

Rotary Club of Broadmeadows

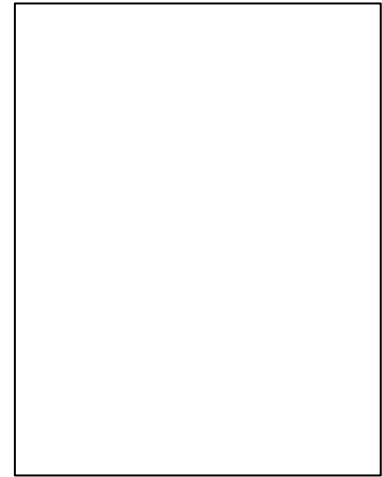
14th ANNUAL

PAUL HARRIS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION DINNER

Guest Speaker: Caroline van de Pol
Author, Academic, Broady Girl



Paul Harris Birthday
Celebration Dinner
Tuesday 30th April, 2019
Essendon FC Social Club
\$40 pp



'When I was a child, we walked to church. There was either no car, or no petrol or sometimes just not enough room for all of us.'

Life in Mclvor Street, Broadmeadows, was unpredictable and chaotic. Filled with love and tragedy, laughter and sadness, growing up in a big Irish Catholic family was a constantly changing landscape for the young and inquisitive Cally Egan who often dreamt of escape: from the days when her mother was so unwell she couldn't get out of bed, or was taken away for shock treatment; from the responsibilities of yet another new baby to help care for; and from the best and worst of her 1960s working-class neighbourhood.

In this remarkable memoir, Caroline van de Pol explores her bittersweet journey from a child yearning for her mother's love and acceptance, to an adult with a greater understanding of the complexities of family and forgiveness. When tragedy continues to strike, and the dark cloud of mental illness moves from her mother to younger sister Margaret, Caroline must face the harsh realities of grief and loss, while remaining resilient for the new family of her own.

Tender, honest and incredibly compelling, *Back to Broady* reveals to readers that sometimes the only way to heal and move forward is to go back.

Rotarians, Partners & Friends welcome.

Formal invitation to Clubs and booking details to follow.

Early Bird Bookings

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