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RCE Annual General Meeting – 15 November

The Club's Annual General Meeting was held on 15 November with Steve as MC. Vera presented a brief President's report and Nola presented on the Zone 8 Conference in Canberra where 16 members and partners were in attendance and she also shared some interesting photos.

Arts bursary presented to Charlie Ryan St Bernard's College December 7 & 9

Moonee Valley Art Show - Bursary Presentation at St Bernard's College

A great night at St Bernard's College for their awards night giving our Art Bursaries funded by the proceeds of MVAS 2022 of the Keilor East and Essendon Rotary Clubs.

From left to right Dr Michael Davies Principal of SBC, Regina Davern (MVAS major sponsor), Vera Maljevac (RCE President), Charlie Ryan (Bursary Award Winner) Nola Spicer (Chair of the MVAS 2023) and Phil O' BRIEN (chair of MVAS 2022)) The smiles of all the boys from SBC after winning their respective awards were a delight to see.



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Scope visit

The joy of music comes to St Albans DLO – Visit to Scope
Customers of St Albans Day and Lifestyle Options love music

Thanks to a generous donation by the Rotary Club of Essendon, they are now the lucky beneficiaries of a range of new musical instruments.

Linda Mazziol, Program Coordinator, recently held a thank you morning tea to acknowledge and thank donors and invited them to join in on a special music therapy session with customers.

The Rotary Club donated more than \$1,000 of musical instruments and art equipment to our program, boosting current supplies and giving customers a chance to try new Instruments and different arts and crafts said Linda.

The Diversity and Disability Alliance, an ongoing partner supporting music, art and woodwork programs also joined the festivities and celebrations.

At the event, Linda expressed thanks to all of those involved in keeping St Albans DLO stocked up for their programs that customers enjoy and look forward to participating in. Gifts of time, expertise and funds are deeply appreciated. There is immense power when people with similar interests get together to work toward achieving the same goals said Linda.

The event concluded with everyone coming together to participate in a fun music therapy class. It was a blast said Linda with our guests participating with customers.

Our customers loved dancing with the guests. the joy on everyone's faces said it all.



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Presentation night at Ukrainian Association to recognise Donors

Some RCE members attended the 'Ukrainian Thank You Cocktail' gathering on 1 December. This was an informal event that allowed the Ukrainian community to show their appreciation for all the hard work which raised funds and assisted to make the Ukrainian refugees feel at home.

There were different members of various organizations that did their little bit to raise funds to feed, clothe, accommodate and raise spirits of those coming from war zones who had to leave their country in fear of their lives.

We were one of four Rotary clubs that got awarded a 'Thank you Plaque' and badges depicting the flags of Australia and the Ukraine.

It was nice to receive recognition.



Christmas Party on 5 December

A fun night at the club's Christmas Party at Windy Hill, with singing, reciting Merry Xmas in various languages, fancy Xmas outfits and plenty of fellowship. Members, family, friends and special guests joined together to celebrate the end of another Rotary year, with much laughter and frivolity.

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Congratulations to Roger Priestly on being awarded an Honorary Membership of RCE. The club expressed gratitude to Roger and Lyn for their ongoing generous donations and support over many years. A well-deserved acknowledgement!

Party-goers were delighted when our 'bubbly' District Governor, Amanda Wendt 'gate-crashed' our party. She was very much welcomed, stayed for a few hours and also thanked the club for all work the club has placed into various projects.



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Scholarship presentations at Essendon Keilor College

Luke Docking and Andrew Panjkov attended the EKC end of year/scholarship presentation at the Buckley Street Campus to present the EKC scholarships.

The scholarships were awarded to Amy Bektash and Andreas Vasilopoulos.

Breakfast meeting at Infinity Café – Tuesday 20 December

President Vera welcomed all members and guests and asked for all to please stand for the loyal toast to the Australian flag – let's charge our glasses.

Our Xmas party celebrations on 5 December were a success – it was an enjoyable evening with many in attendance

President Vera commented that the presentation at the Ukrainian hall to thank all donors with Christine, Nola, Terry and myself in attendance was also a positive experience.

The presentation of Bursary at SBC was held over two nights 7 and 9 December with Nola, Regina and myself in attendance to present Art awards to years 7-11 students, together with Phill O'Brien from East Keilor Rotary.

