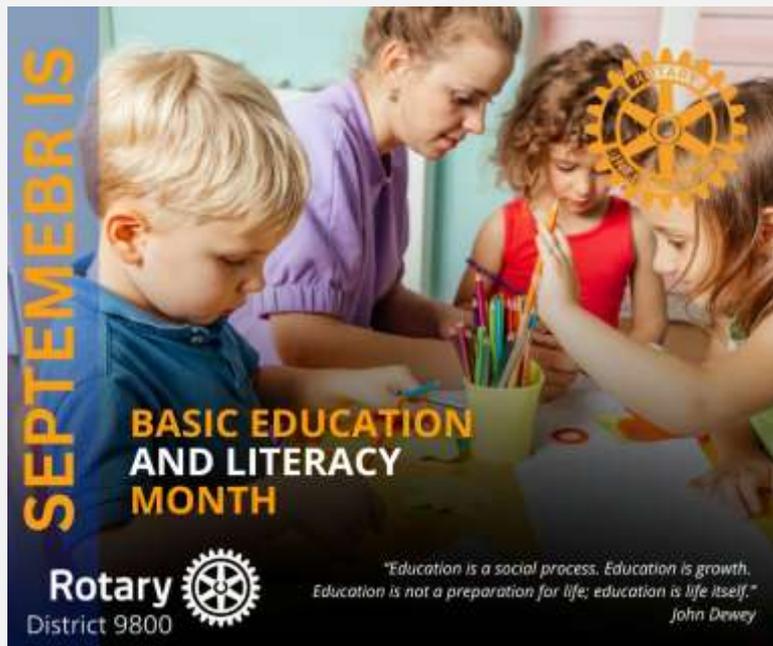


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Club meeting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025  
Windy Hill Venue, Cnr Napier & Brewster St, Essendon 3040



It should be every child's right to get a good education. Sadly the facts are that not every child has that opportunity.

Due to poverty, discrimination, ignorance or displacement thousands of children miss out on one of the most important things in life.

That's why basic education and literacy is one of Rotary's key focus areas of interest.

Our club maintains a strong focus on this too.

We often support projects which assist children to receive an education. Sometimes it is directly by providing scholarships to students, other times it is by supporting the school itself with establishing and kitting out computer rooms and we have also built classrooms and sanitary blocks (toilets) with fresh water for students who

otherwise cannot attend school for personal hygiene and privacy reasons.

We have supported schools for children with disabilities, sent kids on school camps, provided backpacks and provisions for children who have experienced domestic uncertainty to continue to have the tools to study. We have had many student exchanges whereby our local students go overseas and we also host overseas students who come here – many of whom have become like our own family.

And it is not just schooling. Education is lifelong. Being a Rotarian is being a part of helping children receive the best chance they can to live a safe and fulfilling life. Without schooling, without adequate literacy, children have no chance of getting safe paid employment and fall into the depths of child slavery and exploitation. That's why we fundraise – to be able to help children get a good education.

**We have a number of fundraisers coming up so please do what you can to support these efforts and thank you for being a Rotarian or a friend of our Rotary Club.**  
**You make a difference every day.**

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### RYDA

This week our guest speaker was Anton Hockey from RYDA.



*“Ryda is more than a program, it’s partnership which supports teachers on the journey as they provide their students with the tools and understanding they need to see themselves as active, responsible road citizens. Taking, largely, a student inquiry learning approach, Ryda becomes part of the school culture from the first to last day of a young person’s high school life. Beyond that, Ryda provides students with the tools, habits and motivation to take action and stay safe on our roads as both drivers and passengers throughout their lives.*”



*Long term change will only be realised where educational materials support each-other and key messages are repeated over time. Ryda, a program professionally developed by leading learning organisation, Road Safety Education Limited (RSE), is designed to complement the high school curriculum.*

*Ryda features a highly engaging and memorable one-day workshop which front-loads students’ understanding of road safety. The workshop sessions are designed to be held in small classroom sized groups (approximately 25 students) and are led by a team of trained facilitators including Police, driving instructors and other community sector specialists.”* \_ From the RYDA website <https://rse.org.au/about-ryda/>

Anton was introduced by Shraddha Sharma from the Rotary Club of Flemington Kensington.

The members of that club have undertaken to support RYDA in implementing the course in local schools. At the moment they have 4 schools involved with a view to increasing their reach to 10 local schools. Shraddha would love to have our club involved to assist them with their aim. They have secured an MVCC grant and this is open to our club to apply for as well.

