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Club meeting 07/05/2024

Windy Hill Venue, Cnr Napier & Brewster St, Essendon 3040



Rotary International Theme May 2024. Youth Service Month

Why do we have Youth as a focus of Rotary?

It's very simple. They are the future of the world. For a great future they need care and nurturing, support and direction and love.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IYzIVDIE72w>

From our President...

Thank you to all who attended our pre-planning planning session on Tuesday 7th May 2024.

It was great to see so many members interested in the future of our great club.

We have a great history but it is planning for the future that will see our club continue to be one that attracts new members to continue our legacy.

Thanks go to Tony DeFazio who is organising the sessions and Warwick Cavell who is facilitating the programme.

Remember to complete the worksheet before coming to the planning morning on Saturday 18/05/2024 8.30am at Riverside Golf Club. A registration email will be forwarded to you all in coming days to register. Remember that this is YOUR CLUB and the success of it depends on YOU.

You have all also received an email from Tony DeFazio (on 08/07/2024 at 9.40am for those who have either skipped over it or if it has gone to your junk mail) with the worksheet to complete before you attend on the 18th May. Please read it and get involved in achieving our combined Rotary Vision.

Rotary International Vision Statement

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change — across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.



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A big shout out to all of those who have been feeling a bit under the weather recently.
Get well soon!

And from our committees...

THE MOONEE VALLEY ART SHOW is our biggest fundraiser for the year. We must raise funds to facilitate our projects.

The Art Show committee needs all members to be active in **securing sponsorship for the show.**

Contact Nola to get the sponsorship pack and register which business you are approaching.

If you own a business you could be a sponsor yourself. If you go regularly to a business approach them. Clients or suppliers are great to approach. It is their way of having a positive impact in the world. Tell them about the great projects we support. Give them a copy of RDU if you have one. Direct them to our website and RDU website to see how we do the things we do. Ask them to like our facebook page and share the stories. Without people doing this on social media we cannot get followers and spread the news about ourselves.

Some members say “we” don’t get our stories “out there” enough. Well, this is your chance to do just that. You are the story teller. You are responsible for getting the word into the community about what we do.

Yes, it is up to you. So, get your runners on and “just do it”!

Did you know... That our club has received a full two page spread in the most recent edition of Rotary Down Under.



The project highlighted is the medical incinerator and dental chair that was donated to the Ruben Centre in Nairobi, Kenya. If you haven’t already read the story go to your inbox and find it! And be sure to show it to your family and friends and get them enthused to join us in our humanitarian work. The positive impact we are having on thousands of people in this, one of the largest slums in Africa, is huge. Well done to Shirley and the team for the project and the media promotion.



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SCOPE AUSTRALIA

Our club has recently completed a great project at the Scope facility and all those involved have been very proud to participate in improving the lives of those who use the facility. There was also recently a media report highlighting a terrible situation which occurred in one facility. Scope have forwarded a letter to the club with regards to the report. The letter is attached.



We recently received the sad news of the passing of former member and Club Treasurer, Denis Rietdyk.

A service in commemoration of Denis' life will be held at 2pm this Friday, 10 May, at Le Pine Funerals, 941 Mt. Alexander Road, Essendon.

Our thoughts and sincere condolences go out to Jill and family at this very sad time.

STRATHMORE MEN'S SHED PRIDE OF WORKMANSHIP AWARD 2024

On Saturday 04/05/2024 our club was proud to present the annual Pride of Workmanship Award at the Strathmore Men's Shed. The Rotary Clubs of Essendon, Essendon Nth and Strathmore along with the Moonee Valley City Council designed and built the Shed which opened in June 2015.

It was an immediate success with dozens of local men wanting to join. It has expanded its programmes and is now open four mornings a week with some men attending all four mornings. The enrolment is now closed as the Shed is operating at maximum capacity. The impact on the men who attend is expressed

every time we visit with many stating that it gives them a reason to get up and going. In fact, we know that during Covid it saved lives. Many long-lasting friendships have been created and the men truly care for each other while being actively involved in meaningful projects both for the community and themselves.

Located in a very peaceful and picturesque part of Strathmore alongside the Moonee Ponds Creek the Shed proudly boasts our Rotary logo on the front.

The three Rotary Clubs share the honour of sponsoring the annual Pride of Workmanship Awards on a rotating basis.



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The winner, who is voted for by his peers, receives a \$50 Bunnings voucher and his name is listed on the Award Board. This year it was a tie with the winners being Kerry Larkan (left) and Sunder “Sunni” Bharia (right). Our President Michael Portelli spoke about the qualities of each man and presented the prize and award board.

Kerry Larkan found out about our Shed when our club was involved in a project in which Kerry was also involved. He is not only a member, but a facilitator which is a position of supervising and responsibility at the Shed and without whom the shed could not operate. An enthusiastic home carpenter and woodwork artist Kerry is generous in his time to share his skills in making jewellery boxes and toys. Kerry is also the editor of the newsletter which is jampacked with all sorts of information, jokes, insights into members lives and of course highlighting the great things achieved at the Shed.

Sunni was interested in joining the shed and using a lathe so he initially joined a woodturners club to learn the trade. Upon joining the Shed he has taken naturally to making beautiful bowls and pens which are top sellers at the Shed stall. This year he has taken a leading role in making toys for a local charity which distributes toys to underprivileged children in the local area. Sunni has been a great friend to Sheddie Rob, who after a medical issue can no longer drive. Sunni picks up Rob and brings him to the shed four times a week where by they both join in the opportunities that the Shed offers to be active and enjoy great friendships.

The Strathmore Men’s Shed operates under a committee of management which includes two members from each of the Rotary Clubs and two from the Shed members. It is a most wonderful local project of which we are justly proud.

Congratulations to Sunni and Kerry.



[Coming up soon...click on the link to take you to the webpage for more information](#)

- **[Strategic Planning Workshop](#)** Riverside Golf Club May 18, 2024. 8:30 am – 1:00 pm
<https://rce.org.au/event/strategic-planning-workshop/>
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- **[Charter Night](#)** Riverside Kitchen and Bar May 21, 2024. 7:00 pm – 9:29 pm
<https://rce.org.au/event/charter-night-5/>

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- **club meeting** Windy Hill Jun 04, 2024. 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

<https://rce.org.au/event/club-meeting-20/>

- **Presidents Night** Hyatt Place Jun 21, 2024. 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
- <https://rce.org.au/event/presidents-night-4/>
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- **Presidents Changeover** Jul 02, 2024



MOONEE VALLEY ART SHOW 2024

**Ukrainian Centre, 3-11 Russell Street, Essendon 3040
(opposite Essendon Railway Station)**

Saturday 12th October & Sunday 13th October 2024

Gala Opening Night Friday 11th October 2024

<https://mooneevalleyartshow.com.au/>

You and your family and friends are invited to visit us at an upcoming meeting

<https://www.rce.org.au/Events>

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possibility of
having a dream
come true
that makes life
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-THE ALCHEMIST.
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