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Maria Kouppas President 2016-17

Sergeant Michael called President Maria to the podium to the strains "Maria" from the musical Sound of Music! President Maria welcomed all including the guests Assistant Governor Colin Styles, David Abbey, new member Andrew Johnston and our exchange student Nina.

President Maria made the following announcements:

- Requested all to put up their hand and help at the Art show
- The Moonee Valley festival was a great success •
- Kangan Awards night was attended by John Odgers representing the Youth & Vocational Committee and one of the awards we have sponsored was presented to Fadi Adel Azeez Foundation adult learner for 2016 for Information Technology programmer originally from Iraq who is now caring for his mother and supporting his brother.
- Three prospective new members in the pipeline and a couple more to confirm their intentions, President Maria stated • that we need to care for members as they are precious and hard to get.
- Our club members are off tomorrow to Myanamar and Cambodia. Wishing Tim Anderson, Anne Ramsay, Richard Lawrence & Tamsin, Nina Lovengreen, Jane Carbone, Jenny Foster, John & Jane Odgers, Kelly & Vic Abfalter and Dianne Sloggett as safe and memorable trip
- A special note of condolences to Mary & Sam Tartaglia and their extended family on the passing away of Mary's mother in January 2017

"Rotary provides the opportunity, that together we can change things."

Kelly Abfalter - RC Essendon

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#### Jenny Mann won the raffle but failed to draw the joker

Sergeant Michael announced the birthdays, Stephan Chandler's wife Pam's birthday as well as Shirley Kukk's they both had to pay a fine.

Don Knee was inducted into the Rotary Club of Essendon 37 years ago!!

It was also announced that the Caroline Chisholm Society will be opening their new building next Saturday.

Roger Leask who was the sole attendee at the Cluster group meeting (that was cancelled) was asked to pay a fine as well!

Veronica O'Sullivan spoke about the upcoming Art Show and reminded all to take some flyers and distribute them at their offices and other public places. She also requested that volunteers are needed.

David Abbey informed all that his mother Jean would love to meet any members and share a cup of tea and he requested any member wishing to call on Jean Abbey to call her beforehand to inform her.

#### Maria's quote for the day

"My memories are inside me, they are not things or a place, I can take them anywhere" – Olivia Newton John

#### <u>Speaker for the day – Stephen Chandler – A walk down memory lane</u>

Steve gave a very interesting talk about the history of the Rotary Club of Essendon.

With the help of a power-point presentation Steve showed pictures of the very first members when the club chartered in 1935 this photo included Paul Harris who was in Melbourne at that time.

Steve pointed out the various projects that the Rotary Club of Essendon was initiated & involved in:

- The Pioneers Retreat was the first major project of the club in 1937, it was later extended and other retreats were opened in Queens Park & Kensington. These were the first Men's sheds
- Rowallan, this was originally purchased with the intention of teaching reforestation to school children, it was later donated to the Scouts and the club assisted in the rebuilding after the 1983 bush fires
- Rotary Club of Essendon was one of the 1<sup>st</sup> clubs to be involved in student exchange and has remained active in the program since
- The other projects initiated by the RCE were, The Royal District Nursing Service, The traffic School, The Sound Shell in Queens Park and the Wal Donnelly Day Hospital among others.
- The Multiple Sclerosis Caravan families, the community caravan for fundraising, the community fountain opposite the Town Hall and the paint your heart out projects were some of the other projects.
- Other interesting fundraising projects included, A gun shoot with Maurice Mollica, The Football Hall of fame, Rotary BBQ and Wal Dibben promoting an early Art Show

Steve also spoke about some of the very interesting members who graced our club, one of them was Col Nelson Wellington War Hero, Town Clerk of Essendon, Founding member of our club and 3<sup>rd</sup> President of the Rotary Club of Essendon. Steve presented a very interesting life history of Col Nelson Wellington who was born in Ballarat in 1889 and his heroic feats during the 1<sup>st</sup> world war and later the 2<sup>nd</sup> world war.

Steve said the Col Wellington was also an accomplished singer and piano player and was responsible for writing the words and music for the song "Our Australian Navy" which for many years was the official Navy song.

Col Wellington joined the Essendon City Council in 1926 where he served for 20 years. In 1934 he instructed the then Mayor Councillor Bruce Reid to write to the Rotary Club of Melbourne with the intention to form a new club, The Rotary Club of Essendon, as they say the rest is history.



### MOONEE VALLEY Art Show Rotary

### GALA OPENING NIGHT, FRIDAY MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>

\$55 entry includes quality food & entertainment in such a stunning environment, to the Art Show & 1<sup>st</sup> chance to purchase Artworks before we open to the public. Drinks available at bar prices.

Get some friends together, book your ticket & party the night away along with Wendy Stapleton, Paul Norton & Michael Cristiano. Special guest entertainers include The Australian Women's Choir.

Where: 69 Woodland St, Essendon

When: Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 6.30-11.30pm. Official opening 7pm

Last year's event had such rave reviews, that this is one not to be missed. This is very good value for a night out locally with friends, family, neighbours.

How to book your ticket:-

Go to/hold down your CTRL key & click on <u>www.mooneevalleyartshow.com.au</u> On the front page you will see the following wording at the bottom of the page.....

A first class evening of quality food and entertainment and the opportunity to view and buy the art on display.

Date From : Fri Mar 24, 2017 : 18:30 Date To : Fri Mar 24, 2017 : 23:30 Read more...