Anton presented the sobering facts that around 20% of road deaths annually are people under the age of 25 yrs. While they make up only 10% of the population they account for 20% of road fatalities. Even more disturbing is that while making up only 25% of young Australians regional youths make up 77% of fatalities. It is these sorts of figures that inspired Rotarians over 10yrs ago to create the RYDA programme. Now presented Australia wide the course has assisted young people to understand these figures, why they are as

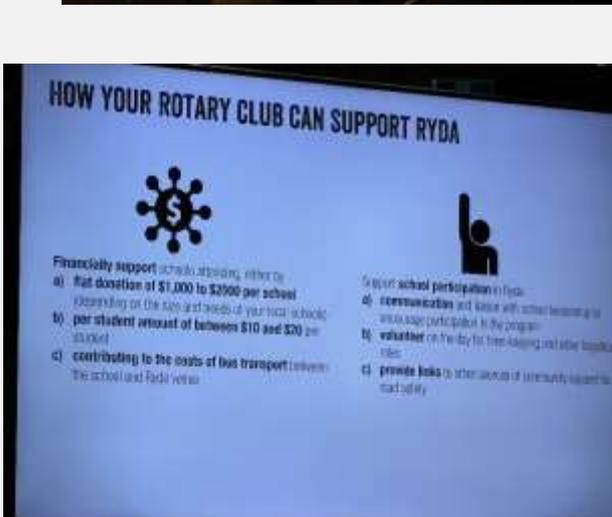
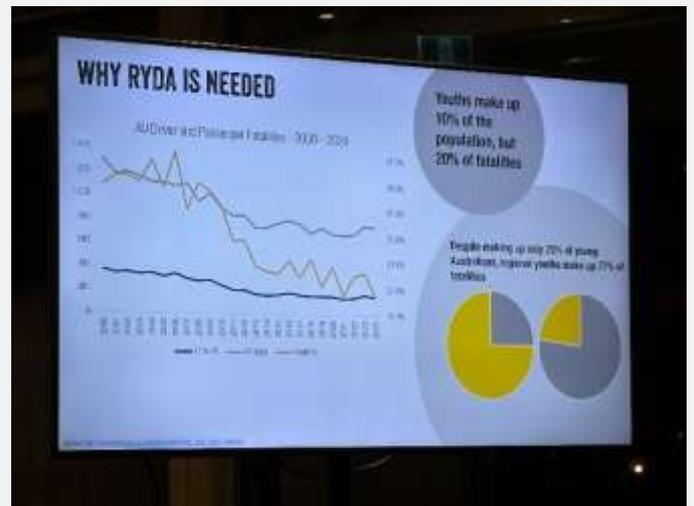
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they are, and what they can do themselves to be safer drivers once they get their licence. Anton explained how the youth fatalities rates had dropped in areas that schools included RYDA in their regular curriculum. "The first day on P plates is the most dangerous day for young drivers."

If you want to get involved in the programme you would need to attend a programme from roughly 9am to 2:30pm and assist in leading the groups around the sessions. Morning tea and lunch included.

Contact Regina if you are interested in helping at the next session on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

And thanks to guest Clovis who spoke to us about his experiences as a mechanic and the state of vehicles he has seen and how it makes such a huge difference to our safety on the roads. His take away? Get your new drivers the best new car you can that has as many safety features as possible.



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## MOONEE VALLEY ART SHOW 2025

### IT'S NEARLY SHOWTIME!

Before you know it the annual Moonee Valley Art Show – now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year – will be here.

**YOU** are needed to help make it the **biggest and best yet**.

“HOW?” I hear you ask?

- Use your local contacts to secure more sponsorship. They can give \$ or in-kind. If you don't think you are very good at doing that sort of thing be sure to speak to Veronica to get a sponsor's pack.
- Make sure you put the dates of 10<sup>th</sup> October for the Gala Night event, the 11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> for the Art Show in your diary to ensure you don't miss out on getting your tickets and to put your name on the rosters to assist. **THE GALA INVITATION WILL BE SENT OUT SOON.**

- **BE SURE TO BOOK EARLY!**
- Tell your family and friends and be prepared to distribute flyers, emailing, sharing social media posts and just letting everyone you know about the show. Encourage them to attend and buy a work of art that will be enjoyed for years to come and become a family heirloom.
- Do you know an artist who may wish to enter their artwork in to the Art Show. Be sure to forward the emails you will have received by the committee to them or alternatively go directly to Moonee Valley Art Show to find out more.
- For all other information contact Veronica.

### CONTACT VERONICA TODAY TO ARRANGE HOW AND WHEN YOU CAN HELP OUT.

**Helpers will be needed during the week in the lead up to the Gala Opening as well as at the function and during the weekend. There is a job for everyone and everyone is needed.**

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### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### From our friends at the Days for Girls Essendon Team

“Once again we'll be collecting handbags and toiletries for *It's in the Bag* for those doing it tough at Christmas. You can **bring your goodies to our October and November sewing days**.

