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Evening meeting May 4 2021

Peter Baker offered an unusual toast to the day of May 4 by recounting a number of interesting facts or events that occurred on this day over the last three centuries or so.

President David Abbey offered the welcome to the country before welcoming guests to the meeting: Luke Dokie, Christine Hilbert, Olivia Panjkov, Diane Bisch, Eleanor deFazio, Greg Stokes, Cindy Abbey, Norm Mollica and guest speaker Oscar Yildiz.

President David commented on the successful dinner and movie evening on April 28 at the Sun Theatre, Yarraville. Fifty eight people attended including fourteen from the Rotary Club of Caroline Springs. Thirty partook of the pre-film pizzas. President David thanked those involved in organising this successful evening.

President David last week end spoke at the last district 9550 conference held in Gladstone Queensland. District 9550 covers an area of 1.2 million square kilometres across most of the Northern Territory, Northern Queensland and Timor Leste. It is the last conference of this district since this district is merging into District 9560. President David spoke on the Royce Abbey award, Royce Abbey scholarships, and he really enjoyed sharing his knowledge with the audience. A summary of the conference and David's contribution is set down at the end of this edition of Contact.

Past President Kelly Abfalter gave an update of progress of our Art Show planning. The show will be held at North Park Mansion, Woodland Street Strathmore from May 14 – May 16. Kumal produced a media flyer and Kelly distributed these to each table. Members were asked to take a number for distribution around businesses and service organizations.

This year's Charter night is on May 25 and will be held at the Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club, Nelson Parade, Williamstown. We will be celebrating our club's eighty sixth birthday. The key speaker will be Anthony Murphy, Emergency Services Assistant Commissioner.

Cathy Nicou spoke on the availability of brochures on family violence that have been produced by a variety of services. Cathie can provide brochures for display in business, offices and the like.

Vera Maljevac introduced the evenings guest speaker, Oscar Yildiz JP who has a depth of experience in dealing with and being personally exposed to work place bullying.



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Oscar noted that 75% of people who voluntarily left their jobs do so because of their bosses rather than the position or job demands themselves.

Bullying and violence in the workplace affects workers' emotional and physical health and impose significant economic and social costs for workers, family and the organisation.



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Oscar presented several actual examples of workplace bullying and violence. These examples clearly outlined the cruelty inflicted on the victims and the very large amounts of financial compensation awarded by the courts to bullying and violence victims.

Oscar and his immediate family have been subject to bullying and intimidation, and knows personally the cost it can impose.

Some statistics are concerning:

- 6-8% of workers experience bullying
- 1 in 8 workers are bullied
- 22% of those bullied resigned rather than reporting bullying or work place violence
- 50% of workers are bystanders
- In aggregate bullying in Australia is the sixth highest compared to the thirty one European countries
- In total bullying and work place violence cost between \$6- \$36 bn per year, comprising absenteeism, legal costs, and early retirement payouts.

Oscar observed that work place culture is the key to bullying practice. Relevant policies must be framed. Workers have a duty of care to take reasonable care of each other and to actively intervene where bullying and workplace violence are evident. Unfortunately, one survey concluded that 93% of respondents suggested that people were not trained to handle bullying.

Social media is a growing area of concern. Over 70% of Australians uses social media and cyber bullying is widespread. Oscar suggested the acronym B, I, D, U, R — Block, Ignore, Delete, Unfriend, Report — as a useful technique to help minimise cyber bullying.

Vera and President David both thanked Oscar for a stimulating and thought provoking presentation. President David noted that we have to be conscious of these issues. Finally he thanked everyone for attending as our meetings are very important for our club's vitality and longevity.

Bee hive project update

In collaboration with the Moonee Valley City Council and the Strathmore Men's Shed we will assemble and distribute bee hives around the municipality populated with local bees and cared for by qualified apiarists. The first 11 fully completed bee hives have been completed. Discussions however are needed about by whom and where the remaining 89 bee hives will be assembled.



