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Welcome to the first issue of Volume 85 of Contact that marks the year of President Kelly (Kel) Abfalter.

For your diaries

Dates (Day)	Event	Venue & time	Contact ./ notes
July 6 (Sat)	Information session on Launch of Passport Club	DIK Shed 39 400 Somerville Rd West Footscray, 10 AM	Jenny Foster
July 16 (Tu)	Club Lunch meeting	Angler's Tavern 12.45 PM – 2.00 PM	
July 21 (Sun)	Traffic School Sausage Sizzle	Essendon Traffic School, Albion St Essendon	Time TBA; barbequers needed
July 26 (F)	MDA Trivia night	MDA HQ, 111 Boundary Rd, North Melbourne 7 PM for 7.30 PM start. \$30 / ticket; \$300 for table of 10.	Maria Kouppas To order tickets call MDA on 93209555 (Light nibbles provided)
August 6 (Tu)	Club night meeting	Angler's Tavern, 6.30 PM – 8.30 PM.	
August 20 (Tu)	Club Lunch meeting	Angler's Tavern 12.45 PM – 2.00 PM	
August 31 (Sat)	Fellowship 70's dinner party	Starting at 7 pm. Space is limited. Bok early Bring a classic dish from the Women's Weekly Dinner Party Cook Book	Kel Abfalter
Sept. 03 (Tu)	Club night meeting	Angler's Tavern, 6.30 PM – 8.30 PM.	
Sept. 17 (Tu)	Club Lunch meeting	Angler's Tavern 12.45 PM – 2.00 PM	
Oct 1 (Tu)	Club night meeting	Angler's Tavern, 6.30 PM – 8.30 PM.	
Oct. 15 (Th)	Club Lunch meeting: District Governor Visit	Angler's Tavern 12.45 PM – 2.00 PM	
November 7 (Th)	Days for Girls Oaks Day fundraiser		Jane Odgers jjodgers@optusnet.com.au
May 27-31 2023	RI -Convention	Rod Laver Arena and Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre	Hugh Bucknall hbucknal@bigpond.net.au

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BE THE INSPIRATION

Change over meeting July 3

Denis Kosnar declared the meeting open and welcomed our soon to be feather duster president Veronica to the podium. Veronica welcomed as guest Assistant Governor Ian, along with Walwin from Essendon Toastmasters, Kerrie Rowe, Andrew Lowcock, and Emily, Rachel, Sarah Abfalter accompanied by their friend Jack.

The induction of new club members is always exciting and this evening's two new Rotarians was no exception. Kunal Mutreja and Nola Spicer are both welcome additions to Rotary International and RCE.



Equally exciting is the bestowing of Rotary Awards to club members. This evening Sunil Perera was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow. President Veronica observed that Sunil has been generous in sharing his many skills and talents, not the least of which in the five years that he served as editor and publisher of *Contact*. Of no less value is Sunil's initiative in establishing a direct relationship with the Rotary Club of Battaramulla in Sri Lanka. Subsequently Sunil was instrumental in fundraising both at the club and district level to the amount of \$4,000. This money was used on providing and supplying expectant, under-privileged mothers with maternity packs. Sunil is clearly a worthy Paul Harris Fellow recipient.

President Veronica's final act of her year is the inducting of our new Club President, Kelly Abfalter.



President Kelly firstly thanked on behalf of the whole club Past President Veronica for her dedication and energy throughout 2018-9. Kelly also thanked last year's Board and all of its members for the amazing work that was performed.



President Kelly then introduced her 2019-2020 RCE Board: David Abbot, Sunil Perera, Peter Condos, Michael Portelli, Cathie Nicou, Steven Roe (Secretary) , Jenni Mann (Treasurer) Veronica O'Sullivan, and Maria Kouppas (Vice President). President Kelly confirmed that membership of Committees will stay the same as in the 2018-019 year, unless individual members notify President Kelly that they would prefer a change.

Club membership invoices were issued on July 2 and President Kelly noted that by the end of the meeting several members had already paid.

The meeting ended with more fellowship.

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Information from President Kelly

Unite People & Take Action

Board 2019 / 2020

Goals Rotary Club of Essendon

President / Membership – Kelly Abfalter

Vice President / Foundation – Maria Kouppas

President Elect / Club Services – David Abbey

Immediate Past President – Veronica O’Sullivan

Secretary – Steve Roe

Treasurer – Jenni Mann

Youth – Michael Portelli

Public Relations – Cathy Nicou

Community – Peter Condos

International – Sunil Perera

Committees 2019 / 2020

Combining committees for vibrant meetings. Fellowship to be merged into other committees, so everyone gets to work on projects **(the reason we join Rotary)**

Community & International – will continue to meet together but this year with 2 chairs

Current major projects are:-

- McAuley Women’s Services – do we continue?
- Men’s Shed
- DIK – need to raise \$ 3,500 for rent contribution
- Myanmar - we have \$42,000 in bequeathed funds for projects
- Peru – we have \$11,000 in funds due to district grants to date
- Christmas Party

Possible Future Projects – ARH Health; Cancer Research; Homelessness; Sri Lanka?

