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President Maria's message

Rotary is all about community, working as one, making a difference by bringing likeminded people together to achieve amazing results.

I have never been as proud to be a Rotarian as I was on Sunday seeing what can be done. Bringing people together, Grandparents with their grandchildren, families re-living the steam train trip they took when the club last ran the steam train trips, photographers, interested citizens and new families taking their children on their first steam train trip.

The weather was so kind to us. The ground work in planning an event like this to happen certainly came about because of the commitment and perseverance of the organizing group and being able to tap into the many Rotarians and their Partners to come along on the day to help. Whether selling sweets, doughnuts, raffle tickets, sausages (Gourmet or Regular) or a photo on the platform with the steaming engine running, all made for a massive effort with amazing results either as a PR exercise within the community or in the form of well needed funds for the Club and the Essendon Historical Society.



**“Rotary provides the opportunity,
that together we can change
things.”**

Kelly Abfalter - RC Essendon



Stephen Chandler, Richard Lawrence, Alistair Fraser, Lino Airo-Farulla, Peter Condos, Roger Priestly (Boundy's), thank you guys well done, and then let's not forget all the other Rotarian's that came along and volunteered to make the day a success. I also want to mention the support from those in the community who donated product for sale on the day, prizes for the raffle or simply agreeing to assist by picking up or dropping off what was needed. Loong See Fong (Coffex) again bought his team along to serve coffees for one and all, again donating so generously of their time, service and product. And the bread that miraculously appeared thank you Cathy and Nick Nicou. And who could miss the wonderful signs around the area kindly donated by Alf Puglia.

Congratulations to all the members of the Community Committee on another successful project.

Thank you to each and every one of you, your partners and your families as I am fully aware that weekends are very special and giving so generously of your time made Sunday a day to be really proud of.

Today was the Forum and what was clearly evident was that we needed more time. Thank you to all who presented and to the members who forwarded questions for discussion. We decided on holding a day Forum from feedback from last year's Board. But being fair we clearly needed more time. For this reason I will discuss with Board re scheduling another such day early in February as we enter the second half of the Rotary year. Outcomes from the RDNS project, updates on the Art Show and other issues that arise can be addressed. Next week remember we have our AGM where Past President Peter Halaseh will report on his Board achievements in 2015 -2016.

A reminder that we have quotes from all the Board members as to what Rotary means to you, but we need quotes from the members. Your photos are ready thanks to Boris, but we need your quotes. Please forward these to either myself or Boris as we want to include a greater variety of faces and messages in our weekly contact.

I still have spaces on the Rotary Club of Essendon table for the Cluster Muster on the 30th November. Please think about joining John and I as we don't want to be sitting alone – see details of attached flyer.

Other Matters

Sergeant Michael called Shirley Kukuk to say grace and Alistair Fraser to toast the Australian Flag and country.

President Maria introduced the new guest Larry Marshall and mentioned that Larry and she had been to school together and said she was glad to see him after all these years and welcomed him, Maria also welcomed Nina our exchange student.

The birthdays were announced – President Maria's next Monday as well as Judy Pepi's

Acting Secretary Peter Baker called on Veronica who reported on the success of the 2015 & 2016 Art Show held by our club together with the Rotary Club of East Keilor. She said the next Art show will be held in a similar manner on the 24th March 2017 and the proceeds from the Art show will go to improve the living standard of people living in slums in Lima Peru. Veronica thanked Grant Sheldon and Jane Odgers for volunteering to come on board to help.

Stephen Chandler made the point that in order to ensure maximum publicity for this project it is essential that the club engage in social media so that younger generation can share on face book.

Veronica asked members who are able to help to inform her.

Alistair Fraser spoke next about the proposed Royal District Nursing Services Building that Jack Honson has prepared a draft design, this design was shown and explained to the members present by Jack. It was stated that it is possible to obtain space in the proposed building to hold the RCE meetings.

Maria informed all that the BBQ was now repaired. Veronica proposed having a form to be completed by anybody who is interested in assisting the Club but not necessarily ready to join the club, she said there are many people who may want to be involved in specific projects and would like to receive our bulletin but due to family reasons may not be ready yet to join. Veronica also said that there should be a definition of "Friends of Rotary" Maria said she will put this to the Board.



PP Lisa said that the title "Friends of Rotary" has changed as some are past members others are contributors so a definition is required.

The next topic was the attendance form that the Club Secretary proposed, Veronica said that this should be made simple, to be taken up at a later date.

Neil Henderson spoke to all about Club runner and the benefits of using same, he explained some of the features but due to lack of time asked any member present to speak to him after the meeting.

Maria closed the meeting with the following quote – "We aren't going to agree on everything and there will be other areas where we will be working together" – Bill Scott.

