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Lunchtime meeting April 21 2021

Peter Baker led the very meaningful toast to our diggers, some of whom have a direct connection to our Rotary Club.

President David firstly acknowledged the traditional keepers of country on which this meeting is being held. He then welcomed Luke, soon to be our newest member, along with Sandra Sui and Jan Chisholm from MDA. Last but certainly not the least President David welcomed our guest speaker, Diego Corbalan.

Shirley Kukk reported on the activities of the Community Committee. Peter Duras was thanked for his efforts in gathering clothes for underprivileged children, as was Michael Mahoney and Roger Leask who collected 25 bags from Caulfield Grammar. More details are set down later in this Contact.

Shirley also flagged an appeal for winter clothing and asked all those present to go through their winter wardrobes to identify and put aside unwanted clothing. All such clothing can be dropped off at the June 3 meeting.

Kelly Abfalter could not make the meeting but sent a reminder that the annual **Art Show is running from May 14- May 16**. If anyone has not been able to volunteer some time, please contact Andrew Panjkov if you can lend a hand. The Art Show is a very important event and needs to be run as efficiently and effectively as possible.

President David next pointed out that a virtual live tour of Bahay Tuyulan, run by the BT children, has been organised commencing at 7 pm on April 22 2021. For further information click on the link: <https://www.btpa.org.au/2021/03/virtual-farm-tour-22nd-april/>. Bear in mind that it is a live tour and cannot be viewed at a later time. More information is set down later in the edition of Contact.

Another club function that has been well supported is a meal and film night at the Sun Theatre in Yarraville on April 29. The film is The Father, and may challenge some in the audience.

Our Club's Charter night is in May and the date will be confirmed.

Maria Kouppas introduced Jan Chisholm as the new 'boss' at Muscular Dystrophy Australia (MDA). Jan saw the invitation to attend this meeting as a great chance to thank RCE and all its members for the ongoing support, and to note how she and MDA look forward to continuing co-operation.



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Guest speaker: Diego Corbalan

Shirley Kukk introduced guest speaker Diego Corbalan. Shirley has personal experience in the area, having taught at Pentridge Prison for over five years.

Diego commenced his talk with an overall summary of the twin role of Corrective Services Victoria (CSV): namely to ensure the safe and secure containment of prisoners and to seek to rehabilitate offenders.

Diego is a qualified psychologist. Diego joined Corrections Victoria as a prison officer. He has worked in a variety of roles.

Diego currently works and leads a team at the Metropolitan Remand Centre. This Centre was the result of a public-private sector partnership and was officially opened in April 2006. It was built as part of the redevelopment of Victorian Corrective Services.

Currently in Victoria there are eleven public sector and four private sector correctional facilities. About 2000-3000 in these private prisons of a total of around 8,000.

In terms of gender composition, more than ninety four per cent are men. Disturbingly around 40 per cent are recidivists. Given that it is estimated to cost around \$160,000 per year to secure and maintain the safety of a prisoner, and the higher the incidence of recidivism the less likely is long term rehabilitation, such a high degree of recidivism is concerning.

After answering a number of interesting and thought provoking questions, Diego concluded his most informative talk with the observation that 'we manage a lot of risk everyday'.

Shirley thanked Diego for his enlightening and very informative presentation, as did President David. Diego thanked the club for its \$500 donation and ensured that it would be put to good use.

President David thanked Shirley Kukk for her organisational skills, and all those present for attending, since club meetings are very important to the health and vibrancy of the club.

Bee hive project is progressing

Michael Portelli has certainly rolled up his sleeves and been very 'beeey' on this project. For instance, Michael, his daughter Hannah and Andrew (Panjkov) completed the assembly of 50 frames. Lino Airo-Farulla completed 8 in his own time, together with quite a few more at the working bee. As



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I left the Strathmore Men’s Shed this Tuesday, Steve and Graeme were making very good progress on installing the wire into the balance of the frames.



Gaye Cariss has been a board member of the Moonee Valley Foundation for many years. The rotary club of Essendon and other local rotary clubs have been involved with MVF in the past and have successfully attracted applicants. Gaye asks us to explore this Foundation and ascertain if we know of any appropriate applicants.

Thanks in anticipation
 Regards from
 Gaye Cariss

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Donation of children's clothes

Five boxes of children's clothes were delivered to Carolyn Chisholm Society and 1 box of shoes and clothes to McAuley. Big thank you to Peter Duras for sourcing the goodies.

Homeless Project

Twenty-five bags of clothes and 25 personal hygiene bags were delivered to Open Door, North Melbourne. Thanks to Roger Leask and Michael Mahoney for collecting the bags from Caulfield Grammar and delivering to Open Door.

Youth Projects also received 50 bags for their street kids program.

These goods were sourced by The St Vincent's Health Australia, bags packed by students at Caulfield Grammar, Rotary collection coordinated by Sylvie from RC Prahran.

Upcoming events

Bahay Tuluyan night April 22 2021

Bahay Tuluyan (BT) is a children's rights organisation based in the Philippines. BT's programs and services are aimed at preventing and responding to abuse and violence against children. BT delivers social services and programs to children and families on the street, in communities and within its centres.

The Rotary Club of Essendon has partnered with BT on many projects, some of which have been crucial in the development of the organisation's farms and social enterprises.

Please join BT on World Earth Day for a virtual farm tour to see their amazing work and achievements.

The tour will be conducted by student associates of BT and staff members.

If you want to see what our work as Rotarians helps achieve internationally, do not miss this event.

Date: Thursday 22nd of April (World Earth Day)

Time: 7.00pm

Cost: \$10.00 per household.

For further information click on the link:

<https://www.btpa.org.au/2021/03/virtual-farm-tour-22nd-april/>

Bookings:

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Theatre night April 28

You are invited to a movie night at the Sun Theatre in Yarraville:

Details of the event are as follows:

Date: Wednesday 28 April 2021

Movie: The Father

Based on the acclaimed, award-winning play, The Father starts out as a deceptively simple drama hinged on a deceptively familiar dynamic. Anne (Olivia Colman) is losing patience with her 80-year-old father, Anthony (Anthony Hopkins), whose grip on reality is fading but who refuses to allow a carer to look after him. She's moving to Paris and needs to ensure his safety while she is away so before she leaves she must find someone who will endure him. For Anthony, life has become a source of ever-disorienting confusion and in a masterful stroke, the writer-director Florian Zeller (who created the original stage production) tells the story from his eyes as characters and locations shift and we become as muddled as he.

Session Time: 6.30pm

Cost: \$20.00 pp (includes a bag of sweets)

Members and guests are also invited to D'Asporto restaurant in Yarraville at 5 pm for a light dinner before the movie.

Please note that dinner is not included in the price.

We hope that you can join us for this entertaining and fun evening.

If you were forwarded this email from the member above, use this link to register instead:

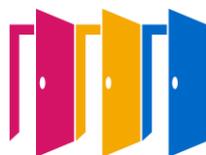
[Register Online](#)

Oscar Yildiz on Bullying Club Evening Meeting

May 04, 2021 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Moonee Valley Art Show May 14-16 2021

More information to follow.



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