

# The Rotary Club of Richmond

Meeting 2004

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## Today's Meeting

**Topic:**



**Speaker:** Colin Macfarlane AO

### Duty Roster

Meeting	Today	#2005	No Meeting	#2006	No Meeting
<b>Date</b>	25 February	3 March	10 March	17 March	24 March
<b>Time</b>	12.30 for 1.00	6.30 for 7.00	Labour Day Holiday	6.30 for 7.00	Easter Monday
<b>Chair</b>	Janice Kesterton	Judy Nettleton		Brian List	
<b>Greeter</b>	John Nairn	David Langdon		John Nairn	
<b>Head Table</b>	Simon Marriott	Judy Nettleton		Judy Nettleton	
<b>Cashier</b>	Kieran Moore Brian Irving	Mark Dwyer Sue Bolton		Mark Dwyer Sue Bolton	

### Forthcoming Speakers and Topics

3 Mar	GSE Students' Presentation
10 Mar	Labour Day - No meeting
17 Mar	What we did in Shepparton: Conference attendees' "Show and Tell"
24Mar	Easter Monday - No meeting

## Celebrations

<b>Birthdays</b>	John Birch 28 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Partners' Birthdays</b>	Beryl Golding 27 <sup>th</sup> , Traude Bibby 1 <sup>st</sup>
<b>Wedding Anniversaries</b>	None
<b>Induction Anniversaries</b>	Simon Marriott 1 <sup>st</sup>

### Quotes for the day:

Any man who has \$10,000 left when he dies is a failure.

**Errol Flynn** (1909 -1959)

Australia is an outdoor country. People only go inside to use the toilet.

And that's only a recent development.

**Barry Humphries** (1934 - )



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## **The President's Message**

Isn't Rotary a wonderful world?

I discovered this week how friendship, caring and service above self can be triggered by one Rotarian meeting another Rotarian, unknown before, calling on the "acquaintance of Rotary".

You may know that Flora and I are helping Isabelle, a Student from Vanuatu, studying for a term in Melbourne as part of her international business course at the University of New Caledonia.

Since the third month of her term involves her being at Latrobe Uni, housing her at our her place would be far from convenient. How would we find a room in the Latrobe area for one month only, at the beginning of the Uni year?

Impossible is not a Rotary word!

I dropped in to RC Bundoora's weekly meeting and left with a volunteering hosting family! "Rotary shares" is real, isn't it?

### **Last week's speaker: PP Merv Ericsson: Being a GSE Team Leader**

PP Merv opened by saying how nice it was to have such a friendly audience. After moving to RC Monash from RC Richmond, he volunteered to lead a GSE team for District 9810 and was chosen to take a team to Central London - District 1130 in Sept/Oct '07. The experience was highly rewarding, he felt, not only personally but particularly for the team members.

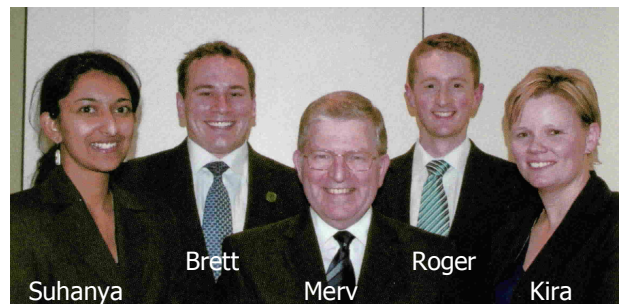
They spent a busy month+ seeing and doing a great deal. Hosted for three nights per host family, Merv said their biggest problem was trying to get their laundry done! His impressions: The weather was good, much to his surprise; British drivers are courteous and the pedestrians are all jay-walkers.

By the way, this RC Bundoora meeting was lively, mixing fellowship and Rotary business, and without a guest speaker (except for one with a French accent trying to explain the RI Club Leadership Plan that RC Bundoora will implement next year!). Attendance was 86%, reaching 110% with a few make ups!

To be complete, it is fair to add that it is a 14 member Rotary Club.

However they claim that their 100% attendance goal wouldn't be achieved if every meeting they where not speaking together about it.

This brings me back to our Forum follow up: your steering committee is presenting a revised strategy to the Board on Thursday Feb 28. This explains why the three working groups presented at our 22nd Jan meeting have not been called yet. More news next week on this critical action.



The Brits seem to be more interested in whether we become a republic than we are and they make frequent references to Australia being a land of convicts (!).

Merv entertained us with great anecdotes and a slideshow of many of the pictures taken by the team of the many places they crammed into an incredible itinerary.



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## Club News

**Kate Mactier.** We are sorry to learn that Kate Mactier, wife of past member **Robert Mactier**, passed away on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb after a courageous battle with cancer. Sincere condolences to Robert and his children, Annabel, Lucy and Clementine.

