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President Maria was invited to the podium accompanied by the haunting song tunes of “Maria” President Maria welcomed the many guests present today, namely Mayor of Moonee Valley Andrea Surace, Past President Anne Rogers, Maree McLelland, Sue Condos, Jan Thomas, Eileen Mashford, Marilyn McIntyre, Jennifer Lawrence, Sana Halaseh and her guest Lucy, Mary Henderson, Margarite Portelli, Gail Leask, Angelina Airo-Farulla, our exchange student Nina and the lovely Stephanie granddaughter of Lino & Angelina (I hope I have not missed out on any)

President Maria announced that Wings away Travel has donated \$2,260 to the Rotary Club of Essendon. Maria also said that a number of members visited the Toyota factory today.

The raffle was won by Lino but he failed to draw the joker from the pack. Sergeant Michael announced the birthdays and anniversaries of the following members, Michael Pepi, Alistair Fraser & Michael Cariss, they duly paid their fines!

Dr Peter Condos asked all to register for the Relay for Life and said that the organisers needed two cars with towbars to help on the Relay for Life day

Veronica informed all to take the Art show flyers on each table and place same in their individual work places, she and Lisa spoke to all present about the Gala Night and requested all to join in the fun. PP Lisa Lowcock informed all that the Club Board has approved that the funds from the Art Show be used to fund the good work of DIK



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

Cathy Nicou - RC Essendon



PP Lisa Lowcock spoke to the members & guests about the support provided by DIK to a very unfortunate young 19 year old girl Val who was stricken by paraplegia and how the required equipment from DIK help support her.

The Mayor of Moonee Valley Cr Andrea Surace was asked to say a few words and she thanked the club for inviting her and she said she admired the work done by Rotary and would love to come as often as possible.

Speaker for the day - Hannie Rayson

Hannie Rayson is an award-winning [Australian](#) playwright and newspaper columnist. She is recognised as one of Australia's most significant playwrights.

Rayson was born in [Melbourne, Victoria](#) and graduated from the [University of Melbourne](#) and the [Victorian College of Arts](#). She has worked as a freelance journalist and editor in addition to her primary career as playwright and screenwriter. Rayson was the co-founder of the community theatre group, [Theatreworks](#) in Melbourne's inner eastern suburb of St Kilda, working there for four years while writing. Rayson has been writer-in-residence at Geelong's Mill Theatre, [Playbox Theatre](#), [La Trobe University](#) (which has awarded her an Honorary Doctorate of Letters), and [Monash University](#).

Rayson's first major success was *Hotel Sorrento*, which won several prizes including an [AWGIE Award](#). The play has become an Australian classic, regularly performed by regional theatre groups, and appearing in university courses and on the high school syllabus. The [film of the play](#), directed by [Richard Franklin](#), won an [AFI Award for best screenplay](#) (Peter Fitzpatrick and Franklin). In 2010, the play's London debut won critical acclaim.

Her more recent works are *Falling from Grace*, *Scenes from a Separation* (written with [Andrew Bovell](#)), *Competitive Tenderness*, *Life After George*, *Inheritance*, *The Glass Soldier*, *The Swimming Club* and *Extinction*.

Rayson's commitment to plays that engage with social issues was most evident in her 2005 work *Two Brothers*, an attack on the hardline asylum seeker policy of Australia's conservative Howard government. The play provoked bitter controversy, especially from people who saw its central character, a ruthless politician, as a cruel parody of Australia's deputy prime minister, Peter Costello. Rayson claimed that Costello, who had played no part in asylum seeker policy, was not her target: she was satirising the government as a whole, and exploring the phenomenon of the family rent by political division and sexual tension.

Rayson was the joint recipient of the [Sidney Myer Performing Arts Award](#) in 1996 and has won Victorian and [New South Wales Premier's Literary Awards](#) and the [Helpmann Award for Best New Australian Work](#). She is the only playwright ever to be nominated for the [Miles Franklin Award](#), for *Life After George*.

