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Meeting on 6 September 2022

Veronica O'Sullivan opened the meeting and introduced President Vera.

President Vera welcomed all in attendance, of which there were fifty seven, including some members of the Kensington- Flemington Rotary Club. President Vera read the Respect for Country statement.

She noted that the Essendon Football Club (EFC) was the first AFL club to develop a Reconciliation Strategy, and that 2005 was the first year of the Dream Time games at the MCG. President Veronica then welcomed guest speaker, Josh Mahoney, General Manager of the EFC.



President Vera then called upon Maria Kouppas to present a wellness report.

Maria firstly noted that Verna Johnson, wife of club member Arthur recently passed away.

Past President David Abbey's wife, Cindy, has contracted pneumonia, and is recovering as best she can.

Maurice Mollica, uncle of Lisa Lowcock and long serving now retired member, bravely sends his best wishes to our Club.

Roger Priestley also sends his best wishes.

Val Condon sent a thank you card.

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Maria introduced Jenni Mann to a big round of applause.

It was Jenni's first Club meeting since the extremely frightening road accident that Jenni and husband Peter were victims of in remote Western Australia.

Fortunately the impact of the fish wheeling road train on Jenni and Peter was less than could otherwise have been the case.

After recuperating for several weeks in Perth, at the good graces of Perth Central Rotary Club members, Maria and Colin, and the very attentive and skilful work of medical staff at the Perth Hospital, Jenni and Peter arrived safely back in Melbourne.

Jenni thanked everyone for their good wishes and support. Maria is certainly to be thanked for contacting the Perth Central Rotary club on learning that Jenni and Pete were being transferred there.

The final wellness report Maria noted is that past member Pat O'Connell has moved into Mercy Health Care, but can be contacted'

Guest speaker; Josh Mahoney

Shirley Kukk introduced our guest speaker, Josh Mahoney, General Manager, Essendon Football Club and presented a short biography of his football career.

Josh has been involved in the Australian Football League (AFL) for over twenty years, both as a player and manager.

Josh played two seasons with Collingwood but was traded unbeknowns to him to the Western Bulldogs.

Josh played nineteen games for the Western Bulldogs before being de-listed. He then played for Essendon in the Victorian Football League for two years

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Josh then was selected by the Port Adelaide Football Club where he played for four seasons. In 2004 Josh played in an AFL premiership with Port Adelaide beating the Brisbane Lions.

All up Josh played ninety games of VFL/AFL football over his playing career. He remarked that he still sometimes feels like a cricketer who fell three runs short of a century.

After his playing days ended on ninety seven games, Josh turned his talents to football administration. He was an AFL Assistant Coach at the Melbourne Football Club (MFC). From there he moved into football management.

Josh was General Manager Football of the MFC for seven years. He was directly involved in the re-building of the team, and in the establishment of the inaugural women's football team.

Josh has not been idle on the study front. He holds a science degree, Masters in Marketing, and an MBA . Josh is also a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

Josh by offered several insights from his sports participation and management career

- Preparation is critical
- The pursuit of continuous improvement is vital
- Treat people well
- Getting the right people is essential to success.

Josh noted that the Essendon Football Club was the first club to create a Reconciliation Action Plan to support the indigenous communities. The basis of this plan is to promote unity and bring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non- Indigenous Australians together, improving race relations, educate staff and the broader community about our true shared history and promote equality and equity.

In 2004 Aboriginal former Essendon champion and AFL legend Michael Long embarked on an historic and remarkable journey, walking from Melbourne to Canberra to meet with Prime Minister John Howard. It was a statement of strength, leadership and inspiration.

In 2005 Essendon and Richmond launched Dreamtime at the G game – a tribute to the contribution the Indigenous community has made to the game of Australian Rules football. This tribute match has become an annual celebration.

Josh responded to a range of questions. One of his answers was that diversity is important in decision making settings as we want to open up and seek a diverse array of experiences and opinions.

On the challenges facing EFC a present, Josh noted firstly that all staff wanted to stay and contribute to the Club's turnaround. 2

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Secondly, Josh predicted that a new senior coach will be appointed by the end of the current finals season. Josh observed that great coaches get into the hearts and minds of players, and are skilful at delegating.

Josh also commented that it was so important that players have an exit strategy. For instance twenty nine of the current EFC senior list are studying at tertiary level.

Josh noted that the first ever AWFL Dream time game was being held next week.

Shirley thanked Josh Mahoney very much for his interesting talk and his preparedness to answer some tough questions.



President Vera closed the meeting with a thank you to Josh Mahoney and to all who attended. She mentioned three Club events within the next few weeks- details of which are provided below and at the end of this contact.

President Vera ended by sharing a quote from Jackie Chan:

‘Sometimes it takes only one act of kindness to change a person’s life.’