**Boroondara Kindergarten.** Report from Barbara Woodberry. The final figure for our fund raising is just under \$20,000. Thanks to all our supporters, a great result! The money is being spent wisely and is making a huge difference - the kindy is even more alive and the fantastic teachers have an environment more in keeping with their efforts. An open day/working bee will be coming up before winter so that we can all visit and see for ourselves.

And then to our sponsorships. As 4-year-old kindergarten is now totally government funded, we have turned our attention to the **totally unfunded** 3 year-old area. Our 'part' sponsorship of 3-year olds has been very popular - local social workers have filled all ten places with some very vulnerable children. We sponsor each child for \$200 per term (average fee is around \$250) leaving the parent to contribute as they can. This is individual sponsorship, and is quite separate from our fundraising efforts. Thank you to all who have contributed.

The kindy staff are just so appreciative. And I would like to add - they are an inspiration to work with! The kindergarten is highly regarded for its ground breaking work in the multi-cultural area, and RCR can be very proud of its contribution.

Just in case you missed it, this letter was published in the Dec 3rd 2007 BK Newsletter:

*"Dear Jean-Marc, On behalf of Boroondara Kindergarten's Committee of Management, staff, families and - most importantly - children, we write to express our deep gratitude for the recent Trivia night fundraiser. Such an evening does not happen without a great deal of hard work on the night and in the weeks leading up to the event. We wish particularly to pass on our thanks to Barbara Woodberry and Jo Cowling for the hours they put into ensuring the night was a success. Representatives from the kindergarten community who attended the evening were impressed by Rotary's commitment to and sense of community. Thank you all once again.*

*Yours faithfully, Marion Duckett, President, Boroondara Kindergarten"*



### When Insults had Class

"He is a self-made man and worships his creator." *John Bright*

"I've just learned about his illness. Let's hope it's nothing trivial." *Irvin S. Cobb*

"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork." *Mae West*

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go." *Oscar Wilde*

"He uses statistics as a drunken man uses lamp-posts... for support rather than illumination." *Andrew Lang (1844-1912)*





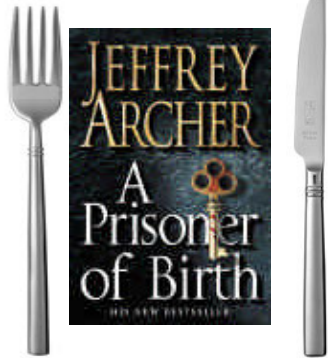
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## Book Launch/ Fund raiser: The Rotary Club of Toorak



invites you to dinner with renowned UK story teller **Jeffrey Archer.**

**When:** 7pm for 7.30 Thursday April 10th 2008

**Where:** Lincoln of Toorak, Level 2, Trak Centre,

445 Toorak Road Toorak. **Cost:** \$95.00 per person, \$950.00 table of 10, \$1140.00 table of 12 **RSVP APRIL 4 2008, Includes** two course meal and all beverages. Ample parking in Trak Centre car park (Enter via Jackson Street). **Enquiries:** Alan Freedman on 0419 357 864, or email [barhampton@bigpond.com](mailto:barhampton@bigpond.com). Note: Names and addresses of all attending including guests, must be received by 4/4/08 with payment. Seating will be allocated in order of receipt of payment.

**GSE Farewell Dinner** What an excellent event for D9800 to farewell our

GSE Team and Visiting team! To be held on **Tuesday, 25 March 2008** at Grand Star Receptions, Grieve Parade, Altona from 7.00 for 7,30pm start. Cost is \$55.00 and the dress code is smart evening attire. Please RSVP PP Clara Westhorpe 9398 2674 or John Bussey on 0412 068 848

## Gallipoli – The Trip Of A Lifetime

The Rotary Club of Brighton, through Rotary Foundation Matching Grant and Australian Consulate in Turkey, organised \$24,000 of assistance to the School for Blind at Gallipoli. A launch ceremony for the high tech computer based vision enhancing equipment will be conducted at the school on **24 April 2008**, together with local Rotarians. Join Rotarians at the launch as well as the Dawn Ceremony at Anzac Cove for the experience of a lifetime. To reserve a place or for further information, please contact Dr Peter Grey on 9592 9729, 0419 507 950 or mail to: [petergrey@snapsite.com.au](mailto:petergrey@snapsite.com.au).

## 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 <sup>th</sup> April <i>PROPOSED NEW DATE</i>	Sunday	2.45pm for 3.00pm start	<b>NOTE: THIS PREVIOUSLY ADVERTISED EVENT IS NOW ON HOLD - 'CRACKERJACK' Bowling, BBQ, a Band &amp; the Movie.</b>
25th May <i>NOTE CHANGE OF DATE</i>	Sunday	2 separate sessions – morning and afternoon TBA	<b>Richmond Rotary's 'KIDS DAY OUT' – Featuring 'Wags the Dog' courtesy of Esprit.</b> 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](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

<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/RotaryLeadership/RIPresident/Pages/Messages.aspx>