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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have just finished the first quarter of the Rotary Year. At Tuesday's club meeting I provided a recap of the year so far and I repeated the message at the **Combined Cluster Meeting with the DG** the following night. [A link to the message is here.](#)

The impression I get from the Cluster Meetings is that we are doing pretty well, taking into account:

- our healthy membership numbers,
- involvement in club and committee meetings,
- activities undertaken,
- projects initiated and completed, and
- generally, the vibe around the place.

Yes, we are in difficult times, Some are struggling with the isolation and the fear of what the future might bring. At the same time Rotary and the fellowship within this club is a great way of combating these negatives. Keep in touch, let us know if you or someone else is struggling and let's continue to support each other.

Essendon is a club which has thrived for 85 years. We have a proud history and so many of our members are working to maintain both that legacy and the support and fellowship which is the foundation of a successful Rotary Club.

### Membership

What a buzz to have three enthusiastic potential members popping up on our screens on Tuesday evening. With **Tony De Fazio's** transfer from Box Hill Central almost completed we are hopeful that **Grenville Powell, Deepa Ariarajah** and **Jeremy Ly** will be joining us as members in the near future. All it can take is a mention of Rotary at an opportune moment followed by an invitation and we might be welcoming even more new members.

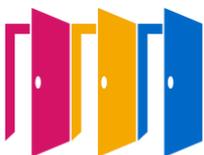
### A follow up of the Youth Exchange history discussion

At our last meeting there was much discussion about the history of the Rotary Exchange Programme and where the RCE fits into that history. Thanks to some assistance from **Steve Chandler**, the Club History '**Pick of the Bunch**' and my own recollections as a small boy, I can provide some background.

**John Hyde** from Colorado was Essendon's first incoming exchange student in 1960-61 and my sister, **Susan Abbey**, and **Kerry Monaghan**, were our first outgoing students in 1963-64. The same year **Dianne Keller** from Akron, Ohio, was our incoming exchange student. I also have a recollection of my family hosting **Jeannie Cooley** from the USA around that time.

### Where does former member and PDG Joe Bradbury fit in?

When attending Lake Placid in preparation for his year as District Governor in 1958/59, **Joe Bradbury** arranged for **John Rodger** to be sponsored by the **RC of Scottsbluff, Nebraska** for an exchange year with the **RC of Myrtleford**. Others may be able to confirm the year and whether John was the first incoming exchange student to Australia.





## MEETING REPORT

Our meeting of the 6<sup>th</sup> of October had a healthy attendance, potential members being introduced, plenty of reports and interesting presentations from **Michael Cariss** on his experiences with Rotary Youth Exchange, **Peter Duras** on changes to physiotherapy and **Steve Roe**, who didn't attempt to summarise changes to air traffic control over 40 years but instead highlighted the significant events affecting his job over that time.

[John Odgers' detailed meeting report is on this link.](#)

One of the highlights was the announcement by **Cathy Nicou** that she and the **Community Committee** have been successful in the application to **Moonee Valley City Council** for a Covid-19 related grant of \$3,750 to finance a **Men's Domestic Violence** counselling programme through the **Moonee Valley Family Violence Network**.

A telling answer was provided by Cathy to a question from **Grant Sheldon** about levels of domestic violence being reported: Instances of violence have increased and the demand for the counselling service has grown, in part from an increase in demand from men who acknowledge they are struggling.

Acknowledging a problem is part way to solving it.

## APPARENTLY, A BUDGET WAS HANDED DOWN WHEN WE WERE MEETING!

The complexities of the budget and what it means are sometimes beyond us. [The attached document provides a very simple summary.](#) Good luck!

## A FUND RAISER FOR BAHAY TULUYAN

Bahay Tuluyan Philippines Australia usually hold an Annual Dinner to raise funds for BT in the Philippines raising in the vicinity of \$25,000. This cannot occur this year so instead the following fundraisers are being held: a [Local Meal with Global Reach](#) and a [Mango Fundraiser](#).

Click on the links for flyers and [this link for more information](#).

## AND GREAT NEWS FOR THE ROTARY CLUB OF ESSENDON

Our charismatic President Elect, recently retired **Sunil Perera**, has a full complement of **Nominations for the RCE Board for 2021/22** including a **President for 2022/23**. Announcements coming soon. Our club is in good hands!

## A REMINDER

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## A COUPLE OF PHOTOGRAPHS TO FINISH THE DISCUSSION ABOUT YOUTH EXCHANGE



*Susan Abbey, centre, with the Abbey family, pictured possibly on the day of her departure as an Essendon Exchange Student, 1963/64. (Who is the handsome fellow on the right? Not him, I mean the far right?)*



*Two RCE Past Presidents feature in this photo. Ian and Andrew Muir (yes, that is Andrew front and centre) with Joan Muir and exchange students, Jeannie Cooley and possibly, Dianne Keller or Candy Robinson (?). c. 1964 (?)*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Club Committee Meetings:** Remote Via Zoom Oct 13, 2020, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM or other times as advised by Club Directors
- **Lunch Meeting - Bernard McMenemy, Clarke & Co:** Oct 20, 2020, 12:45 PM – 2:00 PM
- **October Board Meeting:** Oct 27, 2020, 6:45 PM – 8:30 PM
- **The Rotary Foundation Month:** Nov 01, 2020
- **Cup Day - Club Social Meeting:** Nov 03, 2020, 6:45 PM – 9:00 PM

[To access the Club Calendar click on this link.](#)

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