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Rowallan looking for a ranger

Liz Benton, who runs Rowallen scout camp, which the Rotary Club of Essendon bought, asked if we could help advertise that they are looking for a new ranger.

Camp Ranger / Camp Warden

Applications are invited for the position of Volunteer Part Time, Resident Camp Ranger at Rowallan Scout & Guide Camps Riddells Creek, Victoria.

Due to the ongoing on-site presence required to deliver the responsibilities and duties in the role, occupancy within the on-site 3 bedroom residence is made available to the volunteers undertaking the role in line with the Occupancy Agreement.

A background in Scouting or Guiding is not essential.

The position involves, but is not limited to: Prepare and facilitate all uses of the Camps; to greet and orientate arrivals, support campers during use and complete / facilitate essential maintenance of facilities and equipment.

Available to work varied hours/days as business dictates; most weekends and some weekdays required.

For further information about Rowallan Scout Camp: rowallan.org.au and Rowallan Guide Camp: rowallanguidecamp.org.au

A job description will be forwarded on request to: applications@rowallan.org.au

Applications close Friday 14th May 2021

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Upcoming events

Moonee Valley Art Show May 14-16 2021

North Park Mansion 69 Woodland St Strathmore

Charter Night

May 25, 2021 6:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Royal Victorian Motor Yacht Club, Nelson Place Sunshine

Celebrate the club's 86th birthday

Guest speaker: Tony Murphy, former Deputy Commissioner (EMV). and former MFB Chief Officer.

Meet Tony De Fazio -Club Evening Meeting

Jun 01, 2021 6:45 PM - 8:30 PM

Tony De Fazio, member behind the badge talk.

Come along and hear Tony's life journey.

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DISTRICT 9570 CONFERENCE – GLADSTONE QLD – 30 April to 2 May 2021

Following a chance meeting between Past District Governor Don Jago from D9800 and PDG Pam Gregory from District 9570 in QLD in 2019, Cindy and I received an invitation to speak at the D9570 District Conference held in Gladstone last weekend. I was invited to speak about Royce and Jean Abbey, the Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Scholarship and the Royce Abbey Award.

It was a significant conference with the theme of Past, Present and Future acknowledging that this was to be the last ever D9570 Conference as the district is merging with D9550 to form a new D9560. Queensland is a big state and if you check the logo below you will see that the new district will stretch from Maryborough in the South to Bamaga in the north and Darwin in the West. It also includes Timor Leste. The new district will cover 2.1 million square kilometres! To put that into perspective, Victoria has a land area of 227,444 square kilometres and five Rotary Districts! What a challenge for the new District Governor.

The conference was one of the best I have attended with a great mix of Rotary speakers, some high-profile and inspiring guest speakers, great entertainment and wonderful hospitality. I think they got the balance right. I have attached a link to the [conference website here](#), where you can find a list of the speakers and their profiles but how about Past President of Rotary International Ian Riseley and PDG Juliette Riseley from Rotary, Kurt Fearnley AO as a guest speaker, and Ben Clark, a former member of the Ten Tenors and the 'Opera Dad', for those familiar with 'The Voice' TV programme, as entertainment. One of the highlights was getting to know some of the guests as well as the local Rotarians.

In my presentation I provided information about Royce and Jean, the Scholarship programme and the Award and offered three invitations: firstly, to apply for a Royce and Jean Abbey Vocational Scholarship, secondly, to present a Royce Abbey Award and thirdly, I invited individuals to become Royce Abbey Award Ambassadors. Given the enquiries straight after the presentation and the enquiries on the [Royce Abbey Website](#) over the last few days I think we hit the mark. We have two enquiries about becoming Ambassadors and I hope we receive a few Award applications before the end of the Rotary Year.

Thanks to Irene Stokes for helping to clean up my PowerPoint presentation and to Kunal Mutreja for providing us with a website that works!

