

Bulletin

Rotary Club of Prahran



Meets Monday
Mt Erica Hotel
Corner High Street and Williams
Prahran
12.45 For 1PM Luncheon
Website: www.rotaryprahran.org
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Prahran Chartered 27th December 1955

President	Peter Schneider
Vice President	Graeme Newton
Secretary	Helen Robbins
Treasurer	John Harris
Bulletin Editor	Pike Peters

Previous Meeting:

Guest Speaker:	Sue Ebury – author – <i>The Many Lives of Kenneth Myer</i>
Guests	Bev Cohen, Rosemary Heeps, Su Schneider, Lana Newton, Lynne Damman, Betty Murray, Debbie Wolff, Judith Swan
Apologies	Doug Crittenden, Frank Slutzkin, Hal Levy, Michael Morrison
Make Ups	

No. 2358 Monday 27th April 2009
PP Mike McFarlane (RC Kew): Interplast Australia
New Zealand And Angel Flight Australia

12.45 for 1.00 PM – Mt Erica Hotel

Reception: E Cohen
Cashier: J Smith



Sauvignon Blanc

750ml

13.5% Alc/Vol 8.3 standard drinks
Preservative 220 added
Mt Erica Hotel
Cnr High St & Williams Rd
Prahran Victoria 3181

Malaria claims the life of a child somewhere in the world every 30 seconds.
Your \$10 donation could give a child like Sannang a future.

Malaria Awareness Day – 30th April 2009.
Call 03 9654 5872
Rotary District 9800



We care. We share. We all gain.

50th Anniversary – RC Malvern

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Bookings and further information, contact Peter Milburn on 9801 6180 or email milburnp@yahoo.com.au

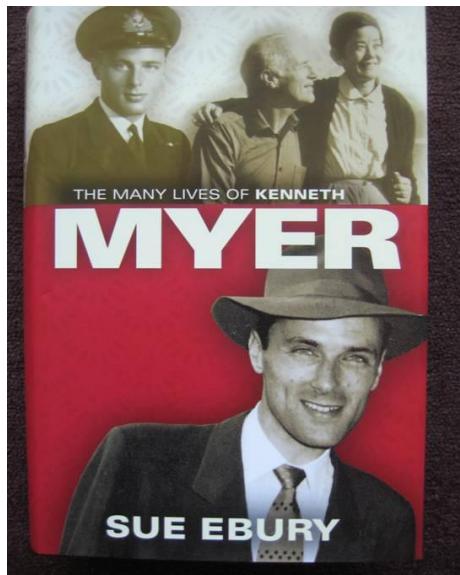
District Assembly - Reminder To All Incoming Club Officers And New Members

This year's District Assembly (originally scheduled for 24 May) will be held at Wilson Hall, Melbourne University commencing at 9:30AM on **Sunday, 31 May**.

Heritage Cluster will be the host Club and any Rotarian seeking further information should contact AG Chris Wang at cwi@labyrinth.net.au or President Victor Sullivan of RC Carlton at V.Sullivan@unicol.unimelb.edu.au or watch 'Networker' for details.

THE MANY LIVES OF KENNETH MYER

By Sue Ebury



When Kenneth Baillieu Myer's father fell dead on the footpath in 1934, Ken's life changed in an instant.



As the eldest son of the Jewish immigrant retailing genius, Sidney Baeveski Myer, who went from pedlar to philanthropist millionaire in fifteen years, 13-year-old Ken was immediately acknowledged as the head of the family.

Despite a conventional education at Geelong Grammar and a year at Princeton



University, Ken was an unconventional man. He had hit headlines when he was born, and continued to make news throughout his life – as the powerful Executive Chairman of Myer; in his refusal to be Governor-General of Australia; with his separation and divorce from his wife Prue and remarriage to a Japanese woman half his age, Yahuko Hiroak; as Chairman of the

Victorian Arts Centre and the National Library of Australia; and during his disastrous years as Chairman of the ABC – a reward for signing the Myer It's time letter, acknowledged by Whitlam as influential in bringing the Labor Party to power in 1972.

Ken Myer introduced Australia to the first regional shopping centres, with Chadstone changing the face of the Australian landscape. Parking meters, state of the art information systems at the National Library of Australia, ground-breaking medical research at The Howard Florey Institute and genetic engineering at CSIRO were all facilitated by him.



Visionary and romantic, he was depressive and driven, charming one moment, icy the next. Unpretentious and a passionate conservationist, he was generous both publically and anonymously, giving away his fortune, and in doing so founding modern philanthropy in Australia. Happiest when finally free of the Store, he died with his wife Yasuko in a light plane crash in Alaska in 1992.



With unprecedented access to family documents, Sue Ebury paints a vivid portrait of the many aspects of Ken Myer's life, and the man himself.

With thanks to Sue Ebury and The Miegunyah Press – publishers of *The Many Lives of Kenneth Myer*.

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Forthcoming Events

9th May – Café Internationale – International House Melbourne University

27th May – RC Malvern's 50th Anniversary – Malvern Town Hall – official RC Prahran Meeting

31st May – District Assembly -

4th July – Christmas in July - Rotary Foundation dinner at Lynne Wilton's – Book with Andrea Walton!

For District News, please go to: clarice@rotarydistrict9800.org.au

	<u>27.04.09</u>	<u>04.05.09</u>	<u>11.05.09</u>	<u>18.05.09</u>
House				
Committee Duty	R Liebmann M Morrison	M Morrison J Dethridge	J Dethridge J Mahon	J Mahon R Swann
	12.30 start; 6.00 Night Meetings			
Bulletin:	P Peters	P Peters	P Peters	P Peters



Bridge Club Roster (7PM to 8.30PM)

28.04.09 P Peters; D Rosenberg

05.05.09 D Rosenberg; C Southall

12.05.09 C Southall; G Heeps