

THE ROTARY CLUB OF ESSENDON

President 2016-17: Maria Kouppas

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Sergeant Michael Cariss welcomed all to the meeting to inaugurate the new President Maria Kouppas, before the proceeding began the visiting District Governor Neville John was invited to the podium, DG Neville spoke about Rotary and how he initially got involved in the Rotary movement many years ago and said the Bill Gates had said that polio would not have been eradicated from the world if not for Rotary.

PP Boris Struk welcomed President Maria's family including John her husband and sons as well as Maria's neighbour.

PP Peter Halaseh invited Ian Thomas to present him with a citation and to make him an honorary member for his services to Rotary, Ian was the President of the Rotary club of Essendon in 1985-86 year. Ian said in his acceptance speech that the 5th July (day of the meeting) was his 30th anniversary of joining Rotary, he thanked all for the their support and wished President Maria all the best in her year as President of our club.

A citation was also awarded to **Jane Carbone** for the good work done by her in arranging the food at the Anglers Tavern.

PP Peter Halaseh passed on the "Chains of Office" to the new 82nd President of The Rotary Club of Essendon President Maria Kouppas. President Maria welcomed the District Governor Neville and his wife Rebecca & Assistant District Governor Colin Styles.

Roger Leask took over and welcomed the members wives Gail, Gaye, Jan, Ineka & Patricia. Sergeant Michael fined Roger for wearing a cap (provided by Rotary) at the meeting and Roger paid up, he was also informed that he will no longer get 12 copies of the RCE directory but was provided with printing paper, scissors and a stapler!

The following birthdays were read out:

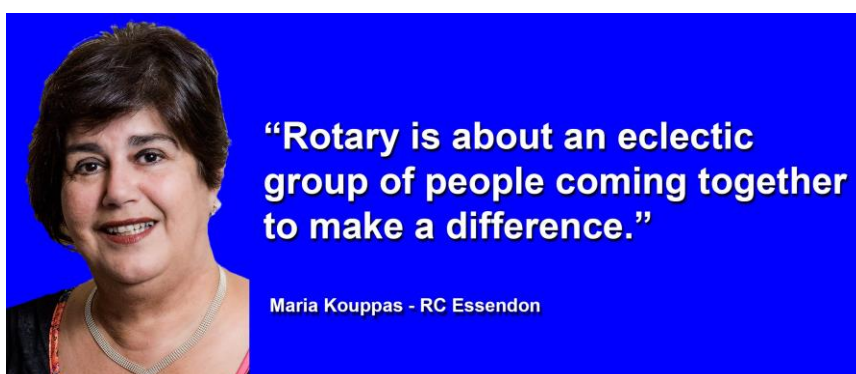
- Stephen Roe
- Gail Leask

The following induction anniversaries were read out:

- Dr Anthony Taranto
- Shirley Kukk
- Anne Ramsey

Announcement was made on the progress of Judy Steele, she has moved into a care home in Moonee Ponds and is very happy in her new home.

Newly inaugurated President Maria invited District Governor Neville John to say a few words, he said that President Maria is "all stars" and stated that our club is the backbone of D9800, he stated that Royce Abbey was mentored by the first Australian International President Angus S Mitchell who was in turn mentored by Paul Harris himself. He said that in Rotary you do what you can when you can.



President Maria said in her first speech as President that she joined Rotary to make a difference and to make a difference in the community, and by doing so set an example to her children. She said that we can all make a difference in the world working together rather than on our own. She said she wants to continue with the many projects our club has started both locally & internationally. She stated that the current membership of our club is the lowest it has been, but the existing members are enthusiastic, energised and support each other which is what is important to achieve club goals. She said we all have our individual strengths and these have to be tapped into when working as a team.

The following members received pins for their service to Rotary:

Dr Peter Condos, Kelly Abfalter, Stephen Roe, Roger Leask, Richard Lawrence, Jane Carbone, Cathy Nicou, Boris Struk, John Odgers, Peter Halaseh and Jenny Foster

Boris being presented with a PHF from RC of Melton Valley Pres Bernice Parker



Message from Assistant District Governor Colin Styles

Good morning Past Presidents, Presidents and soon to be President,

Attached please find Club Service Innovation Recognition for 2015-2016 that can be used on all your Club documentation for the next 12 months. It was awarded to both the Gateway Clusters for their cooperation and involvement in the ICE and Youth Mental Health Forum. I'm sorry it's a couple of days late in getting to you, but in my haste I managed to save it to an incorrect folder, that's the problem with 'old timers'.

