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Club meeting 15 October 2024

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

MOONEE VALLEY ART SHOW 2024

In its 10th year, the Moonee Valley Art Show 2024 was again a great success. The combined efforts of the Rotary Clubs of Essendon and Keilor East made for a wonderful Gala Opening night and fabulous weekend full of the best art we have seen and another successful fundraising effort. In her report to the club, Art Show chair, Regina Davern, thanked the many people involved in fundraising, working and supporting the event. See more details below. Enjoy some of the pictures of the Gala.



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Moonee Valley Art Show 2024 chairperson Regina Davern thanked the members for their contributions to the success of the 10th Art Show. Everyone who supported the show helped to make our major fundraiser and biggest community event one of which we can justifiably be proud.

Whether you distributed flyers, had an advertising board, put up flyers in shops, secured sponsors, bought auction items, helped in the bump in and bump outs of the venue, organised food, drinks, served or cleaned up, organised the art, the artist and attendees registrations, attended the gala or the venue during the show weekend, went to meetings, was an MC, a judge or were on the committee, whether you are a Rotarian or friend of the club who just got in and helped when and where needed, you were who made this event the success it is. It takes a hard-working team working together to bring out the best in people. The planning, leadership and work put in by the committee is a year-long commitment and we are grateful to all who put in the effort to make this art show the best ever.

Keep a look out for the formal report and finances once they are finalised.

PP Shirley Kukk opened the meeting with an acknowledgement of the first nation people and land on which we meet.

President Tony DeFazio welcomed all, especially our guest speaker, Richard Blakeman, D9800 District Foundation Committee, Humanitarian Grants - District and Global.

GUEST SPEAKER, RICHARD BLAKEMAN

Richard is a passionate Rotarian who understands that the Rotary International Foundation is a vital source of how Rotarians do what they do. Without Foundation contributing funds via grants, many of the projects which are being implemented over the world could not happen. The Rotary Foundation supports the work of Rotarians in humanitarian aid, education and training and in disaster response. The Foundation also supports those who are chosen to study as peace scholars.

Arch C. Klumph started the Foundation in 1917 with the motto “Doing Good in the World”. The Mission of the Rotary Foundation is “to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace by improving health, providing quality education, improving the environment and alleviating poverty.” It is pretty basic but over 100 years later it is still a most relevant mission.

The Rotary Foundation holds funds donated by Rotarians and supporters. Donations of US\$1000 are recognised by Foundation with a Paul Harris Recognition to that individual or in the name of an individual as requested by the donor. Funds are distributed via grants to clubs who apply for specific projects. Only the earning of the fund i.e. interest earned, is available for distribution. The biggest programme funded worldwide is “End Polio Now”.

The Rotary Foundation manages a fund very close to our hearts – The Royce and Jean Abbey Endowed Fund. Started following Royce’s year as world president it is the basis for funding the Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Scholarship, the committee of which sits as a part of the D9800 Foundation committee. Funds are contributed to the Fund by a fundraising initiative of our member, Roger Leask, who created the Royce Abbey Award. The award is presented by clubs to individuals who show commitment and enthusiasm to the ideals of

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Rotary upon the contribution of \$1000 to the Fund. So far over 150 awards have been presented meaning that over \$150,000.00 has been deposited to the fund from the awards.

Individuals within the Asia Pacific region are able to be sponsored as part of the scholarship program to study for up to 3 months in Australia to gather knowledge and skills to take back to their communities to improve the lives of those living there. Each scholarship is funded up to US\$10,000.00.

The scholar is selected by a club who already has an established relationship with the organisation with which the scholar is associated. A full programme must be developed and submitted to the scholarship committee for approval. Once approved the application must go through the District and ultimately RI committees for approval and then issuing of payment for the expenses in the programme. A club must play a major part in the programme when the scholar is in Australia. It is an extensive and detailed process and accountability is high – as it should be

For more information about Foundation grants, the Fund, Scholarship or Award go to the following;

<https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/foundation/royce-abbey-awards>

<https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/district-and-global-grants>

<https://www.royceabbey.com/award>

<https://www.royceabbey.com/scholarship>

<https://www.royceabbey.com/>

<https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation>

<https://www.endpolio.org/>





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HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO US!!!

2025 will see the 90th 'birthday' of the Rotary Club of Essendon. Chartered in 1935 it is the first suburban club in Australia. President Tony is seeking contributions from members as to how to celebrate. Speak to Tony with your ideas.

