richmond rotary club*, are paying disadvantaged children's kindergarten fees." The paper edited out the name of the rotary club! It's a good thing there's only one of us in Richmond now.

IMPORTANT: Crackerjack Lawn Bowling - This fundraiser has been postponed until Sunday April 20th. Make sure this date is in your diary.

New Arrivals: Dot Brown is very happy to announce the arrive of her daughter's first baby and her second grand child. Zoe Eliza West was born at 11 p.m. on Saturday 9th February, weighing in at 6.15 kg. Mother and daughter fine, father over the moon!! Congratulations to Dot and family.



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District News

February is World Understanding Month

District 5650 GSE Team Welcome Dinner. On Tuesday 26th February at



Milano's Hotel in Brighton, the District officially welcomes this year's incoming GSE Team from D5650 in Nebraska/Iowa. As you are aware, GSE is a fabulous program of the Rotary Foundation that provides unique cultural and vocational exchange for these young professional men and women. Full details of the incoming team members were included in the Bulletin of 21st January.

Cost is only \$35 per person. Judy Nettleton is coordinating the Richmond

party. Contact Judy urgently if you wish to go: the RSVP closes tomorrow.

RC Brunswick changes venue. RC Brunswick now meets at the Sporting Club Hotel, 27 Weston Street, Brunswick on **Thursdays** 12:45pm for 1:00pm. (6:00pm for 6:30pm first Thursday of the month.)

Fun In Retirement Expo. The Rotary Club of North Balwyn, in conjunction with the City of Boroondara will be staging the inaugural Fun In Retirement Expo (FIRE) at the Boroondara Sports Complex from July 5th to 7th, 2008. This Expo will showcase the huge variety of businesses and community groups which cater for the rapidly growing number of Boroondara citizens in "The Third Age". Their aim is to show the 50+ members of our community what is available to them, and to encourage them to become more involved in the life of the community, and to put more richness and variety into their lives.

Forthcoming Events

DATE	DAY	TIME	SOCIAL EVENT/ACTIVITY
13th March to 16th March	Thursday to Sunday		Rotary District 9800 Conference – to be held at Shepparton, Victoria
20 th April <i>PROPOSED NEW DATE</i>	Sunday	2.45pm for 3.00pm start	NOTE: THIS PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED EVENT IS NOW ON HOLD - 'CRACKERJACK' Bowling, BBQ, a Band & the Movie.
25th May <i>NOTE CHANGE OF DATE</i>	Sunday	2 separate sessions – morning and afternoon TBA	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>