Youth & Public Relations – will continue to meet together with 2 chairs

Current major Youth projects are:-

- RYLA
- NYSF
- Kangan Awards
- International Women’s Day
- One big event like Drusilla?



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Public Relations focus:-

- Web Page
- Social Media
- MV Council Liaison
- Traders Associations
- Pop Up Rotary – Fellowship gathering about twice a year

Foundation & Royce Abbey Awards

- District Grants
- Royce Abbey Awards
- Foundation Inc. Polio Plus
- Charter Night

Club & Member Services

- Club Meetings - Roster & Venue
- Protection Officer
- Strategic Plan
- Presidents Night

Board / President

- Governance
- Membership
- Club Speaker Program & Calendar

In addition to the committees we also have the Art Show

Plans 2019 / 2020

Consolidation of changes & keeping it Balanced

- Keeping a balance between fellowship and projects and demands on members time and members wallets
- We are not full time Rotarians; we do have family and other commitments.
- Balanced Monthly Calendar
- A Dinner meeting with speakers appealing to a broad audience
- A Lunch meeting with Rotary business
- A Committee meeting per month plus a Board meeting
- A fellowship or fundraising event per month

Efficiencies

- The meeting roster, so no one gets stuck in the same role
- Increase in online chasing members be used for project work and making a difference



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Focus on Public Relations & Community Presence – Connecting to our World

- We are a well-kept secret, introverted and tend to market to other Rotary Clubs / Rotarians.
- People of Action guidelines followed. Keep communication brief, to the point focusing on the WIFM with a picture that tells a 1000 words
- Local government re connection, so for the Art Show we do not clash with MV Festival and we can access MVCC Public Relations network
- Press releases in Local Papers / Websites / Social Media

District Governors

Tis with great respect

That we should hold a DG

For their dedication and effort - in Rotary What an effort it

is - if their year is to be A fulfilment of planning

With results we should see

Most are not praised by verse or by song

Yet front for years after

To support Rotary's throng

We see them at conference - year after year Commitment personified

- with dedication clear Quietly working - behind the scene

With all their past effort

Maintaining their keen

Recognition of them - is the least we can do For supporting Rotarians -

that is - me and you So next time the word is - the DG is to come

Think of your club and invite everyone And go the conference -

whenever you can It will make all the difference

To your life's overall plan

You're reward will come back - many a fold

When you act Rotary's motto

Do Good in the World

Roger Leask

Rotary Club of Essendon

21st Sept 2016



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District 9800 news

A very well deserved award of Royce Abbey Champions of Change has just been conferred on two stalwarts of Rotary, Laurie Fisher and Bob Glindeman of Donations in Kind. Their unwavering efforts, support for clubs and projects, and total commitment to supporting communities is a pillar of our international work.

At the national level five District 9800Roarians have been recognised for their outstanding community based work in the 2019 Queen's Honours awards: Bronwyn Bishop Director General Division 9800; Dr. Tilman Ruff (RC Melbourne); Frederick Gibbs(RC Balwyn); Graeme Nelson (RC Rochester); and Maria Hicks (RC Brighton). Our congratulations go to one and all.

Finally, District 9800 is seeking Rotary Clubs across Australia to adopt and "champion" **Rotary Safe Families** to all Rotarians, their family, colleagues and friends both professional and personal.

For those of you, who would like to "champion" Rotary Safe Families in your Club or District, contact us (as below) for our assistance and the Information package to be able to "roll out" this program to your District or Club. (Facilitator notes, overheads, videos are provided.)

Or simply participate in one or preferably 2 Workshops of 2 hours duration each, with an informed facilitator in your Club or District.

Workshop 1: Family Violence– which provides an overview of family violence in Australia and while focusing predominantly on violence against women and its impact on children. The session also discusses violence against men. Workshop 2: Elder abuse which focuses on elder abuse in the home and community. All participants receive detailed Manual, "Toolkit" and wallet card – providing contact details for appropriate support agencies and referrals. Both workshops are interactive, with appropriate case studies to explore and find your comfortable dialogue to safely "call out" or "what to do" when you identify bad behaviour rather than "sit on your hands" and continue the cycle of abuse.

What is in it for me? A new confidence in challenging and changing the face of family violence by doing "something" AND a chance for all Rotary Clubs in Australia to "champion" and "roll out" this program to all Rotarians in your District. You can "make a difference!"

If you are interested and would like your Club to be "part of the solution" to stamp out family violence, then please contact:

Dorothy Gilmour Director Editor "Bulletin" for Rotary Club of Melbourne Rotary Safe Families Initiative R100 Years Celebration Committee Family Violence Committee Vocational Service Committee gilmour.dorothy@gmail.com phone: 0412 760 784

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