

The big one is now upon us...
 Former Governor General Dr Peter Hollingworth
 Date change 16/9 "where I am now..." invite partners

	Aug 26	Sep 2	Sep 9	Sep 16
Speaker	Heather Barton (smith Family)	Michelle Williams	Fred Pollo	Dr Peter Hollingworth
Topic	PACE	Berry Street	Motivation	Where I Am Now
Chair	Adrian Nelson	John Strong	Ron Sack	Adrian Nelson
Toast to Club	PP John Strong	Ian Marks	JoJo Mishima	PP Larry Blode
Toast to Australia	Ron Sack	Joe Aarons	Larry Blode	Joe Aarons
Meeting	Breakfast			\$35 pp 3 courses
Cashier	Yoshiko Stynes	D Heuberger	Marilyn Faiman	Keith Faiman

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Rotary Club of Glen Eira

26 August, 2008 – Week 9

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Meets at: London Tavern, 414 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield



Glen Eira RC at Pennyweight Farm Noojee VIC

Sunday 5 October, 2008
BBQ lunch

Enjoy all the fun at the farm
 The magnificent scenery of the
 Baw Baw region of West Gippsland

**Great day for the kids and grand kids,
 all the family details: John Strong**

Turn your world upside down, go to Conference



Tonight:

We welcome

Heather Barton

We ALSO

Announce the change
 of date for

Past Governor General
 Dr Peter Hollingworth

and Mrs Hollingworth

16 September 2008

\$35 pp

**PARTNERS
 FRIENDS**

NB: Topic: "Where I
 am now."

Last week's Rotary: Denver Jansz

Last week's meeting featured Denver Jansz with discussion on financial planning with focus on transition to retirement. It was an interesting discussion with how retirees and those looking to the future can plan for greater income, benefits and pay less tax. Members enjoyed listening to these matters.

Our Club now will be looking at a COIN COLLECTION day at Caulfield Racecourse for Saturday 30 August. Times 11am, 1pm and 3pm. The funds will be raised for our local hospital, Caulfield General Medical Centre (CGMC). A strong cause for a strong local presence by our Club tying in to our local community. The Club has made tracks (pun intended) with our local institutions, icons, and hospitals. Perhaps we should highlight this a little bit more.

As such this week we look forward to hearing from Heather Barton who will discuss PACE with us. Heather has kindly stepped in as we had to change our program dates. Thank you and welcome Heather.

DATE CHANGE: Dr Peter Hollingworth Former Governor General

In a joint meeting with other Rotary Clubs, we will hear from Dr Hollingworth about

Where I am now

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Tuesday 16 September 2008 (London Tavern)

\$35 pp — 3 courses

Adrian Nelson - MC

Rotarians are encouraged to use **THE GEN** as a means of sharing information about Rotary coming events and news. Your item can be emailed to heubergd@anz.com **Preferred deadline Friday 5pm.**

A new look at global ethics and The Four-Way Test:

By RI Director-elect Lars-Olof Fredricksson

Moral codes and ethics give us tools but also raise questions to be answered: How should we live? What is morally good and bad, right and wrong? Shall we aim at happiness or knowledge? Virtue or the creation of beautiful objects? If we choose happiness, will it be our own or the happiness of all? And what of the more specific questions that face us? Is it right to be dishonest for a good cause? Can we justify living in opulence while elsewhere in the world people are starving? Is going to war warranted in cases where innocent people will likely be killed? Ethics deals with such questions at all levels. The subject's core consists of the fundamental issues of practical decision making, and its major concerns include the nature of ultimate value and the standards by which human actions can be judged right or wrong. For Rotary, The Four-Way Test is the cornerstone of all action. It has been for years, and it will be in the future. Of the things we think, say or do :

- **Is it the TRUTH?**
- **Is it FAIR to all concerned?**
- **Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?**
- **Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?**

The test is one of the hallmarks of Rotary. Since it was developed in 1932 by Herbert J. Taylor, who later became RI president, it has never ceased to be relevant. Its four brief questions are not based on culture or religion. Instead, they are a simple checklist for ethical behavior. They transcend generations and national borders. As Rotarians, we should have The Four-Way Test in mind in every decision we make, all day long. Our utmost responsibility is to speak the truth, to be fair, to build goodwill and better friendships, and to do our very best in all situations. Life is very turbulent today, and people all over the world are exhausted in their duties. Where are the dreams of a better world? Where are we? Who are we? What is our duty to ourselves, neighbors, and fellow citizens? Where are charity and our joint responsibility to humankind? Now more than ever, we need a vision and knowledge of what is happening around us, a new view of cultural and religious phenomena, without dividing humankind into limited and subjective categories. That's the tenet for a better world and a job for us Rotarians: not engaging in politics, but serving without any boundaries. This happens through our programs, and it happens through acting as a guide for international coexistence, providing a forum for dialogue and discussion worldwide, giving perspective to views and models, finding new solutions using Rotarians' great knowledge and expertise, and having interfaith, multicultural, and ethical standards as guiding principles in all dealings. No divine right can be vested in anyone to pronounce the final word or the ultimate truth. In matters of faith and religion, prescriptive morality should be avoided, as it often is the root cause of hostility and divisiveness. Global ethics is based on an interfaith mind and ecumenical way of living. The one universal, unsurpassed principle expressed by nearly every major religion and values system is similar to the golden rule: Do to others as you would have them do to you. Today, it is especially confusing to determine what is really right and wrong. But the fundamentals of Rotary are bound to universal ethics and humanity without any boundaries between race, religion, or ethnic background. Rotary offers a possibility for solving ethical problems. Well-trained, well-engaged in social life, and with strong consciences, Rotarians must try to address these issues through Rotary's vocational and community service programs. People all over the world need more safety, tolerance, understanding, and love. They want to live in peace. Tolerance, fairness, respect, compassion, and hope are particularly needed today. But what are tolerance and fairness? Are they only a question of sharing resources, rights, and obligations, or more a question of an ongoing dialogue? For an effective discourse, we have to identify the real problems, discuss them, and try to find compromises. We should know what the human culture is made of, and what it means to different people and to the identity of other nationalities. The knowledge of other cultures, along with the skill to face the dissimilarities in our lives and lifestyles, seems to be a key point and the biggest issue. Rotary, whose club members represent many cultures and religious beliefs and are committed to high ethical standards, can support mutual understanding and serve as a tool for peace. Rotarians and Rotary clubs all over the world — in small country towns and huge capitals, in the East and West, South and North — may provide enduring forums for peace discussions and together work for peace. *Lars-Olof Fredriksson, of the Rotary Club of Äänekoski, Finland, is a retired major in the Finnish air force and has a master's degree in political science.*