

The Rotary Club of Richmond

Meeting 2008

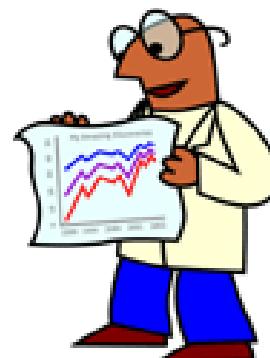
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Today's Meeting

Club Forum

Facilitator: Barry Roberts
Including a presentation on
Strategic Marketing
by Tim Baker



Duty Roster

Meeting	#2008	#2009	#2010	#2011	#2012
Date	7 April	14 April	21 April	28 April	5 May
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	Pres Jean-Marc Berthier	John Nairn	Nia Holdenson	Barbara Woodberry	TBA
Greeter	Michael O'Sullivan	Michael O'Sullivan	Barry Roberts	Barry Roberts	Barry Roberts
Head Table	Simon Marriot	Trevor Pang	Trevor Pang	Trevor Pang	Barbara Woodberry
Cashier	Mark Dwyer Sue Bolton	Kieran Moore Brian Irving	Mark Dwyer Sue Bolton	Kieran Moore Brian Irving	Mark Dwyer Sue Bolton

Forthcoming Speakers and Topics

14 April	Kathryn Labrum: The Role of International House
21 April	Justin Glass: Whitelion – Helping young people at risk
28 April	Yvonne Moon: ROCAN
5 May	Gabriela Byrne: My Passionate Affair (Problem Gambling)

Celebrations

Birthdays, Partners' Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries:	None
Induction Anniversaries	John Benger 12 th (21 years)

Quote for the day:

"The thing I hate about an argument is that it always interrupts a discussion."

G. K. Chesterton *English author & mystery novelist (1874 - 1936)*

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President's Message

Who says that Rotary meetings are not worth going to, speakers are often boring, fellowship nothing compared to chosen time, etc., etc.?

I can argue against these too often claimed "alibis" for missing Club meetings, based on two examples last week.

Last Monday: what a wonderful "Rotarian behind the badge" speech Colin delivered. Lively, full of interest and a testament to what Rotary gives to him... not forgetting what Colin brought and will bring to the Club! Boring, no! And good fellowship with three lively tables.

At RC Kew's "ShelterBox" gala dinner Barbara and I attended mid-week, ShelterBox founder, Tom Henderson, was an outstanding speaker. An outstanding man with a vision and the capacity to

transform the vision into reality, he could have claimed he is lodging 500,000+ people, but he didn't. He says he wouldn't have achieved it if it was not with and for Rotary. Being an active Rotarian opens the doors, fosters immediate confidence without lengthy admin checks, provide contacts everywhere in the world, with real local information, which speeds up all emergency processes as long as the action-projects are structured for it.

Boring? Not at all! I was at a RC Melton Valley table: they chose this to be the Club dinner and everyone came to support ShelterBox. Fellowship you said?

I am sure that today's forum will allow all Members to bring useful bricks to build our Club's future.

Last week's speaker: Colin Looker – the Canadian Australian behind the Badge

Report by Tim Baker. Colin was born in Calgary, the capital of Alberta and North West Mounted Police Fort that became the home to the Calgary Stampede.

After qualifying in mechanical engineering in 1967 Colin set out on a five year working holiday travelling the world. He went firstly to Australia where he prospected for gold, worked in the bush and in bars and was a lifeguard on the beach.

A year later he escaped to South Africa to sell encyclopedias to non-English speaking Afrikaners. Then it was by ship to the UK and to another role as a barman, this time in a chain of small historical pubs. Colin travelled throughout the UK and Europe until one romantic evening on the Road to Morocco (without Bing Crosby and Bob Hope) he met his future wife Margaret, a teacher from Bendigo who also had the travel bug. Together they enjoyed Europe and returned to England where they celebrated their marriage.

When the five years was up, Colin returned to Calgary, but it was winter, 40 degrees below and Margaret hankered for the warmth of Bendigo. They returned to Australia and settled in Melbourne. Colin started in the building industry, creating a highly successful sales and marketing career based on his mechanical engineering training and his sales experience in Africa and Europe.

In 1980 John their son was born.

Colin's father was a Rotarian, so twenty years ago Barry Roberts convinced Colin to join Richmond RC. Colin was President in 2001 – 2002 and is a Paul Harris Fellow. He loves the fellowship of the Club, particularly when the members work together to contribute to the community, from painting houses, running auctions, the Ainger and Slade Awards, the various youth projects, to the Boroondara Kindergarten Project and overseas

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Last Week's Speaker (cont)

projects in the Solomon Islands. Above all, Colin believes in the unique power of Rotary to create an international project such as Polio Plus.

