



Maria Kouppas  
President 2016-17

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President Maria's message:

President Maria wished all a happy St Patrick's day, in Irish!!

Maria mentioned that she and Tamara Hycenko attended the International Women's Day Luncheon last week, she said it was an inspirational event for young and old. The Rotary Club of Essendon was highlighted as a major sponsor of the event and hosted 2 teachers and 6 students from Buckley Park High School. Also in attendance was Cr Richard Lawrence and his wife Jennifer.

We are fast approaching our major fund raiser for the year in the MVCC Art Show, 10 more sleeps!. We need more helpers before and on the day over the whole weekend and also on the Monday after the Art Show.

If you have friends in Probus or Lions Clubs who may be able to help we would appreciate if they contact the Art Show organisers, please distribute the flyers to as many people as possible.

We also need you and your families to attend and support the amazing effort the partnership between The Rotary Club of East Keilor and the Rotary Club of Essendon. This project has potential and growth written all over it and certainly can take on the successful proportions of the Camberwell Art Show and the Camberwell Markets.

Please note we have cancelled our weekly lunch meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> March allowing you to give your Rotary time to supporting and helping with the Art Show.

Advertising has been extensive, even listed in the last months RACV Magazine with a nationwide distribution.

Next Week's speaker – Senior Sergeant Ian Jones.

#### Maria's quote for the day

After a long weekend the Irish have it worked out: "According to the Irish that's what holidays are for, one person to tell the stories and the others to dispute them"

Isn't that the way of the IRISH??

Maria also congratulated the marketing team for the advertising and a job well done.

Missing member found: Glenn Smith who has been missing for quite a while turned up on his own and was welcomed back like the prodigal son!!

Neil Henderson won the raffle but failed to draw the joker



Veronica O'Sullivan & Lisa Lowcock informed all present to use face book to advertise the Art Show, Lisa said that the only way to raise funds is to support the Rotary projects.

Sergeant Michael reminded all of the upcoming Fellowship Country lunch at Jenny Foster's estate

Since it was Maureen Mollica's birthday Maurice was required to pay a fine for the many years the good lady has looked after him!

## **New Member Nomination:**

Name: Larry Marshall

Classification: University lecturer

Proposer: Michael Portelli

If anyone has any objection to this nomination could they kindly notify Secretary Stephen Roe by 15 March 2017.

## **Some thoughts for the Day**

***"We can raise our sons to respect & value women. We can teach our daughters to support & lift up others" - Holly Branson***

***"Surround yourself with only people who are going to lift you higher" - Oprah Winfrey***

***"The easy days ahead of you will be easy. It is the hard days -- the times that challenge you to your very core -- that will determine who you are. You will be defined not just by what you achieve, but by how you survive"***

***Sheryl Sandberg***





Speaker for the day – Person behind the badge – Jenni Mann



Jenny said that she grew up in a small rural town called Maitland in SA with a naïve country upbringing, she said she had 3 brothers and as kids they spent their spare time riding bikes, climbing trees and playing cricket in the street. The weekends & holidays were involved in going to the beach & camping holidays with the family.

She said that from what she knows her ancestry is British on both sides with Cornish ancestry on her Mum's side and Irish ancestry on her Dad's side.

Jenni said that she had some early experience of Rotary as her Dad was a member, she said her Dad was an Electrical Engineer who ran a Sales and Service Electrical business in town and across the district. She said her Rotary memories were of typing the Rotary Bulletin on Gestetner sheets for her Dad during high school years. She said that they had a Rotary exchange student from Japan when she was in year 11, her name was Toshika, and Jenni said she later travelled to Japan to visit and stay with Toshika.

She said after returning she was asked to speak at her Dad's Rotary club about her experience in Japan.

Jenni said she was a quiet kid while growing up and loved to paint and draw and her ambition at that time was to attend College and become an Art Teacher but there was a rare opportunity advertised for a position at the local bank and her Dad encourage her to apply as after she completed year 12 she did not have the desire to study further at

that time, she was offered the bank position and worked there for several years.

Jenni said that she married at the age of 22 and left home, some years later her then husband joined the services and they moved to NSW. In NSW Jenni said she obtained employment at a Chartered Accounting Firm and worked there until she had children. She said they had two children and subsequently moved to Melbourne in 1985 when the two boys were small, Chad was a toddler and Ryan a new born.

Jenni said they separated a year after arriving in Melbourne, she said it took another year to get her mind together after the separation and then had to make some hard decisions regarding herself and her sons.

It was then that she choose to undertake an Accounting degree which also gave her the opportunity to study from home and look after her young children, she said those were tough years raising two boys while studying full time and sometimes working casual jobs to support her family.

