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Evening meeting November 9 2021

President's message

It was great to be able to meet once again in person and be able to talk, laugh and enjoy fellowship like we used to.

I was happy to see member's partners and the potential new members Joanne Westover, Susan Nippard and Christine Hilbert attend. We had a good crowd to hear the speaker Dr Anne Woolley speak and explain dog behaviour, as a dog lover I found the talk very interesting and entertaining.

A big thank you to Nola Spicer for bringing the pre-loved goods to sell after the event, all the monies collected will go towards the Vinnies Soup Van project, Nola informed me that \$129 was collected this time and together with the previous meeting sale she has collected \$402.

The community committee has also arranged a market stall at Moonee central to be held in December, plans are still in progress.

Our usual Bunnings BBQ is taking place on the 20th December arranged by Peter Condos, a big thank you to Peter for making the arrangements and I expect members to fully support this whole of club event conducted with the help of the Community committee & Vera Maljevac.

Congratulations to the International committee for sending the \$20,000 to Myanmar to purchase much needed medical equipment in that country to treat COVID patients. Well done again to the International committee for money sent to Myanmar for the children's home road project.



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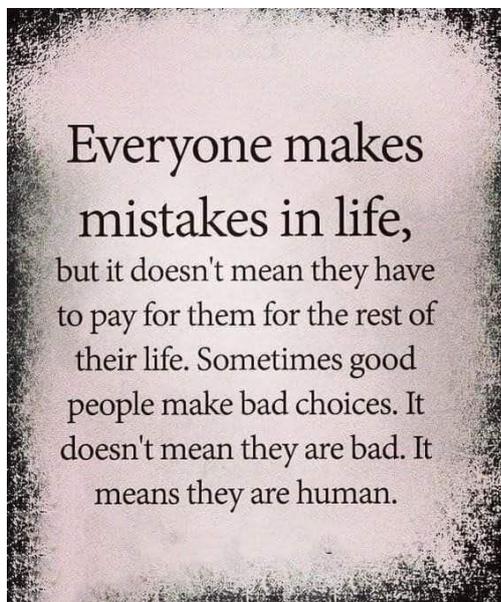
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Michael Portelli has arranged a trip to Barokes wine tasting on the 2nd December, as there are only limited places for 12 people, interested members will need to be quick to get a place.

Maria Kouppas is once again collecting old coins to be sold as in previous years, please fill up the plastic bag provided by her and support this project.

We will be having the AGM on the 16th of November and the meeting to follow will be dedicated to celebrating Norm Mollica's 50 years in Rotary and a member of our club, please join me in celebrating this momentous event with him, I expect a full house!

A thought to keep in mind



The meeting was well attended including Gaye Cariss, Pat Fraser, John Kouppas, Christine Hilbert, Jennifer Lawrence, Susan Nippard (from RC Pascoe Vale), Jane Odgers, Kerry Roe, Greg Stokes and Joanne Westover, and Dr. Anne Woolley, guest speaker for the evening.

Apologies were offered including by Cathy Nicou, Kel Abfalter, Luke Docking, Tony de Fazio and Cathy Nicou.

Maria Kouppas reported firstly that Luke Dawkins has been exposed to COVID-19 but is on the mend. On a lost and found note we were told that Lisa Lowcock is very keen to lay her hands on the missing reflector vests. Similarly Gaye Cariss is keen to replace a 'lost lunch date!



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Doctor Anne Woolley, the evening's guest speaker was born in Surrey, England in the mid nineteen fifties. She emigrated with her family to Australia in 1967. Anne graduated with a Veterinary Science degree in 1975.

Anne practiced at the Niddrie Veterinary Clinic Keilor Road for 41 years. More recently Anne completed a two and a half year training certificate.

Anne's own dog journey started when she was about eight years old. At 12 years of age she decided to become a vet.

Anne offered some broad pieces of advice at the start of her talk. The first is that it is always a good idea to do relevant research using reliable sources before selecting a dog for any purpose.

Another piece of advice that Anne offered from both personal experience in dealing with dogs and a good knowledge of the literature, is that we can teach dogs well with positive reinforcement and not too much punishment or negative feed back.

The next section of Anne's talk sketched out the development of animal and in particular dog behavioural studies over the least two centuries.

The origins of this science began in Germany in the nineteenth century. One of the early findings was the *clever hans* effect. This is a term used to describe when an animal or person senses what someone wants them to do, even though they are not actually being given signals.

Ivan Pavlov was another influential researcher. He showed that dogs could be conditioned to salivate at the sound of the bell if that sound was repeatedly presented at the time they were given food. After a few pairing the dogs salivated when they heard the bell even in the absence of food. This is a classic example of associative learning.

Edward Lee was at the forefront of trial and error learning. He is famous for the creation and use of puzzle box experiments with cats that led to his development of the law of effect.

Colonel Konrad Most published in 1944 one the first contemporary books on training dogs — *Training Dogs: A Manual*. Konrad started his journey though training police dogs and shortly after military dogs.



Some four decades later Karen Pryor wrote *Don't Shot the Dog: The New Art of Teaching and Training*. This approach is a more dog-centred and positive reinforcement one than the more traditional approaches. Anne comments that today we talk more in terms of (dog) manners than obedience, and we talk to dogs in more moderated tones.

Anne further notes that if you punish a dog's growl, then you are punishing its Early Warning System (EWS). Looking at the ladder of a dog's aggression as an EWS is a more empathetic approach and more likely to lead to less punitive reactions. The difference between punishment and clear and direct reinforcement is that punishment can actually make the dog's aggressive behaviour more likely.

Anne observes that a dog does not always learn what we want it to, or what it should learn. Conversely sometimes the dog's learning is unexpected.

