

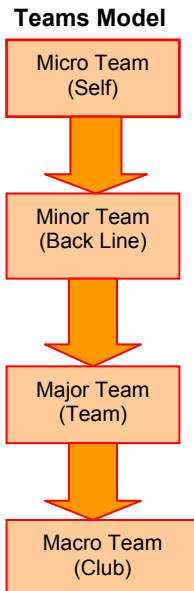
## Life and Business Leadership Insight - May

### “The Power of Teamwork”

Today once again I verily lusted after teamwork. I mean really lusted!!  
Teamwork is something that I am very passionate about and I spend a large part of my professional life cultivating it in individuals, workplaces and businesses.  
So taking over coaching a team of under 11 footballers was always going to be pretty straightforward.  
Yeah right...straightforward!

Well, in actual fact, it is straightforward, yet, at the same time, it is also extraordinarily frustrating having to re-build the culture so that the team understands that building a great team begins with each individual and their relative skill and mindset.  
Teamwork is really about how cohesively a group of people can work together to maximise their abilities and minimise their weaknesses in the pursuit of a common goal.

In the “Crocodiles not Waterlilies” program the teams model is a foundation concept and it is (as I am discovering each Sunday) absolutely fundamental to the success of any team.  
Let’s have a look at it.



The simple message is that the most important team member is the individual at the top. Each individual needs to understand the personal responsibility that goes with performing in a team. Ultimately, this means the commitment to eliminate any behaviour that compromises the performance of the team to achieve the stated mission or goal. Obviously, this concept relates to the performance of any team whether in sport or business.

How do you measure up as a team player and what skills do you need to improve on?

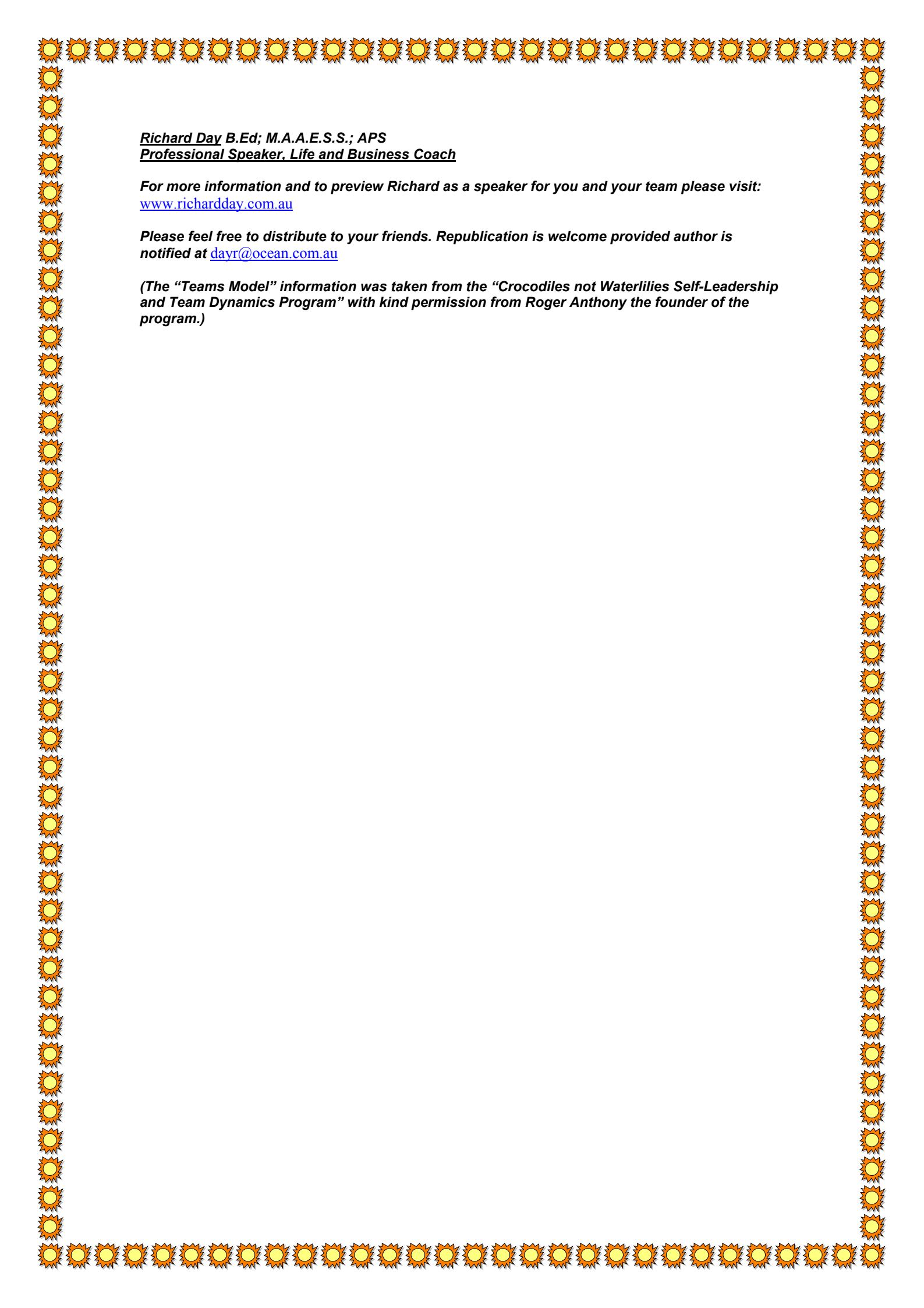
#### **Performance Enhancing Substance:**

***“The task of the leader is to get the team from where they are to where they have not been”***

***Henry Kissinger***

#### **Performance Enhancing Reading Material:**

***“Maverick” Ricardo Semler Warner Books ISBN 0-446-51696-1***



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***(The "Teams Model" information was taken from the "Crocodiles not Waterlilies Self-Leadership and Team Dynamics Program" with kind permission from Roger Anthony the founder of the program.)***