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Upcoming events

- [Lunch Meeting Lucia Di Mao](#)

The Anglers Tavern

Sep 20, 2022

12:45 AM – 2:00 PM

- [Night Meeting Don Farrands](#)

Anglers Tavern

Oct 04, 2022

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

- [Rotary Soiree night](#)

MVCC Mayoral Chambers

Oct 14, 2022

6:45 PM – 11:00 PM

- [Lunch Meeting](#)

Anglers Tavern

Oct 18, 2022

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM

- [Zone 8 Conference](#)

Oct 28, 2022 – Oct 30, 2022

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Lunch meeting 20 September 2022



You are invited to
**LUNCH TO MEET
LUCIA DI MAIO**

TUESDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER
12.45-2.00pm | \$25
1 course meal | Drinks at the bar
Anglers Tavern, 2 Raleigh Road, Maribyrnong



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Lucia joined the Royal Children's Hospital in 2011. She was appointed as Office Administrator and worked in that role for 3 years.

In 2015 she was invited to join the Auxiliaries team as Auxiliaries Liaison Officer and then in 2022 she was appointed the Auxiliaries Coordinator.

Lucia Di Maio
Auxiliaries Coordinator



Mahongo Fumbelo, Project Manager- Women Led Careers Project

Community Development at Moonee Valley City Council has extended an invitation to members of our club to attend a lunch to discuss the Women's Careers and Leadership Program on

Date: Wednesday 21 September

Time: 11.30-1pm

Venue: Room 2 at the Sam Merrifield Library- 762 Mt Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds

The idea is that some of the women with business ideas or established could bring some food to showcase and use the opportunity for a conversation around their plans to promote their products and support through the Rotary Club and other networks.

Please advise Cathy or Vera if you would like to attend.

Cathy: 0425 728 782

Vera: 0412 061 212

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October 4 evening meeting

You are invited to
**COURAGE &
COMPASSION**

**A STRETCHER BEARER'S JOURNEY FROM
NO-MAN'S LAND AND BEYOND**

TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER

6.30 for 7.00-8.30pm | \$30

2 course meal | Drinks at the bar

Anglers Tavern, 2 Raleigh Road, Maribyrnong



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SPEAKER: DON FARRANDS QC



Don Farrands QC, commercial barrister, chartered accountant and company director is the grandson of Nelson Ferguson. Don became interested in the story of his grandfather Nelson when his mother shared some old long-forgotten diaries of her father and his sketches and paintings during WWI, describing the daily life of a stretcher-bearer.

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ROTARY SOIREE 2022

**FRIDAY 14TH OCT
7PM - 11PM**

**MOONEE VALLEY COUNCIL
MAYORAL CHAMBERS**

**9 KELLAWAY AVE, MOONEE PONDS
ENTRANCE VIA PASCOE VALE RD, MOONEE PONDS**

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Request for ideas on tourist attractions for 2023 RI Conference in Melbourne

Please see the email below from Meagan Martin, Editor of Rotarydownunder, who would like some input on suggested tourist attractions for our visitors during the Rotary International Melbourne Convention in May 2023.

Hi there,

I am hoping that you and/or a couple of members from your club might be able to help me out with some 'insider Melbourne intel' for a story I am putting together.

We were recently in Melbourne on an assignment from Rotary International in the US to write and photograph a travel/destination feature on the city in the lead-up to next year's International Convention. RI has requested that we feature the city through the eyes of local Rotarians and Rotaractors by asking them to share what their favourite thing/place to see/do/experience in Melbourne is and why.

We didn't manage to catch up with as many people as we hoped while we were there and I'm wondering if a couple of members from your club would mind putting one or two paragraphs together for me on their favourite thing/place to see/do/experience in or around Melbourne and why?

The feature will run in the US magazine in November as well as all the regional mags around the world, including RDU.

Below is an example from a member of the Melbourne Passport Club for reference.

Jessica Palti, Public Image Director Rotary Passport Melbourne

Sorrento – Mornington Peninsula

An hour's drive from Melbourne, the coastal town of Sorrento is the perfect place for a day trip. The quaint town shopping strip has many cafes, clothing stores, art galleries and homewares stores. The main shopping strip itself is nestled between the calm front beach of Port Phillip Bay and the ocean back beach of Bass Strait. At the front beach, walk along the water edge, and when the tide is out you can walk along the sand banks. At the beautiful back beach you can watch the waves roll in and when the tide is out, walk and weave your way around the natural rockpools.

Hidden gem, (but no so hidden because it's just so good)! is the great fish and chip shop, Fish Fetish. Grab a takeaway and head down to either of the beaches to soak in the sun and take in the fresh air. And pick yourself up a famous vanilla slice from the Vanilla Slice Café.