Handbags can be second hand but must be in good condition. You can donate bags, their contents, or even make a cash donation. Please remember toiletries must be **new and full size** and that you can include additional gifts for the recipients.



Minimum content for each bag is new, unopened shampoo and conditioner, period products, toothpaste and toothbrush, deodorant (roll-on preferred) soap or body wash. Remember that all need to be full size and still packaged – note that toothbrushes must be in an unopened single package, not one from a bag of 10.

No sharps please ie. No razors.”

Other items which may be included are hairbrushes, combs, scrunchies, hair ties, hair clips, make up remover packs. There are also banned items.

For more information go to

<https://www.sharethedignity.org.au/about/faqs>

Contact Lisa to donate to this extremely worthy cause.

### HACKED EMAIL!

You may have received this email from Marjorie Gerlinger from D9800 but I am including this notification just in case you haven't. For those who don't know, Philip Archer is a Past District Governor of D9800 and most people who know of him would probably open an email from him. His email has been hacked.

“Dear Lisa

*If you receive an email purporting to be from Philip Archer from this email address president65350@gmail.com please ignore it as he has been hacked. Several people already have received emails.*

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*The email will be addressed to you and mention your name in the text and most likely take the form shown below. This is not a hack of District ClubRunner.*

*I am sending this notification out, as by replying, you may allow your own email to be hacked.*

Regards  
Marjorie

Dear ????

*Good morning Peter, do you have a minute? I am busy right now and not available on the phone so just reply by email.*

*Cheers,  
Philip Archer"*

### What? You want more?

Put the following events in your diary so you don't miss out.

For more information and to book your spot go to our website <https://www.rce.org.au/Events>

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September Duck Bath Morning at the Duck Cave 10am-12noon see notice below

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September **District Governor Peter Shephard** official visit

Peter grew up in a family that volunteered in many ways and with different groups, which led him to volunteer from an early age. In late 2002 his involvement with the local basketball association introduced him to the Rotary Club of Altona where he pitched for, received and reported on funding for the establishment of two senior rep. teams. The president of Altona Rotary at the time, Lois Buckingham, invited Peter to join the club. With his background and familiarity with the members he accepted the offer. In May 2003 Peter was formally inducted and has served as president four times and held nearly every other office roll. Peter also took on the position of Assistant Governor four times and has served on various district committees.

**Come along to the next meeting to hear from our District Governor Peter Shephard at his official visit.**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September Essendon Farmers Market. Contact Nola for details

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October Club Meeting

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October Rotary Moonee Valley Art Show Gala Opening Ukrainian Hall, 3-11 Russell St, Essendon VIC 3040 Contact Veronica for details

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October Art Show Ukrainian Hall 3-11 Russell St, Essendon VIC 3040

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October Club Meeting Naomie Johnson – topic is domestic abuse.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November AGM and Club Meeting

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December Christmas Party

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December Bunnings BBQ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Breakfast

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“MONEY BAGS MARIA” is still collecting coins of any currency and denomination to donate for the End Polio Now campaign. Please have a little tidy up in all of those drawers that stuff just gets dropped in to, bag them up – in a brown paper bag of course – and bring to the next meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September. For more information contact Money Bags herself.

Thanks to Michael Portelli who has been liaising with St Bernard’s College to select our club’s applicant to attend the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra this year. A very special experience as many of our past attendees have explained, which led them to continue their STEM studies in to successful careers in science.

Nola has offered to assist anyone who is having trouble completing the online Working with Children Check application. The WWC card is often needed when we volunteer so please apply and get one soon.



### Peace is Possible

Learning from History  
and from the Next Generation of Peacebuilders

Welcome to this seminar that will take place at  
Bangårdsgatan 13, Uppsala and via a ZOOM-meeting  
on Sunday September 21 at 11:00-15:00

#### Main Speakers

- ❖ **Thomas Jonter** [Guest professor at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research Uppsala University] – **Getting rid of the bomb. The global efforts to abolishing nuclear weapons**
- ❖ **Jeroen Watne Frydnes** [Chair Norwegian Nobel Committee, Award Ceremony Speech 10 December 2024] – **Nihon Hidankyo, nuclear bomb survivors and winner of the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize**
- ❖ **Peter Wallensteen** [Professor Emeritus at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University] – **Is there a future for Nuclear peace?**

[Click here to REGISTER and see the entire agenda](#)



Denis read the Four Way Test. It is our reminder of the way we should conduct our businesses and ourselves in Rotary and our general life.