Our celebration next year won't be complete without our Rotary family taking part. When a group of people want to start a new club, they need to have it sponsored by an existing club. Our club has sponsored 5 clubs and they are politely called our 'daughter' clubs. Roger Leask will be visiting those clubs over the next few months to encourage them to celebrate our milestone and is looking for fellow Essendon members to attend with him. See Roger to find out which clubs he is visiting and when.

Incoming president, Regina, announced her nominations for the 2025-26 board.

VP Sam Tartaglia

Immediate PP Tony DeFazio

Secretary Steve Roe

Treasurer Sunil Perera

Regina also announced the nomination for president 2026-27 Denis Kosnar

Denis accepted the nomination and looks forward to the opportunity to serve our wonderful club.

The 2024 Annual General Meeting of The Rotary Club of Essendon

The 2024 Annual General Meeting of The Rotary Club of Essendon will be held on Tuesday 19 November at Windy Hill commencing at 7.00 pm.

In accordance with the Constitution & Rules and Bylaws of the Rotary Club of Essendon, business conducted at the AGM is strictly limited to items contained in the agenda. I would ask that any questions you may wish to put to Board or any matters you wish to raise at the AGM are emailed to me by Saturday 26 October 2024.

The agenda along with reports to be presented at the AGM will be sent to you on 28 October 2024.

Strathmore Rotary speaker Australia Rotary Health scholar Georgina Rawson 22 October 2024 Windy Hill

Strathmore Rotary administers a trust fund established by a bequest from Bartolina Peluso, an aunt of our longest current serving Rotarian PP Tony Natoli, with the aim of supporting mental health scholarships in the general area of dementia. Our current recipient of the RC Strathmore Bartolina Peluso PhD Scholarship is Georgina Rawson who is undertaking her research at Monash University.

Georgina obtained her undergraduate degree at Flinders University in South Australia and continued to work in sleep and dementia research following her graduation. During her time as a research assistant, she developed a passion for exploring neurodegenerative diseases, developing tools for early detection, and methods of early intervention. In 2023, she moved to Melbourne to commence a PhD at Monash University.

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At Monash, she is able to combine her interests in sleep research and neurodegenerative disease to explore how poor-quality sleep is associated with increased risk of neurodegenerative disease.

A number of Essendon Rotarians will be attending and hope you can join them.

Strathmore Men's Shed guest speaker; Naomi Johnson speaking about Domestic Violence

Domestic Violence (DV) perpetrated by intimate partners is a blight on Australian society. The number of women and children killed by an intimate partner or father in Australia is horrific. In 2023, 64 women were killed and *so far in 2024 the number is 49.*

DV also includes all types of insidious behaviour to control the victim through physical violence, financial control, social isolation, reduced self-worth, feelings of worthlessness and unworthiness. DV is not limited to low socio-economic families but can and does occur in all levels of society. The effects for survivors are lifechanging and life-long.

Our speaker at the All-Shed meeting on Saturday 23rd November will be Naomi Johnson who is a survivor of 10 years of DV. Naomi will speak of her experiences of surviving the violence and rebuilding her life after escaping her abusive husband. Naomi will also be willing to answer questions.

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This is an opportunity to raise the questions that you perhaps weren't sure how to ask or which might be "difficult". Naomi has indicated that there are no questions that are off-limits, so this is an opportunity to learn about something which is often not discussed in our society.

Members of the Rotary Club of Essendon are invited to attend and learn more about this very important issue.



The Men's Shed makes amazing items. The Sheddies are busy preparing items for sale for Christmas presents. Head down on any Saturday morning to check out what you can get.

A couple of the beautiful products made by Kerry and Alan. (not for sale)

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Some of the other beautiful works made at the Men's Shed.

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The next board meeting will be held 29 October 2024. Contact Pres. Tony for details.

No meeting on Cup Day Tuesday 05 November.

The next club meeting will be on 19 November. It will incorporate our AGM at Windy Hill.

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

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

We would like to thank our official sponsors;

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Me: is this the helpline for alcoholics?
'Yes. It is.'
Me: So how do I make a mojito?



Kerry Roe and Lisa Lowcock asked Santa at North Pole, Alaska to look at his list of good Rotarians, and give all of the things they have on their wish lists.

Now about the naughty Rotarians....
Well, he knows who all of you are!