**2017 DISTRICT 9800
CONFERENCE
SHEPPARTON - VICTORIA
30 MARCH - 1 APRIL**



Connecting Communities - Serving Humanity

Dear Rotarians and Friends

This is a short note to give you an update of the Rotary D9800 Conference in Shepparton in 2017.

We have a great range of speakers and entertainers on our program and you can see their details on our website. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates (<https://www.facebook.com/D9800Conference/>).

If you haven't registered yet, there are discounts and concessions available for early bird registration. These apply to bookings made and paid for by November 30th, so get in quick while the offer lasts. Registrations can be made through our website www.rotaryconference.org.au.

If you have registered, check out the website for ideas about pre and post conference tours. Of particular note is a visit to the cellar door of our Official Wine Supplier, Tallis Wines. The wine, food and views are great and there is a walking trail for the energetic. Tallis is offering visitors discounts of 10% if you buy 6 bottles of wine at the cellar door and 25% if you join their wine club.

I hope this update is useful and I look forward to seeing you in Shepparton in 2017.

Yours in Rotary

Kevin Love
Conference Chair

**Early bird offers until 30th November 2016. Accommodation bookings are going fast.
See Jenny Foster re accommodation.**



Club Runner

Dear Essendon Rotarian,

At today's Club Forum I gave a brief overview of Clubrunner and what functions it can perform for our club.

Many members aren't aware that they can log into Clubrunner and take a look at what it does. Specifically everyone should check their profile to see that it is all correct and up to date – especially **birthdays** of both yourself and your partner – because the Sergeant's information is drawn from here.

Following the meeting I spoke with Steve Wojnarowski who is gathering data on who has a Working With Children card. Steve does not need to do this. We can do it all ourselves. I have added a new Data Field called Working With Children and next to this is a date field. If you have one of these cards please add your EXPIRY DATE to this field. This immediately flags you as a card holder.

Here's what to do:

1. Open our web page www.rce.org.au and in the top Right Hand corner click on Member Area.
2. A Login box will appear. If you have never logged in before type in your name separated by full stops and with the number 6172 at the end. It will look like this: John.Smith.6172
A password will now be emailed to you from Clubrunner. Use this to "get in" the first time.
3. The web Home Page will reappear. Go back to the top right corner and click on MEMBER AREA. This takes you into Clubrunner.
4. Don't be scared as it does look daunting to start with. In the **middle** of your screen under the heading My Clubrunner you will see "Edit My Profile" Click on this.
5. Check through your details. If you want to change anything click on the EDIT button and the screen will reopen in edit mode. Make your changes and then scroll down to bottom of screen to SAVE. **This may be the time to set up a Login and Password more familiar to you.**
6. On the first profile page, at the bottom under Custom Fields, you will see the Working with Children field. If you are a cardholder click on EDIT and add the EXPIRY DATE of your card. Click on SAVE
7. We now know you are card holder and for how long. No date means no card.

Look further around Clubrunner if you desire. There may be areas where you will not be able to access which will be due to your current security level. This can only be changed by an Administrator.

Thanks for taking 5 minutes to do this and saving Steve a lot of work.

Neil Henderson



THE CLUBS OF ROTARY DISTRICT 9800 COMBINED GATEWAY CLUSTERS INVITE
ROTARIANS, PARTNERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO OUR FIRST
'CLUSTER MUSTER AND FUNDRAISER'

WHEN: WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2016

TIME: 6.30 FOR 7.00PM; CONCLUDING AT 9.00PM

WHERE: STARLIGHT ROOM, TAYLORS LAKES HOTEL, 7 MELTON KEILOR HIGHWAY, TAYLORS LAKES

COST: \$35.00 PER HEAD FOR A TWO COURSE MEAL / WITH DRINKS AT BAR PRICES

BOOKINGS: PREBOOKING IS ESSENTIAL, AS WE NEED TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF NUMBERS ATTENDING TO THE MANAGEMENT OF TAYLORS LAKES HOTEL APPROXIMATELY A WEEK PRIOR TO THE EVENT.
PLEASE ADVISE YOUR NOMINATED CLUB REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS
AND PAYMENT MAY BE MADE THROUGH YOUR CLUB TREASURER.

GUEST SPEAKER:

JUDY MADIGAN

Former Speaker of the Victorian Legislative Assembly and MLA for Essendon

Topic:

*'The role of Speaker in our Parliamentary process and an insider's reflections on the apparent **'loss of faith'** in the political process in the Western world.'*



FUNDRAISER:

This evening's event is also a fundraiser for our Cluster Project, which is to build a number of toilet blocks in Bangladeshi schools. Assistant Governor Gateway West Cluster, Doctor Ejanul Haque will, prior to dinner, provide an overview of the project and the impact that these facilities have on the schools and their associated communities.

