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Sergeant Michael called President Maria to the podium, Maria welcomed our exchange student Nina, Gaye Cariss & Gail Leask and the District Governor Neville John & his wife Rebecca as well as ADG Colin Styles and his wife June.

Maria reminded all present that Michael Portelli's mum passed away and that she had passed on condolences on behalf of the club to Michael's family. Maria also mentioned that this coming Friday will be the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the passing of our dear member Rob Thomas.

It was announced that there are 60 guests coming for tonights for Friends of Rotary event.

Richard Lawrence was made to pay a fine for celebrating his space on earth for one more year, we wish him many more years of good health, he is not short of wealth!

Sergeant Michael finally disclosed the code of the acronym (of sorts) displayed for two weeks – TYFEIWCY1DFGDA – as “Thank you for your Enquiry I will charge you 1 dollar for Guide Dogs Australia”

Michael related a story of how the late Rob Thomas saw this acronym in a pub during his travels with the Michael & family & how he wanted to know what it meant, he had to pay the \$1, and so all members and guest today had to contribute a \$1



**“The Rotary network is amazing in how it connects and supports local and international communities”**

Cathy Nicou - RC Essendon



**President Maria's quote for the day** – *"In Calm waters every ship has a good captain. The bad captains always seem to be out when the weather is rough"*

**Sam Tartaglia introduced the speaker for the day District Governor Neville John.**

DG Neville joined Central Melbourne-Sunrise Rotary in 1995 and has served Rotary in many capacities, including Club President in 2002-2003. His involvement at District level has included Group Study Exchange Team Leader to District 1160 in Ireland in 2003, GSE Committee Chair, Rotary Leadership Institute Facilitator, Assistant Governor – Riverside Cluster and Youth Service Chair.

DG Neville and Rebecca have both have been recognised by Central Melbourne-Sunrise Rotary as Paul Harris Fellows and are both Major Donors and Benefactors of The Rotary Foundation. DG Neville is also a member of the Paul Harris Society.

Neville John is a Chartered Accountant and joined the Melbourne office of an International Chartered Accounting firm of 200 employees in 1976, where he subsequently became a Partner. During a 30-year career he was Managing Partner, adviser to a range of Australian and International corporate clients, and headed client projects in the Asia/Pacific region.

**DG Neville in his talk highlighted the following matters:**

- Serving humanity is the most worthwhile thing any one of us can do with their lives
- Not a small opportunity, but a great one – ROTARY SERVING HUMANITY
- Do what we can, when we can, with whatever time we have
- Don't need much time - The right heart

DG Neville further said that "Things don't just happen, first plan then do" and actively promote what we do – then new members will come and existing ones will stay



He said clubs should start interesting projects and engage with members and be a vibrant and active club.

DG Neville highlighted some promotional opportunities:

- The Rotary Foundation Centennial – All Year
- Australian Rotary Health – Hat Day on the 7<sup>th</sup> October
- End Polio day – 24<sup>th</sup> October
- Rotary's Birthday – 23<sup>rd</sup> February
- Education Vocational Training Team – Cambodia
- Group Vocational Exchange – D3820 Philippines – Mid February 2017
- District Conference – Shepparton 30<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017

He also pointed out why we are in Rotary:

- To make a difference
- Saving & improving lives
- Restoring pride and dignity to people
- Sharing talents, knowledge & experience

And the reason to do all this – **Communities will benefit**

DG Neville also related how he became involved in Rotary when he was starting out in life, he said the people who sponsor a potential Rotarian places great faith in them and when he was approached he said he did not have enough time and the answer was – "devote any time you can spare" and he did, and never looked back.



Now for some fun and laughter



One drink was not enough for this lovely lady



after the third and the fourth she was a bit tipsy, you can see

## Invitation from the Caroline Chisholm Society

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Caroline Chisholm Society

New Site visit – Inspection

10.30am.

29 September

977 Mt Alexander Road, Essendon.

### Food Drive

RCE is running a Food Drive to help the Caroline Chisholm Society Mum's and families until the end of the year.

What they need :

Weet Bix

Pasta and sauce

Tinned soups

Tinned fruits

Any other non perishables.

Bring to RCE lunch meeting – Richard L to collect or drop off at Richard Lawrence's home.



ROTARY AUSTRALIA  
WORLD COMMUNITY  
SERVICE

Did you know that financial contributions to 'Donations in Kind' are tax deductible? The Rotary Club of Essendon has supported DIK with rental assistance and volunteer labour for many years but you can also make an individual, tax-deductible contribution. The options are:

Donation to container and freight costs - project number 31-2014-15.

Donation to DIK administration and store rental - project number 32-2014-15.

Donations can be made on-line through [www.rotarydik.org](http://www.rotarydik.org). Click on 'Projects' then 'DONATE NOW'. If using a credit card an electronic tax receipt is sent back almost immediately. Don't forget to select 'Yes' to the question regarding Rotary membership so the 3% administration fee will be waived.