### PEACE IS POSSIBLE

Coming up soon is a seminar that will touch the hearts of anyone who wants peace in our world.

We often hear people talk about wanting peace but we don’t hear many details of what is achievable in reality in our complex world.

At this seminar you will hear from the elite in peace and conflict resolution. The link unfortunately didn’t transfer so please go to the website directly at

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/47o2jYWWQyQrJce7?ref=Link> where you will get details for the whole event.



Contact PDG Grant Hocking [granhocking64@gmail.com](mailto:granhocking64@gmail.com) for more details and how to register directly via email.

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<https://www.bendigobank.com.au/branch/vic/community-bank-strathmore/>

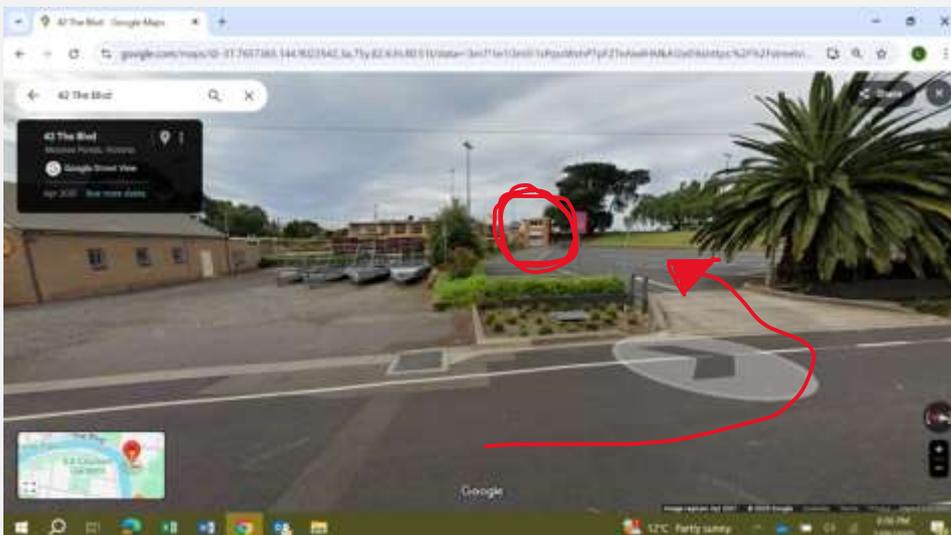
Thank you to our major sponsor Strathmore Community Bank Bendigo Bank.



So much of the work we do in our local and international communities relies on funding. We are so pleased that the Strathmore Community Bank has been our sponsor for many years and thank them for their support.

### THE GREAT ESSENDON ROTARY DUCK RACE 2026

Duck bath day Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 12 noon – all help greatly needed



Thanks to the members and friends who came to our last Duck Bath Day. We have a lot of ducks still to be bathed, dried, fluffed and preened to prepare them for the big race.

Come along on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September, 10-12 at the Duck Cave, next to the Essendon Rowing Club at 40 The Esplanade, Maribyrnong River. Entry to the car park is next to the palm tree right in front of the Cave. Everything is supplied.

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OK Folks, the Big Bird and Mother Duck need you all to vote on a very important decision to be made!

What colour ducks do we race in 2026? Here are the options with pictures;

1. Yellow ducks with 10% pink ducks
2. Yellow ducks with 10% purple ducks
3. Yellow ducks with 10% red ducks
4. Yellow and purple ducks 50/50
5. All yellow ducks



Please select your first and second preference and send to Lisa and Steve C.

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Some of our refreshed large and small corporate ducks ready to sell to local businesses.

Please start speaking to your local shopkeepers and anyone you know in bigger companies and tell them about our race.

The gold ducks will be made in to trophies for the first-place winners. More details of costs will be forwarded in due course.



Q. Why did the duck go to the chiropractor?

A. To get it's back quacked.

Q. What's a duck's favourite taco topping?

A. Quackamole!

Q. What do you call a duck that breaks into people's houses?

A. A robber ducky!

Q. Why did the duck get a second job?

A. He had too many bills!

Q. What do you get if you mix ducks with fireworks?

A. Firequackers!

**FARMERS MARKET DAY SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> September 2025. SPEAK TO NOLA FOR DETAILS.**

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Just a small selection of our amazing international education and literacy projects from recent years. Included are Bahay Tuluyan in Manilla Philippines, Ruben Centre Mukuru slums Nairobi Kenya, Yangon Myanmar, St Bernadette's Lima Peru and our Swedish exchange student Allis.



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