



Maria Kouppas
President 2016-17

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Sergeant Michael Cariss asked Roger Priestly to say grace and Dr Peter Condos to toast the Australian flag. Sergeant Michael invited our new President Maria to the podium, Maria stated that she is proud to wear the "chains of office"

President Maria asked Shirley Kukk to introduce the Bahay Tuluyan visitors from the Philippines, Shirley introduced Catherine Scerri, Daisy & Moteh. Michael Porrtelli introduced Sharon & Alan

President Maria reminded all about the "Friends of Rotary" function on the 13th September and said that the District Governor was most impressed with his last visit to our club and promised to grace the occasion on the 13th September.

President Maria extended condolences on behalf of the club to Stephen Roe for the loss of his mother.

Jane Carbone informed the members & guests present of members birthdays, the following members & spouses birthdays were mentioned: Peter Baker, Kerry Roe, John Kouppas, Maurice Mollica, Daryl Lee, & Cathy Nicou.

Jane also mentioned that on the 12th of July Tim Anderson completed 20 years in Rotary service.

It was announced that Fellowship Committee will meet on Thursday 14th July at 7pm, please contact Jane Carbone for venue.

Kelly Abfalter won the raffle but failed to draw the joker



**"Using the strengths of each
Rotarian for success in making
a difference."**

Maria Kouppas - RC Essendon



Maria Proudly wearing the Chains of Office



Catherine Scerri from Bahay Tuluyan

Shirley Kukuk invited Catherine Scerri to the podium, Catherine said she has been in the Philippines for 13 years involved in the development of Bahay Tuluyan, she said BT has improved in its service to the homeless children and said there are 4006 participants in street education and 262 sessions in drop in centres for 5010 participants. She also mentioned the following statistical results: **11,790 Volunteer hours from youth, 232 children sheltered, 131 children in schools, 552 children in bridge education, 9 in college, 69 youth leaders active, 8389 participants in youth led activities, 77 volunteers from 14 countries contributing 24,000 hours.**

Catherine also mentioned the following current activities: **Busy with farm growing food, More than 70 children in shelter and in school this new year, Youth in social enterprise, 13 youth in college this year a 45% increase from last year.**

Catherine related the story of a 5 year old street kid Jonathan who was helped and completed studies and graduated in social work now works in Boston USA as a social worker.

Catherine also mentioned that the political situation in the Philippines is very unstable with the authorities arresting and killing all those they feel are up to any form of criminal activity, she said this can include street kids who at time have to steal food to live.

She thanked Rotary for the support provided so far and said that the current needs are: **trying to raise \$84,000 to provide 12 house mothers or fathers for 200 children in shelter, Looking after the farm \$30,000, looking for support to keep Kids View going. Catherine finished by saying that the measure of success is how kids once grown up can look after themselves & others.**

The next speaker was Moteh a reformed street kid now helping other kids. He related his story, it is stated in the first person:

"My early life was happy as my father had a good job and my mother looked after myself and my siblings, but things turned bad when my mother started taking drugs and could no longer look after us, my father was worried about leaving us alone with my mother so he missed going to work and eventually lost his job and we were in a very bad way. I got involved with the wrong group and started stealing food and my brother started doing the same following my example, I was caught many times and eventually put in touch with Bahay Tuluyan this is when I was able to turn my life around, I got a job and I am now helping other young kids stay safe in our community"



Moteh talking about his life



The team with Catherine from Bahay Tuluyan with President Maria



First Birthday Brunch

Strathmore Men's Shed



The Strathmore Men's Shed is celebrating its first birthday and what a wonderful year it has been!

The Men's Shed allows skilled and unskilled men and women to access a fully-equipped workshop where they can share time together and enjoy the great sense of accomplishment that comes with producing quality products from a variety of materials.

We would like to invite you to come down to the Shed, hear about the year's achievements and share brunch with members and volunteers.

When: Saturday, 23 July, 10am-12pm

Where: Strathmore Men's Shed, 144a Mascoma St, Strathmore

RSVP: Please call 9243 8748 by Wednesday, 20 July



The Moonee Valley Strathmore Community Men's Shed Inc. is ONE YEAR OLD!!!

