



Maria Kouppas
President 2016-17

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President Maria's message

Confirmation of President 2018-19 - Maria Kouppas announced that Veronica is confirmed as the President Nominee for 2018 - 2019 and wished her well on behalf of all the club.

Annual General Meeting of the Rotary Club of Essendon Inc.

Anglers Tavern

29th November 2016

Agenda

Welcome - Maria Kouppas

Visitors - Jennifer Mann and AG Colin Styles

Apologies; Shirley Kuk, Peter Condos, Steve Roe, Roger Leask, Jenny Foster, Jane Carbone, Richard Lawrence, Peter Halaseh, Boris Struk

Declare a quorum

President's Report 2015-16 Peter Halaseh-due to personal family reasons this item was postponed to a later date.

Treasurer's Report 2015-16 - Sam Tartaglia presented his financial report and answered questions from the members present.



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

Kelly Abfalter - RC Essendon



Confirmation of Auditor 2017-18 - Maria Kouppas – announced that John Gregory will continue to be the assigned Auditor and this was confirmed by our current Treasurer in Kelly Abfalter.

Announcement of Board 2017-18 - Lisa Lowcock announced the Board for 2017-2018 as decided upon by President Elect Jenny Foster who is currently in Cambodia

Confirmation of President 2018-19 - Maria Kouppas announced that Veronica is confirmed as the President Nominee for 2018 - 2019 and wished her well on behalf of all the club.

The AGM was officially closed and Acting Secretary Peter Baker asked for questions from the floor considering that the week before at the Forum we did not have enough time. Neil Henderson made himself available to assist members in registering for Conference to take advantage of the Early Bird Rates. President Maria asked all members to register into My Rotary as a request from the Assistant Governor from District. Cathy Nicou informed the club of the successful Blue Illusions event held last Thursday and the Club will be represented at the Cluster Muster on Wednesday night.

Other Matters

RCE STEAM TRAIN DAY

Community committee ran "Steam Train Day" last Sunday to raise funds for Essendon Historical Society (EHS), to assist with the Refurbishment of the old Moonee Ponds Courthouse, home of EHS, which was seriously damaged by fire earlier this year.

We were favoured by a beautiful day and the wonderful sound of the steam train whistle as it departed for each trip and the aura of a trip on a steam train.

The committee led by Richard Lawrence and Steve Chandler and assisted by Peter Condos, Alistair Fraser and Lino Airo-Farulla hired a steam train for \$12,000 and ran a series of 5 trips departing from Essendon station at 9-45am until 7pm.

Trips were to Box Hill and return (twice), Albion-Broadmeadows passing over the 2 highest bridges in Victoria and return, Wyndham Vale and return and finally a one-way trip to Newport, again passing over those 2 famous bridges, with return by public transport or private means!!

At Essendon station RCE set up small commercial centre featuring our famous BBQ Trailer which was kept busy all day selling the famous RCE BBQ sausages; a drink, lollies and fruit stall; a cappuccino coffee stall; the inevitable raffle ticket stall; a photo stall (have your photo taken with the mighty steam train engine); finally train ticket stall for passengers who had not pre-booked and purchased a ticket on the day.

On each train we had mobile drinks, lollies and fruit stall. Members and friends staffed the stalls in what was an excellent effort by our Club. Thanks to all who participated.

Financially we did very well, with the profit to be split 20% and 80% between RCE and Essendon Historical Society.

Special thanks to all the various donors who provided raffle prizes, fruit, etc, which helped to make the "Steam Train Day" so successful.

Next week's speaker

David Abbey – 6th December at 12.30pm for 1pm start



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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.**



To be a Rotarian

Words by Doug Slater

Published in the Cairns Sun, May 17, 2016

It takes a unique quality to set aside one's needs
and join a special club to ensure dreams succeed
It takes determination that comes from deep within
It takes one of a kind – to be a Rotarian.

It takes one who is willing to heed a call for help
It takes belief to act in Service Above Self
It takes a heart of gold to say, "Yes, count me in"
It takes rock-solid character – to be a Rotarian.

It takes time and patience and staying to the end
and a stranger's cry for help for you to be their friend
It takes dealing with rejection and leading with your chin
It takes real humility – to be a Rotarian.

It takes far-reaching vision to see when people fall
and a hand outstretched to help them again stand proud and tall
It takes a shoulder to the wheel and words of "Let's begin!"
It takes a voice of hope – to be a Rotarian.

It takes a kind of magic to achieve the things they've done
Teamwork – trust – tenacity, and of course a lotta fun!
It takes all of the above, but when all is said and done
It just takes one who cares ... TO BE A ROTARIAN.

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.....



DIK in pictures – our members at work



Top left – Jenny Foster, Top right – some of the helpers, bottom left – John Odgers in red hat

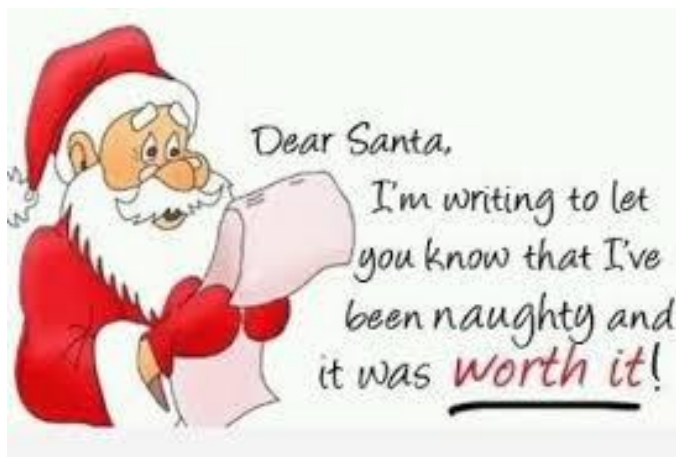
Great work Guys (ooopps!), Great work Chaps (ooops!), Great work Ladies (ooops!), Great work people! (finally got it right!)



EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	VENUE
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
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	

My Christmas letter to Santa





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