Colin believes the follow-up on the Club Forum is critical and that new members are the lifeblood of the Club.

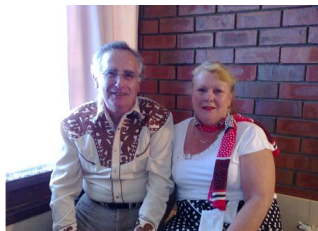
Club Attendance – March 2008: At the end of March our membership comprised 46, including 3 honorary and 4 exempt members. Our average attendances for the first quarter were: January: 60%, February: 54% and March: 58%. Until further notice, Rotarians Rob Mactier and Jo Cowling have opted to be listed as taking Leave of Absence.

Special Board Meeting 15th March. A special Board Meeting was held in Shepparton over the District Conference weekend. Some of the decisions minuted* were:

Boroondara Kindergarten: a cheque is to be issued to cover the 1st term sponsorships.

East Timor Project: The Board confirmed the decision taken in January to underwrite the East Timor Project up to \$10,000 is held over until a proper business plan is presented to and

approved by the Board.



A few more pictures of our Conference group enjoying some fellowship

Kids' Day Out profit allocation: 50% of the profits from the planned Kids' Day Out event in May will be donated to "Heart Kids".

MUNA: two candidates will be funded at a cost of \$240 each + transport.

Judy Nettleton resigns as Trustee: Judy has resigned as a club trustee. A new trustee will be proposed at the next Board Meeting.

(* notes here subject to ratification of minutes at 10th April Board Meeting.)

Next Board Meeting: Scheduled for 6pm on 10th April chez President Jean-Marc Berthier.

The "Oh Gawd" spot

A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger."

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft. Unsurprisingly it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.





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Ainger heats: help wanted: Ben Hosking needs help with organising and judging the heats for the annual Ainger Public Speaking Award. Dates are Monday April 28, Tuesday April 29, Wednesday April 30 & Thursday May 1. Time: 7.00 pm. Place: NHP, 42-67 River Street, Richmond. Want to be involved? **Please contact Ben Hosking asap. 0437 232 880**

Lawn bowling April 20th – fundraiser for East Timor! *Does anyone have any items suitable for the raffle, spot prizes or silent auction?* Most items welcome!!

We are also seeking sponsorships (\$40 or \$80 for a lawn bowling lane - this covers our costs for the bowlers in that team/lane). Can anyone assist with a sponsorship - either from yourself/your company or by approaching those in your networks?

The East Timor Project Committee would be happy to hear from you on either of

these matters. **Please contact Barbara if you can help.**

Tickets to the event are selling fast so please book soon to avoid disappointment. Contact Barbara Woodberry tel: (03) 9427 1110, mobile: 0413 05 7879 or email: skills@mgdsventures.com

ROMAC Fundraiser Trivia Night.

On April 12th RC Braeside are running one of the best trivia nights (apart from RRC of course) Rotary organise. This is their sixth repeat of what has become a most successful night.

Because of the link of RRC and ROMAC it would be nice for us to have a representatives. Please contact John Benger on 0414 22 11 43, or he will see you tonight if you are able to attend.

Time: 7PM for 7.30, at the Cheltenham Golf Club, 33 Victoria Ave Cheltenham 3192. Inc supper, tea and coffee and drinks at bar prices. Tickets \$20

DATE & TIME	SOCIAL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES
12th April , Saturday, 7 pm	RC Braeside's Trivia Night Fundraiser for ROMAC – See above
20th April , Sunday, 2.45pm for 3.00pm start	'Crackerjack' Bowling, BBQ, a Band & the Movie at the Richmond Union B/Club, Gleadell Street, Richmond. Why not make up a team - \$45 per player or \$40 per supporter. Contact: Barbara Woodberry - 0413 057 079/ Email: skills@mgdsventures.com
26th - 27th April , Saturday/Sunday, Time 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
1st May , Thursday, 12.00pm to 5.00pm	RCR & Melb Girls College - Mock Job Interviews at MGC , Yarra Boulevard, Richmond – 84 Year 10 students - 24 volunteer interviewers needed. Details: Tim Baker 0412 568 531Email: bakert@ozemail.com.au
21st 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
25th 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. Call Elissa Marriott: 9429 6033 or secretary@rotaryrichmond.org.au
29th June , Sunday, 11.30am	District 9800 Changeover - Lunch at Leonda by the Yarra, Wallen Road, Hawthorn. (Invitations to be sent out by host club early May.)

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

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