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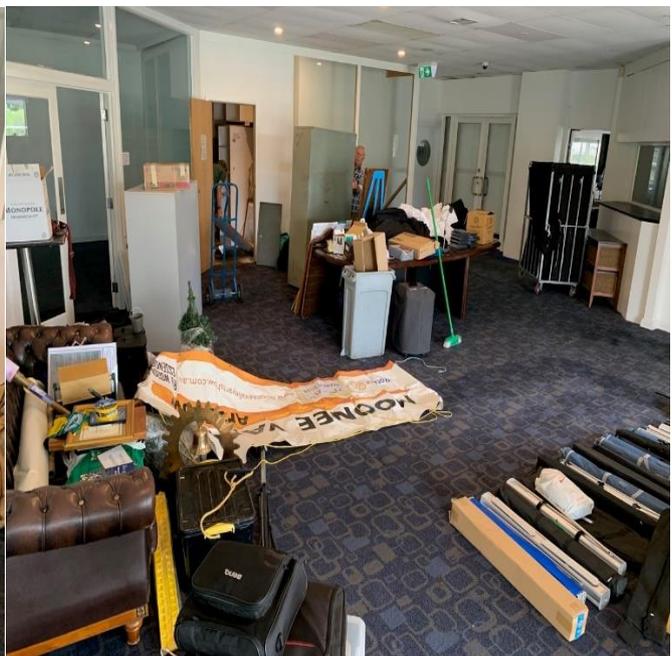
Peter Baker introduced President David who warmly welcomed attendees and started our very well attended face-to-face Tuesday evening meeting for almost a year. The attendance of 28 members and 12 guests was a wonderful and encouraging turn out He then with gave a respectful acknowledgement of our first nation and the traditional keepers of the land on which our meeting is taking places.

President David then specifically welcomed quite a few guests, including Jan Thomas, Gaye Cariss, Sandra Anderson, Kerry Roe, Andrew Lowcock and John Kouppas. Norm Mollica was also warmly welcomed. Finally, President David welcomed a few potential Rotarians.

David gave thanks to Peter Baker for stepping in and, with the help of Club Service Committee members and volunteers, having the venue, registration desk, microphone, computer, projector and paraphernalia all set up and ready to go well before the commencement time.

Store-Room Clean-up

Peter Condos, Lino, Roger, Sunil, Boris and I tackled the storeroom at the Anglers the Tuesday before our first meeting. After removing everything we made some tough decisions and threw out all of the out-of-date and useless 'stuff' that had been accumulating for too long. Thanks to Kelly we have a new cabinet which comfortably accommodates the retained items.



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Australia Day Event

Following a prediction of rain, the planned social day out at Drusilla Mansion has been cancelled. It is disappointing as we had fifteen members and guests signed up. I am sure there will be another opportunity in the future. Thanks to Michael Portelli for his initiative.

ClubRunner

I have found ClubRunner a very useful tool for communication, arranging events, registering attendances and keeping track of what is happening around the club. Apparently, it is not working quite so well for all members. An explanation can normally be found for issues that arise. If you are having a problem, feel free to call me or Peter Condos (sorry Peter) and we will try to find a solution.

Next Board Meeting 27 January

If you have an issue you would like raised at the next board meeting please contact any board member and we will try to include it in the agenda.

Board Reshuffle

Boris has notified me that he wishes to stand down from the Board for the remainder of the year whilst at the same time assuring me that he wishes to remain an active Rotarian. The resignation from the board will be acknowledged at our next Board meeting and I thank Boris for his contribution to the Board for 2020-21. Peter Baker has volunteered to take over as Club Service Director with Club Service combining with the Vocational Service Committee.

Guest speaker: Andrew Panjkov

Peter Baker introduced Andrew Panjkov, who shared with us his experiences and learnings as a mechanical engineer working in several energy related industries,

Andrew focused on four themes.

- 1 - Me, my background, education, work experience and family
- 2 - Overview of Renewable and ES direction over the last 10 years
- 3 - ESRAG organisation and typical projects over the last 6-7 months
- 4 - Our RCE Bee project progressed with the MMV council & Strathmore Mens shed.

Andrew arrived in Australia from Serbia with his family in 1961. He settled with them and grew up in Geelong. After graduating Andrew started his career with the Shell Refinery in Geelong. Andrew noted that refineries have pollution problems, and petrol itself is a pollutant.



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The North West Shelf project started in 1979 and significance can be compared with the development of the Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Scheme of the 1950-60s. Andrew noted another major initiative was the passing of Clean Fuel Act legislations in the 1990s, and the banning of leaded fuel.

Andrew then spoke of renewable fuels and environmental sustainability (ES) initiatives over the next decade. This material was provided by his daughter from Renewable Energy Analyst at Bloomberg, ex-Tesla. One of the first points offered is that building a new solar plant in Australia is cheaper than building a new coal or gas plant. Secondly, in many countries wind or solar is now the cheapest type of new generation. Another ES initiative in Australia is the building of large-scale energy storage facilities.

Andrew noted that Australian households are increasingly installing roof top solar with over 25% now having them. Such systems reduce cost, generate clean energy and enable households to be less reliant on energy retailers.

Electric vehicles are predicted to increase in popularity, but Andrew notes that Australia but their adoption lags behind other parts of the world.

Andrew's third item is an outline of ESRAG — the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group. The regional component is ANZPI – Australia, New Zealand & Pacific Islands. Established in July and now a part of District 9800 activities. ANZPI issues a Monthly Newsletter and has established Website <https://www.esraganzpi.org/>. ANZPI is organising Funding for ES projects. Anyone can join ESRAG (US\$35) and get all correspondence. Current recorded project is approx. 50 off. A summary of them is on the following slide.

ESRAG recorded projects

NZ Rotary meeting Carbon Foot Print	School Gardens
Adopt a Highway	Colour your world
Timor Lesk Solar Panel & Battery	Recycle Ops shops
Kits for kids (overseas)	Waterway Cleanups
Overseas recycled Playgrounds	DIK Recycled Furniture
Battery Round up	Computers for learners (recycle)
Food Scrap recycling (Sydney)	Council Planting trees
Women medical kit packages	Murray Trail improve access
Post Graduate Global ES Awards	BEES ---->



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The last project listed on the slide is the BEES project. Michael Portelli explained that the aim is to establish 100 beehives in the city of Moonee Valley in order to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in Australia. This project is a collaborative one with Men's Sheds in the city.



A lively question and answer session follows Andrew's presentation. Peter Baker thanked Andrew for his stimulating presentation.



President David closed the meeting firstly with a thank you to all members for their support during a different and difficult first half of this Rotary year. Lets hope we can get back to a new and improved normal for the rest of the year.



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Found this in stuff my mom saved for me :)

Lisa Lowcock is sharing this wisdom.

Planting Your Spring Garden

For The Garden of Your Daily Living

Plant Three Rows of peas

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce

1. Lettuce Be Faithful
2. Lettuce Be Kind
3. Lettuce Be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden is Complete Without Turnips

1. Turnip For Meetings
2. Turnip For Service
3. Turnip To Help One Another

To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme

1. Thyme For Each Other
2. Thyme For Family
3. Thyme For Friends

Water Freely With Patience And Cultivate With Love
There Is Much Fruit In Your Garden Because You Reap
What You Sow. Pass It On!!!

Upcoming event

Bunnings High Point BBQ corner Rosamond Rd and Williamson Rd Maribryong Jan 30 2021 8AM-4.30PM

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