To celebrate this amazing community space the Sheddies would like to invite you all to join them for a **Big First Birthday Brunch** on Saturday 23rd July 2016.

You will be able to see the incredible difference a year has made in the Shed, from being a big empty space to now being one filled with not only tools and wood but lots of energy and enthusiasm.

This Men's Shed is truly unique in our city being the only Men's Shed that is run co-operatively between the Moonee Valley City Council and the community being the Rotary Clubs of Essendon, Essendon North and Strathmore. That is three Rotary Clubs in two districts and that in itself is quite an achievement.

It really is a major community project of which we should all be very proud. This shed would never have been established without the commitment and many hours of hard work by our Rotarians and the support of the local community.

It is now providing a space where many men have attended and made new friends while participating in interesting and important projects for our local community. It is in short a wonderful place to promote and maintain men's good mental, social and physical health. You might even decide that you want to join in the fun and friendship this group has to offer. You will always be warmly welcomed.

So come along around 10am to see the boys in action and enjoy celebrating our First Birthday – which we are sure will be the first of many.

If you require any further information please contact me on 0418373599 or lisa.lowcock@preceptservices.com.au

Lisa Lowcock

Pres. Moonee Valley Strathmore Community Men's Shed Inc.

Bahay Tuluyan fundraising dinner

Hi ladies, this is fast coming up and we need to ensure it is a success.

Are we looking at club members attending or is it the broader community.

Board will meet on the 26th of July, and as far as I am aware the club is not aware of this function and of course Fellowship, also to get it into the calendar and of course into contact.

Can we have some more details so we can promote this? Also note it is the same night as the Moonee Valley Foundation Event so we will have some members who may not be averrable or may come a little later.

President Maria Kouppas

Rotary Club Essendon 2016 - 2017

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SPREAD THE WORD

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE 2016 COUNCIL ON LEGISLATION

Rotary representatives from around the world who met in Chicago 10-15 April took several historic actions that will grant clubs greater flexibility in their meeting schedule and membership.

Here are answers to questions about some of this year's Council on Legislation decisions.

HOW WILL THE COUNCIL ACTION AFFECT MY CLUB'S MEETING SCHEDULE?

The Council overwhelmingly voted to eliminate limitations on how clubs conduct their meetings. Clubs now have the option of amending their bylaws to vary their meeting days and times. And they are now able to decide when to cancel a meeting, as long as they meet at least twice a month. Clubs are still expected to forward attendance reports to the district

governor within 15 days of the last meeting of each month.

WHAT CONSTITUTES A MEETING?

The Council felt strongly that clubs are in the best position to determine the meeting format that works best for their members. Any club can meet in person or online, or use a mixture of these formats. It could even use both formats at the same time. (For example, a member could use Skype to participate in a physical meeting.) Clubs can also choose to replace a traditional meeting with a service project or social event.

HOW WILL THE CHANGES AFFECT CLUB MEMBERSHIP?

Rotary will continue to recognize two kinds of membership – active and honorary. But clubs may now choose to offer additional

membership categories – such as associate, corporate, or family membership – creating alternative financial, attendance, and service expectations. However, for these members to be recorded as members of RI with the full benefits of membership, clubs must report them as active members and pay per capita dues accordingly.

DOES MY CLUB HAVE TO ADOPT THESE CHANGES?

No. The Council action did not explicitly remove or modify the existing rules and traditions in Rotary's governing documents. Any club that still wishes to follow the traditional requirements for meetings, attendance, structure, and categories of membership may continue to do so.



The Rotary Council on Legislation voted to let clubs amend their bylaws to vary meeting days and times.

WHY ARE THESE CHANGES NECESSARY?

While Rotary continues to grow at a rapid rate in some parts of the world, membership has been stable or declining in other regions, with the average age of members increasing. Through various membership pilots, clubs that have experimented with new categories of membership and with flexibility in meeting schedules have experienced growth, improved retention, and increased diversity and member engagement.