The fundraising will not involve raffles or auctions however; you will be advised on the night just how you may be able to contribute to this very worthwhile project.

This project addresses two of Rotary's Areas of Focus namely: **'Water and Sanitation'** and **'Basic Education and Literacy'**.



Come and join us as we
once again demonstrate
'Service Above Self'





Essendon Rotary Steam Train Day

There was movement at the station
Because word had passed around
That the R Class 707 - was on its way
With their tickets at the ready
And excitement getting heady

The platform filled with customers at bay
For the Essendon Rotary Steam Train day
The old fashioned cars - Pullman and the rest
Showed us just how - the oldies were treated
Comfortable seats and carriages heated

With Silver service - at its best
The Historical Society was also there
Asking the public to show that they care
Preserve our history - make a donation
While we are here - at the Essendon station

Volunteers everywhere and dressed to suit
With period costumes - all looked beaut
We heard the cry - All ABOARD

The whistle blew - as the throttle floored
Then - as the carriages started to glide
The feeling of yesteryear not denied

For fun was had by all inside

Open the windows - let the soot fly in
Clackitty clack - of the under carriage din

To blow that whistle with a full head of steam

While in his bed - it's every boy's dream

As a grownup - I would still - want to do

And if you got the chance - I'll bet you would too
The sound of the whistle - fading down the track

Please mister driver - next year -----

Bring the train back

Words: Roger Leask 20th Nov 2016

Photo & layout: Boris M Struk

Well done Community Committee And thanks to all involved



A blast from the past, beautiful!



Councillor Richard inspecting the train!



Helpers at the Steam Train Project – Roger, John and Neil



First class traveller with the railway workers



"It's your turn to drive the Train, no it's not it's yours"



Rotary



Fashion Styling Workshop at Blue Illusion

91 Puckle St

Moonee Ponds 3039

Thursday 24th November 2016

6 pm—9 pm

\$10 per person

Come along and enjoy a glass of bubbly and some nibbles as you see the new season range and learn how to make it work for you during a fun and friendly night.

**15% of all sales on the night go to the
Rotary Club of Essendon**

If you cannot make it on the night be sure to pop in to the store before hand, select your fashion pieces and the transaction will be processed on the day of the fundraiser for your sale to be directed to the

Rotary Club of Essendon

RSVP LISA LOWCOCK

Lisa.lowcock@preceptservices.com.au

Door prizes, raffles, and more!

*****Bring along a friend or two but get in quick as numbers are strictly limited!**



Rotary Club of Essendon - Christmas 🎄 Party 13th December 2016

HARRY'S BAR in Young St Moonee Ponds

6.30 for 7pm start

3 course dinner and tea / coffee

Drinks at bar prices

(Or BYO wine only \$8/bottle)

\$70/ head

This includes a glass of bubbly or orange juice on arrival and a ticket to our Christmas raffle with lots of fabulous Christmas prizes

🎁 to be won on the night

Note we will set up try booking within the week.....

EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	VENUE
29 th Nov 2016	AGM	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
6 th December 2016	David Abbey	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
Tuesday 13 th December	Christmas dinner meeting	Harry's Bar 9 Young Street Moonee Ponds (formerly Vicolo)
Tuesday 20 th December	Board meeting followed by Breakfast	Poynton's Café The Boulevard Aberfeldie @7.30 am
Tuesday 27 th December to 10 th January 2017	NO LUNCH MEETINGS	
17 th January 2017	Joint meeting with RC Essendon North	To be confirmed
24 th January 2017	Steve Roe & Richard Lawrence – Kokoda Trek	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
Thursday 26 th January 2017	Australia Day BBQ	Home of Boris & Ineka Struk
Friday 3 rd February 2017	Fundraising dinner at DIK West Footscray	
Fri 17 & Sat 18 February 2017	Relay for Life	
3 rd March 2017	Delegation to Myanmar & Cambodia	
Fri 24 th March 2017	Art Show Gala Opening	
Sat 25 th & Sun 26 March	Art Show	
30 th March to 1 st April 2017	District Conference	
May 2017	Graffiti clean-up day	TBC
Tuesday 16 th May 2017	Charter Night	



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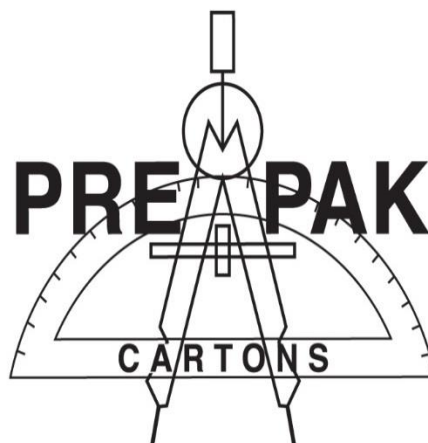
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