



# The Rotary Club of Richmond

Meeting 2012

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## Today's Meeting

**Speaker:** Gabriela Byrne

**Topic:** My Passionate Affair  
(Problem Gambling)



Lu'isa Mafi recovers. See p4

### Duty Roster

Meeting	#2012	#2013	#2014	#2015	#2016
Date	5 May	12 May	19 May	26 May	2 June
Time	6.30 for 7.00	6.30 for 7.00	6.30 for 7.00	12.30 for 1.00	6.30 for 7.00
Chair	Chew Chan	Ben Hosking	John Liddell	TBA	TBA
Greeter	Barry Roberts	Miles Schofield	Miles Schofield	Jenny Crofts	Miles Schofield
Head Table	Barbara Woodberry	Barbara Woodberry	Barbara Woodberry	Tim Baker	Tim Baker
Cashier	Mark Dwyer Sue Bolton	Mark Dwyer Sue Bolton	Mark Dwyer Sue Bolton	Kieran Moore Brian Irving	Mark Dwyer Sue Bolton

### Forthcoming Speakers and Topics

12 May AINGER Public Speaking Competition  
 19 May ROMAC: John Bengler  
 26 May TBA  
 2 June Neil McWhannell: Heart Kids

## Celebrations: last week and next week

Birthdays	David Langdon 10 <sup>th</sup>
Partners' Birthdays, Wedding Anniversaries	None
Induction Anniversaries	Ben Hosking 5 <sup>th</sup> (28 years)

### Quote for the day:

"The trouble with jogging is that, by the time you realize you're not in shape for it, it's too far to walk back." **Franklin P. Jones**, American businessman (dates unknown)

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## President's Message

One more very special week just finished...before we have two other very special ones! Is there any week not special with Rotary? Just answer for yourself while I describe these three:

First, a lunch Speaker briefing us on ROCAN (see below). Yvonne was a moving and great speaker.

Second, four evenings of the ERN AINGER effective public speaking heats. Thanks to NHP for providing the candidates with a very well suited presentation room, and to Don, Ben and John Griffith (just before he broke his hip...) and all members involved every night till 10:30.

Third, one full day of mock jobs interviews at Melbourne girls College. Thanks to Tim and all Members and

Friends of Rotary involved.

Fourth, our Richmond table at "international Café": what a great event to support! Fantastic show and gala prepared and played by the international house students...really worth attending, thanks Judy for having organized the table.

Fifth, next 2 weeks. All members should be at the ERN AINGER Award Gala on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> dinner. All Board Members, actual and future are to attend the District Assembly, Sunday 18. Finally, on Sunday 25 we should all be there around Elissa and her Committee to raise money at our KIDS DAY OUT event.

See you then, a lot hopefully. Rotarian regards JMB

## Last Week's Speaker: Yvonne Moon OAM: ROCan



Yvonne Moon OAM, D9800 Community Service Director, is the founder of ROCan (Rotary against Ovarian Cancer). She is a member of the Rotary Club of Williamstown and ROCan is a trust fund established by RC

Williamstown in 2003 to increase community awareness of this deadly disease. Yvonne received her OAM for her tireless efforts in this field

Ovarian cancer is the predominant form of gynaecological cancer, claiming the lives of hundreds of women each year. By the time that most women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer, it has spread throughout the body and the survival rate is less than 30%. If ovarian cancer could be detected at an early stage, before it has left the ovary, then the survival rate would be greater than 85%.

In Australia 1,300 women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer each year and over 700 women die from the disease.

As well as raising public awareness of the disease in the community, ROCan has raised has raised well over \$200,000 for research to

- develop an early screening test to increase the survival rate of women affected, and
- discover the genes involved in the spread of ovarian cancer.

They also try to co-opt more Rotary Clubs into the ovarian cancer awareness campaign

Currently there is no community-based screening test for early stage ovarian cancer. Most people mistakenly believe that the Pap cancer smear will detect all gynaecological abnormalities, but this is not the case.



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## Club News

### Club Changeover Night: Put this in your diary!!

PE Trevor Pang is promising a spectacular evening of celebration on **Friday 20**

**June 2008** at the Eastern Golf Club. Details to come.

*(The rumour is that we can expect the entire Australian*

*Beijing Olympics team, complete with the cast of the Olympics Opening Event, and a 200 person dancing dragon...)*



### Boroondara Kindergarten Project.

**1.** *Barbara Woodberry reports:* The first of the items donated via Mitre 10 were delivered to the kindergarten this week. Items included a range of garden products, including rakes, brooms, seed, compost, pruners and secateurs. Our supporter who volunteers at the kindergarten doing a half day of gardening each week will be delighted - as will the children! Apparently the donated items are worth about \$2,500. Philip Archer has indicated that the project was a success and it will be repeated next Rotary year. This is a NATIONAL initiative, which makes it even more special. Congratulations and thanks to Philip for putting it together. We look forward to seeing the items in action at our next working bee.