In 2015, Rayson published a funny and candid memoir called *Hello, Beautiful!* Her TV writing credits include two episodes of *SeaChange*.

Hannie related some very interesting excerpts from some of her writings.

President Maria's quote for the day – “What you do, the way you think, makes you beautiful” - Scott Westerfeld



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RELAY for LIFE 2017

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Moonee Valley 2017

25 teams 196 participants \$13,671.80 raised

We've raised **\$13,671.80**

Our Relay goal **\$200,000.00**

6%

*Totals above may not include all donations, sponsorships or registration fees.

When
Friday, 17 February 2017
7pm Fri to 4pm Sat
Add to my calendar

Where
Aberfeldie Athletics Track,
Corio Street
Moonee Ponds
Victoria

Contact
Heather Trevisan
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mooneevalley@relayforlife.org.au

20 days to go!

Register

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Survivor/Carer Lap

Register and pay by going to

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Copy & paste the above URL into your web-browser

Click **Register Now**
then **Join a Team** and enter Rotary Club of Essendon
then **Join** and enter your details. Don't forget to select your T-shirt size.

NEXT fill out the attached roster on who will attend and what time slot and especially if you are available for the work roster to set-up, manage breakfast and clean up
THEN e-mail back to me.

Please contact Dr Peter Condos for the roster

See below the roster to complete



2017 Rotary Club of Essendon Relay for Life Team
Friday 17 February 2017 to Saturday 18 February 2017
Aberfeldie Athletics Track

Contact: Peter Condos Mobile: 0411 124325 Email: pcondos@bigpond.net.au

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|-----------------------|--|------------|----------------------------------|
| Friday 7.00 pm | Opening Ceremony – Survivors Lap | 5.00 am | |
| 7.00 pm | P Condos | 6.00 am | |
| 7.30 pm | P Condos/ P Halaseh | 6.30 am | Breakfast R Priestley |
| 8.00 pm | L Lowcock J Odgers A Fraser | 7.00 am | L Airo-Farulla |
| 8.30 pm | J Odgers | 7.30 am | |
| 9.00 pm | M Portelli | 8.00 am | |
| 9.30 pm | M Portelli | 8.30 am | Breakfast |
| 10.00 pm | M Portelli M Mollica | 9.00 am | A Ramsay |
| 10.30 pm | M Portelli M Mollica R Leask R Priestley | 9.30 am | |
| 11.00 pm | Kelly & Vic Abfelter R Leask | 10.00 am | T Hycenko |
| 11.30 pm | Kelly & Vic Abfelter R Leask | 10.30 am | |
| Saturday | | 11.00 am | V O'Sullivan |
| 12 midnight | Kelly & Vic Abfelter | 12.00 noon | |
| 1.00 am | | 1.00 pm | S Perera |
| 2.00 am | P Baker | 2.00 pm | |
| 3.00 am | | 3.00 pm | |
| 4.00 am | | 4.00 pm | Closing Ceremony / Presentations |

| Set Up Team – 4:00 pm Friday | Breakfast Team – Saturday 6.00 am | Clean Up Team – 3:00 pm Saturday |
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| P Condos | P Condos | L Aero-Farulla |
| D Lee | P Halaseh | S Perera |
| V O'Sullivan | P Duras | |
| R Leask | R Priestley | |
| | J Odgers | |
| | R Lawrence | |



MOONEE VALLEY

Art Show



As you are aware, the **3rd Annual Moonee Valley Art Show** is fast approaching. Once again it will be held at St Columbans North Park Mansion, 69 Woodland St Essendon. The Gala opening on Friday March 24th will be a wonderful night. Please put in your calendar now.

Volunteers are needed for the following dates in **March**:

Thurs 23 – set up. Need some strong bodies for the morning especially.