Please contact Stephen Roe if you would like more information or any assistance with the donation process.

## Thought for the day

"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear." - Nelson Mandela

## New member nomination

New member Jennifer Mann an Accountant works for Victoria University, sponsored by Sunil Perera, if any member has any objection to this potential new member please make it known to the Secretary within the specified time frame

## Bill Early Trophy

The Bill Early Trophy will be contested with the Rotary Club of Essendon North at the AMF Highpoint 10 pin bowling centre on Wednesday night 12<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.

10 lanes have been booked (25 bowlers per team) the event cost is \$27 per person which includes food, bowls (2 games) shoe hire plus one drink of either beer, wine or soft drink. Food is a selection of chicken, springrolls, samosa and wedges.

Non Bowlers can purchase food & drinks at the kiosk at cost. Payment is required 1 week in advance, please contact Michael Cariss for bookings – email – [michael.cariss@bigpond.com](mailto:michael.cariss@bigpond.com) mobile 0418 991 175

**Next week 20<sup>th</sup> September - Rick Milne – Memorabilia expert – bring your goodies for comment and assessment**



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## Fundraising Dinner

Supporting projects in Cambodia

**Friday October 21<sup>st</sup> 2016**

**7.00-10.30pm**

**Strathmore Bowling Club**

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**\$55 adults**

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## Here is a lovely story -

# Every soul has value... Aikya story Time

"A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the 4 pups and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy.

"Mister," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies."

"Well," said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, "These puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money."

The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer.

"I've got thirty-nine cents. Is that enough to take a look?"

"Sure," said the farmer. And with that he let out a whistle. "Here, Dolly!" he called.

Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight. As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse.

Slowly another little ball appeared, this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing its best to catch up...

"I want that one," the little boy said, pointing to the runt.

The farmer knelt down at the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would."

With that the little boy stepped back from the fence, reached down, and began rolling up one leg of his trousers. In doing so he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe. Looking back up at the farmer, he said, "You see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands."

With tears in his eyes, the farmer reached down and picked up the little pup. Holding it carefully he handed it to the little boy.

"How much?" asked the little boy... "No charge," answered the farmer, "There's no charge for love.""

Moral: Be kind to everyone and realize every soul has it's own value and needs love. Understand every creation is to live with love. Share and care without discrimination.



## CELEBRATING WOMEN IN FOOTBALL



Windy Hill Venue Cnr Brewster & Napier Streets Essendon

Two course dinner + tea & coffee

Cost: \$35 per person (\$25 - Concession)

BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE ONLINE @

<https://www.trybooking.com/MLXO>

Join Susan Alberti, Vice President of the Western Bulldogs Football Club, for an inspiring evening as she discusses her career and passion for football and in particular, women's football. Susan was appointed Director of the AFL National Women's League Advisory Group in April, 2016.



Pre-booking and payment is mandatory (no payment on the night). Clubs may book tables of 10 and pay on that basis. Payment can be made either by direct credit to the RC of Strathmore bank Bank: BSB 633-108 Account No:115 569 840 Reference: Your surname & Club account or by credit card (Visa & Master Card only) see details below. For more information, please contact President Neil Craven on 0419 500 609

### Booking Record:

Please email [cravenco@bigpond.net.au](mailto:cravenco@bigpond.net.au)

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**DATE - 21<sup>st</sup> September Wednesday**



## EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	VENUE
20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Rick Milne – Memorabilia expert – bring your goodies for comment and assessment</b>	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Barry Davis – Footballer &amp; EFC Coach</b>	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
12 <sup>th</sup> October- Wednesday night	<b>The Bill Early Trophy will be contested with the Rotary Club of Essendon North</b>	Highpoint AMF bowling centre 7pm
1 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>Melbourne Cup</b>	NO MEETING
2 <sup>nd</sup> weekend in November	<b>Day for Girls</b>	
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Golf day (TBC)</b>	Deferred to 2017
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Steam train rally</b>	
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2016	<b>AGM – to be confirmed</b>	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2016	<b>David Abbey</b>	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas dinner meeting</b>	Vicolo Restaurant (to be confirmed)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2017	<b>Australia Day BBQ</b>	Home of Boris & Ineka Struk
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2017	<b>Fundraising dinner at DIK West Footscray</b>	
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> & Saturday 18 February 2017	<b>Relay for Life</b>	
March 2017	<b>Delegation to Myanmar &amp; Cambodia</b>	
March 2017	<b>Art Show</b>	
30 <sup>th</sup> March to 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017	<b>District Conference</b>	
May 2017	<b>Graffiti clean-up day</b>	TBC
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	<b>Charter Night</b>	
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	<b>Presidents Night</b>	



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