

Coming events to lock in:

- TONIGHT: 21 April **John-Michael Howson** (partners night)
- Business Person's Breakfast THURSDAY 11 June
- Changeover see Sam Binstock take the reigns—July

| | April 21 | April 28 | May 5 | June 11 |
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| Speaker | John-Michael Howson | Reg Rosen | Gabi McMullen | Business Person's Breakfast |
| Topic | Entertainment Hollywood | Power | Exchange Experience | Thursday Morning |
| Chair | Syd Travitz | Ron Sack | Geoff Asher | PDG Greg Ross |
| Toast to Club | PP Geoff Oscar | A Nelson | M Faiman | Toast to RI DG Jim Studebaker |
| Toast to Australia | PP John Strong | M Faiman | A Nelson | PP RC Glken Eira |
| Meeting | PARTNERS NIGHT | Board Meeting | Breakfast | |
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21 April 2009 – Week 43

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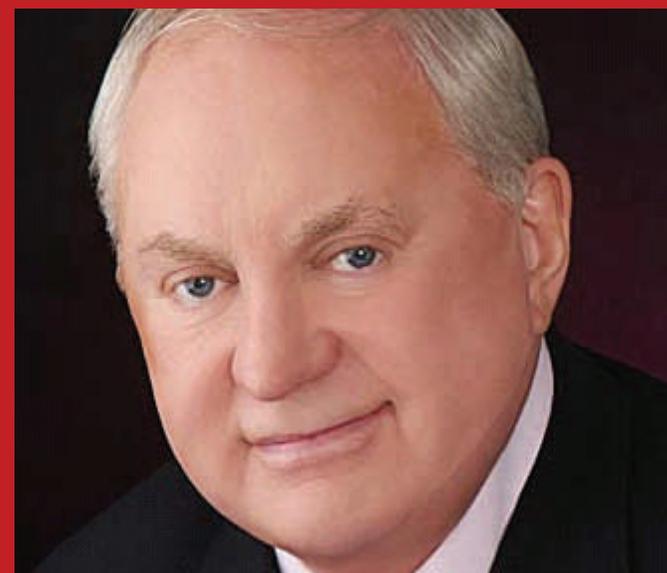


Glen Eira Rotary Club

presents

John-Michael Howson

For a special evening all about the
Entertainment Industry



John-Michael Howson (courtesy 3AW website)

John-Michael Howson is a writer of hit stage musicals, an author, journalist and entertainment industry commentator who covered the international and Hollywood film scene for 25 years interviewing scores of top names, including those who rarely consent to interviews, and building a solid reputation as an incisive and informed interviewer.

A multiple Logie winner (for his children's TV shows) Howson was awarded The Variety Club of Australia's Heart of Variety Lifetime Achievement Award and a star on The Australian Walk of Fame. In the United States he was awarded three "personality of the year" awards by The Hollywood Press Club.

In 2005, after seventeen years in Los Angeles, he returned to Melbourne. In his years reporting on entertainment he travelled the world covering films and entertainment events including 25 Oscars, 15 Emmys, 6 Tony awards, The Cannes Film Festival, international movie premieres, major royal events. However, it was his witty and informed stories of the events he covered and his meetings with world famous celebrities and stars that entertained audiences and made him a popular addition to any TV or radio show. He appeared on The Mike Walsh Show, Midday and Good Morning Australia with Bert Newton as well as Sky News in the U.K. and TV in Brazil, France and other markets. In the USA he appeared as a regular on The Joan Rivers Show on CBS syndication in the US, on Gordon Elliott's national daytime show, Court TV and many local shows in the Los Angeles market.

He also wrote newspaper columns and magazine features that revealed an insider's knowledge of the entertainment industry and an incisive behind the scenes take on the corporate side of the business. Howson started his career as a cadet journalist at The Sunraysia Daily, Mildura, Victoria but was soon involved in writing comedy for theatrical revues. In Melbourne, while working as a journalist, he contributed comedy routines, sketches and songs to shows produced in the many small revue theatres that existed at the time. He also became part of the Arlen theatre comedy group that set new standards of revue comedy.

Later, he travelled to London where he worked as a journalist for the prestige Men's Wear Great Britain and contributed to such leading magazines as America's Gentlemen's Quarterly. During the four years he "commuted" between London and Paris reporting on the international fashion circuit and covering major events in the industry. However, while fashion paid the bills, it was the experience he gained "moonlighting" as a comedy writer for leading comedy names and TV shows that set him in the direction of a career in entertainment. After he returned to Australia he created, wrote and starred in the award winning children's shows The Magic Circle Club and Adventure Island. He also wrote for Graham Kennedy, Bert Newton and Mike Walsh before being signed as a regular for the mega hit Mike Walsh Show where he was nicknamed "Hollywood" because of his reportage on the international film industry.

John-Michael has authored best selling books (The Adventure Island books, I Found It at The Flickers, Deadly Dreams, Once Upon a Nightmare), he has starred in cabaret, appeared in films and stage productions and has been heard on radio in the US, Australia and New Zealand.

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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..

John-Michael continued...

Now contributing an entertainment report every Tuesday morning during the breakfast show on MAGIC 1278, being heard on the Grumpy Old Men segment of Mike Brady's Saturday night show on 3AW and is now stirring successfully in the top rating SUNDAY MORNING program on 3AW. John-Michael is also heard on radio around Australia.

He is also breaking records in theatre with ground breaking Australian musicals. His hit musical SHOUT! is the story of Australian rock star Johnny O'Keefe - (co-written with David Mitchell and Melvyn Morrow). It was a massive box office hit in Australia and has become a favourite with theatre groups around the country. SHOUT! was followed by the mega hit musical DUSTY - based on the life of pop icon Dusty Springfield - (co-written with David Mitchell and Melvyn Morrow) which was a smash hit in Australia with productions scheduled to open in the UK, Canada and the US.

Also on his schedule in an American-Australian co-production of DREAM LOVER, - the story of pop icon Bobby Darin - (co-written with Frank Howson) - set to open in the USA and Canada in 2009, THE CHOIR - an ensemble musical - (co-written with Frank Howson) opening in late 2008,

His new shows include WALLY'S CAFÉ - an Australian adaptation of an American comedy - HOTEL HAVANA - a comedy musical - and PYJAMAS IN PARADISE - a fun "Happy Days/ Grease" style musical about the early days of Surfers' Paradise are also on his production schedule.

Glen Eira Rotary Club thanks Mr Howson for appearing with us tonight.

Last Week's meeting...

Our Club learnt the importance of being pre-emptive with Prostate Cancer. Mr Roger Coles, an Ambassador for Awareness of this nefarious disease was our guest speaker. We also had details of our highly successful sausage sizzle held during Easter Saturday's race meeting at Caulfield. We are building a strong relationship with the race club and members contributed greatly to that day's success. . Our Club also reminded members about the Centurians details for Foundation. Our Club is also about to announce details of its Business Breakfast. Coming speakers to be booked in include Lyn Landy (John Landy's wife). Exciting meetings ahead.

Glen Eira Rotary Club *presents...* **21st Annual Business Person's Breakfast**

Thursday 11 June 2009
Glen Eira Town Hall
7.am to 8.45 am

Full details announced shortly