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**Future Speakers**

**Mar 15 2011**

Brian Kelly  
"Victorian Historic Vehicle Movement"

**Mar 22 2011**

Group Study Exchange Team from D5840, Texas  
"Introduction of San Antonio, Texas and the GSE team"

**May 3 2011**

Kevin Love  
"Facilitating United Nations Negotiations"

**May 10 2011**

Stephen Gough - CEO Melbourne Cricket Club  
"The People's Ground - the MCG"

**Upcoming Events**

**Walking Tour - Melbourne's Incredible History**  
Mar 19 2011

**DIK Working Bee and BBQ**  
Mar 27 2011

**Rotary District 9800 Conference**  
Mar 31 2011 - Apr 2 2011

**ROTARY ANZAC PEACE TOUR**  
Apr 1 2011

**Rotary Club of Osaka Hommachi 20th Anniversary**  
Apr 5 2011

**Club Fellowship Visit to RC of Albert Park**  
Apr 13 2011

**Club Horizons/Planning Meeting**  
May 1 2011

**Cafe International**  
May 7 2011

**This Week's Meeting, Tues March 15th**

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**Brian Kelly**

"Victorian Historic Vehicle Movement"

Brian is the RACV's Motoring Interest Coordinator and will speak about the Victorian Historic Vehicle movement and historic motor vehicle collections.

He will also speak about the heritage vintage displays that grace the foyer of the RACV Club.

**Duty Roster, Tues March 15th**

by Rebecca RIEBELING

**Note:** Duty people are expected to be on duty at RACV at **Zam** as many guests start arriving from this time.

**Please note if unable to attend please arrange to swap your role with another member.**

<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Mandi Zonneveldt</b>
<b>Sergeant</b>	<b>Neville John</b>
<b>Reporter</b>	<b>Kevin Love</b>
<b>Door</b>	<b>Joel Siegersma</b>
<b>Photographer</b>	<b>Greg Michener</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Jennifer Warner</b>

**Meeting Report, Tues March 8th**

by Alan SEALE

**Visitors:**

Tom Boyle as guest of Michael Wells  
Past member Pat Conquest



**Movie and Dinner Evening**  
May 14 2011

**RCCMS Annual Hypothetical**  
May 20 2011

**Working Bee Royal Talbot  
Rehabilitation Centre**  
May 21 2011

**Echuca Moama Steam Rally**  
Jun 11 2011 - Jun 12 2011

**Vocational Visit**  
Nov 18 2011 - Nov 18 2011

#### News

**RYLA - Leading the way**

**Group Study Exchange Welcome  
Dinner**

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Honorary Member Lou Butterfield  
Carmel Walker of RANZOG



#### Announcements:

Allan Driver reminded members about the **DIK Working Bee** and BBQ on Sunday March 27th. He also announced an **Inter-Club Visit** to RC Albert Park on April 13th.

Frank O'Brien made two **Vocational Service** announcements. The first is a visit to Roy Garrett's chemical plant on May 29th. The second announcement was the rescheduled visit to Melbourne Water Treatment Plant, now to proceed on Friday November 18th.

Michael Wells thanked the team that helped with the barbecue for Saturday's **Lord Mayor's Student Welcome** conducted along Northbank.

#### Guest Speaker:

Chair for the day Honorary Member Lou Butterfield introduced Professor Glen Mola of UPNG who spoke on the topic of "Achieving good outcomes in maternity care with minimal resources". In his introduction Lou explained that he had spent five months in PNG helping to establish the first Obstetrics program at UPNG under what we would regard as very primitive circumstances.

Carmel Walker of the Royal and New Zealand College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists (RANZOG) thanked the club for its donation that has been used to publish educational brochures.

Glen Mola went to PNG as a schoolboy and apart from his medical training, which he undertook in Melbourne, he has been there ever since. He showed a photo of a PNG mother giving birth on the tiled floor at his ward explaining that due to a lack of funding this is routine in PNG. The last ward was built in 1981!

Notwithstanding the shortage of resources Glen's team has seen the birth rate treble whilst the number of adverse outcomes has been held constant. This is impressive given the low spend on health in PNG. In developed economies >\$5,000 per person per annum is spent compared to less than \$100 in undeveloped economies. PNG spends approximately 3% of GDP annually on health compared to approximately 9% in Australia, and of course Australia's GDP per head vastly outweighs that in PNG.

Glen went on to compare the performance of his obstetrics team to comparable services in Africa and Australia. He outlined the strategies he has implemented to improve outcomes for mothers and babies in the face of very limited funding, remoteness, illiteracy and an apparent indifferent political interest. He described the approaches to prenatal and postnatal care, including ensuring there was careful planning for getting the expectant mother to the centre in time, notwithstanding that this might be in a canoe!

Of particular interest was the very low rate of cesarean section births in PNG; only 4 percent compared to 25 percent in Australia. Postnatal care after a cesarean section birth is very difficult to manage when the mother usually returns to remote villages, and every effort is made to avoid the use of cesarean section, perhaps the reverse of the trend in an affluent society like ours.

## Literacy Month of March

by RIEBELING, Rebecca



According to the World Bank, 75 million children, 41 million of them girls, lack access to basic education. More than one in four adults, two-thirds of them women, cannot read or write.

Access to education, particularly completion of primary schooling, increases child survival rates, reduces the spread of preventable disease, and increases people's ability to improve their economic well-being.

March is Rotary Literacy Month. This is an excellent opportunity for clubs to focus their efforts on basic education and literacy, one of Rotary's six areas of focus. There are many types of projects clubs can undertake to increase literacy.

Rotarians can make a difference: download the District Literacy Pamphlet at the following [LINK](#)

## 2011 Rotary District 9800 Conference

by RIEBELING, Rebecca

### Adelaide (March 31 - April 2, 2011)



The Rotary District Conference in 2011 returns to Adelaide. Held at the famous Adelaide Convention Centre, it is sure to be one of the best conferences yet.

With an inspiring array of nationally and internationally acclaimed speakers, it is surely the conference not to be missed. For the latest up-to-date Conference Information click the following [LINK](#)