



## **Kids in Crisis Charity Dinner**



**The Rotary Club of Hampton invites you to a dinner to conclude our charity golf event**

**Key Note Speaker**

**Matthew Finnis**

**CEO of the AFL Players Association**

**Southern Golf Club – November 15th, 2010 – 6:30pm for 7:00pm**

**Lower Dandenong Rd, Keysborough**

**All Inclusive \$80 pp**





The **Rotary Club of Hampton** together with the **Southern Golf Club** has pleasure in offering you the opportunity to attend the Corporate Cup Golf Challenge Dinner and help in providing support to **Kids in Crisis**.

## Key Note Speaker



**Matt Finnis** - Matt was appointed Chief Executive Officer of the AFL Players' Association in September 2009 after previously holding the positions of General Manager – Operations and, prior to that, Manager – Player Relations.

During his time at the AFLPA Matt has driven an agenda which resulted in the recent agreement to introduce free agency to the AFL. He has also represented player interests in a range of issues, including commercial rights and individual grievances, and chaired the AFLPA Agent Accreditation Board

He will also play a central role over the next year in negotiating with the AFL to secure recognition for the leading part AFL footballers play in the phenomenal and growing success of the code.

Prior to joining the AFLPA Matt worked as a commercial lawyer advising numerous sporting organisations, businesses, athletes and government.

Matt is currently chairman of Ladder – an AFL Players charitable initiative to tackle youth homelessness. He is also a director of Surfing Australia – the peak governing body for the sport of surfing – and has been a director and company secretary of Surf Life Saving Victoria since 2002. Matt was also a founding director of HeartKids Australia, a charity supporting children born with congenital heart disease.

Matt is married to wife D'Arne and a father of two young boys, Jake and Ryley.

## Kids In Crisis

*GordonCare for Children*, headquartered in Highett, provides Carers and residential facilities for 'Kids in Crisis' – Mum and Dad can't get along,, sexual abuse or violence has occurred, one or both parents are in jail, drugs or other similar reasons prevent children from getting the love, care and attention normal families take for granted.

Until quite recently, governments' main concern was for a place of safety, food and a roof over the children. Today, a more progressive approach is developing because of the increasing complexity of the problems and the extent of their traumas. Think about children who may not have basic hygiene skills, who cannot communicate with others, who self-mutilate or are suicidal, whose grief at being taken from their parents is so overwhelming that it effects every part of their life, who have a history of neglect, abuse and crime that leads them to vandalise and other criminal activities because they know nothing else, who are angry and don't attend school because they can't fit in.

Children who may have been removed from their parents many times, who have tried and failed to live with foster carers or next of kin and may have experienced multiple carers in just a few years. These 'invisible' (to us) 'Kids in Crisis' are unloved, traumatised, confused, angry and, without effective intervention, will not achieve anything like a normal life in our society.

Providing a positive future for needy children and families





## The Evening

The evening will commence at **6:30pm** with pre dinner dinks. Formalities will commence at **7:00pm** at Southern Golf Club – Lower Dandenong Road Keysborough.

2 Course Meal, Fruit and Cheese Platter including Beer and Premium Wines and Key Note Speaker, Matthew Finnis are all inclusive in the cost of **\$80pp**.

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