[Read a recap of the Council](#)

[Download vote totals](#)

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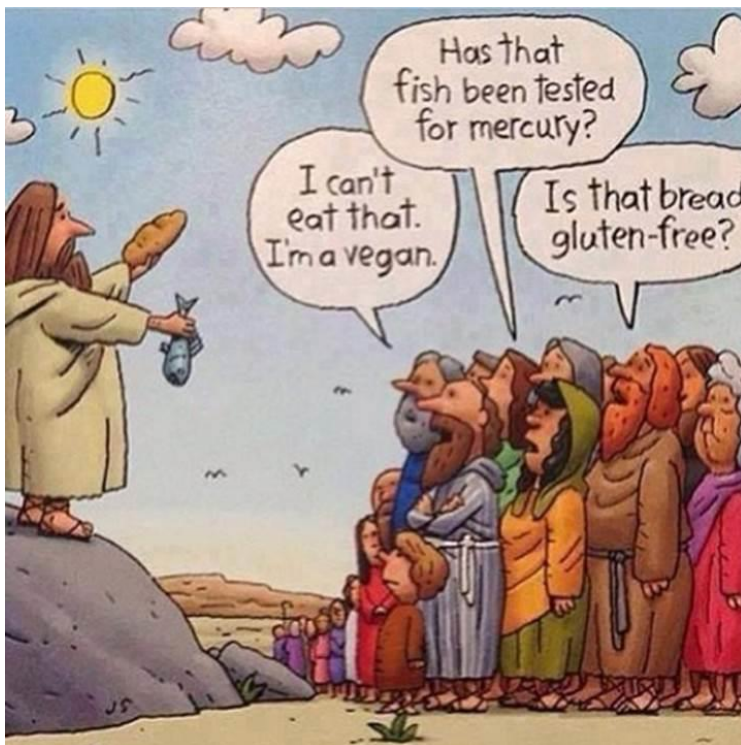


Can the following members please confirm with John Odgers the expiry year of their Working With Children (WWC) check. If any other members have a current WWC check could you also advise John.

Baker, Peter	2015
Carbone, Jane	2019
Condos, Peter	2017
Condos, Susan	2017
Foster, Jennifer	2018
Halaseh, Peter	2020
Halaseh, Sana	2020
Kukk, Shirley	2017
Lee, Daryl	2019
Odgers, John	2019
Roe, Stephen	2015
Rogers, Elizabeth	2018
Sheldon, Margaret	2017
Sheldon, Grant	TBA
Taranto, Anthony	2018

Can any other members not listed but who will be working with children as part of their Rotary activities please apply for a WWC permit through the Department of Justice, Victoria. Once granted can you please let John Odgers know.

Joke for the day



How life has changed!!!



Next week's speaker – Alan Mead

Alan Mead, born in London UK, emigrated to Australia in 1962. Qualifications in Chemistry and Physics at SE Essex Tech. Three and half years working around Australia, included-

- laboratory analysis of ore samples during initial exploration of Mt Tom Price,
- uranium ore processing at Rum Jungle, south of Darwin.
- Worked in supply of early instrumentation for laboratory chemical analysis.
- Involved with development of applications for use of high efficiency air filtration.

Has been chairman of Australian Contamination Control Society, and member of Biosafety committees involved in genetic engineering.

Was a member of Nunawading Jaycee chapter in 70s and 80s.

Has appeared on the ABC New inventors program, (and New Faces in the 70s).

EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	VENUE
19 th July	Alan Mead	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
23 rd July - Saturday	Men's Shed Big First Birthday Brunch	10am to 12 pm Men's Shed 144a Mascoma Street Strathmore
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
20 th August - Saturday	Rotary Dinner Party Raffle	
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	Friends of Rotary	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



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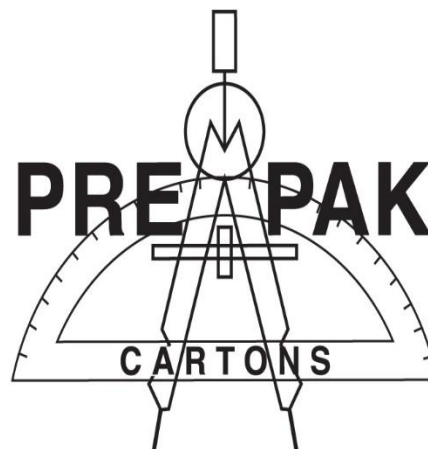
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