Congratulations to Hugh, Angus, Peter and Himanshu on the great year that each of you and your respective Clubs have had. Best wishes to Del, Elia, Maria and Rosa for the year ahead. To Greg, Congratulations to you and the team at West Footscray for the great year that you've had and best wishes for the year ahead, I'm told that it's easier the second time around and for both our sakes I hope that they're right.

I look forward to working with you all in the new Rotary year and together we truly can 'Serve' Humanity'.

Warm regards

Col

Colin Styles

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Inauguration day in pictures



Freja's last day in Australia, with John Odgers



Gaye, Gail & Jan



District Governor Neville John addressing the members & guests



The Wives - Gaye, Gail, Jan, President Maria & Ineke – The backbone of our club!





Ian Thomas with the Citation and honorary member awards



Jane Carbone with her citation award



PP Peter Halaseh with the D9800 citation award
Given to him by the District Governor



PP Peter Halaseh presenting the Chains of Office to President Maria Kouppas



President Maria with ADG Colin Styles & DG Neville John



Kouppas family & Don Knee and family



Maria Kouppas, Husband John & proud sons

Men's Shed

Moonee Valley Strathmore Community Men's Shed (MVSCMS) is a partnership between Moonee Valley Council and three local Rotary Clubs, Essendon, Essendon North and Strathmore.

The Committee of Management consists of 2 members from each of those groups.

We are **seeking volunteers** to be members of the committee to ensure good governance and professional management of the Sheds activities.

From the Members of the committee there will be nominations for the positions of Chairperson, Deputy Chair, Secretary and Treasurer to be elected at the AGM Thursday 25 August 2016 3:00pm – 5:00pm.

Please reply to Lisa Lowcock, no later than 1st July 2016.

Note from Fellowship/Club Service - Jane Carbone

Hi all

We met for an early meeting on Monday 20/6 - for a brief chat to plan the year

We are so far planning a "dinner party raffle" for the 20th August

The rest of the year needs a bit of fine tuning but is looking as follows:

July - TBA

August- 20 dinner party raffle

Sept - 27 football grand final themed day

Oct - ? 19 Bill Early trophy event

Nov- TBA

Dec- 13 Xmas party

Jan- TBA

Feb- relay for life

March-17 St Patrick's day

April- TBA

May 16 -charter night

June -Presidents night

The art show will go in for our support too

Hope Lives in Volunteering!

We're gearing up for Moonee Valley Relay For Life 2017 and we want, and need, you!

To make it the best Relay ever we need your help to organise it, therefore you're invited to come along to our **first Volunteer Organising Committee Meeting on Monday 20 June 2016, 7.00pm at Windy Hill, Essendon.**

Do you want to make our event the best? Do you want it to grow? Do you want to have fun across the whole weekend? If you do, you would be perfect for our committee.

Committee involvement includes meetings once a month and 1-2 hours a week of follow up activities. You can do as little or as much as you can.

Everyone is welcome on Monday! We can't wait to see you.

Warm regards,

On behalf of Moonee Valley Relay For Life

Heather Trevisan

Community Engagement Coordinator – Relay For Life

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EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	VENUE
12 th July	Catherine Scerri – Bahay Tuluyan	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
19 th July	Alan Mead	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
26 th July	Mark Rusic – Iconic Melbourne Author/Artist	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
2 nd August	TBA	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
9 th August	TBA	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
16 th August	Ron Adams – ARH Team on Health	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
23 rd August	New Exchange Student – Nina – Presents to club	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
30 th August	Andrew Weatherhead – Bereaved parents & siblings support & information	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
6 th Sept	Mark Graf – Manager of Prosthetics & Orthotics at RMH	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
13 th Sept	TBA	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
20 th Sept	Malcolm Baird – RAGACS – So what can Rotarians do	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm

Thought for the day



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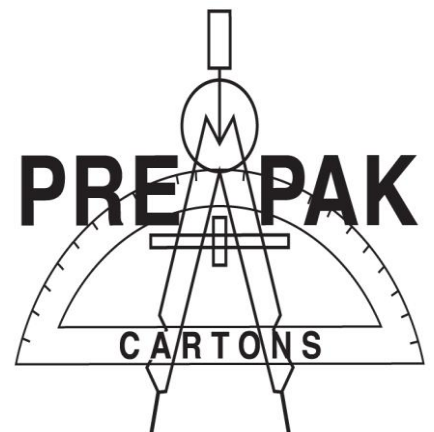
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