Richard's trip to Myanmar – SCOT project (Stop Child Organ Theft). Thank you to Richard for his efforts in representing the club and furthering our humanitarian work in Myanmar.

Wishing you and your families a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and healthy new year.

At President Vera's request Maria Kondos presented a brief wellness report. Fong is facing business challenges but is resilient and resourceful. Christine Hilbert is on a course of treatment but is happy to receive text messages. President Vera is on the mend from a Covid bout. Shirley Kuk is taking leave of absence. The club has sent card and flowers to Jean Abbey to help celebrate her centenary birthday. Finally Grant Stephenson and Boris Struk were seen in what looks like a romance. More accurately they were celebrating Boris' birthday!

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Christmas Joke

A psychiatrist has one son who is a total pessimist, and another who is a complete optimist. He decides on an experiment. For Christmas he fills the pessimist's room with hundreds of beautifully wrapped gifts, and dumps a heap of horse manure in the optimist's room. On Christmas morning he sees the pessimist boy sitting motionless at the centre of his room, eyeing his gifts suspiciously. But over in the optimist's room he sees his boy filled with joy, digging happily in the odorous pile. He asks the kid what he's doing and he answers: Daddy, with all this horse dung, there's got to be a pony in there someplace.
Optimism: The How and Why by Victor Perton, CEO of The Centre for Optimism.

Celebrating Jean Abbey's 100th birthday

On behalf of Jean and her family, David and Cindy would like to pass on their thanks to friends from the Rotary Club of Essendon who conveyed their best wishes on the occasion of Jean's 100th Birthday.
Thanks also to Maria and Shirley who were able to attend at Craiggare to personally pass on your best wishes and those of the Club.



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Celebrating Clem Cole's 100th birthday at Strathmore Men's Shed

On Saturday 3rd December 2022 the Strathmore Men's Shed celebrated the 100th birthday of founding member Clem Cole.

Clem has a zest for life that encourages all around him to be positive and happy at all times. His cheeky smile and quit wit belie his age.

Clem is the epitome of a great Sheddie; always welcoming, encouraging, smiling and helpful. The crowd of friends assembled at the Shed enjoyed a wonderful spread of party food provided by our wonderful Essendon CWA ladies. They also donated a delicious birthday cake for Clem. Despite being offered an electronic blower by Steve, Clem had no problem blowing out his candles.

Local State Parliamentarian Danny Pearson presented Clem with a Life Membership of the Shed and Federal Parliamentarian Bill Shorten sent along a video of good wishes and congratulations to Clem for not only his birthday milestone but for all that he has done during his impressive life.



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Youth Project & RCE - Here comes the sun project - Success Story

Luke Docking lukedocking@hotmail.com 24 November 2022

Hi John & Lisa,

As you may be aware we have secured a \$3,000 grant (\$1,500 - RCE & \$1,500 - District) for Youth Projects to purchase and distribute sunscreen, water bottles & materials aid (Hats, thongs, T-Shirts etc.) to the homeless people of Melbourne.

We need to capture this publicity as part of the District Grant report.

Let me know if you need more details or if I can help with anything.

Thanks

Luke

Vera Maljevac

Another fantastic outcome – congratulations on the great teamwork

Lisa Lowcock <L.Lowcock@preceptservices.com.au>

Thu, 24 Nov,
18:48

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Up coming events

- Bunnings bbq at Highpoint on 23 December – thanks to all the volunteers
- Joint club fellowship evening on 10 January at Windy Hill with Professor Cheryl Dissanayake presenting on Autism – please register via Trybooking
- Club meeting/fundraiser on 7 February at MPBC with home-cooked meals
- Norm Mollica Mental Health Gala Fundraising Dinner March 6 2023 6;60 for 7 PM
- [International Rotary Convention](#)
27-31 May 2023 Melbourne

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Please keep this evening free

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NORM MOLLIKA MENTAL HEALTH FUNDRAISER GALA DINNER

FRIDAY 3RD MARCH | 6.30^{PM} FOR 7.00^{PM}

Windy Hill, Corner of Napier and Brewster Streets, Essendon
Entertainment: Sisters and Misters | Surprise guest | Auction items
2 course meal | 2 bottles of wine per table | Drinks at bar prices
\$90 per person | Dress to impress



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