

**Coming events to lock in:**

- **Rotary Magic Night September 15 (partners)**
- **District Governor Colin Muir September 22**

	<b>July 21</b>	<b>July 28</b>	<b>Aug 4</b>	<b>Sep 15</b>
<b>Speaker</b>	Margaret Howden AM	Danny Shwartz	Club Forum	Magician Rosenzwaig
<b>Topic</b>	Stepfamilies Australia	Youth Connect	Club	Magic Night
<b>Chair</b>	G Asher	A Nelson	President Sam	K Langfelder
<b>Toast to Club</b>	K Faiman	L Blode	John Leske	A Nelson
<b>Toast to Australia</b>	M Preston	J Hill	A Nelson	S Travitz
<b>Meeting</b>	Board			Partners Guests
<b>Cashier</b>	J Mishima	M Preston	J Strong	D Heuberger

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## Rotary Club of Glen Eira

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**Meets at: London Tavern, 414 Hawthorn Road, Caulfield**



### Glen Eira goes global



### **Glen Eira RC Business of the Year**

**Michael Shapp**

The coverage of our annual business award has gone global from San Diego to Melbourne.

Rotary recognizing business

Our Business of the Year winner is receiving global recognition!

San Diego Jewish World covered this story.

Also, Michael Shapp's achievements were noted in the [Australian Jewish News](#)

Well done Michael!

**Tonight's Guest:  
Margaret Howden AM—Stepfamilies Australia**

**THIS WEEK'S GUEST:**  
**Margaret Howden AM**

Margaret Howden AM TPTC, BA, Dip App Ch Psych, MAPS is an educator and counsellor in stepfamily issues. She co-founded the Stepfamily Association of Victoria Inc (SAVI) in 1981 and is a senior consultant and trainer with Stepfamilies Australia. She is the author of *Making Molehills out of Mountains: a practical guide for stepfamilies* and the *Stepfamily Tip Sheets*, and co-author of the group *Leaders Manual Making Stepfamilies Work – a course for couples*, all published by SAVI.

**The Organisation:**

Stepfamilies Australia is a new national organisation which has been formed in November 2008 from a network of state stepfamily associations to work on behalf of stepfamilies in Australia. This website is being progressively updated from the website of Stepfamily Association of Victoria. Stepfamilies Australia will provide: a national 'voice' to raise the profile of stepfamilies; information and support services; research around stepfamily issues; links to state stepfamily associations and services ; For further information, contact Stepfamilies Australia:

[www.stepfamiliesaustralia.org.au](http://www.stepfamiliesaustralia.org.au); [info@stepfamily.org.au](mailto:info@stepfamily.org.au); 03 9639 6611

**Who We Are**

Stepfamilies today are becoming a prominent part of Australian family life. It is currently estimated that one in five Australian families is a stepfamily. All families need information, education and support. While resources for biological families are available in the community, services often fail to address the unique differences associated with stepfamilies.

These differences include: Stepfamilies are born of loss. Family members have different histories and expectations.

Children may be members of two homes. Child support obligations and parenting arrangements often strain the new relationships. Stepfamilies are more complex. Where biological families have family trees, stepfamilies have family forests. Stepfamilies Australia is committed to strengthening stepfamilies. Our vision is to inspire a society that recognises, values and supports stepfamilies equally with other family forms to achieve their highest potential.

We are a non-profit organisation offering support, education, and resources to stepfamilies. We provide assistance to families where one or both partners come together with children from an earlier relationship. These families may be either thinking about forming or already living in a married or unmarried stepfamily situation.

Stepfamilies Australia works for social inclusion of stepfamilies by developing better community recognition, understanding and acceptance of stepfamilies. Strengthening stepfamilies to reduce the higher rates of stepfamily breakdown and youth homelessness. Working with the service delivery sector and government to build capacity to strengthen stepfamilies. Stepfamilies Australia works as a catalyst, adding value to the family relationships sector. The innovative work of its members takes a lead to break through myths and sends a message to the community that stepfamilies are complex and hard work, but also achievable, with support.

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](mailto:heubergd@anz.com) **Preferred deadline Friday 5pm..**

## Changeover Highlights

The annual changeover saw the Presidency of John pass over to President Sam. The Club thanks Sam and Joyce for their wonderful hospitality in the changeover.

Seventy Five people witnessed an eventful evening with the highlights being Sam's acceptance speech, Sam and Joyce's collaboration in greeting, welcoming and entertaining everyone and the singer of opera Rebecca. She was outstanding. The guests were enthralled as Rebecca sung popular numbers with some twists to acknowledge the Rotary aspects of the evening.

The Club also had in attendance District Governor Colin Muir with Pauline as well as DG Elect Iven Mckay with Marilyn. It was just another fun filled night.

We can not forget our outgoing President John in his detailed address of the year past. The chains were soon past to Sam. John detailed the various activities of his year with particular mention of funds raised for the Bushfires, Foundation, Shelter Box and he noted the Club consolidated. Thank you John.

### **The coming Program**

Members would have received an outline of the coming program for the Club from new Program Director, Geoff Oscar. The program will emphasize the Rotary Calendar with structure around Partner's Night, and special events. Please assist Geoff when called upon.

The Bulletin will now convey the Program from Geoff with the Chair for the night playing a little more specific role: They will also continue the fine club tradition of ensuring our guests are greeted and looked after. And in most cases a cv of the speaker will be supplied.

All further ideas please see Geoff. Also the Chair for the night will emanate from the Program Director. Please note some transition period may be experienced. Regards the Editor.