Anne concluded her talk with four points.

1. Use positive reinforcement
2. Avoid use of physical punishment or fear.
3. Understand the misconceptions of dominance theory.
4. Think about behaviours from a dog's point of view.

Anne responded informatively to a number of questions.

President Sunil thanked her for her talk. She was presented with a small gift.

President Sunil closed the meeting after reminding us of a very special meeting on November 16 2021.

Upcoming events

- **Annual General Meeting**
Anglers tavern
Nov 16, 2021
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
- **Membership day**
Angler's Tavern
Nov 30, 2021
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM



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- **Vocational visit** (to winery)
December 2 2021 to Barokes for wine tasting starting at 3 pm. For details contact Irene Stokes or Michael Portelli.
- **Christmas Party**
Dec 07, 2021
6:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- **Breakfast meeting**
Dec 21, 2021
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM

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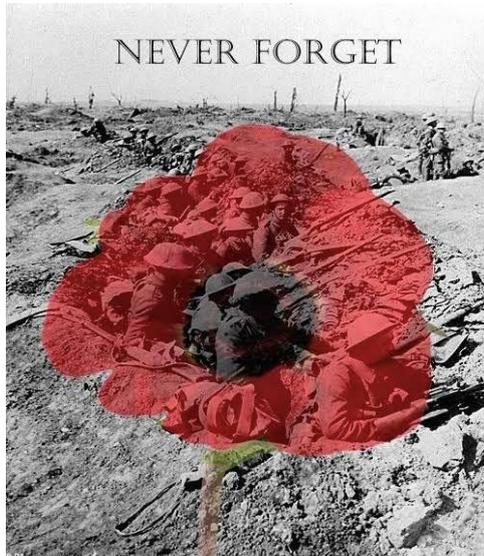
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'Is it time to go sir?'

'It is son.'

'But who will miss me sir?'

'You will be missed dearly son.'

'My mother sir, will she miss me?'

'Yes, she will son.'

'My father sir, will he miss me?'

'Yes, he will son.'

'My darling Irene, my little Rosie, will she ever know me?'

'She will, son. She will see you in the rising and the setting of the sun. She will see you in the rain and through the tears of those who love and have loved you.

Hear that bugle son? That's for you, every year you will be missed but loved forever.'

'But I'm afraid sir.'

'Come now lad, it's time to go, no need for fear. Take my hand, let's walk together through this sea of red and onward, don't look back now, onward lad, onward''

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Letter of thanks from Keilor Gateway Cluster Vic Team

Hi Steve

Could you please pass on our thanks to the Club for the generous donation of hand sanitiser and masks that Nola delivered last week. We'll be distributing them to our Days for Girls members as soon as we are able to meet again. We anticipate this will be late November. I know they'll be put to good use.

I'm looking forward to speaking to the Club in February about the amazing progress our team has made in the past few years. I think everyone at RCE will be very pleasantly surprised.

Thanks again. We appreciate the Club thinking of us.

Kind regards

Jane

Jane Odgers

Keilor Gateway Cluster Vic Team

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Request from Rotary Club of North Essendon

Presidents

The Rotary Club of Essendon North conducts a fundraiser on Oaks Day each year to raise funds for Cancer Research. Over recent years the club's donation has contributed to melanoma detection.

Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 lockdowns we have been unable to hold the event on the day for the past 2 years. However, we have decided to have a Breakout Post Oaks Day Luncheon this year on 25th November 2021.

From Midday – 4.00pm HYATT EVENT CENTRE, Larkin Street, Essendon Fields.



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2 Course Meal \$80 p.h.-Includes champers, wine, & soft drink. Plus Devonshire Tea, Free Parking .

On the Day: Sweeps, Lucky Tab Tickets, Raffles, Prizes, Lucky Door prizes.

Awards for: Lady of the Day – Best Hat, Best Shoes, Best Head Piece.

Nb: ** Full COVID vaccination certificates must be produced before admission

Bookings-Go to Trybooking:<https://www.trybooking.com/BVEJR>
or Contact: Barry Coleman 0427 852 062

Thanks
Paul

Rotary theme for November

A poster for Rotary Foundation Month. It features a black and white photo of a young child eating a banana. A large yellow Rotary gear logo is overlaid on the right side of the child's face. The text "NOVEMBER IS" is written vertically on the left. The main text reads "ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH" in large yellow and white letters. Below that is a quote: "If we can conquer space, we can conquer childhood hunger." attributed to Buzz Aldrin. At the bottom, it says "BECAUSE WE CARE MAKE A CONTRIBUTION, BE THE DIFFERENCE" and "TAKE ACTION: rotary.org/contribute". A small box on the right says "EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR".

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Snapshot of Division 9800 Environment and Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG) and its projects from ESsential News November 2021

From our District Co Chairs:

Protecting the Environment will change the way that Rotary operates.
The environment does not recognize Rotary Boundaries and structures.
We will need to learn to work together and form partnerships to achieve maximum results.

Our first District Partnership is between the International and Environmental Sustainability Committees and Donations in Kind to ship a container overseas.

We are confident that the Environmental Sustainability Committee will partner with Community to promote our local recycling projects like our Op-Shops, Recycled Sound, RIMERN and WERN.

We will also work towards Youth, Donations in Kind and this Committee to work on recycling surplus reusable school items.

Clubs will also partner in a different way to support Environmental Communities which will be defined by the local community. They will extend beyond Cluster and District boundaries. Clubs will begin to get involved in more partnerships supporting well managed existing project.

Most of us hate change, but we should embrace the opportunities to work with others as we will achieve much more that operating in isolation.

David Dippie
Co-chair

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