

Informal conversation. 'Allenby'. From: *Analysing Casual Conversation*. S. Eggins and D. Slade (1997). London: Cassell.

	David	This conversation needs Allenby.
	Fay	Oh he's in London so what can we do?
	Nick	We don't want – we don't need Allenby in the bloody conversation. Cause all you'd get is { him bloody raving on
	Fay [to Liz]	{ He's a bridge player, a naughty bridge player. He gets banned from everywhere because of his antisocial or drunken behaviour
	Nick	And he just yap yap yaps all the time
	David	S'pose he gives you a hard time Nick?
	Nick	Oh I like David a lot Still but
	Fay	He has a very short fuse with alcohol.
(pause 10 s.)		
	Fay	You met his sister that night we were doing the cutting and pasting up. D'you remember?
	Nick	Oh yea. You met Jill.
	David	Oh yea.
	Fay	That's David's sister.
	Liz	Oh right.
	Fay	Jill.
	David	Jill's very bright actually. She's very good
	Fay	She's extremely {bright
	David	{academ – academically she's probably brighter than David ... David's always precocious with his ... The only sixteen year old superstar () arrives in Sydney to () and straight into the mandies
	Nick	straight into the what?
	Fay	mandies [laughs]
	David	He was a good boy but just no tolerance for alcohol and I've pulled him out of so many fights it's ridiculous
(pause 5 s)		
	David	At least he's doing well . at least he's doing well in London. He's cleaning them up
	Nick	()
	David	Well, he rang Roman . he rang Roman a week ago
	Nick	Did he? I didn't know that. What he rang Denning Road did he?
	David	[nods]
	Nick	Yea?
	Fay	Because Roman lives in Denning Road also?
	David	Yep.
	Fay	Oh.
	Nick	Not for much longer. We're too messy for him.
	David	That's what the cleaner – your cleaner lady cleaned my place thought
	Nick	She won't come back to our place.
	Fay	Who ?
	Stephen	{ So it's that bad?
	David	Yea

	Fay	Who? M? What's her name?
	Nick	It's Stephanie, I think.
	Fay	Stephanie! Who's Stephanie?
	Nick	The cleaning lady.
	David	{ That's our cleaning lady.
	Fay	{ Oh , the cleaning lady. Well I'm sorry.
	David [to Fay]	She used to be our mutual cleaning lady, except that she sacked these guys, except Roman
	[to Nick]	I mean you've got to admit Roman is absolutely the cleanest guy in the flat.
	Nick	But he's too clean Because you know like he gets upset about things.
	Fay	He kept telling me I've got a big operation on with ()
	Nick	The trouble with Roman though is that- you know he does still like cleaning up But he but he y'know like, he has dinner parties all the time, he- and he cooks all the time he MAKES all the mess all the time as well, you know () sort of. You know?
	David	No. You don't understand Nick – you. Guys that do the cleaning up do all of the unseen things that you never thought of like putting the garbage out and
	Nick	I no- no— I always put out the garbage.
	David	When was the last time that put out the garbage?
	Nick	Today.
	David	ToDAY?! What, before bridge?
	Fay	So huh [non-verbal]
	Nick	So stick that.
	David	Before bridge?
	Nick	Yes.
	Fay	Does your garbage go on Sunday morning? Good grief! Mine goes Monday morning.
	Nick [to David]	Ours goes Monday. see! I even know when garbage day is.
	David	()
	Fay	Just making sure you don't miss the boat I put it out on Monday mornings, I hear them. I hate the trucks. They go { roaring up
	Nick	{ Well we've got a whole lot of garbage tins that's good but you've got to fill them up before everyone else does.