Fri 24 – Hanging the pictures, setting up Marquis etc. Some strong bodies needed again in morn

Sat 25 & Sun 26 – exhibition, sales, many other roles to be filled from 10am -6pm

Mon 27 – pack down & clean up in the morning.

Please consider volunteering for this major Club event of the year. Shifts will be approximately 4 hours, or more if you are keen, and tasks will be allocated in due course.

Please email your availability ASAP to Veronica at veronicaosullivan@bigpond.com or call or text 0418 537 253.

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE - DELEGATION TO PERU

The international committee are in the process of organising a delegation to South America to view our projects with St Bernadette's and Rotary Club of LaMolina in Lima, Peru.

Tentative plans have us departing Melbourne on 6 October. If you are interested in joining the delegation please contact Lisa, Veronica or Shirley for further information.

Shirley Kukuk



Guest Speaker Hannie Rayson



President Maria with the Mayor Moonee Vally Cr Andrea Surace & Anne Rogers & Guest



Andrea Surace, Richard Lawrance & Maria



Angelina & Lino with grand daughter Stephanie



President elect of the Rotary Club of Essendon!!!



International Committee Valentines day meeting



President Maria with Past President Anne Rogers (left)



EVENTS CALENDAR

| DATE | SPEAKER/EVENT | VENUE |
|--|---|--|
| Fri 17 & Sat 18 February 2017 | Relay for Life | |
| 21 st February 2017 | Essendon Historical Society Cheque Presentation | The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm |
| 24 th February 2017 | Rotary Foundation dinner with Cluster \$40 per head | Taylors Lakes Hotel 7pm – 10pm |
| 28 th February 2017 | Walk Down Memory Lane – Steve Chandler | The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm |
| 3 rd March 2017 | Delegation to Myanmar & Cambodia | |
| 7 th March 2017 | Veronica O'Sullivan – Moonee Valley Art Show | The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm |
| 14 th March | St Patrick's day meeting | The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm |
| 21 st March 2017 | Senior Sergeant Ian Jones OIC North West Metro Region | The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm |
| Fri 24 th March 2017 | Art Show Gala Opening | |
| Sat 25 th & Sun 26 March | Art Show | |
| 28 th March 2017 | Fellowship | The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm |
| 30 th March to 1 st April 2017 | District Conference | |
| 4 th April 2017 | Speaker -TBA | The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm |
| 11 th April 2017 | Speaker - TBA | The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm |
| 18 th April 2017 | Easter Tuesday | NO MEETING |
| 21 st April 2017 | Greek night | Venue TBA |
| 25 th April 2017 | ANZAC Day | NO MEETING |
| 2 nd May 2017 | Peter "Grubby" Stubbs – 3AW | The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm to 2pm |
| 9 th May 2017 | Charter Night – Speaker Neil Comrie | Ascot House |
| 16 th May 2017 | WERN – Ross Butterworth | The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm to 2pm |
| 23 rd May 2017 | Speaker -TBA | The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm |
| 30 th May 2017 | Rotary Presents | The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm |
| 6 th June 2017 | DG Visit & Fellowship | The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm |
| 13 th June 2017 | Nina Lovengreen | The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm |
| 20 th June 2017 | President Maria's final meeting | The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm |
| 24 th June 2017 | President's night | Venue to be confirmed |



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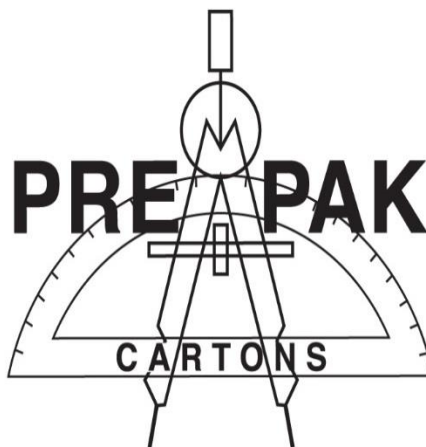
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