**2.** *President Jean-Marc* recently received the following letter from Marion Duckett, President of the Boroondara Kindergarten:

Dear Jean-Marc, On behalf of the Boroondara Kindergarten community, I would like to extend our thanks for the generous sponsorship for our families accessing unfunded 3-4 year old kindergarten.

As a result of this sponsorship, we have been able to offer the following—

- 100% subsidy for 2 children - second twin of a family and referral from City of Yarra family support service

- 9 families contributing' between \$5-\$13 per week - child with disability with an early intervention referral and 8 low income families, including children from the following backgrounds - Sudanese, Ethiopian, Somali, Albanian, Pilipino, Timorese and Anglo-Australian.

The teaching staff have commented that it is great to have these families enrolled for a potential of two years as they will be able to build strong relationships with the children and improve their educational outcomes.

Once again, please pass our thanks onto the Rotary Club of Richmond.

Yours sincerely, Marion Duckett,  
President

### Kids Day Out – Helpers

**wanted:** Elissa Marriott is calling for volunteer helpers for Kids Day Out on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May at Collingwood Town Hall. We require hard labourers between 8-10am, and 3-6pm, plus food handlers, stall attendants, door attendants and miscellaneous people between 9:30am-1pm, and 12:30-4pm. Many hands make light work and if you're meeting grandchildren or relatives there, maybe plan to volunteer at the other session time (sessions are 10am and 1pm). Please contact Elissa at [aarrksil@bigpond.net.au](mailto:aarrksil@bigpond.net.au) (preferred), or call on 9429 6033, 0448 30 40 70 to let her know if you can help- **PLEASE!!!**



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## ROMAC News

**The girls from Tonga.** After a lot of chopping and changing of arrangements, which must have been upsetting for Lu'isa Mafi (7) and Elisi Halafuka (12) and their families, finally there is good news.

The girls have been here since about the 11<sup>th</sup> of April. By the 24<sup>th</sup>, the ROMAC volunteers were beginning to get a bit tetchy about the delays and cancellations the girls were being subjected to. On the 27<sup>th</sup>, John Bindon told John Benger that they were in day 16 and that the time frame would certainly be extended beyond the 3 weeks that was expected — but when things happen at the RCH, they happen quickly.

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Lu'isa had a successful operation and she was transferred to the ICU at about 7pm. The two mothers

and Elisi visited her at about 8.30 pm. Lu'isa's mother had been fasting all day. She was at the Sandringham Rotary Club when the news came through that the operation was successful, and the Rev Iki, reported that she immediately demolished a great plateful of food. Lu'isa was moved to the ward the following day and was about to be discharged in the last day or so.



*The girls meet Ronald McDonald*

After Elisi's op., she had a slight irregularity with her heart and the surgeon felt she should go back surgery so they could explore if she had a leakage around the heart. Investigations showed that the cavity was dry and all is ok. She remained in ICU for another day or so.

WHEN	SOCIAL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES
<b>2008</b>	
<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Monday 6.30pm for 7.00pm Close 9.15 pm approx.	<b>Annual Ainger Public Speaking Award</b> , Amora Hotel, River Street, Richmond. Ten students, all heat placegetters, compete to win this valuable award. Dinner - \$30 pp. Bookings: Ben Hosking: 0437 232 880 or <a href="mailto:bhosking@bigpond.net.au">bhosking@bigpond.net.au</a>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b> - Wednesday 7.00pm for 7.30pm	<b>Welcome Back Dinner for District 9800's GSE Team</b> – Kooyong Lawn Tennis Club, 489 Glenferrie Road, Kooyong. Cost: \$50 per head. Sumptuous 3-course dinner! Bookings: Michael Bennett 0412 636 <a href="mailto:michaelbennett@live.com.au">264 or michaelbennett@live.com.au</a>
<b>25th May</b> - Sunday 2 separate sessions: 10.00am and 1.00pm	<b>Richmond Rotary's 'Kids Day Out'</b> – Featuring 'Wags the Dog' courtesy of Esprit. Collingwood Town Hall. \$10 pp. Entertainment, stage performances, fun and food – suitable for toddlers to 8 year olds. <b>YOUR HELP NEEDED!</b> Please call Elissa Marriott on 9429 6033 or at <a href="mailto:aarrksil@bigpond.net.au">aarrksil@bigpond.net.au</a>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Thursday 10.30am	<b>Friends of RCR's 'Kouture Knitwear' Parade &amp; Morning Tea</b> , at the home of Sue and Barry Roberts, 7 Florida Street, Mt. Waverley. Items for sale or order to size. Tickets \$20 pp from Sue Roberts on 9802 3757 or Jenny List – 9816 9747
<b>20<sup>th</sup> June</b> – Friday evening: time tba	<b>Richmond Rotary Changeover Night to be held at the Eastern Golf Club.</b> "Jiàn lì" to Incoming President Trevor Pang and "Au revoir" to Outgoing President Jean-Marc Berthier. Further details TBA.
<b>29<sup>th</sup> June</b> - Sunday 11.30am	<b>District 9800 Changeover</b> - Lunch at Leonda by the Yarra, Wallen Road, Hawthorn. Further details TBA.

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

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

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

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>

RI President's Monthly Message

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