



## Christmas dinner meeting

### President's message

Our Christmas dinner meeting was a fun filled night enjoyed by all, the fun & laughter created an atmosphere of fellowship which I believe is a big part of Rotary to renew old friendships and foster new ones in a relaxed environment.

While we continue to do the good work for the community we live in and overseas, it is very important to ensure we look after each other in our Rotary community as well.

While the respective committees concentrate on the projects and work collaboratively to pursue their individual goals, getting together as a group is a time to enjoy with each other, welcome new members, have some fun and laughter.



A humorous skit starring Kerry and Steve Roe as Cindy and David Abbey, dressed stunningly in lycra and showing their consummate cycling skills was one of the highlights of the evening. Although Past President David's mini bike was fitted with training wheels at least at the start. As per usual some light hearted cheekiness, at times bordering on irreverence was in play. Past President David took it in his stride—or perhaps on his peddle, and no one was instructed to surrender their membership!

President Sunil was shanghaied into a santa suit but looked quite the part, after some able wardrobe assistance.

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Kunal Mutreja was awarded a Royce Abbey Award for his enthusiastic and notable contribution to our Club. Past President David Abbey presented this significant award to Kunal.



Nola Spicer and Vera Maljevac updated the meeting on the St Vinnies market stall update . So far \$500 has been raised. Nola has successfully negotiated with Moonee Pond's Central management which has allowed the stall to operate on Saturday December 5 opposite Coles in Moonee Ponds Central. RCE Member are encouraged to drop by and may be buy something.

President elect Vera has provided a further update

*I just would like to say thanks again for your assistance with the market stall last Saturday – great teamwork!*

*A special thanks to Nola for initiating and planning this project.*

*We raised a total of \$911.45, which included items sold at our meetings prior to the market day. This amount will make a difference to Vinnies, especially at this time of the year. Enjoy your weekend.*

*Cheers  
Vera*

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Hi John

Just letting you know that Cathy Nicou and I attended a presentation for Elder Abuse at the Crown Street Stables in Flemington as part of Moonee Valley's Senior's Week

## **Christmas breakfast meeting at Infinity on December 21 2021**

Twenty four members and guests attended this annual Christmas breakfast meeting that immediately precedes a Board meeting. Starting time was 7.30 am, with a scheduled end at 8.30 am. We almost made it!

The service was a bit ordinary, at least for some attendees but the mood was festive and President Sunil's brief words were apposite and festive.

Maria managed to auction off a set of six Stella Artois beer glasses for the huge sum of \$20. What's that old saying about no auction, no Rotary function?

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## Upcoming events

- **Family Tennis day**

KETC

Jan 30, 2022

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

- **Board meeting**

Angler's Tavern

Feb 01, 2022

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

- **Days for Girls**

Anglers tavern

Feb 01, 2022

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

- **Rotary District 9800 Conference 2022**

Friday April 22 to Sunday April 24 in Albury

See <https://rotarydistrict9800.org.au/sitepage/district-conference-albury-2022>

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**Thank you to !!!**

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## Time for reflection from Maurice Mollica

Christmas is a time of reflection on the mystery and meaning of God's gift of existential freedom and on the birth of Christ and on the guiding values He preached importantly of forgiveness, charity and most of all love for our families and our fellow humans. As Christians we can be guided by the example of the lived life of Jesus as well as by His spiritual message as we navigate the challenges of our modern world. For many of us, when we look deeply into those messages we must come to the view that the very foundations of Christianity require us to consider, defend, modify and pray and to deepen and assess our values in order to do good not to abuse power or be self engrossed at the expense of others. Reflect and act.

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