Hit the words read more & follow the prompts. It's easy. However if this daunts you let me know & I will register for you.

Veronica

# Rotary Club of Essendon



#### **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 Kukk

#### New Member Nomination:

Name: Bev Smyth

Classification: Administration Manager

Proposer: Maria Kouppas

If anyone has any objection to this nomination could they kindly notify Secretary Stephen Roe by 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

#### DAYS FOR GIRLS 2017

Hello to you ALL and hoping you are all ready for a new year for our wonderful life changing project - DAYS FOR GIRLS.

Our first meeting for 2017 will be on Friday 3 March at Cherrie Osborn's home 997 Old Calder Highway, Keilor. Please contact Lisa for any questions about how you can join this fabulous group that gives dignity and a brighter future to girls and women in developing countries. Rotary Club of Essendon Contact

### **Strathmore Rotary Proudly Presents** MEN'S HEALTHY LIVING FORUM



Covering Prostate Cancer, Heart Attacks & Depression 9 March 2017, 7:00pm for 7:30pm

Strathmore Bowls Club Loeman Street, Strathmore Gold Coin Donation Parking available on site

#### **Dr Justin Mariani**

Justin Mariani is a consultant cardiologist with extensive expertise in

acute cardiology and coronary care management, advanced heart failure management, cardiomyopathies, device implantation and management, echocardiography, cardiac catheterisation, and arrhythmia management.



#### **Prof Tony Jorm**

Prof Tony Jorm is a Professorial Fellow at the University of Melbourne and an NHMRC Senior Principal Research Fellow. His research focuses on building the community's capacity for prevention and early intervention with mental disorders. Prof Jorm is the author of 27 books or monographs, over 500 journal articles and over 30 chapters in

edited volumes.



#### Associate Professor Nathan Lawrentschuk

Nathan Lawrentschuk MB, BS, PhD, FRACS (Urology) is a Urological Surgeon and Urologic Oncologist.

Nathan has a special interest in cancer high-risk surgery of the prostate, kidney, bladder and testis as well as being comfortable with active surveillance of many cancers where appropriate.

Come and learn more about how you should be looking after yourself. Bring your partner along. To register or any questions, please contact

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#### FADI ADEL AZEEZ FOUNDATIONS ADULT LEARNER OF THE YEAR

### CERTIFICATE II IN GENERAL EDUCATION

"It's not easy looking after my mother and studying, but I always try to do my best. I think it's important to improve my skills to get a job in the future."

Formerly an information technology programmer in Iraq, Fadi became a fulltime carer for his ill mother after moving to Australia. This didn't deter him from continuing to pursue general education studies to increase his prospects in a new country. Fadi's improved communication skills has now taken him one step closer to his career goals and he's all set to begin the Certificate IV in Information Technology this year!



Class of 2016

Graduation & Awards CEREMONY

### 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 201

## Rotary Club of Essendon













## Pushy Social Rides 55+

Jump on your bike and explore Moonee Valley's parks, waterways and open spaces with accredited AustCycle instructors.

The rides will be in groups of 20–25 participants and will take approximately 1.5 hours.

#### Flemington

When: Wednesday, 8 March at 10am Where: Men's Shed Flemington, 126 Racecourse Road

#### Strathmore

When: Saturday, 6 May at 10am Where: Men's Shed Strathmore, 144a Mascoma Street

Cost: \$5

**Bookings:** Please visit mvcc.vic.gov.au/cycling to book or call Council's Transport Safety Officer, Lisa Bagnati on 9243 8762.



### Work for it or do without.

These are possibly the 5 best statements you'll ever read and all applicable to this social experiment:

1. You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity.

- 2. What one person receives without working for, another Person must work for without receiving.
- 3. The government cannot give to anybody anything that the government does not first take from somebody else.
  - 4. You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it!

5. When half of the people get the idea that they do not Have to work because the other half is going to take Care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that It does no good to work because somebody else is Going to get what they work for, that is the beginning Of the end of any nation.

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#### **EVENTS CALENDAR**

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	VENUE
3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2017	Delegation to Myanmar & Cambodia	
7 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Rowallan (TBC)	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
14 <sup>th</sup> March	St Patrick's day meeting & member behind the badge – Jenny Mann	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
21 <sup>st</sup> March 2017	Senior Sergeant Ian Jones OIC North West Metro Region	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Art Show Gala Opening	
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> & Sun 26 March	Art Show	
28 <sup>th</sup> March 2017	Fellowship & Interplast Presentation – Leon Lewi	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
30 <sup>th</sup> March to 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2017	District Conference	
4 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Speaker -TBA	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
11 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Stefan Romaniw – Chairman Australia Day Council	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
18 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	Easter Tuesday	NO MEETING
21 <sup>st</sup> April 2017	Greek night	Venue TBA
25 <sup>th</sup> April 2017	ANZAC Day	NO MEETING
May 2017	Graffiti clean-up day	Date, time & venue TBC
2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2017	Peter "Grubby" Stubbs – 3AW & Radio fame	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm to 2pm
9 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Charter Night – Speaker Neil Comrie	Ascot House
16 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	WERN – Ross Butterworth	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm to 2pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2017	Bill Kusznirczuk – Town Planning	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
30 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	Rotary Presents	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
6 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	Nina Lovengreen	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
13 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	DG Visit & Fellowship	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
20 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	President Maria's final meeting	The Anglers Tavern 12.30 pm for 1pm to 2pm
24 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	President's night	Venue to be confirmed

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