Jenni says that the difficult times provided some life lessons for the boys, after many years managing on very little she believes it instilled a good work ethic in them.

Jenni said that after she finished university and qualified she obtained employment at the Kangan TAFE and worked there for 11 years and at the same time studied further to obtain her CPA qualification.

Jenni said it was at Kangan that she met Peter 18 years ago who together with his two children make up the extended family of four kids. Jenni said that she later worked at the Dept of Treasury, The Environmental Protection Authority and now work at Victoria University.

She said that Pete & she like to travel each year and has done so for the past 10 years and there are a few more places they wish to visit.

Jenni said one of her goals in life is to stay healthy and without medication and to achieve this she says she visits the gym and have made a number of new friends at the gym. Jenni says she wants to spend less time in Accounting and wants to devote more time to her leisure pursuits such as painting, remaining healthy & travelling with Peter.

Jenni finished by saying that she feels very fortunate to have the love and support of Peter and good health and look forward to contributing to our community through Rotary.



## [More news about International Women's day and President Maria's visit](#)

Dear President Maria and Tamara, Hope you both are well. Just wanted to say thank you both for inviting our 6 girls, Kelly Salpietro and myself to the International Women's Day breakfast last Wednesday morning. The girls had a very enriching experience that they were honoured to be part of. Alanah wrote a great article about the breakfast and I have published it on our website. Please find the link attached to share with Tamara and other Club members. Thank you both again and the Essendon Rotary Club for hosting all of us at the breakfast. Kind Regards, Louise Gaynor

See below:

On Wednesday 8th March, Buckley Park College was welcomingly invited by the Essendon Rotary Club to attend the 6th annual International Women's Day breakfast, hosted by Moonee Valley Mayor, Cr Andrea Surace.

Along with Louise Gaynor, Kelly Salpietro, School Captains Ella Pagano and May Sheldon, Cheyne Wilkinson, Taneisha Smith, Ella Ryan and I, we went to the Moonee Valley Council Civic Centre to share breakfast with women of the community to celebrate International Women's Day. Together we heard from 2 inspiring guest speakers who embodied this year's theme #beboldforchange; The Honourable Judy Maddigan former Speaker of the Victorian Legislative Assembly and Jacquie Orriss Brown, advocate and fundraiser for #DoltForMS

These women acknowledged the efforts of our former sisters and thanked them for their immense contribution to the equality of women in today's society. They reminded us that 40 to 50 years ago women weren't allowed the civil right to vote nor sit at a bar with their spouse. We as women have come in leaps and bounds and acknowledged the things still yet to be achieved.

Change is an evolutionary thing and unfortunately we as women still have a long way to go. #beboldforchange has been set as this year's theme to encourage younger generations to stand up against inequality and fight for women as one; attending the breakfast this morning, we couldn't help but be inspired ourselves.

Overall it was an enriching experience that we were honoured to be a part of. We would like to thank President Maria Kouppas, Essendon Rotary and Rotarian Tamara for inviting us to the event and encourage you all to celebrate International Women's Day each year on March 8th. For more information please visit <https://www.internationalwomensday.com/> and support the women in your life.





# 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 [www.mooneevalleyartshow.com.au](http://www.mooneevalleyartshow.com.au) 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



# ERC: Fellowship Country Lunch

Celebrating Friendship with a Post Conference wrap up

When : Sunday 2nd April

Where : Jenny's Farm

795 Sugarloaf Creek Rd

Sugarloaf Creek 3658

(Map will be provided)

:Only one hour from Melbourne

Time : 12.30pm

A Buffet style lunch will be provided including

Slow Roasted (12Hour) smoked Lamb and Pork Selection of Salads

COST : \$30 /head

Cakes, biscuits or slices to be provided by us (all offers gratefully accepted)

ALL Drinks BYO

RSVP by 28/3/17

to Michael Cariss (at lunch) or Jane Carbone via email

[carbone.jane@gmail.com](mailto:carbone.jane@gmail.com)





## EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	SPEAKER/EVENT	VENUE
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	NO LUNCH MEETING	NO MEETING
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 Kuszniczuk – 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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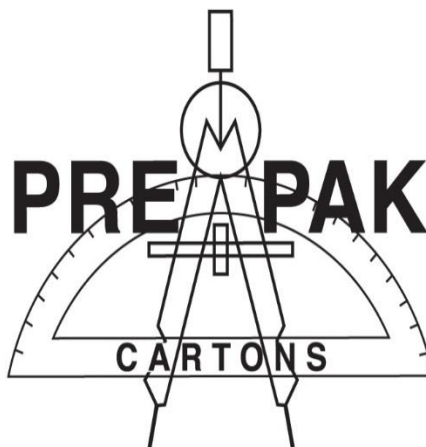
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